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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. **0003** 
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**CREATING THE BANGSAMORO OIL CRISIS IMPACT TASK FORCE, DEFINING ITS
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, a continuing global oil supply tightness and price volatility are driven by a combination of geopolitical tensions affecting major shipping routes and production areas, coordinated production adjustments by oil-producing states, and foreign exchange movements that increase local currency costs of imported fuel;

WHEREAS, these developments have resulted in sharp and recurrent increases in pump prices of gasoline, diesel, and other petroleum products, with immediate adverse effects on transport fares, food prices, power generation costs, public service delivery, and the general welfare of the Bangsamoro people;

WHEREAS, in response to the foregoing, an emergency Cabinet meeting was convened on March 20, 2026, to assess the situation, evaluate immediate mitigating measures, and organize an integrated whole-of-government response;

WHEREAS, thereafter, on March 24, 2026, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., through Executive Order No. 110, s. 2026, declared a state of national energy emergency in response to the imminent risk of fuel supply disruption and its adverse effects on the national economy, thereby affirming and reinforcing the necessity for urgent and coordinated measures at both the national and regional levels to ensure energy security and protect the general welfare;

WHEREAS, under Section 32 (e), Article VII of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the “Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL)” and the Bangsamoro Administrative Code provide for the powers, duties, and functions of the Chief Minister, which includes the power to “Issue executive orders and other policies of the Bangsamoro Government;

WHEREAS, as head of the Bangsamoro Government, the Honorable Chief Minister shall exercise all powers expressly granted by the BOL, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for the efficient and effective governance of BARMM and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare, including the promotion of health and safety, economic prosperity and social justice, full employment, and the maintenance of peace and order;¹

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government recognizes the importance of disaster risk reduction and management and climate change adaptation, and provides for coordination mechanisms and the mobilization of resources in times of disaster, as may be recommended through the Chief Minister;

¹Section 3, Article V of the BOL.

WHEREAS, prompt, coordinated, evidence-based, and time-bound actions are necessary to mitigate the socioeconomic impact of the oil crisis, stabilize essential public services, and protect vulnerable sectors;

WHEREAS, in line with its commitment to a “Mas Matatag na Bangsamoro” guided by the principle of moral governance, the Bangsamoro Government is focused on addressing the effects and impacts of the rising fuel prices in the region brought about by the ongoing conflict in the Middle East;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to establish a dedicated inter-agency body to consolidate data, align policy responses, and recommend appropriate measures, including the calibrated consideration of a possible declaration of a regional state of emergency, consistent with regional and national laws and policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABDULRAOF A. MACACUA, Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation. There is hereby created the Bangsamoro Oil Crisis Impact Task Force (BOCITF), hereinafter referred to as the “Task Force,” which shall serve as the central coordinating, policy-recommending, and operational oversight body to address the impacts of rising fuel prices in BARMM and to recommend immediate, medium-term, and strategic interventions to mitigate its effects on the public, government operations, and the regional economy.

SECTION 2. Composition. The Task Force shall be constituted as follows:

Chairperson : Chief Minister, Bangsamoro Government
Members : Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC)
Ministry of Trade, Investments and Tourism (MTIT)
Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE)
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR)
Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD)
Ministry of the Interior and Local Government (MILG)
Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE)
Ministry of Health (MOH)
Ministry of Public Works (MPW)
Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management (MFBM)
Bangsamoro Attorney General’s Office
Office of the Member of Parliament Atty. John Anthony L. Lim

Secretariat : Rapid Emergency Action on Disaster Incidence Office (READi)

Each ministry/office shall be represented by its head, with one (1) alternate in writing, who shall have sufficient authority to act on behalf of the principal.

SECTION 3. Policy and Objectives. The Task Force shall:

- a) Ensure a coordinated, whole-of-government response to the oil crisis;
- b) Conduct a comprehensive assessment of impact on transportation, food supply chains, essential public services, labor and employment, social protection, public works and logistics, and health services;
- c) Identify and recommend urgent mitigating measures to protect vulnerable sectors;
- d) Develop policy options and operational plans for fuel conservation and service continuity, and economic stabilization;

- e) Undertake a legal and policy assessment of the framework governing the importation of fuel from external sources, including relevant international agreements and applicable national laws, for the purpose of determining feasible and compliant options available to the Bangsamoro Government; and
- f) Evaluate, based on evidence and legal parameters, the appropriateness, scope, timing, and safeguards of recommending the declaration of a regional state of emergency.

