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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Interim Cessation of Hostilities in Buldon, Maguindanao
Date	27 Jan 1997
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Philippine Insurgencies (1968 -))
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Philippines - Mindanao process
Parties	M/Gen. Joselin B. Nazareno, AFP, GRP Committee on Cessation of Hostilities Chairman Atty. Lanang Ali, MILF Committee on Cessation of Hostilities Chairman
Third parties	-
Description	Provincial Governor of Maguindanao to provide assistance to insure the return to office of the Mayor of Buldon, and to assist government agencies in relief and rehabilitation of evacuees and the re-opening of schools in the affected areas. Agreed that the GRP and MILF forces would maintain 'as is, where is' positions within the area of conflict prior to discussions on the matter, and that Philippine National Police (PNP) would continue its mandated role to enforce all laws and maintain peace and order. MILF agreed to move and not establish check points, roadblocks etc. along the roads networks from Parang to Buildon and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and MILF agreed to refrain from provocative actions. Provided for the withdrawal of all AFP forces at the option of the AFP based on its evaluation of the peace and order situation.

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Groups

Children/
youth No specific mention.

Disabled
persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant
workers No specific mention.

Racial/
ethnic/
national
group No specific mention.

Religious
groups No specific mention.

Indigenous
people No specific mention.

Other
groups No specific mention.

Refugees/
displaced
persons Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
Page 1, 7. The Provincial Government of Maguindanao, within its mandate,
will assist the
concerned government agencies in the relief and rehabilitation of evacuees,
and the reopening of schools in the affected areas.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	No specific mention.
State configuration	No specific mention.
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/ secession	No specific mention.
Accession/ unification	No specific mention.
Border delimitation	No specific mention.

Cross-border provision	No specific mention.
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Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
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Elections	No specific mention.
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Electoral commission	No specific mention.
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Political parties reform	No specific mention.
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Civil society	No specific mention.
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Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/ access	Page 1, 4. The MILF will remove and shall not establish checkpoints, detachments, roadblocks, and other similar points along the road networks from Parang to Buldon, Maguindanao.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 1, Preamble
Whereas, the attainment and preservation of peace and order is a universal concern and aspiration of all individuals;

Page 1, Preamble
[...] Whereas the return to normalcy in the Municipality of Buldon is a general concern of the GRP, MILF and all sectors as it will insure the delivery of vital resources and services and complement efforts towards the attainment of peace in the area;

Page 1, 7. The Provincial Government of Maguindanao, within its mandate, will assist the concerned government agencies in the relief and rehabilitation of evacuees, and the reopening of schools in the affected areas.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/
nomadism
rights No specific mention.

Cultural
heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or
riparian
rights or
access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security
Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision Page 1, Preamble Now, therefore, the Technical Committee on Cessation of Hostilities of the GRP and the MILF hereby covenant and agree;</p> <p>Page 1, 2. The GRP and the MILF forces will maintain “as is, where is” positions within the area of conflict in Buldon, Maguindanao, prior to further discussions on the matter on February 9, 1997.</p> <p>Page 1, 3. The PNP elements in the Municipality of Buldon, Maguindanao, assisted by local CAFGU elements, shall continue its mandated role to enforce all laws and maintain peace and order within the area.</p> <p>Page 1, 5. The AFP and MILF will refrain from making provocative actions against each other such as sniping, strafing, mortar shelling and deployment of additional troops.</p> <p>See Army and Rebel/Opposition Group Reconfiguration.</p>
Police	<p>Page 1, 3. The PNP elements in the Municipality of Buldon, Maguindanao, assisted by local CAFGU elements, shall continue its mandated role to enforce all laws and maintain peace and order within the area.</p>
Armed forces	<p>Page 1, 2. The GRP and the MILF forces will maintain “as is, where is” positions within the area of conflict in Buldon, Maguindanao, prior to further discussions on the matter on February 9, 1997.</p> <p>Page 1, 5. The AFP and MILF will refrain from making provocative actions against each other such as sniping, strafing, mortar shelling and deployment of additional troops.</p> <p>Page 1, 5. The AFP and MILF will refrain from making provocative actions against each other such as sniping, strafing, mortar shelling and deployment of additional troops.</p> <p>Page 1, 6. All AFP forces deployed in Buldon, Maguindanao from January 1, 1997 up to the present will be withdrawn from the area at the option of the AFP based on its evaluation of the peace and order situation.</p>
DDR	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Intelligence services	<p>No specific mention.</p>

Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 1, 2. The GRP and the MILF forces will maintain “as is, where is” positions within the area of conflict in Buldon, Maguindanao, prior to further discussions on the matter on February 9, 1997.</p> <p>Page 1, 4. The MILF will remove and shall not establish checkpoints, detachments, roadblocks, and other similar points along the road networks from Parang to Buldon, Maguindanao.</p> <p>Page 1, 5. The AFP and MILF will refrain from making provocative actions against each other such as sniping, strafing, mortar shelling and deployment of additional troops.</p>
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/ organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/ pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source GRP-MILF Peace Process: Compilation of Signed Agreements & other related Documents (1997-2010); (MILF Peace Panel/Asia Foundation, 2010), pp. 5-6.
