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OFFICIAL STATEMENT
ON THE ENACTMENT OF THE DISTRICTING BILL
BASED ON PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 415
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Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem.

The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) reiterates its position in support of the conduct of the 1st BARMM Parliamentary Election in 2026.

The MILF, however, notes with deep concern that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Parliament's enactment of the districting bill based on Parliament Bill No. 415, entitled "*An Act Providing for the Apportionment of Parliamentary District Representative Seats in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao*", failed to reflect the clamor of the Bangsamoro people for fair and equitable representation.

The measure raises serious constitutional questions, mirroring the defects that led the Supreme Court to declare Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 77 unconstitutional. Key issues include potential violations of the Bangsamoro Organic Law-mandated criteria for districts, such as contiguity, compactness, adjacency, and population distribution. More importantly, this new law utterly disregards and refuses to honor existing boundaries, and ignores historical and shared cultural origins, which were repeatedly emphasized during public consultations.

We urge the public to actively participate in dialogues and continue to be vigilant. BARMM's transition to full autonomy demands legislation beyond reproach, prioritizing the rule of law over expediency.

Nawa'y manaig ang awtonomiya na matagal ipinaglaban ng MILF kasama ang Bangsamoro people para sa ating minamahal na Homeland. Nagpapasalamat din ako sa ngalan ng Central Committee ng MILF sa ating mga kasama sa BTA Parliament na nanindigan sa ating posisyon at prinsipyo na inilaban.

Shukran, at patuloy nawa tayong gabayan ng Allahu Subhanahu Wataala at gawin tayong mas malakas at nagkakaisang Bangsamoro.


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