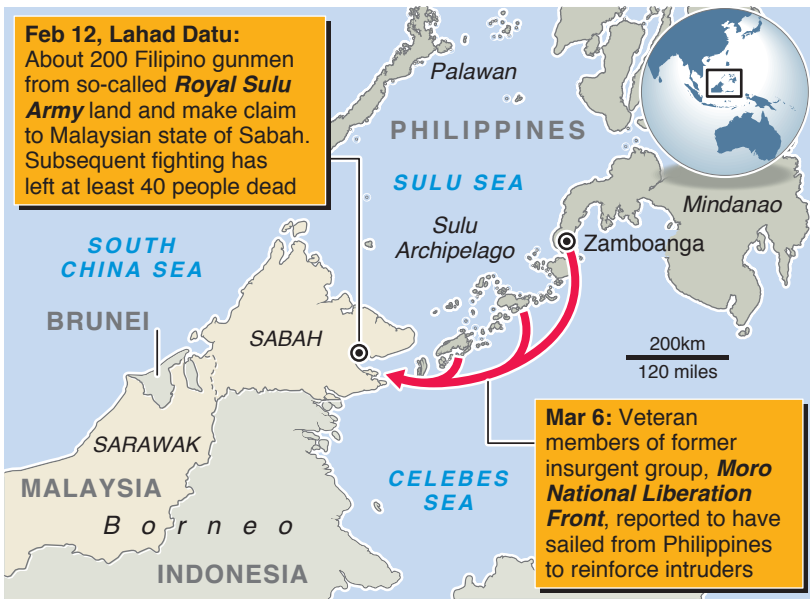


# Armed Filipinos elusive after Malaysian raid

Malaysian security forces are battling a group of Filipino intruders in the rugged terrain of Borneo after they escaped a military assault with fighter jets and mortar fire on their hideout

## Feb 12, Lahad Datu:

About 200 Filipino gunmen from so-called **Royal Sulu Army** land and make claim to Malaysian state of Sabah. Subsequent fighting has left at least 40 people dead



Mar 6: Veteran members of former insurgent group, **Moro National Liberation Front**, reported to have sailed from Philippines to reinforce intruders

► Members of Royal Sulu Army claim to be descendants of **Sultanate of Sulu** in southern Philippines, which ruled parts of northern Borneo for centuries

► **Sabah** became part of Malaysia in 1963 and government still pays Sultanate of Sulu small annual rent. Intruders are demanding that Malaysia pays more money to lease their land

► **Jamalul Kiram III** (left) – self-proclaimed Sultan of Sulu based in Manila – has said his gunmen are prepared to “fight to the last man”

