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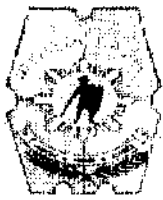
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**A Special Report
on Peace & Order
in the Province of Abra**

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MEMORANDUM

FOR: The Regional Director
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THRU: DRDA/TFA Commander

FROM: Officer-In-Charge

**SUBJECT: Special Report on the Peace and Order in the
Province of Abra**

DATE: February 4, 2007

1. References:

- 1.1. Memorandum from SILG dated February 01, 2007
- 1.2. Covenant for a Clean, Honest, Orderly, and Peaceful Elections signed on January 22, 2004 (See attachment "A" – Xerox Copy of the Covenant)
- 1.3. Summary of Election Related Violent Incidents in Abra during the 2004 Election.
- 1.4. Comparative Crime Statistics covering the period 2004 to date (See attachment "B" – Crime Statistics Tables for the period 2004 to date)
- 1.5. LOI 01\01 SANDIGAN-MILENYO (PNP Anti Crime Strategy)
- 1.6. LOI 16\06 STALLION2 (TASK FORCE ABRA) Revised

2. Submitted is a Special Report on the Peace and Order in the Province of Abra based upon the Analyses and Assessment of previous relevant and current developments in the province of Abra.

2.1 PRECEDENTS AND TRENDS

2.1.A. Indifference to Signed Covenants

A Covenant for a Clean, Honest, Orderly, and Peaceful Elections had been earlier signed on January 22, 2004 at this Office, by the

then incumbent elected officials and some candidates for elected positions in the province of Abra. This document, among others, focused upon ensuring a peaceful and orderly election in deference to the people's right of suffrage, and came at the heels of two (2) election-related violent incidents that occurred in the municipality of Lagayan.

Notwithstanding, this Office recorded six (6) election-related violent incidents during the succeeding campaign period from February 10 to May 8, 2004. A firefight even erupted on the last day of the campaign period itself within the area of the capital town of Bangued, resulting in the wounding of six (6) CPLA members. The first of the post-election violent incidents commenced by the month of June in the municipality of La Paz, and progressed to the point where assassinations were even conducted outside of the province.

Election-related Violent Incidents (2004 Elections)				
Victim	Suspect/s	Date Occurred	Place Occurred	Status of Case
A. Incidents Before the Campaign Period (Dec 15, 2003 – Feb 9, 2004)				
Abortive Ambush of Mayor Cecilia Luna	Unidentified	Dec 29, 2003	So Sakking, Malabbaga, La Paz, Abra	Unsolved
Alleged Shooting & Bombing of residence of Cipriano Lapez Jr.	Unidentified	Jan 9, 2004	Poblacion, Lagayan, Abra	Unsolved
B. Incidents During the Campaign Period (Feb 10, 2004 – May 8, 2004)				
Murder of Kag. Precillio Billiedo	Jomar Bersalona	Mar 5, 2004	Brgy Dumayco, Penerubia	Filed\ Suspects At Large
Murder of Eduardo Bersalona	Unidentified	Apr 18, 2004	Zone 5, Bangued, Abra	Unsolved
Frust. Homicide of ABC Pres. Angelito Bigornia	Renato Bayle @ABAT	April 21, 2004	Zone 7, Bangued, Abra	Filed\Suspect at large
Grenade Attack on Mayoralty Candidate Lizardo Sinogo Jr.	Unidentified	May 1, 2004	Brgy Pawa, Lagangilang, Abra	Unsolved
Firefight between	Lizardo Sinogo Jr et.	May 1, 2004	Brgy Pawa, Lagangilang,	Filed\ Suspects At

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PAGs of Lizardo Sinogo Jr. & John Suliba	al. John Suliba et. al.		Abra	Large
C. Incidents After the Campaign Period (May 9, 2004)				
Wounding of six (6) CPLA under Salcedo Severo	Unidentified	June 1, 2004	Brgy Sapaac & Callot, Bangued, Abra	Under Invest
Murder of Rolando Gavanés	Unidentified	June 1, 2004	Brgy Mudeng, La Paz, Abra	Unsolved

2.1.B. Parallel Rise in Crime Incidence

While the Crime Incidence profile from 2004-2006 tends to identify the Summer months registering the highest incidence of violent crimes, a striking observation is that the election month of May 2004 registered the highest number of crime incidents for that year. The high crime volume set during that month remained on a steady trend into the following year, coinciding with the post-election or "payback time" for winning and losing candidates.

