

# [ GENERAL ORDER NO. 1, May 30, 2017 ]

## IMPLEMENTING PROCLAMATION NO. 216 DATED 23 MAY 2017

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation No. 216 (s.2017) placed under martial law for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days the Mindanao group of islands and suspended the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* therein for a similar period;

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of said proclamation, the President, as the Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, is constitutionally bound to exercise his powers and prerogatives under the Constitution in order to suppress lawless violence, invasion or rebellion in the whole of Mindanao as required by public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to call upon the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to prevent and suppress acts of rebellion in the whole of Mindanao and to immediately carry out necessary and appropriate actions and measures to deal with the situation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Directive to the AFP.** The Armed Forces of the Philippines is hereby ordered to fully implement Proclamation No. 216 (s.2017) declaring martial law in Mindanao and suspending the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* therein for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days.

**Section 2. Mindanao Martial Law Administrative and Implementor.** The Secretary of National defense is hereby designated as the Administrator of martial law in Mindanao, and the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall be the Implementor thereof.

**Section 3. Scope and Authority.** The Armed Forces of the Philippines shall undertake all measures to prevent and suppress all acts of rebellion and lawless violence in the whole of Mindanao, including any all acts in relation thereto, in connection therewith, or in furtherance thereof, to ensure national integrity and continuous exercise by the Chief Executive of his powers and prerogatives to enforce the laws of the land and to maintain public order and safety.

Further, the AFP and other law enforcement agencies are hereby ordered to immediately arrest or cause the arrest of persons and/or groups who have committed, are committing, or attempting to commit the above-mentioned acts.

**Section 4. Limits.** The Martial Law Administrator, the Martial Law Implementor, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other law enforcement agencies shall implement this Order within the limits prescribed by the Constitution and existing laws, rules and regulations.

More specifically, a state of martial law does not suspend the operation of the Constitution, nor supplant the functioning of the civil courts or legislative