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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD AND SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF ARMM, DILG-ARMM REGIONAL SECRETARY, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : ENSURING A PEACEFUL AND SAFE OBSERVANCE OF SEMANA SANTA 2015

To commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ, the Filipino nation shall be observing the Semana Santa on the first week of April 2015.

Simultaneously, it marks the beginning of summer vacation of schools nationwide.

It is during this season that the public finds an opportune time to travel, either for spiritual recollection or recreational activities.

In this regard, all Local Chief Executives are enjoined to:

1. Convene their respective Local Peace and Order Councils (LPOCs), for action planning, anticipating and preparing for, the heavy movement of people from various places, that shall focus on ensuring adequate transportation, medical emergency services, with peace, order and public safety at the highest priority;
2. Establish close coordination with concerned local authorities, i.e., PNP, BFP, and other security and safety authorities;
3. Cause the mobilization of law enforcers, traffic enforcers, barangay tanods, Barangay Peacekeeping Action Teams, public safety officers, and other force multipliers in:
  - a. Intensifying visibility in local and national roads, to assist the public;
  - b. Deploying of patrols at crime-prone areas (residential and commercial);
  - c. Intensifying traffic management; and
  - d. Ensuring safety and security at air and sea ports, and other transportation terminals, churches, markets, and other travel destinations and public places, as may be applicable;
4. Ensure cleanliness and orderliness by mobilizing all resources in garbage collection and disposal, and clean-up operations of public places; and

5. Implement other necessary measures to ensure a peaceful and safe observance of Semana Santa.

All DILG Regional Directors, and the ARMM DILG Regional Secretary, are directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

  
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Secretary 



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