Comparative Crime Statistics						
Calendar Year	CRIME			Crime/s Solved	Crime Solution Efficiency	AMCR
	INDEX	NON-INDEX	TOTAL			
2007(Jan)	12	4	16	12	75%	7.21
2006	137	25	163	131	80.37%	6.12
2005	166	80	245	193	78.45%	9.24
2004	225	61	286	226	79.02	10.74

The de-escalation only occurred in the following year of 2006, coinciding with the implementation of a series of Police Task Forces starting with LOI 06\05 STALLION2 (TG ABRA), aimed at anti-crime operations and security coverages. This was expanded later by TASK FORCE BAKAL, a more aggressive campaign targeting loose firearms. At the start of 2006, LOI 02\06 "BANGUED SHIELD" was launched at the aftermath of the killing of Mayor Marc Ysrael Bernos of La Paz, Abra. Bangued became the focal point after the realization that the capital town was actually the site of most of Abra's crime volume. While violent crime appeared incidental in the outlying municipalities, it was appeared to be a regular occurrence in the Bangued.

LOI 07\06 KASAMATA superceded all of the above with the creation of TASK FORCE ABRA, whose mission was to pre-empt the occurrence of heinous crimes. The current LOI 15\06 STALLION2 (Revised), was activated after the assassination of Rep. Luis Bersamin,

with the given mission of "conducting massive and intensified anti-criminality operations within the province of Abra to preempt and control the occurrence of crimes and will conduct limited ISO when necessary." As police presence increased, violent crime continued to lessen due to the conduct of Spot Checks and extensive service of warrants.

As a result of the activation of Task Force Abra, the following significant developments materialized:

a. The absence of any politically-motivated violent incident for the month of January 2007, as compared to the previous election years, is a testament to the effectiveness of massive police presence and visibility in bringing order to chaos.

b. The lull in the activities of Partisan Armed Groups and goons, who previously openly displayed their firearms in public places.

c. Containment of violent crimes in the capital town of Bangued.

d. Total discontinuance of the practice of politicians to use policemen as armed bodyguards, making them virtual PAGs.

2.1.C. Undue Pressure of Political Patronage

The perception of a distracted and partisan police force, drove the undersigned to conduct station visits and personally dialog with the officers and personnel of the different police stations upon my assumption as Officer-in-Charge of the Abra Police Provincial Office. The results of these visits were revealing and even tragic in some cases, when some gifted and productive policemen chose to resign or opt for early retirement rather than succumb to the undue pressure of political patronage. This iniquity has had the following manifestations:

a. Rather than serve the populace of the municipalities to which they have been assigned, a number are forced to render duty at the residences of their respective mayors at Bangued. This may be due to the absence of a municipal hall or police station in the municipality where they have been assigned. In essence, the mayor's residence in Bangued becomes their "station and municipal hall"; Others are blatantly dubbed "extension offices".

b. Although a number of policemen would rather bask in the perks of being identified with particular politicians, most deplore the non-existence of a municipal hall or police station as the primary reason for the absence of development in the municipality. The sentiment is understandably prevalent among policemen native to the municipality which they have been assigned to, or from those who had served in other provinces of the Cordillera region;

c. While there are those who willingly cater to the whims and schemes of the Local Chief Executives (LCEs), a good number are forced by virtue of their fear for the LCE's administrative and operational supervision granted by NAPOLCOM. Demeaning as it is, the least they expect is being administratively sanctioned for failing to kowtow. The worst they foresee is exemplified in the plight of the 41ST IB, 5ID, PA under then LTC. NOEL MISLANG, who allegedly allowed his unit to be used in partisan politics, and inadvertently caused the liquidation of two of his men in Isabela province for failure to execute and to the extent of divulging the plan to assassinate Mayor Cecilia Luna and members of her family ;

d. Demoralization had also seeped in on certain occasions, when police investigations are undermined or dropped because of political pressure.

2.1.D. The Valera Petition

Paradoxically, Gov. Vicente Valera's made a petition to the COMELEC on January 10, 2007 (Received by COMELEC on January 15, 2007), for the replacement of the entire Abra police force, and TASK FORCE ABRA (Particularly TF Commander, PSSUPT EUGENE GABRIEL MARTIN) with officers and personnel from other regions.

This petition runs contrary to an earlier petition signed by several mayors, all vice-mayors, and sectoral leaders and sent to the COMELEC fully supporting the presence of Task Force Abra as a deterrent to political killings and violent crime. Such support was affirmed by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Abra Chapter and other NGO leaders during a consultation meeting held at the ABRECO compound last January 26, 2007 with Commander, Task Force Abra and OIC, this Office.

2.2 ANALYSES & ASSESSMENT

2.2.A. The experience of a signed Covenant for a Clean, Honest, Orderly, and Peaceful Elections, that did nothing to prevent or at least lessen the incidence of politically-motivated killings and violent crimes in 2004, affords this Office a sense of skepticism. The fact remains that the most telling factor that contributed to the lessening of violent crimes, politically-motivated or not, was the overwhelming police presence and visibility that came with the creation and deployment of TASK FORCE ABRA.

2.2.B. The incidence of violent crime can be reduced by sustained police presence and visibility. Spot checks and the willful service of warrants, is proving to be an effective deterrent against criminal elements and unscrupulous gun owners from using their firearms to terrorize the populace. Members of Private Armed Groups (PAGs) have either been neutralized or forced to lie low, thus reducing their depravations.

2.2.C. The suspension of Local Chief Executives' powers over the police, have afforded breathing space for most policemen in Abra long stifled by political pressure. Aside from gaining their self-respect as policemen, most are re-learning their duties and responsibilities to the populace by their own initiative. Given more time and opportunity, they would be able to rise above the general perception of being mere political lackeys and work as professional and non-partisan police personnel as envisioned by the PNP.

2.2.D. Abra with its natural resources, promises to be the most economically capable province in the Cordillera region. However, it continues to be the laughing stock because of the inability of some of its municipalities to demonstrate the basics of governance.

2.2.E. The petition of Gov. Vicente Valera to COMELEC for the replacement of the entire Abra police force and Task Force Abra, especially its Commander, PSSUPT EUGENE GABRIEL MARTIN, is deemed a disservice to what these police forces have accomplished so far in bringing order to chaos in the province. (See Attachment "C" – Xerox Copy of Gov. Vicente Valera's petition to COMELEC)

2.2.F. The rash of high profile political assassinations, and the implication of the Governor into such killings, has awakened the province's collective desire to break out from the atmosphere of fear and uncertainty. It is the mission of this Office to help them attain that desire as mandated by its duty to serve and protect.

2.3. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.3.A. For the successful implementation of any Covenant signed by the Local Chief Executives (LCEs) or political candidates, it is recommended that COMELEC and the DILG be given the authority to ensure compliance by the different signatories. Later, There is also the need for the DILG to facilitate and monitor the compliance of elected Local Chief Executives for bringing forth the basic requirements of governance, such as a municipal hall and police station.

2.3.B. It is also recommended that the current organizational structure and disposition of TASK FORCE ABRA, be maintained to sustain the stability and further improve the level of peace and order in the province beyond what it has so far achieved. An increase of these forces during the campaign period, would be a welcome and reassuring development.

3. For info.

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Attachments:

"A" – Xerox Copy of the Covenant for a Clean, Honest, Orderly, and Peaceful Elections

"B" - Crime Statistics Tables for the period 2004 to January 2007

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CRIME STATISTICS CY 2004

CRIME INCIDENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	SOLVED	UN-SOLVED	TOTAL
INDEX CRIME (IC)															
MURDER	1	2	7	3	7	4	2	7	5	7	4	5	31	23	54
HOMICIDE	1	3	0	3	2	2	0	0	3	2	3	0	16	3	19
PHY INJURY	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
FRUST MURDER	0	1	3	1	5	1	1	0	4	2	4	6	16	12	28
FRUST HOMICIDE	6	4	4	3	4	7	1	9	3	4	5	7	53	4	57
ATTEMPTED MURDER	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	2	6
ROBBERY/THEFT	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	4	1	1	6	6	12
RAPE (RA 7610, RA 9262)	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	4	3	1	2	1	18	0	18
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	9	9
VEHICULAR ACCIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
OTHERS	1	1	1	1	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
SOLVED	10	12	19	7	25	12	6	14	18	15	17	14			165
UNSOLVED	3	3	1	12	7	7	0	7	1	5	4	8			60
TOTAL IC	13	15	18	19	32	19	6	21	19	20	21	22	165	60	225
NON INDEX CRIME															
ILLEGAL DRUGS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	8	0	8
ILLEGAL GAMBLING	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	4
LOOSE FIREARMS	2	5	5	4	11	3	2	1	6	2	1	1	43	0	43
CARNAPPING	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
ILLEGAL FISHING	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
ILLEGAL LOGGING	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2
CATTLE RUSTLING	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
OTHERS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
SOLVED	6	6	6	4	12	3	4	2	7	5	3	3			61
UNSOLVED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
TOTAL NIC	6	6	6	4	12	3	4	2	7	5	3	3	61	0	61
AMCR	8.56	9.46	10.82	10.36	19.83	9.92	4.5	10.37	11.72	11.27	10.82	11.27			10.74
CSE (%)	84.21	85.71	95.83	47.83	84.09	68.18	100	69.56	96.15	80.00	83.33	68.00			79.03
TOTAL CRIME INCIDENTS	19	21	24	23	44	22	10	23	26	25	24	25	226	60	236

OTHERS: 1. Grave Threat = 6
 5. Alarm & Scandal = 3 (Indiscriminate Firing)
 9. Grenade Explosion = 1
 2. Malversation of Public Funds = 1
 6. Arbitrary = 1
 3. Grave Coercion = 2
 7. RA 7832 = 1
 4. Direct Assault = 1
 8. Ambush = 1

POPULATION (as of 2004) = 221,821 Nr of Brgys = 303 Nr of Municipality = 27

CRIME STATISTICS CY 2005

CRIME INCIDENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	SOLVED	UN-SOLVED	TOTAL
INDEX CRIME (IC)															
MURDER	11	4	1	7	5	5	4	6	4	7	5	3	33	29	62
HOMICIDE	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	3	1	11	1	12
PHY INJURY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2
FRUST MURDER	3	3	2	2	0	4	1	3	3	1	1	3	13	13	26
FRUST HOMICIDE	6	1	6	5	3	1	1	2	0	6	2	0	29	4	33
ATTEMPTED MURDER	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2
ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY/THEFT	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE (RA 7610 RA 9262)	0	0	3	0	4	0	1	1	3	2	1	1	5	3	8
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15
VEHICULAR ACCIDENT	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	5
OTHERS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOLVED	18	8	11	9	12	9	3	9	7	14	11	7	1	0	116
UNSOLVED	6	6	1	5	0	7	4	4	5	5	3	2	1	0	50
TOTAL IC	24	14	12	14	12	16	7	13	12	19	14	9	116	50	166
NON INDEX CRIME															
ILLEGAL DRUGS	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	2	0	8	0	8
ILLEGAL GAMBLING	0	0	0	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	12	2	14
LOOSE FIREARMS	3	5	1	6	4	4	3	0	1	9	1	3	40	0	40
CARNAPPING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLEGAL FISHING	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
ILLEGAL LOGGING	2	0	3	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	12
CATTLE RUSTLING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHERS	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	0	5
SOLVED	6	5	5	16	8	8	5	1	1	11	5	4	78	0	78
UNSOLVED	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL NIC	6	5	5	17	9	9	5	1	1	11	5	4	77	3	80
AMCR	13.52	8.56	7.63	13.97	9.43	11.27	7.40	5.93	5.83	13.52	8.56	5.83	9.21	3	9.21
CSE (%)	50.00	59.42	54.11	50.64	55.43	55.00	55.57	51.42	51.53	53.83	54.21	54.61	53.41	53.41	53.41
TOTAL CRIME INCIDENTS	30	19	17	31	21	25	12	14	13	30	19	13	193	53	246

OTHERS: Human Trafficking - 1
 POPULATION (as of 2004) = 221,821

FA 7632 = 5
 Nr of Brgys = 303

Nr of Municipality = 27

CRIME STATISTICS CY 2006

CRIME INCIDENT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	SOLVED	UN-SOLVED	TOTAL
INDEX CRIME (IC)															
MURDER	4	6	3	5	4	4	4	1	3	4	2	7	24	23	47
HOMICIDE	1	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	11	0	11
PHY INJURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2
FRUST MURDER	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	5	5	0	1	23	5	28
FRUST HOMICIDE	1	0	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	2	2	2	22	0	22
ATTEMPTED MURDER	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1
ROBBERY/THEFT	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	6	0	6
RAPES (RA 7610, RA 8262)	3	3	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	2	0	14	0	14
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VEHICULAR ACCIDENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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OTHERS	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
SOLVED	10	6	6	10	13	8	12	7	10	7	7	11	105	0	105
UNSOLVED	1	5	1	2	3	1	3	1	4	8	0	3	32	32	32
TOTAL IC	11	11	7	12	16	9	13	8	14	15	7	14	105	32	137
NON INDEX CRIME															
ILLEGAL DRUGS	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	4
ILLEGAL GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	3
LOOSE FIREARMS	3	3	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	3	1	17	0	17
CARNAPPING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLEGAL FISHING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLEGAL LOGGING	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2
CATTLE RUSTLING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOLVED	3	6	0	1	1	3	3	1	4	0	3	2	0	0	26
UNSOLVED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NIC	3	6	0	1	1	3	3	1	2	0	3	2	26	0	26
AMCR	6.31	7.66	3.16	5.96	6.31	5.41	7	4.55	6.12	7.62	4.51	7.21	61.2	0	61.2
OSE (%)	92.86	70.59	86.71	81.60	80.92	91.67	5	83.69	77.18	45.67	100	81.25	80.37	0	80.37
TOTAL CRIME INCIDENTS	14	17	7	13	17	12	16	9	16	15	10	16	131	32	163

OTHERS: 1. Particide = 2 2. Acts of lasciviousness = 1

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INDEX CRIME (IC)															
MURDER	6												2	4	6
HOMICIDE	4												3	0	3
PHY INJURY															
FRUST MURDER															
FRUST HOMICIDE	2												2	0	2
ATTEMPTED MURDER															
ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE															
ROBBERY/THEFT															
RAPE (RA 7610, RA 9262)	1												1	0	1
MALICIOUS MISCHIEF															
VEHICULAR ACCIDENT															
ARSON															
OTHERS															
SOLVED	8														8
UNSOLVED	4														4
TOTAL IC	12														12
NON INDEX CRIME															
ILLEGAL DRUGS	1														1
ILLEGAL GAMBLING															
LOOSE FIREARMS	2														2
CARNAPPING															
ILLEGAL FISHING															
ILLEGAL LOGGING	1														1
CATTLE RUSTLING															
OTHERS															
SOLVED	4														4
UNSOLVED	0														0
TOTAL NIC	4														4
AMCR	7.21														7.21
CSE (%)	75														75
TOTAL CRIME INCIDENTS	16												12	4	16

ELECTION RELATED INCIDENT

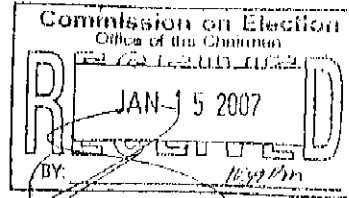
Period Covered: 15 December 2003 – 15 June 2004

VICTIM	SUSPECT	DATE/PLACE	NATURE OF INCIDENT	STATUS OF THE CASE	STATUS OF THE SUSPECT
1) Hon Mayor Cecilia Luna, Lagayan, Abra	Unidentified	Dec 29, 2003/So Saking, Brgy Malabbaga, La Paz, Abra	Alleged Ambushed	Under Investigation	ATLARGE
2) Mr Cipriano Lapez Jr	Unidentified	Jan 9, 2004/Brgy Poblacion, Lagayan, Abra	Alleged Shooting and Bombing	Under Investigation	ATLARGE
3) Brgy kagawad Precillo Billedo, Brgy San Antonio, Bangued, Abra	Jomar Bersalona and John Doe	Mar 5, 2004/Brgy Dumayco, Peñarrubia, abra	Murder & Frustrated Murder	Filed in Court under IS Nr 2004-C-089 and 2004-C-097	ATLARGE
4) Mr Cesar Formoso	Unidentified	Apr 18, 2004/Zone 7, Bangued, Abra	Shooting to death	Under Investigation	ATLARGE
5) Eduardo Bersalona		Apr 18, 2004/Zone 5, Bangued, Abra	Shooting to death	Under Investigation	ATLARGE
6) Brgy Capt Angelito Bigornia of Zone 7, Bangued, Abra and ABC President of Bangued	Renato Bayle y Barsuela @ Abat	Apr 21, 2004/Zone 7, Bangued, Abra	Frustrated Homicide	Filed in Court under IS#2004-E-168	ATLARGE
7) Lizardo Sinogo Jr- Candidate for Mayoralty Municipality of Lagangilang, Abra	Unidentified				Atlarge
John Suliba, Candidate for mayoralty Municipality of Lagangilang, Abra	Unidentified	May 1, 2004/Brgy Pawa, Lagangilang, Abra	Grenade Explosion	Under Investigation	

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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January 10, 2007

HON. BENJAMIN S. ABALOS, JR.
CHAIRMAN
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS



Dear Chairman Abalos:

This is an urgent appeal. If not heeded now, we all will suffer.

I am appealing to the COMELEC to do the following, fast and now:

One, to place my province under Comelec control. The state of public safety in Abra now calls for it.

Two, to replace the entire PNP in Abra, including Abra Task Force Commander P/Sr. Supt Eugene Martin, with police officers from other regions. Martin and his police are too partisan - already to a fault.

Three, to ask media organizations to come to Abra. They are still the most effective deterrent force to goons and guns. Also, to partisan police officers.

We all want an honest, orderly, peaceful elections. Let the Abrenos exercise their freedom to decide who should govern them. Without fear of anyone.

Only a fearless Comelec can guarantee that freedom.

Only a fearless Comelec can avert any more spilt of blood.

And only THE COMELEC can neutralize the partisan police officers

My political enemies portray me without letup as a murderer without offering one single shred of evidence. Their voodoo politics of hate has only served to aggravate the situation in Abra.

We are all in peril. Please heed this appeal.

Very truly yours,

VIGENTE P. VALERA
Governor