

I. History of Sultan Kudarat

Sultan Kudarat was part of the former empire province of Cotabato, until its creation as an independent province (along with Maguindanao and North Cotabato) on November 22, 1973, through Presidential Decree No. 341 signed by President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

The name Sultan Kudarat given to the province was derived from the Muslim ruler, Sultan Muhammad Dipatuan Kudarat who begun to assert his leadership in the year 1619 and reigned in the Sultanate of Maguindanao from 1625 to 1671. He is considered a national hero, and in his honor the province was named after him.

II. Special Occasions

The province celebrates Kalimudan Festival every 22nd day of November. A Festival depicting unity along diverse people of the province representing different culture, religion and tradition. Each municipality also celebrates a distinct festivity, namely:

- a. Bansadayaw (Bagumbayan).....September 10
- b. Kastifun (Columbio).....August 6
- c. Hinabyog (Esperanza).....November 22
- d. Pasundayag (Isulan).....September 12
- e. Salagaan (Kalamansig)December 29
- f. Timpuyog (Lambayong).....October 29
- g. Hinugyaw (Lebak).....August 18
- h. Kanduli (Lutayan).....October 12
- i. Kaiilang (Palimbang).....May 14
- j. Sambuyawan (Pres. Quirino).....November 22
- k. Sulok (Sen. Ninoy Aquino).....February 17
- l. Talakudong (Tacurong City).....September 18
- m. Inugyunay (Tacurong City).....December 23