

Anti-Terrorism Council

Resolution Number 13 (2020)

DESIGNATION OF ISLAMIC STATE EAST ASIA, MAUTE GROUP, DAULAH ISLAMIYAH, AND OTHER ASSOCIATED GROUPS AS TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND/OR GROUPS OF PERSONS

WHEREAS, it is declared a policy of the State to protect life, liberty, and property from acts of terrorism, to condemn terrorism as inimical and dangerous to the national security of the country and to the welfare of the people, and to make terrorism a crime against the Filipino people, against humanity, and against the law of nations;

WHEREAS, Section 45 of the Republic Act No. 11479, or the 'Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA) of 2020', created the Anti-Terrorism Council (ATC) to implement the ATA and assume the responsibility for the proper and effective implementation of the policies of the country against terrorism;

WHEREAS, paragraph 1 of Section 25 of the ATA states that, "Pursuant to our obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) No. 1373, the ATC shall automatically adopt the United Nations Security Council Consolidated List of designated individuals, group of persons, organizations, or associations designated and/or identified as a terrorist, one who finances terrorism, or a terrorist organization or group";

WHEREAS, on 17 December 2015, the United Nations (UN) adopted UNSCR No. 2253 on ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List, "reaffirming that terrorism in all forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious

threats to peace and security and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable regardless of their motivations, whenever, wherever, and by whomsoever committed, and reiterating its unequivocal condemnation of Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as Da'esh), Al-Qaida, and associated individuals, groups, undertakings, and entities for ongoing and multiple criminal terrorist acts aimed at causing the deaths of innocent civilians and other victims, destruction of property, and greatly undermining stability”;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as a UN member-state, has an obligation to take the aforesaid measures “with respect to all individuals, groups, undertakings, and entities included in the list created pursuant to UNSCR Nos. 1267 (1999), 1333 (2000), 1989 (2011), 2083 (2012), and 2161 (2014), regardless of the nationality or residence of such individuals, groups, undertakings, or entities”;

WHEREAS, some militant groups in the Philippines pledged allegiance to the ISIL (Da'esh) and to its erstwhile leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, following the declaration of the caliphate in June 2014 after the group took control of large swathes of land straddling Iraq and Syria;

WHEREAS, paragraph 3 of Section 25 of the ATA states that, “The ATC may designate an individual, groups of persons, organization, or association, whether domestic or foreign, upon a finding of probable cause that the individual, groups of persons, organization, or association commit, or attempt to commit, or conspire in the commission of the acts defined and penalized under Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12” of the ATA;

WHEREAS, the Marawi siege in 2017 has served as a paradigm for like-minded groups and personalities in Southeast Asia and other parts of the

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globe to join the militants in southern Philippines in their ambition to establish a caliphate in Mindanao, as what the Da'esh leadership has been advocating;

WHEREAS, under Section 3 (e)(1) of Republic Act No. 10168, otherwise known as 'The Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012', designated persons refer to "any person or entity designated and/or identified as a terrorist, one who finances terrorism, or a terrorist organization or group under the applicable United Nations Security Council resolution or by another jurisdiction or supranational jurisdiction";

WHEREAS, on 12 September 2017, Australia designated the Islamic State East Asia (also known as Islamic State-Philippines, Ansharul Khilafah Philippines, Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters-Bungos, Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters-Abubakar, Jama'atu al-Muhajirin wal Ansar fil Filibin, Dawlah Islamiyah-Torayfie Group, Dawlah Islamiyah-Lanao, Islamic State Lanao, Islamic State Ranao, Maute Group, Dawlatul Islamiyah Waliyatul Masrik, Wilayah East Asia and Syuful Khalifah Fi Luzon) as a terrorist organization;

WHEREAS, on 28 February 2018, the United States (US) designated ISIS-Philippines (also known as ISIS in the Philippines, ISIL Philippines, ISIL in the Philippines, IS Philippines, ISP, Islamic State in the Philippines, Islamic State in Iraq and Syria in South-East Asia, Dawlatul Islamiyah, Waliyatul Masrik, DIWM, Dawlatul Islamiyyah Waliyatul Mashriq, IS East Asia Division, ISIS Branch in the Philippines and ISIS' Philippines Province) and the Maute Group (also known as IS-Ranao and Islamic State of Lanao) as Specially Designated Global Terrorists;

WHEREAS, on 21 March 2018, New Zealand followed suit by designating the Maute Group (also known as Islamic State in Lanao; Islamic State of Lanao; Islamic State Lanao; IS-Ranao; Lions of IS Ranao; Daulah Islamiyah Fi Ranao; Dawla Islamiya Ranao; Islamic State in the Southern Philippines; Islamic State

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East Asia; Maute ISIS; Grupong ISIS; Grupo ISIS; and, Khilafah Islamiyah Mindanao [KIM]), as a terrorist organization; and

WHEREAS, following the fall of the physical caliphate in Syria in 2019, the global counter ISIL (Da'esh) efforts have increasingly focused on ISIL's (Da'esh) regional affiliates, many of which possess the plain intent and evident capability to launch potentially devastating attacks.

NOW, THEREFORE, the ATC, by virtue of the powers vested in us by Section 45 of the ATA, and upon finding probable cause pursuant to paragraph 3 of Section 25 of the ATA based on evidence submitted by the AFP and PNP, and their designation as terrorist organizations by other jurisdictions, do hereby designate the following groups as terrorists: (1) Islamic State in Iraq and Syria in South-East Asia, (2) Dawlatul Islamiyah Waliyatul Masrik, (3) Dawlatul Islamiyyah Waliyatul Mashriq, (4) IS East Asia Division, (5) Maute Group, (6) Islamic State East Asia, (7) Maute ISIS, (8) Grupong ISIS, (9) Grupo ISIS, (10) Khilafah Islamiyah, (11) KIM, (12) Ansharul Khilafah, (13) Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters-Bungos, (14) Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters-Abubakar, (15) Jama'atu al-Muhajirin wal Ansar fil Filibin, (16) Daulah Islamiyah, and (17) other Daesh-affiliated groups in the Philippines.

APPROVED, this **9th day of December 2020** in the City of Manila.

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I hereby approve Resolution No. 13 and affix my signature in accordance with the Protocol for the Signing of Anti-Terrorism Council Resolutions during the New Normal.

APPROVED, this **9th day** of **December 2020** in the City of Quezon.

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