



Republic of the Philippines
Presidential Electoral Tribunal
Manila

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Tribunal issued a Resolution dated **FEBRUARY 21, 2017**, which reads as follows:*

***P.E.T. Case No. 005** (Ferdinand 'Bongbong' R. Marcos, Jr. vs. Maria Leonor 'Leni Daang Matwid' G. Robredo).- The Tribunal Resolved to

(a) **NOTE** the Manifestation dated February 9, 2017 filed by Hon. Corpus B. Alzate, Pairing Judge, Regional Trial Court (RTC), Branch 58, Bucay, Abra, withdrawing the earlier manifestations with prayer for authority to decrypt the Secure Digital (SD) Cards, print election returns, and decrypt digital ballot images in the contested precincts in the Municipality of Luba, Abra;

(b) **NOTE** the Manifestation dated February 14, 2017 filed by the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) for the Commission on Elections, stating that the Docket Management Service of the OSG filed the Comment (on: [i] Protestee's Manifestation and Compliance [with the resolution dated August 23, 2016], dated September 15, 2016; and [ii] Protestant's Comment [on the Letter dated August 16, 2016 of Atty. Jose M. Tolentino] dated September 14, 2016) via registered mail; attaching, as proof of such mailing, the envelope indicating that it was stamped 'received' by the Ermita Post Office on November 18, 2016; stating that the OSG was informed by the Ermita Post Office on February 13, 2017 that the said Comment was not successfully delivered to this Tribunal; and submitting again the OSG's Comment in compliance with the resolution dated October 18, 2016;

(c) **NOTE** the Letter dated February 14, 2017 of Ester L. Villaflores-Roxas, Director IV, Election Records and Statistics Department, COMELEC, in compliance with the resolutions dated November 22, 2016 and November 29, 2016, submitting a Report on the decryption last January 16, 2017 of the SD Cards found to contain SAES Folders;

M. L. Villaflores-Roxas

(d) **NOTE** the Letter dated February 15, 2017 of Atty. John Gerald B. Dela Cruz, Division Clerk, First Division, COMELEC, furnishing the Tribunal with certified true copies of COMELEC (First Division) Orders issued after the October 11, 2016 resolution, to inform the Tribunal of the actions taken regarding the election paraphernalia pertaining to Clustered Precinct No. 25, Barangay Insubuan, San Remigio, Antique, in connection with EPC 2016-39 (Ma. Orchid P. Fornier vs. Pio Jessieito C. Samande);

(e) **NOTE** the Letter dated February 16, 2017 of Atty. Dela Cruz, referring to the Tribunal the incident of the break-in on August 3, 2016 in the RTC, Branch 19, Old Capitol Building, Barangay Kalawag 2, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat, which compromised the integrity and security of the ballot boxes involved in the various election contests in Isulan, Esperanza and Palimbang, all of the Province of Sultan Kudarat;

(f) **NOTE** the Letter dated February 14, 2017 of Atty. Liza T. Caintic, Clerk of Court VI, RTC, Branch 23, Allen, Northern Samar, transmitting the Order issued by Hon. Emerenciana O. Manook, Executive Judge, and **GRANT** the request for authority to allow the COMELEC to retrieve and decrypt the SD cards and print the ballot images stored in the SD cards for Clustered Precinct Nos. 14B, 15A, 16B and 17B in Brgy. Dalupirit, San Antonio, Northern Samar, which were used in the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections and subject of Election Protest Case No. A-162 (Marietta Lavin vs. Rudy Baguioso) pending before the said court;

(g) **DIRECT** the COMELEC to (i) **INFORM** the Tribunal, protestant and protestee of the schedule of the above retrieval and decryption prior thereto; (ii) **ALLOW** the Tribunal, protestant and protestee to send representatives during the said retrieval and decryption; and (iii) **INFORM** the Tribunal, protestant and protestee of the status thereof;

(h) **NOTE** and **GRANT** the Letter dated January 30, 2017 of Jose M. Tolentino, Jr., Executive Director, COMELEC, seeking approval of the request of Atty. Ramon J. Dadulla, Jr., Election Officer, Ormoc City, Leyte, to transfer the ballot boxes from the open area along the lobby of the City Hall to a more secured and safer place to be provided by the Office of the City Administrator of the said City;

(i) **NOTE** the Order dated December 15, 2016 issued by Hon. Alberto P. Quinto, Acting Presiding Judge, RTC, Branch 21, Kapatagan, Lanao del Norte, relative to SPL Election Protest No. 21-23 (Angel L. Yap vs. Allan J. Lim), and **GRANT** the request for the Tribunal to allow the Municipal Treasurer and Election Officer of Lala, Lanao del Norte, to bring the ballot boxes involved in the subject case to the said

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court, with assurances that the integrity of the ballots contained therein will be preserved;

(j) **NOTE** the Compliance and Comment (on the Motion to Set Case for Preliminary Conference) dated February 17, 2017 filed by counsel for protestee Maria Leonor G. Robredo in compliance with the resolution dated January 31, 2017; and

(k) **DIRECT** protestant Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. to file a **REPLY** to the above Compliance and Comment within a **NON-EXTENDIBLE** period of ten (10) days from notice hereof. Reyes, J., on official leave. (adv1)

DUE: MARCH 10, 2017
(FUDGE)

Very truly yours,

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