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**MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY AND UNITY TO THE BANGSAMORO PEOPLE, THE FILIPINO PEOPLE AND THE MUSLIM UMMAH ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATION OF EIDUL ADZHA 1439H/2018**

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The Leadership and Officialdom of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) wish to convey to the Bangsamoro people and the Filipino people as well as to the entire Muslim *Ummah* our felicitations for the celebration of *Eidul Adzha* this 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2018 corresponding to the 10<sup>th</sup> of *Zulhijjah* 1439H. This Feast of Sacrifice is the culmination of the *Hajj* rites wherein the supposed sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) to his beloved son Prophet Ismail (AS) is being remembered today by the entire Muslim *Ummah* by offering sacrificial lambs, goats and cows.

Contemporaneous with the celebration of *Eidul Adzha*, the entire Bangsamoro also rejoice the passage of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) after decades of war, seventeen (17) years of political negotiations and another four (4) more years of legislation. This Law is officially known as Republic Act No. 11054 (An Act Providing for the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao) which was signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte last 27 July 2018. This Law embodies the ideals and aspirations of the Bangsamoro for freedom and self-determination.

If not for the sacrifices and patience of our people, especially our *mujahideen* and *mujahidaat* we would not have reached this far in our *Jihad* and struggle.

We believed then, as we will always do, that the only way to achieve our aspirations is to be ready and willing to give one's talent, time, resource and even one's life; and to patiently endure hardship as well as mockery that naturally come along the pursuit for justice, freedom and truth.

By steadfastly keeping to this fundamental belief and acting accordingly, we are now beginning to reap the fruits of our sacrifices. Now, more than ever, we see a return to normalcy, slowly as they may be. We have kept the peace with the Government of the Philippines for several years now, and it keeps on getting stronger. There are still those who want to sabotage it, but our determination, maturity and constant dialogue will overwhelm the spoilers.

The eventual establishment of the Bangsamoro Government brings with it the promises of change for the better – in governance, livelihood and security. But let us not entertain the illusion that those changes will happen overnight, easily and automatically. Rather, it would take again all our talents, resources, commitment, sincerity, even one's lifetime, to make better leaders and followers, to create decent work and to bring enduring peace in our

homes and societies. But let us also never be disillusioned by the gargantuan tasks that lie ahead. For every accomplished step is just another preparation for the higher leap.

As always, we keep on drawing lessons and inspiration from our Prophet Ibrahim (AS) whose story of sacrifice, obedience and patience we remember today. By remembering the solemnity of this day and that monumental occasion that gave rise to it for all eternity, we are emboldened again to face other forms of struggle and the concomitant difficulties. We have to prepare and win the plebiscite so that the Bangsamoro Government would finally be established and become an instrument to fulfill our aspirations.

May Allah (SWT) accept our sacrifices and prayers and may He (SWT) bless us with peace and good life in this world and till the Day Hereafter, *InShaa Allah. Kullo aamin wa antum bikhayr. Allaho Akbar! Allaho Akbar! Allaho Akbar! Wassalamu Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa babarakatoh.*

Your brother in Islam and Humanity:

  
**AL HAJ MURAD EBRAHIM**  
Chairman

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