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NAMFREL HAILS FILIPINOS FOR EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AND FOR A GENERALLY PEACEFUL ELECTION

The National Citizens Movement for Free Elections noted that the 2013 National Elections was generally peaceful and organized.

Over 50,000 Namfrel volunteers around the country have been continuously sending incident reports to the NAMFREL National Headquarters located at the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Building at Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City. NAMFREL National Chairperson Corazon dela Paz-Bernardo said "We are happy to note the enthusiasm and patience of voters who braved the long queues and heat. We would like to thank our volunteers, and most especially the BEIs and PNP, who performed their duties as Filipinos in ensuring a clean and peaceful election."

A few isolated reports of malfunctioning PCOS machines in Manila, Makati, Caloocan, Taguig, Cagayan, Iloilo, Guimaras, etc. were received and sent to COMELEC for proper action. Reports of electoral violence in Camarines Sur, Laguna, Abra, Agusan del Norte, Sulu and Basilan were also reported to the proper authorities.

NAMFREL has compiled a list (please see attached) of PCOS machine problems, procedural lapses, logistical and custodial issues, vote buying and violence reports to be distributed to the authorities and media.

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NAMFREL INCIDENT REPORTS as of 5:30PM, 13 May 2013

PCOS Problems	
NCR	
Malabon Baritan Elem School 0126-A/0126B/0127A/128A/0129A-0129B	The PCOS had to shut down because of overheating. The technician oversaw the problem but the PCOS and ballot box's seals were removed. The ballot was counted and after 20 minutes, the machine worked again.
Malabon Niugan ElemSchool Clustered Precinct 111	From 7:00 am-8:00am, the PCOS was able to accept ballots but after 8am it was not receiving because of overheating. It was restarted but they encountered a paper jam afterwards.
NORTHERN LUZON	
Aurora Reserva Elem School 0021A/20A	The PCOS machine stopped to operating. COMELEC's resolution was to just proceed with the casting as they wait for either a replacement or resort to manual appreciation of ballots.
Aurora Reserva Elementary School 0020A	4 ballots were rejected but voting continued. Issues whether ballots were properly marked or not were not specified. The machine remained functioning.
SOUTHERN LUZON	
Camarines Sur Naga Central School 52-A, 52-B & 53-A	PCOS Malfunction
Camarines Sur BISCAST Peñafrañcia 198B, 195A & 197B	<p>Delayed start because the BEI members were not able to assemble or install correctly the various parts of the PCOS machine.</p> <p>No priority lane for senior citizens</p> <p>There were registered voters who were not able to locate their names in the list of voters</p> <p>Long queue of voters as a result of delayed start.</p> <p>Unorganized facilitation of voting procedures by the BEI.</p>
Camarines Sur Concepcion Pequeña Elementary School	Delayed start of vote casting due to PCOS Malfunction.
Sorsogon Clustered precinct 15 (0036A-0036B, 0037A-0037B, 0038A-0038B)	The PCOS malfunctioned due to damaged CF Card.
MINDANAO	

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Agusan del Norte Brgy. Bading Clustered precinct 57	PCOS suddenly had to shut down. Only 300 voters of the approximately 600 voters have voted. Also, they ran out of ballots.
Surigao del Norte/Siargao General Luna Elementary School 18A, 18B, 19A, 19B	At 10:20 AM, PCOS stopped accepting ballots
Procedural Lapses	
MINDANAO	
Surigao del Norte/Siargao Pelais Elementary School 21A, 21B	Procedures for voting are not followed: - ballots are not covered while being filled up - pollwatchers fill-up the ballots even for able voters
Logistics Problems	
MINDANAO	
Compostela Valley Gabi Elementary School Clustered Precinct 22	Ballots sent to Precinct 22 were intended for Lualhati, Baguio City.
Lanao del Sur Brgy. Dimagalin and Brgy. Mimbawalawag	Election paraphernalia for Brgy. Dimagalin got interchanged with that of Brgy. Mimbawalawag causing delay in the opening of polls.
Electoral Violence	
Custodial Problems	
Vote Buying	
OTHER PROBLEMS	
NCR	
Navotas Tunsuya Elementary School 120-0395-A	Devaluation of voters inside the polling precinct. Somebody distributed numbers to those who were in line guaranteeing them that there will be priority in line according to their number. The BEI had no idea where the numbers came from. The numbers were disregarded.
SOUTHERN LUZON	
Camarines Sur Cararayan Elementary School	Occurrence of electric power outage or short brown-out.

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Camarines Sur Naga City	Long queues of voters. Majority of the poll precincts in Naga City, Camarines Sur have still long queues of voters waiting for their turn to cast their votes due to torrential rain which caused flooding and intermittent power outage. It is expected that the election process will extend 7pm.
Camarines Sur ABCEDE Elementary School, Bagumbayan Norte, Naga City	Distribution of campaign paraphernalia such as sample ballots within the school.
VISAYAS	
Iloilo Calaparan Elem. School, Ramon Avancena National HS, Sto. Domingo, Arevalo Elem. School, Sto. Nino School	Parties still distributing pamphlets. There are some parties namely Liberal, Mining, NARS, and UNA that are still distributing pamphlets. They have evidence (pamphlets and pictures) regarding the illegal distribution. All of the above-mentioned schools have cases of distribution of pamphlets. <i>(They will send pictures)</i>
MINDANAO	
Basilan Clustered precinct: 0009A, 0010A	The Brgy. Captain of Danapah distributed 100-200 ballots outside the polling precinct. He said that the BEIs agreed to do so. A Namfrel was present and the chapter chairperson of Basilan feared that the person may be harmed. This information was gathered from a Namfrel volunteer named ""Malagkis"". This information has been reported to the local comelec authority,
Davao del Sur Guillerma Olarte Primary School 33A, 33B, 34A	At around 7:30 AM, when six (6) NAMFREL Volunteers arrived at the Voting Center, Gomtago Barangay Captain Cawa allegedly barred their entry. According to the Volunteers, their ID's were forcibly taken from them, and were henceforth ordered to leave the polling center under threat of getting beaten up by the Barangay Tanod. Apparently, even media personnel were not allowed entry. Despite the BEI acknowledging the legitimate presence of NAMFREL volunteers, the Barangay Captain still ordered them to leave.
Davao del Sur	NAMFREL volunteers observed that the ballots were already pre-shaded.