

Agreement by the Government of the Philippines (GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to further give meaning and substance to the general cessation of hostilities by hastening the return of the evacuees in Pikit, North Cotabato and Pagalungan, Maguindanao;

NOW, THEREFORE, the GRP-MILF Sub-Committee on Cessation of Hostilities agree, as they hereby agree, on the following:

1. The GRP will gradually reposition its forces in Rajamuda and its environs to their original positions before June 16, 1997 and will continue to secure the Cotabato City-Davao City highway to insure the safety of travelers. The gradual repositioning of the GRP forces shall be completed within fifteen (15) days after the signing of this agreement;
2. The GRP and MILF shall encourage the return of evacuees to their respective residences. MILF elements who are residents of the area shall be allowed to return to their homes immediately, however, they will not establish military outposts/positions nor display firearms.
3. Law enforcement in the aforementioned areas shall be primarily undertaken by the GRP authorities, provided, however, that before the conduct thereof, prior coordination/consultation shall be made with the nearest MILF designated liaison in the area.

This Agreement shall take effect on the 4th day of September, 1997.

SO AGREED.

DONE in the City of Cotabato, Philippines, this 3rd day of September, 1997.

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For the MILF:

**ATTY. OMAR B. UMPAR
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