

Call for the cessation of hostilities in Patikul, Sulu

October 28, 2012, legitimate members of the Moro National Liberation Front-MNLF of the Lupah Sug State Revolutionary Committee under State Chairman Khaid Ajibon encountered elements of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Sitio Dundangan, Barangay Buhanginan Darayan, Patikul, Sulu.

The MNLF mujahideens engage by the AFP were under Commander Tahir Sali- Vice Chairman for Military of the Lupah Sug State Revolutionary Committee.



Field report states that the firefight started when elements of the Philippine Marines 6 Landing Team operating against members of the Abu Sayyaf Group of Commander Radulan Sahiron run into the MNLF mujahideens nearby


It was learned that members of the MNLF mujahideens harvested coconut in the area the day before the fighting. They came back the following morning to check on the copra but elements of the Philippine Marines 6 Landing Team were already in the area and fired at the MNLF mujahideens which triggered the fighting. Several fatalities and wounded in action on both sides were reported since yesterday.

In the name of peace and in the spirit of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement between the MNLF and the GPH, and the preservation of lives and properties of the affected civilians as embodied in the International Humanitarian Law, we the concern MNLF leaders call the involved parties to:

1. Restrain their respective armed forces from further offensives;
2. To disengage and reposition their respective troops; and,
3. To commit to a ceasefire.

We further call the Panels of the MNLF-GPH-OIC Tripartite Review for the immediate reactivation of the Joint Monitoring Committee to address similar incidents.


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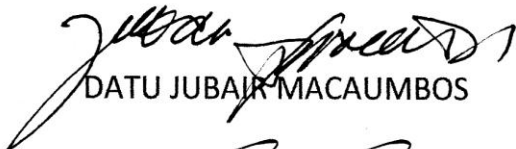

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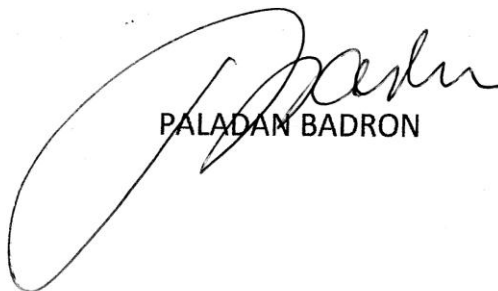
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