

# MAPPING OF ISLAMIC AND EXTREMIST GROUPS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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## MORO RESISTANCE

### Muslim Independence Movement (MIM)

which was founded in 1968 to call for a separate Moro state in the southern Philippines. The MIM was a mostly political movement whose primary activity was issuing manifestos advocating independence.

### Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF)

Break away from MNLF

### Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)

## OFFSHOOT OF MORO RESISTANCE: RADICAL EXTREMIST/LOCAL JIHADIST GROUPS

**Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)** Break away from MNLF  
Janjalani was at one point a member of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), but upon permanently returning to the Philippines from the Middle East, he recruited other disappointed MNLF members into what would become the ASG. These ex-MNLF members held more radical views on how to establish an independent Islamic state than did their former parent organization. Persistent political and economic inequality between the Moros and other Filipinos, despite the efforts of the existing MNLF and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), strengthened the ASG's emergence as an alternative to those organizations. The ASG also benefited from the generally dire economic conditions in the Philippines at the time, allowing the group to recruit new members who had relatively few economic opportunities.

After Janjalani died, the group split into two main networks whose leaders were then killed in 2006 to 2007. Since then, Abu Sayyaf has operated as a collection of factions that work with each other through kinship or personal ties but which also occasionally compete against each other.

Khadafi Janjalani

Isnilon Hapilon

### MAUTE GROUP (Islamic State-Ranao)

### Ansar Al-Khalifa Philippines

"Ansarul Khilafa, originally based in Sarangani, may be the group with the closest links to fighters in Syria. It is now clear that AKP worked with the Maute Group on the Davao market

which was formed in 2012 by the brothers Abdullah and Omarkhayan Romato Maute. At first, they called themselves as Daulat UL Islamiyah but later they regards themselves as Islamic State- Ranao or IS-Ranao. Before they formed their group, they were identified with the MILF with Aziza Romato who was their aunt but was also the second wife of the late MILF Vice Chairperson, Alim AbdulAziz Mimbantao. The Romato clan owned the land occupied by the MILF's famous Camp Bushra. Currently, the Maute Group had occupied the MILF Camp but made it off limits for the latter (MILF)

bombing; the shared ideological commitment has become an operational alliance," according to a October 2016 report of the Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC), an Indonesian think-tank.

### Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighter (BIFF)

The BIFF was founded in 2010 by Ameril Umbra Kato as a splinter group of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

### Khalifa Islamiyah Mindanao (KIM)

a dedicated organization that seeks to establish an independent state in Mindanao, Philippines. The group is led by an Afghan-trained cleric known as Humam Abdul Najid. It is sometimes described as an umbrella organization composed of the Jemaah Islamiyah, the Abu Sayyaf, and members of other armed groups.

Usman had links to the ASG and JI

### ABU SAYYAF GROUP

the ASG is widely portrayed as the local Philippine branch of 'Usama bin Ladin's transnational al-Qa'ida network.

### JEMAAH ISLAMIYAH (JI)

Southeast Asian militant extremist Islamist terror group dedicated to the establishment of an Islamic state in Southeast Asia

al-Qaeda and its Southeast Asian affiliate organization Jemaah Islamiyah, want to create a **Pan-Islamic state**.

### AL QAEDA

Al Qaeda affiliates such as the Jemaah Islamiyah and Abu Sayyaf Group to Islamic State in Southeast Asia, particularly in Indonesia, which is the epicentre of IS in the region even though its regional operational base is presently in southern Philippines

### GOVERNMENT

According to former New Tribes Missionary Gracia Burnham, who was held hostage by the ASG, "The Abu Sayyaf told us [its] source was none other than the Philippine army itself. ... I was amazed. The fact that such firepower could quite possibly wind up killing one's fellow soldiers seemed not to matter at all."

Also, Burnham wrote that the military wasn't just providing weaponry. In January 2002, she says, the food supply was plentiful for "a most unusual reason".

In the article of R de Silva, "except that one will not be surprised to witness another Abu Sabaya scenario that is Isnilon Hapilon will successfully disappear in Marawi and will be somewhere else where he will be again needed."

## MEGA JIHADIST GROUP

Iraq's vice president said rival terror groups ISIS and Al Qaeda are exchanging ideas on ways to join forces. Talk of the terror groups working together could help raise more military aid.

## ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA (ISIS) (Central Daesh)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Through the leadership of Isnilon Hapilon, made bayah (pledge of allegiance) to the Islamic State Group (ISG). The bayah is made between the central Daesh and the purported caliphate.

The five Islamic Jihadists have all pledged allegiance to the ISIS and to AL Baghdadi and made their bayah to build a wilayat (province) in their own respective areas but notable there have been no expressed reciprocity from the center (Daesh) and the purported caliphate/province. Lately it has been announced that the four groups have merged as one and recognized Isnilon Hapilon as their Emir.

### Legend:

- Direct connection
- - - - - In direct connection/break away
- ..... Insufficient evidence

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