

MALACAÑANG  
MANILA

**PROCLAMATION NO. 1946**

**DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CENTRAL MINDANAO**

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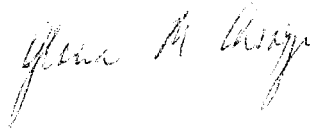
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**SECTION 1.** The Provinces of Maguindanao and Sultan Kudarat and the City of Cotabato are hereby placed under a state of emergency for the purpose of preventing and suppressing lawless violence in the aforesaid jurisdiction.

**SECTION 2.** The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) are hereby ordered to undertake such measures as may be allowed by the Constitution and by law to prevent and suppress all incidents of lawless violence in the said jurisdiction.

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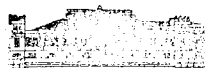
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