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SUMMARY

With just a few hours before polling centres close, tensions and violence persisted in pockets of Maguindanao del Sur, Cotabato City, Lanao del Sur, and in Basilan.

In Shariff Saydona Mustapha, an armed confrontation between supporters of the BFP and UBJP occurred in Brgy. Nabundas, Shariff Saydona Mustapha, which resulted in the injury of a voter-bystander. The military intervened and apprehended eight (8) individuals with high-powered firearms and ammunitions.

In Sero Central School, tensions arose when a group of men wrecked two cars parked outside the polling precinct. They complained about alleged electoral fraud inside the voting centre. Meanwhile, gunshots rang outside the Notre Dame University, near Vilo Elementary School which caused panic among voters and those nearby.

In Al-Barka, Basilan, tensions were heightened after members of the MILF allegedly blocked the highway which delayed the transport of election materials and teachers assigned to serve as Electoral Board members. The military deployed tanks and troops to clear the highway.

In Upi, a non-Moro Indigenous Peoples, who is the driver of a barangay chairman, sustained gunshot wounds while on their way to the polling precinct in Brgy. Rifao.

Fistfights and verbal altercations also broke out between supporters of opposing political parties in Butig, Lumbaca Unayan, Raman, Marogong in Lanao del Sur; Lamitan City, Basilan; and in Gli-gli, SGA.

Meanwhile, some areas have reported fewer and fewer people voting in areas such as Rajah Buayan and Sultan sa Barongis. ●

