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### **PHILIPPINES – Martial Law Declared in Mindanao**



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## President Duterte declares Martial Law in Mindanao

Following serious terrorist activity involving fighting between ISIS supporters and Philippine government troops in Marawi City, Mindanao, President Duterte made a declaration of Martial Law at 22:00 LT Manila (GMT+8) yesterday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. Initially this will be in effect for 60 days.

The government has commented that while the current armed conflict was only confined in Marawi City, the President decided to declare martial law all over Mindanao as there are clear security issues in nearby areas; Sulu, Zamboanga peninsula, Central Mindanao and the Davao Region.

President Duterte stated that once he declares martial law in Mindanao, he would want to solve all of the security problems there, once and for all.

The terrorists have occupied several establishments in Marawi City: the Amai Pakpak Hospital the city hall and the city jail, as well as part of the Mindanao State University Compound.






Some facilities were also burned: the St. Mary's Church, the city jail, the Ninoy Aquino School, and the Dansalan College.

There is currently no power in the whole city.

The government believes international terrorist group Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) backs the attack. The Philippine government will be sending a further 500 troops this morning to the area.

### Recommendation

International shipping calls regularly to ports in Mindanao;

-  To load nickel ore in Surigao, Tubay and Tawi-Tawi
-  General cargo and fruit from Davao as well as palm oils
-  General Cargo to General Santos, loading palm oils
-  Zamboanga general cargo
-  Bulk Iron Ore Villanueva

Extreme caution should be exerted at all times if vessels are bound for ports in Mindanao, P&I Club and owners may contact Pandiman for latest updates at any time;

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That masters liaise closely with their appointed agents for latest updates which may change at short notice, that no shore leave is given except for official business.



We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

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