

Country/entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Resolution No. 3 A Resolution to Cease Hostilities at Datu Plang, Shariff Aguak, and Talayan, Maguindanao (Resolution to Cease Hostilities in 3 Municipalities of Maguindanao)
Date	24 Oct 1998
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	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

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Philippines - Mindanao process
Parties	MGen. Santos B. Gabison Jr., AFP, GRP Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities Chairman; Atty. Lanang S. Ali, MILF Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities Chairman
Third parties	Witnesses: Hon. Zacaria A. Candao, Province of Maguindanao Governor; Fr. Eliseo R. Mercado Jr., OMI, Quick Response Team (QRT) Chairman
Description	Agreement on Resolution No. 3 for the immediate cessation of hostilities at Datu Piang, Sharrif Aguak, and Talayan Maguindanao, where both the GRP-AFP and the MILF-BIAF shall reposition their forces to the "Status Ante Bellum". The Resolution also calls for the IFFC to conduct an investigation into the root causes of the conflicted area, and for both Parties to strictly adhere to Articles II and III of the Implementing Operational Guidelines of the GRP-MILF Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities.
Agreement document	PH_981024_Resolution No 3.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF

Groups

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

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	No specific mention.
State configuration	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.

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.

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.

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.

Rights related issues

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

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

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.

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.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

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Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 1, Untitled Preamble

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 1997 in Cagayan de Oro City;

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[...] NOW, THEREFORE, the GRP-MILF Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities (SCC) based on the finding and recommendations of the Chairman of the Quick Response Team do hereby resolve the following:

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Page 1, 3. The MILF-BIAF shall reposition their forces within the defense perimeter of Camp Omar and the GRP-AFP shall, likewise, reposition their forces along the National Highway.

Page 1, 4. That both parties shall strictly adhere to the Implementing Operational Guidelines of the GRP-MILF Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities, particularly Article II and III, signed on November 14, 1997 at Marawi City.

Page 2, 5. To immediately stop the armed confrontation to deescalate the conflict in Datu Piang, Shariff Aguak, and Talayan, Maguindanao.

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Police

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Armed forces

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DDR

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Intelligence services

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Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 1, Untitled Preamble</p> <p>[...] NOW, THEREFORE, the GRP-MILF Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities (SCC) based on the finding and recommendations of the Chairman of the Quick Response Team do hereby resolve the following:</p> <p>Page 1, 1. That the GRP-AFP and the MILF-BIAF effect an immediate cessation of hostilities in the said areas following the letter and the spirit of Agreement on General Cessation of Hostilities signed last July 18, 1997.</p> <p>Page 1, 2. That the GRP-AFP and the MILF-BIAF reposition their armed forces to the "Status Ante Bellum".</p> <p>Page 1, 3. The MILF-BIAF shall reposition their forces within the defense perimeter of Camp Omar and the GRP-AFP shall, likewise, reposition their forces along the National Highway.</p> <p>Page 1, 4. That both parties shall strictly adhere to the Implementing Operational Guidelines of the GRP-MILF Agreement on the General Cessation of Hostilities, particularly Article II and III, signed on November 14, 1997 at Marawi City.</p> <p>Page 2, 5. To immediately stop the armed confrontation to deescalate the conflict in Datu Piang, Shariff Aguak, and Talayan, Maguindanao.</p> <p>Page 2, 6. To direct the chairman of the Independent Fact-Finding (IFFC) to convene the IFFC to conduct fact-finding inquiries on the root causes of the armed conflict between the GRP-AFP and the MILF-BIAF in the areas of Datu Piang, Shariff Aguak, and Talayan, Maguindanao and submit the report to the CCCH with utmost dispatch.</p>
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.
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Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.

Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
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.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.

Source	GRP-MILF Peace Process: Compilation of Signed Agreements & other related Documents (1997-2010); (MILF Peace Panel/Asia Foundation, 2010), pp. 47-48.
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