



AN ACT RECOGNIZING AND DECLARING THE BANGSAMORO HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (BILL NO. 80)

Comments and Suggestions

1. In Section 4, Eid-ul-Fitr (Hari Raya Puasa) and Eid-ul-Adha (Hari Raya Haji) should be removed since both Eid are already considered as national holidays.
2. Lengthen the holidays in Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha for 2-5 days just like Malaysia[1] and Indonesia[2] so that muslims could return to their hometown and spend more time with their family during Eid.
3. Creation of “Sheikh Hashim Salamat Day” to honor the founder of Moro Islamic Liberation Front.
4. Creation of Bangsamoro Historical Commission to help fact-check bangsamoro historical events, especially the “Jabidah Massacre” since some reliable sources indicate the event did not occur[3][4]. It is essential to verify and authenticate historic events before making it a holiday to commemorate.
5. Since the Jabidah Massacre is the event that sparked and set the Moro liberation movement aflame[5], why not declare March 18 as “Moro Liberation Day”.
6. We can also commemorate the Malisbong Massacre which killed at least 1000 Moros inside a mosque by units of the Philippine Military on September 24, 1974, in the coastal village of Malisbong in Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat, Mindanao.

Typographical errors

1. In Section 4, “Raja” should be “Raya” - The meaning of Raya is feast in Malay.

[1] <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/malaysia/>

[2] <https://www.edarabia.com/indonesia/public-holidays/>

[3] Azurin, Arnold Molina. 1996. *Beyond the cult of dissidence in southern Philippines and war-torn zones in the global village*. Quezon City: UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies and University of the Philippine Press

[4] Jibrael bin Omar. 2007. The Mindanao conflict and the Jabidah massacre. *Jibrael Angel Blog*. 23 May. Available at jibrael.blogspot.com/2007/05/Mindanao-conflict.html; accessed 09 June 2021

[5] Ching, M. P. (2018, March 18). *The Story of Jabidah: A long negotiation in the struggle for peace*. Cotabato City: philstar GLOBAL. Retrieved from <https://www.philstar.com/other-sections/news-feature/2018/03/18/1798007/story-jabidah-long-negotiation-struggle-peace>