

Republic of the Philippines
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO
PROVINCE OF SULU



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Capitol, Patikul, Sulu

PROCLAMATION NO. 01, Series 2009 **Declaring a State of Emergency in the Province of Sulu**

WHEREAS, the Abu Sayyaf bandits led by Commander Albader Parad have kidnapped three (3) ICRC workers in Sulu last 15 January 2009;

WHEREAS, this is a terroristic act which is a heinous crime that deserves to be punished to the fullest extent of the law;

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Human Security Act (RA 9372), terrorism is defined as an act whereby any person who commits Kidnapping and Serious Illegal Detention, among others, to sow and create a condition of widespread and extraordinary fear and panic among the populace and coerce the government to give in to an unlawful demand;

WHEREAS, this dastardly act as well as other kidnapping cases perpetrated by the group, if not properly addressed, may inspire and embolden other lawless elements in the province to commit similar acts of terrorism;

WHEREAS, under Section 465 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160), the Chief Executive of the province may carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

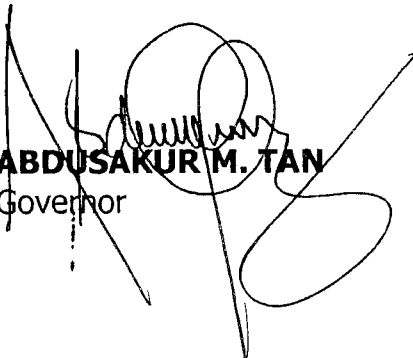
WHEREAS, under the same section, the Provincial Governor may call upon the appropriate national law enforcement agencies to suppress disorder, riot, lawless violence, rebellion or sedition or to apprehend violators of the law when public interest so requires and the police forces of the component city or municipality where the disorder or violation is happening are inadequate to cope with the situation or the violators; and

WHEREAS, as an offshoot of the kidnapping, a Joint Task Force was formed wherein the incumbent Governor of Sulu as Chairman of the Provincial Crisis Management Committee, may order the deployment of military and police personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN ME BY LAW, I, ABDUSAKUR MAHAIL TAN, GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF SULU, DO HEREBY DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE PROVINCE OF SULU, AND CALL ON THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE CIVILIAN EMERGENCY FORCE TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING:

1. The setting-up of checkpoints and chokepoints in the province;
2. The imposition of curfew for the entire province subject to such Guidelines as may be issued by the proper authorities;
3. The conduct of General Search and Seizure including arrests in the pursuit of the kidnapers and their supporters; and
4. To conduct such other actions or police operations as may be necessary to ensure public safety.

DONE AT THE PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, PROVINCE OF SULU THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH 2009.


ABDUSAKUR M. TAN
Governor