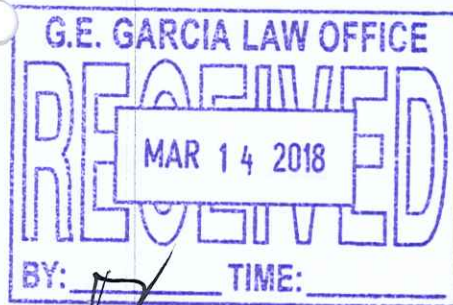




Republic of the Philippines  
**COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS**  
*Electoral Contests Adjudication Department*  
Second Division  
Intramuros, Manila



March 13, 2018

**THE HON. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL**  
Electoral Tribunal Building, Commonwealth Avenue,  
Quezon City.

**Attention: ATTY. GIRLIE I. SALADRA**  
*Secretary of the Tribunal*

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Greetings!

On February 26, 2018, the Commission on Elections (Second Division) issued an *Order* in EPC No. 2016-37 (*Abdusakur Tan versus Mujiv S. Hataman*) directing the undersigned to coordinate with the Honorable House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal relative to the conduct of recount proceedings of ballots and other election documents included in Protestant Tan's pilot protested precincts under its custody.

On March 9, 2018, the Commission (Second Division) issued another *Order* setting the recount proceeding on ballots and other documents pertaining to 167 clustered precincts under the Commission's custody on April 4, 2018. The recount proceeding is expected to conclude on April 23, 2018.

In a *Letter* dated October 26, 2017 by Atty. Girlie I. Salarda, Secretary of the Honorable Tribunal, the Commission (Second Division) was informed that the Honorable Tribunal exercised its preferential right over the ballot boxes containing the ballots and election documents of the Municipality of Languyan, Tawi-Tawi as they are involved in HRET Case No. 16-007 (*Myra Ajihil versus Ruby M. Sahali*). The following clustered precincts in Languyan are included in the pilot protested precincts of the protestant in the abovementioned election protest case pending before the Commission:

Municipality of LANGUYAN, TAWI-TAWI			
	Barangay	Precinct ID Nos.	Clustered Precinct Nos.
1.	Languyan Proper	70090003	4A
2.	Basnunuk	70090011	19A, 9B, 20A
3.	Darussalam	70090013	22A, 22B, 22C
4.	Darussalam	70090014	23A, 23B, 24A, 24B
5.	Kalupag	70090017	28A, 28B, 29A
6.	Kiniktal	70090018	30A, 31A

7.	Kiniktal	70090019	32A, 33A, 33B
8.	Marang-Marang	70090022	37A
9.	Maraning	70090023	38A, 38B, 39A
10.	Parang Pantay	70090024	40A, 40B, 41A, 41B
11.	Parang Pantay	70090025	42A, 42B, 43A
12.	Tubig Dakula	70090028	48A, 48B, 49A
13.	Tuhog-Tuhog	70090029	50A, 51A

The *Letter* also indicates the request that the Honorable Tribunal be informed if the Commission wishes to obtain temporary custody of the subject ballot boxes.

In view of the foregoing *Orders*, and prompted by the aforementioned *Letter*, the undersigned, on behalf of the Commission on Elections (Second Division), respectfully requests temporary custody of the foregoing ballot boxes, subject to the conditions that may be imposed by the Honorable Tribunal. The Commission (Second Division) intends to commence recount proceedings on said ballot boxes after the scheduled recount of the ballots pertaining to the 167 pilot protested clustered precincts earlier stated.

The Honorable Tribunal’s accommodation on this matter is highly appreciated as it will enable the Commission to resolve the subject case with dispatch.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



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*Division Clerk of Court*

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