

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of the Interior and Local Government  
**NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION**  
Makati City

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2002-008**

**CLASSIFYING THE ACT OF ABETTING, AIDING OR OTHERWISE ACTING AS LEADERS OF THE PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS AND SQUATTING SYNDICATES AS "GRAVE MISCONDUCT" AND PROVIDING PENALTY THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 129 dated 15 October 1993 entitled "Establishing an Institutional Mechanism to Curtail the Activities of Professional Squatting Syndicates and Professional Squatters and Intensifying the Drive Against Them" created the National Committee Against Squatting Syndicates and Professional Squatters to serve as an oversight, coordinative and recommendatory body relative to the implementation of the UDHA provisions on squatting syndicates and professional squatters;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 178 dated 23 November 1999 entitled "Creating the National Task Force on Professional Squatters and Squatting Syndicates" and referred to as the "Task Force" has the objective to vigorously pursue the identification, apprehension and prosecution of professional squatters and squatting syndicates nationwide;

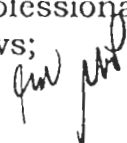
**WHEREAS**, one of the priority programs of the Arroyo government is to fast-track the implementation of mass housing projects which will address the housing needs of the poor who are most likely directly affected and victimized by the squatting syndicates;

**WHEREAS**, the proliferation of professional squatters and squatting syndicates in urban centers nationwide hampers the effective implementation of the government's mass housing programs;

**WHEREAS**, some members of the PNP are reported to be engaging/tolerating and supporting in the illegal activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates;

**WHEREAS**, the continued involvement, tolerance/support of some members of the PNP will hinder the effective implementation of the Executive Order 178 and will hamper the government mass housing projects;


**WHEREAS**, Section 27, Article VII of R.A. 7279, entitled An Act To Provide For A Comprehensive And Continuing Urban Development And Housing Program, Establish For Its Implementation, And For Other Purposes provides appropriate sanction against public officers tolerating or abetting professional squatters and squatting syndicates in accordance with existing laws;



**NOW THEREFORE,** the Commission in the exercise of its Constitutional and statutory mandate over the PNP has resolved to classify and categorize, as it hereby classifies and categorizes the act of aiding, abetting or otherwise acting as leaders of the professional squatters and squatting syndicates, for whatever purpose, of PNP members as "Grave Misconduct" and shall be penalized in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days from date of publication in a newspaper of general circulation, and a copy of the same filed with the UP Law Center in accordance with the Administrative Code of 1987.

**ADOPTED** this 2nd day of AUGUST in the Year Two Thousand and Two, in Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

  
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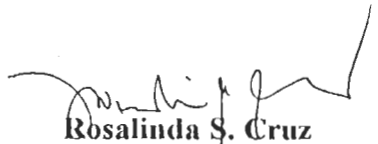
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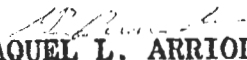
  
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