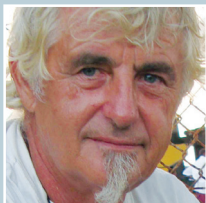


Jihadist threat in the Philippines

The beheading of a German captive by Abu Sayyaf militants has heightened concerns over the proliferation of jihadist groups coalescing under the flag of Islamic State (IS) in the southern Philippines



Juergen Kantner
Killed in Sulu
after deadline for
\$600,000 ransom
expired on Feb 26

Abu Sayyaf
Emergined in 1990s
as offshoot of

separatist rebellion by minority
Moro Muslims in south of mainly
Roman Catholic nation

Group earned over \$7 million in
ransom payments in 2015 alone

