



Transcript of MPOS Minister's Speech

Title of the Activity: **Capacity Building for Community Practice of Local Women Mediators of Maguindanao Provinces, Cotabato City, and the Special Geographic Areas**

Date: July 13, 2023

Location: Koronadal City, North Cotabato

Audience Demographics: Local Women Mediators from Maguindanao Provinces, Cotabato City, Special Geographic Areas

Speaker: **Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz**

AUDHOBILLAHI MINASSHAYTANIRRAHJEEM.
BISMILLAHI RAHMANIRRAHEEM.
Assalamualikum W.W.

My courtesy and respect to the Programme Analyst and Women, Peace, and Security of UN Women, Ms. Ayessa Villa Tin, The Provincial Coordinator of Relief International, Ms. Maisalam Tahir to our Director-General Atty. Al-Rashid L. Balt, Our empowered women local mediators participants, Ladies and Gentlemen, my warm greetings and Good Morning to all of you.

It gives me enormous pleasure to join you this morning as we work towards strengthening the role of women as a leader in building peaceful and resilient communities in the region. Through this Capacity Building activity, our aim is to harness your potential, skills, and creativity to be the intermediary for the effective settlement of family feuds (Rido).

In our quest to promote peace and order, we must be able to develop a framework that will mobilize at a community level as a mediator for greater social cohesion among members of the community, and the entire region as a whole. This activity is an opportunity to strengthen your technical capacities as mediators. Hence, a series of mediation lectures, dialogue and workshops will be provided in order for you to be more equipped with knowledge and skills in implementing community-level mediation and interventions.

For me, nothing is more rewarding and fulfilling than seeing women to be the leader and an advocate in the peace process. The woman's passion, dedication and hard work is inexhaustible. Your perseverance was harnessed from your flexibility to accommodate different walks in life. Hopefully, your support and participation in harnessing your potential to be the intermediaries for peace will become a fruitful legacy in our aim to promote a long-lasting peace in our region.

Indeed, the Ministry of Public Order and Safety support women, peace, and security in BARMM.

With that, I warmly welcome you to this day four (4) day activity entitled "Capacity Building for Community Practice of Local Women Mediators of Maguindanao Provinces, Cotabato City, and the Special Geographic Areas". I am wishing for an effective, engaging and a high yielding collaborative activity that will truly enhance your potential to be a peace advocates.

Wa billahi tawpik wal hidaya. Assalamu alaykum warahmatulahi wabarakatoho.
GOOD DAY EVERYONE.