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# NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL

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## NDCC UPDATE Flooding in Maguindanao

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Sources:

### 1. Situation Overview

- ❖ Flooding occurred in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao due to the overflowing of Simuay River caused by heavy rains since 10:00 PM on July 29, 2010
- ❖ As of 7:00 AM flood waters in Brgys Bulalo, Banubo, Catuli, Calsada, Limbo and Salimbao are still chest-deep at some points. Although residents of these barangays are already used to this kind of situation, but still they evacuated temporarily along the higher portion of national highways
- ❖ The Quirino Bridge connecting Sultan Kudarat to Cotabato City is already filled up with all types of vehicles and caused heavy traffic congestion at 300km portion of national highway in Brgy Salimbao. Portion of national highway is no longer passable to light vehicles. Hence, classes at all levels are already disrupted but not yet suspended
- ❖ Cloudy weather with high probability of rains is currently prevailing in Sultan Kudarat and other parts of Maguindanao.

### 2. Actions Taken

- ❖ MDCC Sultan Kudarat is closely monitoring the situation and is preparing for mass evacuation of affected residents if ever the situation worsens and flood waters will continue to rise
- ❖ Emergency response units of ARMM, Maguindanao and Cotabato City are on standby to assist MDCC Sultan Kudarat if mass evacuation is needed
- ❖ Elements and resources of 37 IB PA and PNP Sultan Kudarat are now facilitating the transportation of all stranded commuters at the portion of national highway in Brgy Salimbao
- ❖ DPWH Maguindanao in coordination with LTO Maguindanao, 6 ID Task Force Tugis, Cotabato City Police Office and PNP Sultan Kudarat are now working out to ease the vehicular traffic along the risky Quirino Bridge
- ❖ Meanwhile, the re-channeling of Simuay River being undertaken by DPWH XII through the Cotabato-Agusan River Basin Development Project (CARBDP) is almost complete. Once this re-channeling project will be completed it will definitely address the recurring flooding situation in Sultan Kudarat and adjoining Sultan Mastura all in Maguindanao as well as in Cotabato City