SULTANATE OF SULU DARUL ISLAM

United Tausug People

COUNCIL OF REGENTS

Dan Billukan, Buansa, Indanan, Lupah Sug

MANIFESTO

In the name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful

We, the United Tausug Citizens (UTC) hereby declare the restoration of the de jure government and assertion of the independence of the Sultanate of Sulu based from the TRUTH, RIGHTS, JUSTICE, FREEDOM and LIBERTY as guaranteed under the provisions of the United Nations Charter.

The President and government officials of the United States have promised that the sovereignty, independence and integrity of our homeland, the Islamic Nationhood of the Sultanate of Sulu would be honored, respected, and protected as embodied in the treaty known as the BATES TREATY of 1899 entered into between the United States of America and the Sultanate of Sulu.

The Islamic State of Sultanate of Sulu is an unconquered nation, and its relation with the United States was thru treaties of friendship. The illegal incorporation of the Sultanate of Sulu to the newly created Republic of the Philippines was in gross violation of the 1787 United States Constitution, and blatant abused of the human rights of the Bangsa Sug or Tausug People.

Based on the principle of Right of Self-Determination as embodied in the United Nations Charter which provides that; "All peoples have the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right they fully determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development." Thus, the United Tausug Citizens (UTC) of the Sultanate of Sulu invoke the right of self defense to achieve our mission as recognized by the United Nations Charter under Article 51 which states: "that nothing in the Charter shall impair the inherent right of individuals to collective self-defense."

Our noble aspiration to reassert the nationhood of the Sultanate of Sulu shall be done with totally peaceful movement, diplomatic and democratic process, avoiding all kinds of temptations, persuasion and suggestions for the employment of force and violence to achieve our goals.

We are therefore earnestly appeal to the peace loving peoples here and abroad to assist us to restore the Statehood of the Sultanate of Sulu in accordance with the principles of the United Nations.

With our full confidence and conviction, the restoration of the sovereignty and independence of the Sultanate of Sulu will finally achieve genuine peace, prosperity, and political stability in Sulu archipelago and its nearby territorial jurisdiction.

So help us God.
Done on the 17th day of November 2009, at Freedom Hall Capitol, Patikul, Sulu.

THE UNITED TAUSUG CITIZENS
OF THE
SULTANATE OF SULU DARUL ISLAM

Attested by:

DATU ALBI A. JULKARNAIN
Chairman
COUNCIL OF REGENTS
(The Interim governing body of the Sultanate of Sulu in absence of a de jure reigning Sultan with the mandates of the Tausug People).