SECTION 4. Powers and Functions of the Task Force. The Task Force shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) Conduct rapid assessments and continuing monitoring of oil price movements and the impacts on transport, food prices, basic commodities, power and fuel-dependent services, and overall regional socioeconomic conditions;
- b) Coordinate with relevant national government agencies, local government units, and private stakeholders, as necessary, through appropriate channels, to obtain data, align response measures, and prevent duplication of efforts;
- c) Recommend to the Chief Minister immediate measures to ease the impact of the crisis, including but not limited to: fuel conservation protocols in government operations, service rationalization measures that minimize disruption, targeted social protection interventions, labor-related advisories, and public information campaigns;
- d) Propose policy options for the Bangsamoro Parliament's consideration, where legislative action is needed within the competencies of the Bangsamoro Government;
- e) Undertake, when necessary, a comprehensive legal and policy assessment of the framework governing the importation of fuel from external sources, including relevant international agreements and applicable national laws, for the purpose of identifying compliant and feasible options for consideration;
- f) Develop decision triggers, indicators, and a policy matrix for recommending whether conditions warrant the declaration of a regional state of emergency, including the scope, duration, operational implications, and safeguards;
- g) Oversee and ensure the implementation of approved contingency and action plans across ministries, offices, and agencies;
- h) Establish and maintain monitoring systems, dashboards, and reporting mechanisms to track implementation and impacts;
- i) Consolidate and evaluate data, reports, and recommendations from member agencies; and
- j) Prepare and submit periodic situation reports and consolidated recommendations as provided in Section 7 of this Executive Order.

SECTION 5. Secretariat. Functions of READi. The BARMM Rapid Emergency Action of Disaster Incidence Office (READi) shall serve as Secretariat and Technical Support Unit of the Task Force.

In such capacity, READi shall:

- a) Provide administrative, operational, and technical support;
- b) Coordinate inter-agency implementation efforts;
- c) Convene meetings and prepare agendas, briefs, and minutes;
- d) Establish and maintain monitoring, reporting, and data management systems;
- e) Consolidate submissions, assessments, and recommendations;
- f) Provide technical input/s for planning, risk assessment, and decision-making; and
- g) Perform such other support functions as may be directed by the Task Force.

BARMM READi shall not exercise policy-making authority, which remains vested in the Task Force and subject to the authority of the Chief Minister.

SECTION 6. Meetings and Quorum. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary. A majority of the members (or their authorized alternates) shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 7. Reports; Submission of Recommendations. The Task Force shall submit:

- a) an Initial Assessment Report and Immediate Recommendations within seven (7) days from its initial meeting; and
- b) thereafter, periodic situation reports and recommendations, as may be directed.

All reports and recommendations shall be submitted to the Office of the Chief Minister and, when appropriate, to the Bangsamoro Parliament.

SECTION 8. Strategic Communications. The Office of the Chief Minister - Strategic Communications and the Bangsamoro Information Office (BIO) shall coordinate with the Task Force to ensure accurate, timely, and consistent public advisories.

SECTION 9. Funding. Funding requirements for the initial operation of the Task Force shall be charged against the Contingent Fund, subject to applicable budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules.

The Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management (MFBM) shall provide the necessary implementation guidance.

SECTION 10. Harmonization Clause. All prior or existing issuances, memoranda, or draft mechanisms creating inter-agency bodies addressing fuel price impacts are hereby consolidated and superseded by this Executive Order.

SECTION 11. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules, regulations, and issuances inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing and shall be publicly disseminated to ensure awareness and compliance by all concerned ministries and offices.

DONE in the City of Cotabato, this ~~27th~~ day of March 2026.




ABDULRAOF A. MACACUA
Chief Minister



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