



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Region XI  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY**  
Digos City

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**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT**

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

OSDS-2026- 016

**To : ASSISTANT SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT  
CHIEF EDUCATION SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERVISORS  
EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISORS  
SECTION AND UNIT HEADS  
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE PERSONNEL  
SCHOOLS PERSONNEL - TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING**

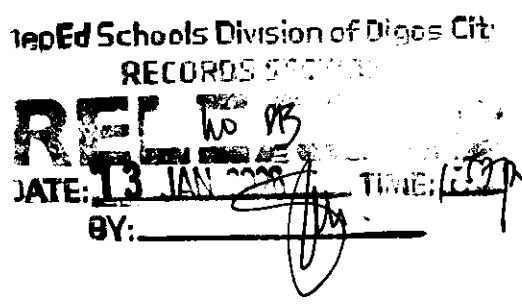
**Subject : Observance of the Lailatul Isra Wal Miraj or Night Journey  
and Ascension of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W. as Muslim Holiday**

**Date : 13 January 2026**

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1. This has reference to the Regional Memorandum issued by Arch. Sherrila Porza-Sawah, UAP, CESE, Regional Director of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos, Davao Region titled: **“Regional Holiday Advisor”** indicating that **“Presidential Decree No. 1083 also known as Code of Muslim Personal Laws of the Philippine issued on February 4, 1977 declared that Lailatul Isra Wal Miraj or Night Journey and Ascension of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W. as Muslim Holiday which falls on 27 day Rahab 1447H corresponding to January 16, 2026 by virtue of the Memorandum Issued by Secretary SABUDDIN N ABDURAHIM dated January 6, 2026.”**
2. The undersigned Schools Division Superintendent reiterates the directive of the National Commission on Muslim Mindanao Regional Director that on **January 16, 2026** all Muslim Non-Teaching and Teaching personnel of this Schools Division Office are hereby **“excuse from reporting to their offices”** on Friday, January 16, 2026.”
3. For immediate dissemination and compliance.

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**MELANIE P. PESTACIO, PhD, CESO VI**  
Schools Division Superintendent





## REGIONAL HOLIDAY ADVISORY

Pursuant to Presidential Decree no. 1083 also known as Code of Muslim Personal Laws of the Philippines dated 04 February 1977 declaring Lailatul Isra Wal Miraj or Night Journey and Ascension of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W. as Muslim Holiday which falls on the 27 day Rajab 1447H corresponding to January 16, 2026 (Friday), and by virtue of the Memorandum Issued by Secretary SABUDDIN N. ABDURAHIM dated January 6, 2026, Muslim government officials and employees are excused from reporting to their respective offices.

### Article 170. Provinces and cities where officially observed.

1. Muslim holidays shall be officially observed in the Provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur, and in the Cities of Cotabato, Iligan, Marawi, Pagadian and Zamboanga and in such other Muslim provinces and cities as may hereafter be created.
2. Upon proclamation by the President of the Philippines, Muslim holidays may also be officially observed in other provinces and cities. //

### Article 171. Dates of observance. The dates of Muslim holidays shall be determined by the office of the President of the Philippines in accordance with the Muslim Lunar Calendar (HIJRA).

### Article 172. Observance of Muslim employees.

1. All Muslim government officials and employees in places other than those enumerated under Article 170 shall also be excused from reporting to the office in order that they may be able to observe Muslim holidays.
2. The President of the Philippines may, by proclamation, require private offices, agencies, or establishments to excuse their Muslim employees from reporting for work during a Muslim holiday without reduction in their usual compensation.

#### For information and Guidance

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