

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

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2004-003

**APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOI 10/04 ESTABLISHING
AND OPERATIONALIZING THE SALAAM POLICE CENTER**

WHEREAS, Her Excellency President Gloria M. Arroyo, in her pronouncement on April 6, 2004 and in the Cabinet meeting held on July 8, 2004, expressed the need for the organization and setting up of the Salaam Police Unit;

WHEREAS, the Police Unit shall be created for purposes of keeping a healthy relationship with the Muslim community, overseeing police matters concerning Muslim communities, including the handling of issues such as alleged harassment and discrimination against Muslim Filipinos;

WHEREAS, in the light of said presidential guidance, the Chief, Philippine National Police (PNP) issued Letter of Instruction 10/04 (Salaam Police) with the end-in-view of setting forth the operational guidelines, concept of operation, fundamental thrust and specific tasks to be undertaken and performed by the concerned units;

WHEREAS, the PNP issued General Order No. DPL 04-06 dated August 9, 2004 placing the Salaam Police under the Directorate for Police Community Relations (DPCR) and shall perform the following functions:


- a. Undertake close monitoring, networking and liaisoning activities with the Muslim communities in addressing terrorism and lawless violence in their respective areas to guarantee that the Muslims are not discriminated, oppressed or singled out;
- b. Serve as coordinating body among the regular PNP operating units, different Salaam Police, and AFP units in the conduct of police operations against Muslim personalities or in Muslim communities including arrest, investigation, and filing of cases against offenders to ensure that the rule of law is properly observed and human rights are not violated;
- c. Enhance linkages with the Presidential Office for Muslim Affairs and the Muslim communities to ensure effective community partnership in addressing terrorist threats and lawless violence;
- d. Conduct continuous information and education campaign among the different Muslim communities to enlighten them of their rights and obligations;
- e. Render periodic accomplishment reports to C, PNP thru the Directorate for Operations (DO); and
- f. Perform other functions as the Chief, PNP may direct.


NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL FUNCTIONS OVER THE PNP HAS RESOLVED TO APPROVE, AS IT HEREBY APPROVES PNP LOI 10/04 annexed and made an integral part hereof as Annex "A";

FURTHER, the PNP through the Deputy Chief for Operations (TDCO) is required to render quarterly reports of accomplishments to the Commission on the status of the implementation of said police units nationwide.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 14th day of OCTOBER, 2004 at Makati City, Philippines.


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