



Transcript of MPOS Minister's Speech

Title of the Activity: **54 YEARS AFTER JABIDAH TRAGEDY, BARMM REVISITS THE PAST FORWARDS MODERN BANGSAMORO**
Date: January 18, 2022
Location: Mindanao Garden Peace, Corregidor Island, Cavite
Audience Demographics: Representatives from BARMM, Academe, youth, women, and security sectors

Speaker: **Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz**

AUDHO BILLAHIMINASHAYTANIRRAJEEM.
BISMILLAHIRAHMANIRAHEEM.

Assalamualikum W.W.

Subhanaka la ilma lana 'illa ma allamtana. Rabbi Shrahlee Sadree, wa yasirlee amri, wahlul uqdatan min lissanee, amma baad...

Assalamu Alaykum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh!

Our Courtesy and respect to (**Insert mga dignaties ipangmention**), to MPOS and other BARMM Ministries' and Agencies representatives who are all gathered today, other guests and colleagues, Good Morning.

54 years ago, the entire country was shaken into its core when the gruesome story of Jabidah Massacre took the news headline by storm.

Some 200 Tausug and Sama men were murdered for defying military orders aimed to take back Sabah and wreak havoc in the process. This incident would not only expose the realities of covert military operations but would go on to set the fire of what would become a unified Bangsamoro consciousness.

This tale, as the lone survivor **Jibin Arula** would eventually share to the entire Filipino country, went on to spark a revolution for a people long deprived of their right to self-determination and has been subjected to systemic oppression. The Jabidah narrative would become the seeds of the modern Bangsamoro struggle.

And now, over five decades later, we hope that we can honor the lives lost on that fateful day along with other countless Moro lives lost for this cause through the establishment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The BARMM Government and the entire Bangsamoro, will continue to commemorate, and enliven the sacrifices of the Bangsamoro Martyrs. We will take its lessons to a new and different facet of promising stories of **peacebuilding and socio-economic development to Bangsamoro so the tragic losses from the pasts will never happen again. This is our commitment towards **justice and reconciliation**.**

I thank our dear colleagues from the Ministry of Public Order and Safety and other ministries and offices represented here today for remembering this significant day with us and for commemorating the 2022 Bangsamoro History Month.

Indeed, we can strengthen BARMM through the lessons of the past the promises of the future.

Wa billahi Tawfiq wal hidaya. Wassalamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Taal Wa Barakatuh.