

Resolution Creating a Joint Monitoring Contingent (JMC) to Oversee the Peace Situation in Upper Minabay, Buldon, Maguindanao

Whereas, the Agreement for General Cessation of Hostilities was signed by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) on July 18, 1997 in Cagayan de Oro City;

Whereas, pursuant to the implementation of the February 6, 1998 Agreement, a joint meeting of the GRP-MILF Sub-Committees on Cessation of Hostilities (SCCH) was held on October 15-16, 1998 at the Da'wah Center, Crossing Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao;

Whereas, during the said meeting, the Quick Response Team (QRT) submitted its Reports dated September 27, 1998 and October 3, 1998, regarding its discussions and findings on encounters and skirmishes between the GRP and the MILF in the Buldon area;

Whereas, incorporated in the aforementioned QRT Reports are recommendations addressed to the GRP and MILF intended to remove and prevent confrontational situations which may adversely affect the current momentum in the quest for a just and lasting peace in Mindanao;

Now, therefore, the GRP-MILF Sub-Committees on Cessation of Hostilities (SCCH) do hereby resolve the following:

1. The GRP shall reposition its forces by five (5) kilometers air distance from Banganan River at a reference point to be jointly established by the GRP-MILF SCCH and the QRT. The MILF shall not occupy the said vacated area.
2. The GRP shall implement paragraph 2 of the Agreement to Sustain the Quest for Peace entered into between the GRP and MILF on February 6, 1998 in Marawi City regarding the suspension of logging operations by Cotabato Timber Company, Incorporated (CTCI) in the vacated area.
3. The GRP and MILF shall establish a Joint Monitoring Contingent (JMC) at Sultan Base, Upper Minabay, Buldon, Maguindanao composed of twenty-three (23) personnel each from the PNP and the MILF to be selected by the QRT. Furthermore, the QRT shall exercise leadership, supervision and direction over the JMC in monitoring the implementation of the February 6, 1998 Agreement. Likewise, it shall provide a component to the JMC consisting of ten (10) civilian personnel.

Entered this 16th day of October 1998 at Da'wah Center, Crossing Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.

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