

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 260, July 03, 2007]

EXPRESSING CONCURRENCE AND RATIFICATION IN THE DEPUTATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AS EMBODIED IN COMELEC RESOLUTION NOS. 8174 AND 8173, BOTH PROMULGATED 12 JUNE 2007, IN CONNECTION WITH THE JUNE 18, 2007 PLEBISCITE TO RATIFY THE CREATION OF THE NEW MUNICIPALITY OF OMAR OUT OF THE MOTHER MUNICIPALITY OF LUUK IN THE PROVINCE OF SULU TO BE KNOWN AS THE MUNICIPALITY OF OMAR, PURSUANT TO MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 194.

Pursuant to Section 2, (4), Article IX (C) of the Constitution, **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby concur with Resolution Nos. 8174 and 8173 of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), both promulgated 12 June 2007, deputizing the Department of Education (DepEd); Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH); Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), including their secretaries; National Police Commission including its Chairman; and the Philippine National Police (PNP), including its Chief, and all the offices and men under him in the Province of Sulu, for the purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible conduct of the June 18, 2007 plebiscite to ratify the creation of the new Municipality of Omar in Luuk, Sulu to be known as the Municipality of Omar, pursuant to Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 194.

The foregoing national and local officials and employees, law enforcement agencies and other instrumentalities of the government, are hereby directed to coordinate and cooperate with the Commission on Elections in the performance of their duties and functions.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary
