



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 246
SERIES OF 2023

**ENJOINING ALL PANABOANS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PRIVATE SECTORS AND
NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CITY OF PANABO
TO ADOPT A CULTURE OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SECURING PEACE AND ORDER BY
MANIFESTING A CONSCIOUS SOCIO-CIVIC COMMITMENT IN ATTAINING THE HIGHEST
DEGREE OF SENSE OF SECURITY IN THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides for the following principles and policies:

- i. The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy; and
- ii. The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

WHEREAS, the Philippine government through its security forces remains committed to its campaign against all forms of criminality, insurgencies, internal disturbances and tensions, and other armed conflicts and threats and in keeping public order and safety, especially during the implementation of policies and measures in times of crisis and emergencies;

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the Philippine Development Plan's *AmBisyonNatin2040* is to help Filipinos achieve a *matatag, maginhawa, at panatag na buhay*, which are based on a safe, secure, and orderly environment;

WHEREAS, to effectively realize the envisioned goals, it is imperative for the government to prioritize the establishment of security, public order, and safety measures that would foster an environment wherein all citizens of the Philippines can confidently roam and travel the country, engage in various social and business activities without fear of aggression over their personal/physical being or properties;

WHEREAS, the Socio-Civic Commitment is a concept that entails commitment on the part of the public to support anti-terrorism efforts and other security concerns, which will in turn help create a physically and psychologically secure and peaceful community;

WHEREAS, the public through actively cooperating and remaining vigilant in identifying any individuals, groups, or activities that appear suspicious, must promptly report such observations to the appropriate government authorities in order for them to potentially aid in the containment and neutralization of potential threats;

WHEREAS, in order to contribute to the government's counterterrorism and public safety initiatives, it is necessary that we begin by fostering a sense of responsibility within ourselves and our local community, thus, all residents of Panabo City, as well as government agencies, private sectors, and non-government organizations to adopt the Socio-Civic Commitment;



NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS, City Mayor, this City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. SOCIO-CIVIC COMMITMENT. All Panaboans, government agencies, private sectors, and non-government organizations to adopt a conscious Socio-Civic Commitment by actively cooperating and remaining vigilant in identifying any individuals, groups, or activities that appear suspicious and promptly reporting such observations to the appropriate government authorities in order to potentially aid in the containment and neutralization of potential threats in the City of Panabo.

SECTION 2. ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF COOPERATION. Volunteer yourself for inspection/ security check and help in the implementation of security measures in the city:

- a. Cooperate in the security inspection and checkpoints when entering all the borders of Panabo City, Davao del Norte.

The enforcement officers may observe the plain view doctrine during the conduct of checkpoints. Objects falling in the plain view of an officer who has the right to be in the position to have the view are subject to seizure and may be presented in evidence.

- b. Be vigilant and cautious when taking mass transport systems such as pedicabs, vans, jeepneys, buses and any public transport vehicles.
- c. Never leave your belongings unattended.
- d. Do not accept bags, packages, or cargo from strangers who request that you carry or bring their items.
- e. Submit yourself on the queries being asked by proper authorities.
- f. Be open and truthful to any criminal investigation.
- g. Be a willing witness in court if you are a witness to a crime."

SECTION 3. PUBLIC VIGILANCE AND REPORTING. Be vigilant by assisting authorities in identifying vulnerabilities and the emergence of threats and mitigating evolving ones by immediately reporting to law enforcement agencies or security units as follows:

- a. Suspicious individuals, organizations, groups, and activities;
- b. Strangers who suddenly arrive in a community acting in a dubious manner;
- c. Unattended baggage;
- d. Websites or social media accounts propagating widespread fear, hate or radicalization;
- e. Social media profiles that post call, plan or support to conduct terrorism activities;
- f. Online campaigns or personal meetings asking people to conduct terrorist acts, example: bombing or killing civilians, cyberterrorism, kidnapping, drug trafficking, mass murder, assassination and other types of attack;
- g. Recruitment of individuals to join groups that advocate terrorism, example: Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), Abu Sayyaf, Al-Qaeda, Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front etc.;

- h. Invitations to visit places for training to be jihadists, warriors, or NPA;
- i. Bomb jokes;
- j. Smuggling;
- k. Drug trafficking;
- l. Trafficking-in-persons;
- m. Extortion;
- n. Destruction of properties.

SECTION 4. REMIND. Remind family and friends of all the security and safety regulations within Panabo City, Davao del Norte.

SECTION 5. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION. Advocate, implement and practice a culture of Socio-Civic Commitment within various settings such as workplaces, educational institutions, commercial establishments, places of worship, residential clusters, purok or subdivisions, thereby assuming an active role in fortifying the community's defensive system.

SECTION 6. PROACTIVE SECURITY MEASURES. All residents of Panabo City must be vigilant in practicing the Socio-Civic Commitment.

- a. All City officials are required to help in the propagation of the Socio-Civic Commitment and include the same as part of their annual programs and projects, Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan (POPS-PLAN) and in their information dissemination paraphernalia, such as leaflets, signage and infomercial presentations;
- b. Event organizers, restaurants, convention centers and other establishments are required to show for public viewing an infomercial on the Socio-Civic Commitment and must provide written materials about the Socio-Civic Commitment to their guests and clients;
- c. All public and private schools are urged to work with the City Government to develop modules on the prevention of radicalization. They must integrate the Socio-Civic Commitment into their orientation briefing to all students;
- d. All public and private schools must create a Security and Safety Committee under their Parent-Teachers Association and Student Government Organizations;
- e. All places of worship are urged to practice and propagate the Socio-Civic Commitment and to enforce their own security plan including the prevention of violent extremism;
- f. All security agencies and providers are urged to integrate the Socio-Civic Commitment in their refresher trainings and seminars;
- g. All Local Government Unit (LGU) offices are required to become an active proponent of the practice of the Socio-Civic Commitment through their in-house or external trainings and seminars;
- h. All Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP) units, and department heads shall designate a focal person responsible for planning, implementing and monitoring the propagation of the Socio-Civic Commitment in their respective areas;

- i. All AFP and other security clusters in Panabo City are urged to help propagate the Socio-Civic Commitment within their areas of responsibility through their consistent presence in the locality and the use of strong visual and action-oriented components to convey the message. This can include contact numbers for emergency services, eye-catching posters, visual media, and announcements made in public places.
- j. All Business owners are urged to integrate a culture of Socio-Civic Commitment in their employee orientations, seminars and trainings.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY. In the event that any provision in this Order or any part hereof is declared invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the provisions not hereby affected shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 4th day of September 2023, Panabo City, Davao del Norte, Philippines.


JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS
City Mayor