The Links Between Organized Crime and Terrorism: The Philippines and the Abu Sayyaf

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## Abstract

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ABU SAYYAF
“Bearer of the Sword”
BASILAN

Capital: Isabela

Area: 1327 sq km

Population: ca. 300 000

Number of Towns: 7
48.9% of families in Mindanao live below poverty line
1/3 of country’s agricultural output from Mindanao
Kidnap for Ransom = Income Redistribution
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<th>Increased from <strong>120</strong> in 1993 to <strong>1,107</strong> by 1999</th>
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AL-QAIDA

Financial support, arms, education ...

ASG
ASG ACTIVITIES

Bombings, assassinations, kidnappings, extortion
ASG links with Al-Qaida not established
Continuing Challenges

• Dire economic situation

• Corruption of local government officials