

LP stalwarts dominate in ARMM

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COTABATO CITY — Incumbent Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) Governor Mujiv Hataman and Vice Gov. Haroun Al-Rashid Lucman were at the jam-packed session hall of the ARMM regional legislature Saturday.

The ARMM board of canvassers composed of Commission on Elections (Comelec) Regional Director Michael Abas as chairman with Regional State

Prosecutor Ramil Gulling and ARMM Education Secretary John Magno as members, declared Hataman and Lucman as winners in the May 9 elections.

Hataman garnered a total of 875,200 votes, as against the 341,250 votes received by his closest rival, Sulu Vice Gov. Sakur Tan.

Lucman got 716,555 votes to defeat his rivals, Agakhan Sharief of Lanao del Sur and Haron Bandilla of Maguindanao, who obtained less than 100,000 votes each.

Hataman, a Yakan from Basilan, and

Lucman, son of Lanao del Sur's late Paramount Sultan and Congressman Haroun Al-Rashid Lucman Sr. and former Governor Princess Tarhata Alonto-Lucman, sought reelection under the Liberal Party (LP).

The Hataman-Lucman tandem's victory highlighted the dominance of LP local candidates in the ARMM component provinces of Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi and the cities of Marawi and Lamitan.

Hataman's elder brother, three-term Congressman Jim Hataman-Saliman was earlier proclaimed Basilan governor, while Lucman's cousin, Soraya Alonto-Adiong, and nephew — three-term Governor Mamintal Alonto-Adiong Jr. — were proclaimed winners in Lanao del Sur's gubernatorial and vice gubernatorial contests, respectively. Saliman and the Adionsgs also ran under the LP.



BACK IN BUSINESS — With the weather improving and the tumultuous elections over, a fruit vendor returns to her stall, preparing slices of watermelon for passing commuters and motorists along the national highway in Banaybanay, Davao Oriental. Watermelon is a common alternative crop among farmers during the dry season. (Keith Bacongco)

DAR confirms beneficiaries selling lands awarded them

ZAMBOANGA CITY (PNA) — The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has confirmed that some farmer-beneficiaries have been selling lands that have been awarded to them by the government through its agrarian reform program.

DAR Regional Director Felix Aguhob, DAR regional director bared that, for the period of May 2015 to April 2016, about 1,000 farmer-beneficiaries have already sold their lands to other parties.

Aguhob said the figures were based on the number of transfer orders he has signed during the period. The lands have already been transferred or are in the process of being transferred to buyers.

"May mga bentahan pa rin because some of the beneficiary kapos sa pera. May nagkasakit sa pamilya kaya binenta at ang mga reasons nag-vary. I will not deny, may pangyayari na bentahan," Aguhob said.

He said the farmer-beneficiaries who sold their lands will now be disqualified from the government's agrarian reform program.

He said the agency screened the buyers to determine if they were qualified to avail of the program and willing to continue the unsettled amortization of the previous farmer-beneficiaries.

Each of the farmer-beneficiaries of the agrarian reform program is awarded an average of 1.6 hectares of land to be amortized in 30 years.

The amount of monthly amortization depends on the price of lands awarded to them.

Meanwhile, Aguhob said they were providing assistance to discourage the farmer-beneficiaries from selling the lands awarded to them.

The assistance include the provision of farm equipment and livelihood to include the construction of farm-to-market roads.

"DAR is reaching out to our agrarian reform beneficiaries, I hope they will no longer sell the lands awarded to them. We are always here to help them make the lands more productive," Aguhob said.

Mother-son team rules in Lanao del Sur

MARAWI CITY — Lanao del Sur now has a mother-son leadership after the provincial board of canvassers (PBC) proclaimed on Friday Hadja Soraya Alonto-Adiong and her son, incumbent Gov. Maintal "Bombit" Adiong, Jr. as winners in the province's gubernatorial and vice gubernatorial contests in the May 9 elections.

Soraya received 193,420 votes while her closest rival, three-term Marawi City Mayor Fahad "Pre" Salic got 117,496 votes. Lanao del Sur has 484,435 voters with about an 80-percent turnout reported in Monday's polls.

Bombit, who ends his three-term gubernatorial stint on June 30, moved down to the position of vice governor and got 252,590 votes, while his closest rival Maranatao

town Mayor Mohammad-Ali Merikano Abinal gathered 66,116 votes, provincial election supervisor Atty Roberto dela Peña, PBC chairman, said.

The Comelec was set to hold special voting in Binidayan town and three clustered precincts in Tamparan Saturday, but the PBC proceeded with the proclamation of the Adionsgs before Friday noon at the Provincial Capitol Complex here because the result of special polls will no longer have any effect on the outcome of the elections.

The Adionsgs, of the Liberal Party (LP), said they would work closely with Marawi City Mayor Majul Gandamra to bring this city to greater heights.

Gandamra, a fellow LP candidate and former assemblyman of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, was proclaimed winner in the city mayoral contest

by the city board of canvassers Friday afternoon.

He garnered 21,684 votes while his closest rival, former three-term city mayor Omar "Solitario" Ali of the PDP-Laban, gathered 21,414 votes. This city has 49,114 registered voters, 44,780 of them actually voted last Monday.

Gandamra has vowed to stop all forms of criminality in this city, including the use and sale of illegal drugs. Criminality in the city has largely been blamed by local and military authorities to illegal drugs.

The proclamation of the mother-son tandem came two days after Cotabato City Mayor Japal Guiani Jr. and his sister, former city administrator Cynthia Guiani-Sayade, were proclaimed winners in the city mayoral and vice mayoral contests. (Ali G. Macabalang)

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[REPUBLIC ACT No. 10804]

AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 29 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY AND NO CLASS DAY IN SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE "ARAW NG BACOR"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. September 29 of every year is hereby declared a special working holiday and no class day in schools in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite in commemoration of the "Araw ng Bacoor".

SEC. 2. For work performed on a special working holiday, an employee is entitled to his/her regular wage.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
FRANKLIN M. DRILON, President of the Senate
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR., Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on March 10, 2014, amended by the Senate on December 14, 2015, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on January 25, 2016.

OSCAR G. FABLES, Secretary of the Senate
MARILYN B. BARUA YAP, Secretary General House of Representatives

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[REPUBLIC ACT No. 10805]

AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 29 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY AND NO CLASS DAY IN SCHOOLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN JOSE CALUGAS SR. TO BE KNOWN AS "JOSE CALUGAS DAY"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. December 29 of every year is declared a special working holiday and no class day in schools in the Municipality of Leon, Province of Iloilo in honor of Captain Jose Calugas Sr. to be known as "Jose Calugas Day".

SEC. 2. For work performed on a special working holiday, an employee is entitled to his/her regular wage.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
FRANKLIN M. DRILON, President of the Senate
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR., Speaker of the House of Representatives

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OSCAR G. FABLES, Secretary of the Senate
MARILYN B. BARUA YAP, Secretary General House of Representatives

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[REPUBLIC ACT No. 10806]

AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 31 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY AND NO CLASS DAY IN SCHOOLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PORAC, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS "PORAC DAY"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. October 31 of every year is declared a special working holiday and no class day in schools in the Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga in commemoration of its founding anniversary to be known as "Porac Day".

SEC. 2. For work performed on a special working holiday, an employee is entitled to his/her regular wage.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
FRANKLIN M. DRILON, President of the Senate
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR., Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on August 26, 2014, amended by the Senate on December 14, 2015, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on January 25, 2016.

OSCAR G. FABLES, Secretary of the Senate
MARILYN B. BARUA YAP, Secretary General House of Representatives

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