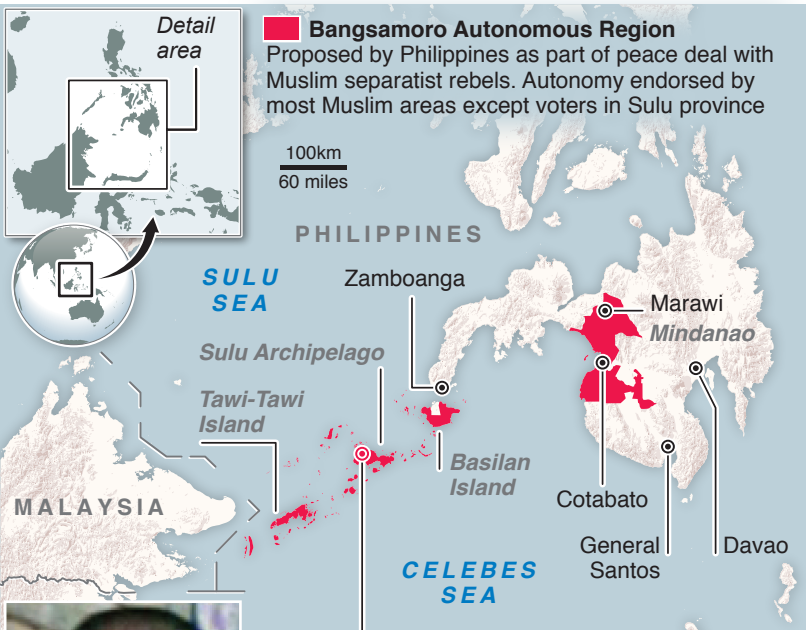


Philippines vows to “crush” Jolo attackers

The Philippines has vowed to crush the militants behind twin bombings that targeted a Catholic cathedral on Jolo island, killing at least 20 people and wounding more than 100 others



Jan 27, Jolo town: Blasts hit **Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, in Sulu provincial capital, during Sunday mass. Jolo island is stronghold of **Abu Sayyaf** – militant group aligned with so-called Islamic State, which claimed responsibility for attack

◀ **Hatib Sawadjaan:** Abu Sayyaf commander is among main suspects, according to Philippine government. His faction is blamed for kidnappings for ransom and beheadings of hostages in recent years

