



Insights on Abu Sayyaf Group & Combatting Terrorism

SEQUENCE OF PRESENTATION

- Situation
- Insights on ASG
- Terrorism
- Government's Approach
- Assessment

SITUATION

- Formed in the early 1990s
- Aims to establish an independent theocratic Islamic society in Mindanao
- Sub-groups remain mutually supportive despite their decentralized operation

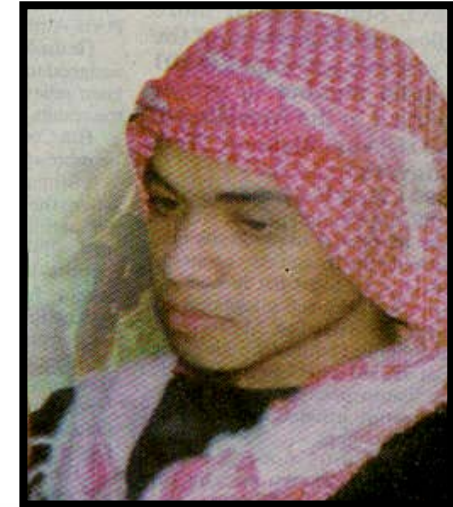


**Abdurajak Abubakar
JANJALANI**
*Founder of ASG
Former MNLF Member*



SITUATION

- **1998: Death of Abubakar**
- **Veered on its ideological orientation and degenerated into criminal activities**
- **Became prominent on its KFR activities during Khadaffy's time**



