

Jihadist threat to southern Philippines

Militants linked to so-called Islamic State are attempting to create a "caliphate" in the Philippine region of Mindanao, led by the Maute group

Provinces under martial law as of June 2017

Islamic State-linked groups' main area of insurgency

- Maute
- Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters
- Abu Sayyaf Group
- Ansar Khalifah Philippines

Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

Sulu
Tawi-Tawi

250km
150 miles

Manila PHILIPPINES

Detail area



Maute group (Islamic State of Lanao)

- 2012:** Formed by brothers **Abdullah** and **Omar Maute**, based in town of Butig
- 2015:** Pledges allegiance to Islamic State
- 2016:** Comes to prominence with prison raid in Marawi and bomb attack on Davao City
- May 23, 2017:** Several hundred militants seize key buildings in Marawi
- June:** Philippine military laying siege to Marawi. Jihadists inside city believed to be led by **Isnilon Hapilon** (right), emir of Islamic State forces in Philippines

