

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 269, September 11, 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. 8274 AND 8275 BOTH PROMULGATED 22 AUGUST 2007, IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUGUST 25, 2007 PLEBISCITE TO RATIFY THE CREATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HADJI MUHTAMAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BASILAN, PURSUANT TO MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 200.

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. 8274 and 8275 of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), both promulgated 11 August 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 officers and men under him in the Province of Basilan, for the purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible conduct of the August 25, 2007 plebiscite to ratify the creation of the Municipality of Hadji Mutamad in the Province of Basilan, pursuant to Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 200.

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 11th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary