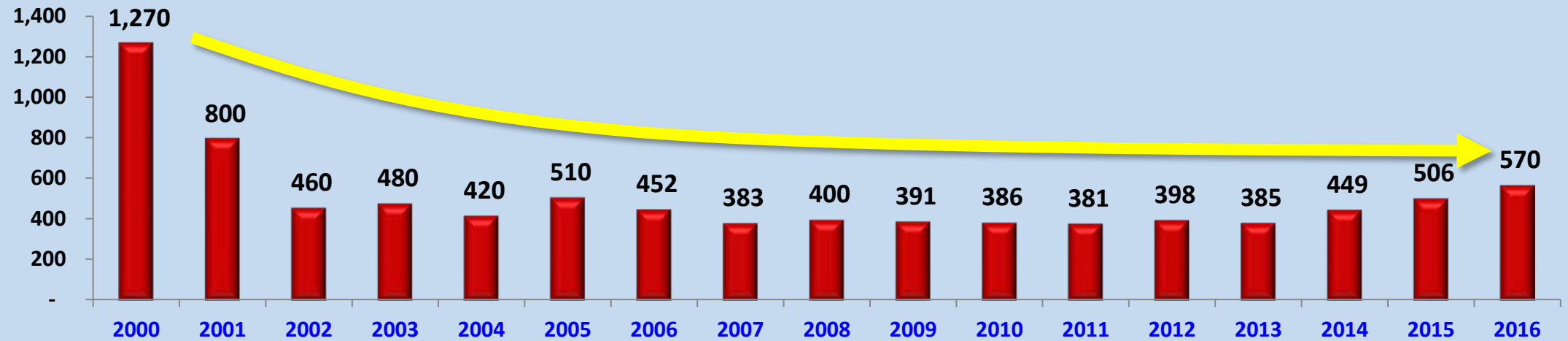
**Khadaffy
JANJALANI**



SITUATION

**ASG Manpower
(2000 - 2016)**

About **100** armed lawless elements (LLEs) collaborate with ASG



MANPOWER

570

FIREARMS

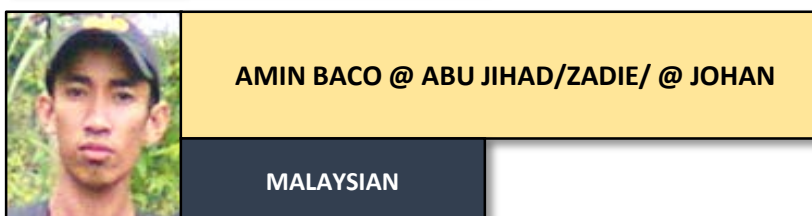
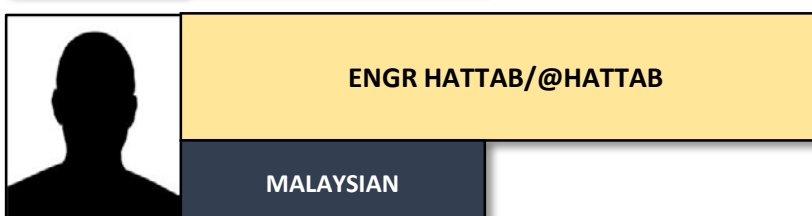
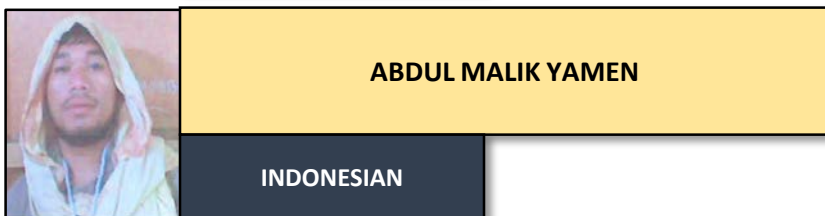
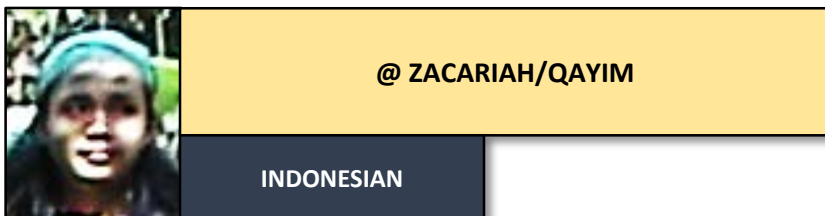
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AFFECTED BRGYS

125

SITUATION

8 FTs monitored in the country as of this date



WATCHLISTED	
INDONESIAN	14
BANGLADESH	1
SINGAPOREAN	1
MALAYSIAN	5
PAKISTANI	1
UNDET	5
TOTAL	27

**FOREIGN TERRORISTS PROPAGATE ISLAM IN INTERIOR COMMUNITIES BUT
RADICALIZE THEIR RECRUITS FOR TERRORISM.**

MAUTE GROUP

- Since the reported arrival of HAPILON in Butig, Lanao Del Sur late last year
 - *Focused on jointly planning terrorist and criminal activities with the former*
 - *HAPILON is believed to have been wounded in one of the government offensives in Lanao del Sur*
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INSIGHTS ON ASG

Node of Recruitment GG

- Religious Organizations
- Muslim Organizations
- Community
- Youth & Students

Source

- Blood Relations
- Friends & Associates
- Economic Benefits

Factors

- Wahhabism
- Radicalism
- Extremism

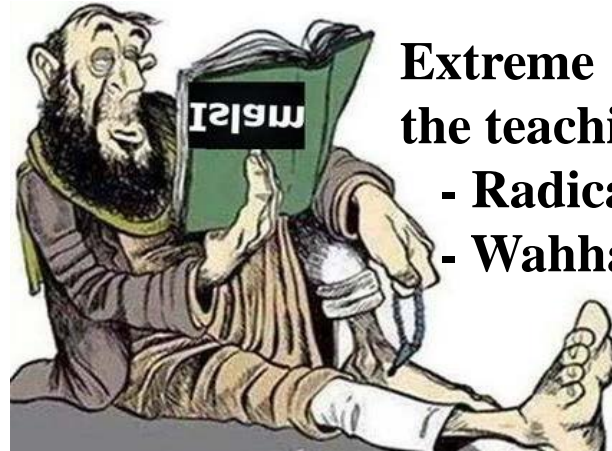
Ideology



LTG Fighters

INSIGHTS ON ASG

SOCIO ECONOMIC INDUCERS



Extreme interpretation of the teachings of Islam

- Radicalization
- Wahhabism



INCREASED OF POWER FACTOR,
CONVENIENT MEANS OF
LIVELIHOOD



- Poverty
- Illiteracy
- Lack of Opportunity
- Governance

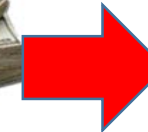
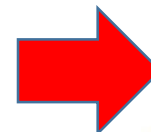


KIDNAP FOR
RANSOM

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES



ILLEGAL DRUGS



ECONOMIC
BENEFITS

INSIGHTS ON ASG

- **Jan 2016 to date:** A total of 24 kidnappings, victimizing 82 individuals, mostly foreigners
 - *Majority of kidnappings are sea-borne crimes going after maritime vessels and their crew*



- 45 Released
- 4 Beheaded
- 2 Escaped
- 2 Rescued

INSIGHTS ON ASG

FACTORS AFFECTING CONFLICT

Push Factors

- Poverty
- Illiteracy
- Poor Governance
- Culture of violence

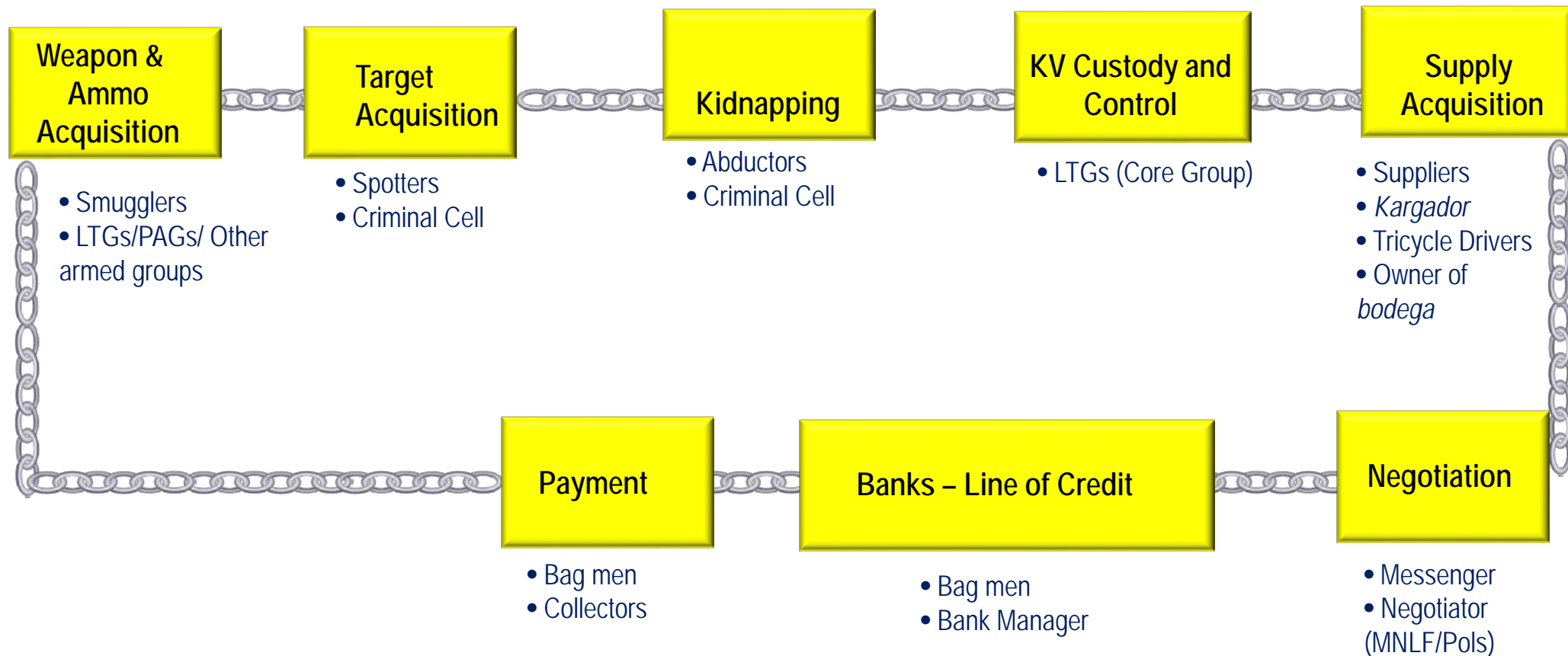
Pull Factors

- Economic Benefits from Illegal activities
- Affiliation with LTGs
- Extreme interpretation of Islamic teachings
- Anti-colonialist struggle of the people
- Extremism (Radicalism, Wahhabism)
- Salafi thought brought about by Islamic scholars educated abroad
- Local and international support for LTGs



INSIGHTS ON ASG

CHAIN OF KFR ACTIVITIES



The LTG's KFR has become an “enterprise” in which everyone earns including the members of the local communities.

KIDNAPPING & TERRORISM

ASG-INITIATED VIOLENT INCIDENTS (1991 ONWARD)



Bombing of M/V Doulos
(1991)



Ipil Carnage
(1995)



Sipadan Kidnapping
(2000)



Dos Palmas Kidnapping
(2001)



Super Ferry bombing
(2004)



Valentine's Day bombing
(2005)



Batasan Bombing
(2007)



BEHEADING OF KV
(2016)

KIDNAPPING & TERRORISM

- **11 Apr 2017: Encounter with ASG elements**

- 4 KIAs (3 AFP / 1 PNP) and 10 fatalities
- ASG Sub-Leader @ ABU RAMI and 5 others were killed on the enemy side



Muammar ASKALI
@ABU RAMI
ASG Sub-Leader



Joselito Melloria
@Abu Alih



- **22 Apr 2017: Encounters in Sitio Lagsing Brgy Bacani, Clarin**

- Killed: Joselito Melloria @Abu Alih and 3 others



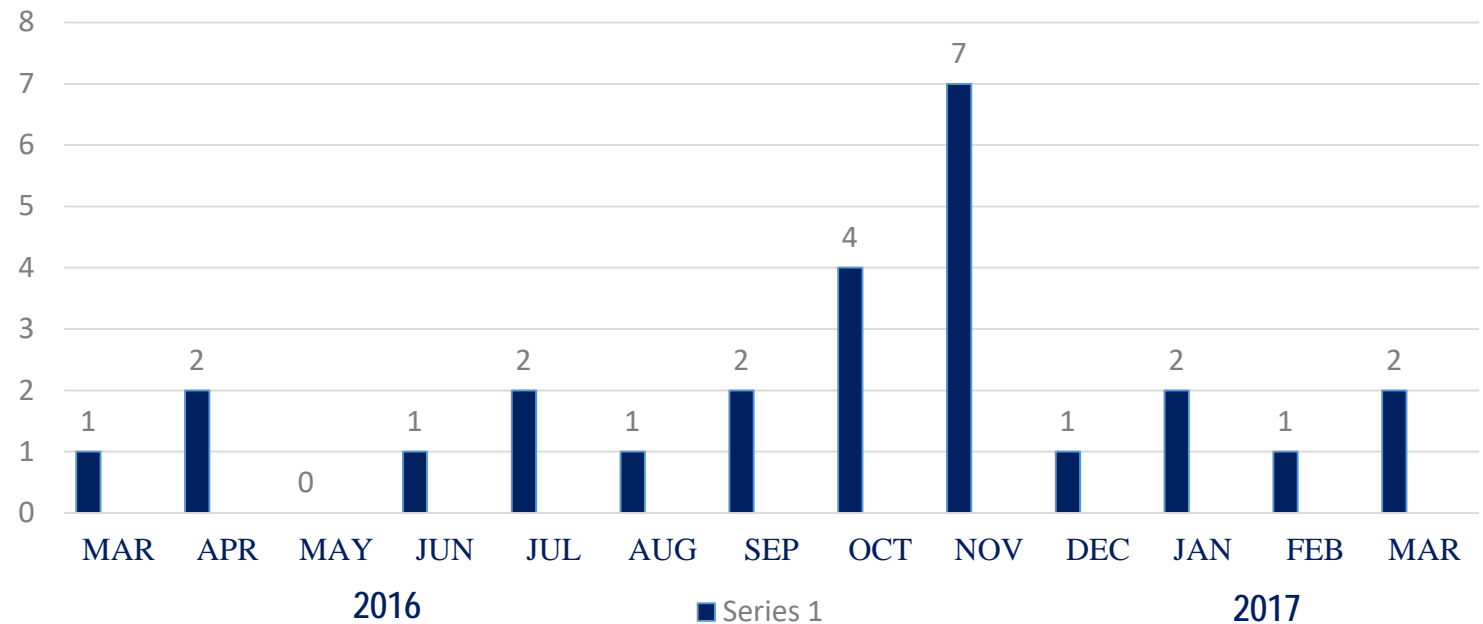
3 OTHERS KILLED

KIDNAPPING & TERRORISM

- ASG GENERATED HUGE SUM OF MONEY AS THEY SUCCESSFULLY ABDUCTED FOREIGN & LOCAL WEALTHY MEN IN THE MINANAO



KIDNAPPING INCIDENT PER MONTH



GOVERNMENT APPROACH

STRATEGIC CONCEPTS

1. Whole-of-Government Approach

- Synergy of inter-agency effort
- Using all pertinent government capabilities and resources to bear on the problem

2. Focused Government Operations (*FGO*)

- Comprehensive Operations – targeting all aspects of the problem
- Intensified Tactical Operations against Terror Groups (*ASG*)

GOVERNMENT APPROACH

COMPREHENSIVE EFFORTS

1. Decimation of ASG
2. Sever transit lines between Malaysia, Indonesia and PH
(*Entry Islets, Sea Lanes & Transit Points*)
3. Hardening of potential target sites (*e.g. resorts, sailors, etc..*)
4. Track and cut logistic lines and money trails
5. Registration of boats and other sea vessels
6. Purposive immigration monitoring
7. Strengthen Malaysia-Indonesia-Philippine cooperation
8. Speedy Investigation, Case Build up and Prosecution

GOVERNMENT APPROACH

INTENSIFIED TACTICAL OPERATIONS AGAINST KFR GROUPS (*ASG*)

1. **Deny** – Restrict terror groups freedom of action, “**make it hard**” for them to undertake terroristic activities.
2. **Contain** – Prevent expansion of terror groups areas of operations and influenced areas.
3. **Neutralize** – Degrade the terror groups (*ASG*) armed capabilities, Neutralize key group leaders, Arrest and Prosecute.

GOVERNMENT APPROACH

GOVERNMENT INITIATED OPERATIONS (01 January – date)

Activities/Accomplishments	Nr
Encounter	28
Discovery of Enemy Camp	11
Recovery of FAs	5
Apprehension	10
Surrender	15
Recovery of Explosives	2
Recovery of IED	4
Raid	1
Air Strike/ Fire Support	4
TOTAL	80

			10:1			SCOREBOARD				40:1			
GOVT FATALITY			ENEMY NEUTRALIZED			GAINS		LOSSES		RECOVERY			
KIA	WIA	MIA	KILLED	SURRENDERED	APPREHENDED	HP	LP	HP	LP	IED	ENCP	OTHER	
14	102		66	52	18	113	9	3		8	10		

ASSESSMENT

- **ASG kidnapping operations veered toward areas that are potential tourist-drawers and far away from their traditional strongholds and operational areas**
 - **Indicates desperation to obtain funds for survival and replenishment of logistics**
- **KFR Targets are Crew of maritime vessels transiting the waters off Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Sabah.**
- **Deployment of troops in Western Mindanao and increase MARPAT reduced their movements for kidnapping activities.**



Ends of Presentation