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| <b>Country/entity</b>      | Philippines<br>Mindanao  |
| <b>Region</b>              | Asia and Pacific         |
| <b>Agreement name</b>      | Joint Statement          |
| <b>Date</b>                | 3 Jun 2022               |
| <b>Agreement status</b>    | Multiparty signed/agreed |
| <b>Interim arrangement</b> | Yes                      |

**Agreement/conflict level** Intrastate/intrastate conflict

### **Philippine Insurgencies (1968 - )**

The Maoist Insurgencies (1968 - )

Philippines-NDF

The Philippines have been defined by a series of center-periphery and often ideologically Maoist, separatist insurgencies. The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), began its war against the central Philippine government in 1968 through their armed wing – the New People’s Army (NPA). Further legitimacy was gained through the establishment of the National Democratic Front (NDF) in 1973. Grievances were predominantly opposed to the corruption and repression under the authoritarian Marcos regime.

Philippines-Cordillera

With the overthrow of Marcos’ regime in 1986, the CPP factionalized further to take on more localized characteristics. The Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army (CPLA) broke away from the NDF in 1986 to focus on the protection of the Cordilleran people and land in northern Luzon. Hostilities were formally ended in July 2011, with an agreement signed between the central government, the CPLA and the Cordillera Bodong Administration (CBA) that allowed for the absorption of CPLA fighters into the Philippine Army and the re-working of the CBA-CPLA into a socio-development organisation.

Philippines-RPM-P

Meanwhile, purge among the CPP in the early 1990s, encouraged the formation of a parallel party, the Revolutionary Workers Party (RPM-P). Their armed wing, the Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) which had carried out a number of assassinations during the 1980s at the bequest of the CPP, followed suit and allied themselves with the RPM-P in 1997 forming the (RPM-P-RPA-ABB). Severely weakened by the split with the CPP and with the arrest of several key figures, the RPM-P-RPA-ABB signed a peace agreement in December 2000, which encouraged the RPM-P’s branch in Mindanao to break away in 2001.

The CPP-NPA has only participated in intermittent talks with the government. Talks halted in 2004 when Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo’s administration sought closer ties with the U.S. in the war on terror and added the CPP-NPA to the list of terrorist organisations, renewing violence. Following the launch of a counter-insurgency by the Philippine government, negotiations have been further delayed due to suspected internal differences between the CPP ‘old guard’ and younger members.

The Moro Insurgency (1968 - )

Philippines-Mindanao

The Moro Insurgency began in 1968, in Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago after the killing of Moro Commandos, the so-called Jabidah Massacre, by the Philippine Army following a plot to invade Sabah province in Malaysia. The Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) captured a swath of territory in the mid-1970s. In an attempt to stem the violence, the constitution was reformed and Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) was created 1990 granting a devolution of power to the provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. Following the establishment of the ARMM, the MNLF splintered into a range of smaller groups including Islamic factions such as the

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| <b>Stage</b>           | Implementation/renegotiation   |
| <b>Conflict nature</b> | Government/territory   |
| <b>Peace process</b>   | Philippines - Mindanao process   |
| <b>Parties</b>         | <p>FOR THE GPH:<br/> USEC. DAVID B. DICIANO<br/> Chair, GPH Peace Implementing Panel</p> <p>FOR THE MILF:<br/> MOHAGHER IQBAL<br/> Chair MILF Peace Implementing Panel</p> |
| <b>Third parties</b>   | -  |
| <b>Description</b>     | Joint statement which reaffirms parties commitments to implementation of the Bangsamoro peace process.   |

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| <b>Agreement document</b> | <a href="#">PH_220603_Joint Statement.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a> |
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## **Groups**

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| <b>Children/youth</b>                    | No specific mention. |
| <b>Disabled persons</b>                  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Elderly/age</b>                       | No specific mention. |
| <b>Migrant workers</b>                   | No specific mention. |
| <b>Racial/ethnic/<br/>national group</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Religious groups</b>                  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Indigenous people</b>                 | No specific mention. |
| <b>Other groups</b>                      | No specific mention. |
| <b>Refugees/displaced<br/>persons</b>    | No specific mention. |
| <b>Social class</b>                      | No specific mention. |

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## **Gender**

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| <b>Women, girls and<br/>gender</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Men and boys</b>                | No specific mention. |
| <b>LGBTI</b>                       | No specific mention. |
| <b>Family</b>                      | No specific mention. |

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## **State definition**

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| <b>Nature of state<br/>(general)</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>State configuration</b>           | No specific mention. |

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/  
secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/  
unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border  
provision** No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

**Political  
institutions (new or  
reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral  
commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties  
reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** No specific mention.

**Traditional/  
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public  
administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

**Political power sharing** No specific mention.

**Territorial power sharing** No specific mention.

**Economic power sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power sharing** No specific mention.

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## **Human rights and equality**

**Human rights/RoL general** No specific mention.

**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation** No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights** No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights** No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

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| <b>Citizenship</b>             | No specific mention. |
| <b>Democracy</b>               | No specific mention. |
| <b>Detention procedures</b>    | No specific mention. |
| <b>Media and communication</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Mobility/access</b>         | No specific mention. |
| <b>Protection measures</b>     | No specific mention. |
| <b>Other</b>                   | No specific mention. |

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## **Rights institutions**

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| <b>NHRI</b>  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b> | No specific mention. |

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## **Justice sector reform**

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| <b>Criminal justice and emergency law</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>State of emergency provisions</b>      | No specific mention. |
| <b>Judiciary and courts</b>               | No specific mention. |
| <b>Prisons and detention</b>              | No specific mention. |
| <b>Traditional Laws</b>                   | No specific mention. |

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
Page 1,  
2. The Panels shall continue to discuss the socioeconomic packages for decommissioned combatants;

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** No specific mention.

**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian rights or access** No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

**Security Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.



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| <b>Police</b>                                       | <p>Page 1,<br/>7. The Panels agree to create a technical working group (TWG) for the police force for the Bangsamoro that will make recommendations including the drafting of executive issuances;</p>   |
| <b>Armed forces</b>                                 | No specific mention.   |
| <b>DDR</b>  | <p>Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes</p> <p>Page 1,<br/>2. The Panels shall continue to discuss the socioeconomic packages for decommissioned combatants;</p> <p>Page 1,<br/>4.The Study Group shall submit its report on the Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) program for other MILF weapons to the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC), and the JNC shall submit its report to the Panels;</p> <p>Page 1,<br/>5. The MILF Panel shall study the GPH Panel proposal on the involvement of the Bangsamoro Government, particularly the Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS) in the disbandment of private armed groups;</p> <p>Page 1,<br/>6. The Panels agree to include humanitarian reasons in the qualifications for the issuance of safe conduct passes to MILF personalities, pending the effectivity of the amnesty process, but the GPH Panel shall decide on a case-to-case basis the qualification for humanitarian reasons;</p> |
| <b>Intelligence services</b>                        | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b> | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>                 | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Corruption</b>                                   | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Crime/organised crime</b>                        | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Drugs</b>  | No specific mention.   |
| <b>Terrorism</b>                                    | No specific mention.   |

## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Power to amnesty  
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6. The Panels agree to include humanitarian reasons in the qualifications for the issuance of safe conduct passes to MILF personalities, pending the effectivity of the amnesty process, but the GPH Panel shall decide on a case-to-case basis the qualification for humanitarian reasons;

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** Page 1,  
8. The Panels advise the joint TWG on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR) to also invite international experts to provide advice on the crafting of the TJR roadmap;

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** Page 1,  
1. The GPH Panel shall communicate to the MILF Panel the proposal of the GPH for the transition of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) for the immediate resolution of the IMT's status;

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| <b>Enforcement mechanism</b> | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Related cases</b>         | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Source</b>                | Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity<br><a href="https://peace.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/32nd-Panels-Meeting-Joint-Statement.pdf">https://peace.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/32nd-Panels-Meeting-Joint-Statement.pdf</a><br><a href="https://peace.gov.ph/2022/06/gph-milf-peace-implementing-panels-reaffirm-steadfast-commitment-to-bangsamoro-peace-process/">https://peace.gov.ph/2022/06/gph-milf-peace-implementing-panels-reaffirm-steadfast-commitment-to-bangsamoro-peace-process/</a> |

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