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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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### MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 2018-37

**FOR :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, SANGUNIANG PANLUNSOD AND SANGGUNIANG BAYAN; REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF ARMM, DILG-ARMM SECRETARY, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** ENSURING A PEACEFUL AND SAFE OBSERVANCE OF SEMANA SANTA 2018

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To commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Filipino nation will again be observing the Semana Santa, on the last week of March 2018.

Coinciding with the summer vacation of most schools in the country, this year's Semana Santa is also an opportunity for the public to take their holiday break and travel to different places all over the country for spiritual recollection and/or recreational activities.

In view of this, 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 as 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 and traffic enforcers, barangay tanods, Barangay Peacekeeping Action Teams, public safety officers, and force multipliers in:
  - a. Intensifying visibility in local and national roads to assist the public;

- b. Deploying patrols at crime-prone areas (residential and commercial);
  - c. Intensifying traffic management; and
  - d. Ensuring safety and security at air- and seaports, and other transportation terminals, pilgrimages, 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 mobilize the Regional Peace and Order Teams and ensure constant coordination to all Local Government Units and cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Advisory within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

  
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