

A photograph of a man with dark hair and glasses, resting his chin on his right hand. He is looking slightly to the left with a thoughtful expression. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a window or a bright light source.

# **PNoy's Policy on the Peace Process: What is new...?**

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# Four Pillars of PNoy's Peace Framework

☐ **Good Governance**

☐ **Effective Delivery of Basic Services**

☐ **Sustainable Development**

☐ **Security Sector Reform**

**Note:**

**The Policy of the Peace Process as contained in Pres. Ramos' EO 125 and Pres. Arroyo's AO 03 needs to be re-articulated...**



# **PNoy's Policy Statements**

**☐ Government will be sincere**

**☐ Peaceful Negotiated Political Settlement**

**☐ Fair and Just to All Stakeholders**

**☐ Transparent and Consultative**

# Recent Policy Statements

- The President vows to end government "neglect" of Muslims and has identified the NCMF as the lead agency.
- The President vows to strengthen the ARMM.
- The President tasked MinDA Chairperson Lualhati Antonino to "kindle and lead" the Christian, Muslim and Lumads dialogue.
- The President wants to "rectify imperfections" in the implementation of the 1996 FPA with the MNLF.

# The GRP-MILF Peace Panels

## GRP Peace Panel

**Atty. Marvic Leonen**

**Prof. Miriam Ferrer**

**Sec.Senen Bacani**

**VM Ramon Piang**

**Dr. Hamid Barra**

## MILF Peace Panel

**VC Mohagher Iqbal**

**Atty. Michael Mastura**

**Mr. Maulana Alonto**

**Prof. Abhoud Syed Lingga**

**Mr. Abdullah Camlian**

**Antonio Kinoc (Alternate)**

# GRP Chair Speaks...



- 1. The Aquino Administration is open to the possibility of constitutional change to solve the Bangsamoro problem.**
- 2. The Aquino Government is sincere.**
- 3. The Aquino Government will not start from scratch and will honor signed agreements and past commitments.**
- 4. The Aquino Government policy is not counterinsurgency. It is comprehensive peace.**
- 5. The Aquino Government would like to review the venue of the negotiations, which currently is Malaysia.**
- 6. The Aquino Government would like to review the presence and participation of international actors on the ground.**
- 7. The Aquino Government would like to review the terms of reference of the negotiations.**
- 8. The Aquino Government is assessing whether it wants to continue with the current Malaysian Facilitator, Datuk Othman Bin Abdul Razak.**

# MILF Speaks...

❑ A recent statement by Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Ricardo David is "threatening and provocative." "The government will crush the New People's Army and the MILF by 2013".



❑ The Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain (MOA-AD) will never be either signed or renegotiated.

❑ Open to reframe the agreement's consensus points and move toward a "comprehensive compact" to bring about a negotiated political settlement to the Mindanao conflict.

# GRP and MNLF

**The GRP is committed to bring 'closure' to the remaining unfulfilled commitments in the 1996 FPA.**

**Open to bring closer the gap in the implementation of the 1996 FPA.**

**Open to propose amendment to RA 9054 in Congress to harmonize it with the FPA.**

**GRP is committed to the 'catch up' programs for the areas of conflict.**



# GRP Positions

- President Aquino's demand for a malawakang tigil -putukan" before holding peace talks.
- President taunted the NDFP for not having any concrete proposals in his 1<sup>st</sup> SONA.
- The articulated Four Pillars of National Security Framework are completely in line with the US Government Counter-Insurgency Guide of 2009.
- SND Voltaire Gazmin has declared that the New People's Army must first surrender before peace talks can start.
- AFP Chief of Staff General Ricardo David has announced that they would defeat the revolutionary movement in three years

# NDFP Positions

- The Hague Joint Declaration of 1992.
- The Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees (JASIG) of February 1995.
- The Joint Agreement on the Formation, Sequence and Operationalization of the Reciprocal Working Committees (RWCs) of the GRP and the NDFP Negotiating Panels of June 1995.
- The Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) of March 1998.

# Resumption of the Peace Talks?

GRP:

Nationwide Ceasefire

Agenda to Move forward

The 'New' National  
Security Policy  
Framework

NDFP: Resumption of talks on the basis of the Hague Joint Declaration defining the agenda for the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations: human rights and international humanitarian law, social and economic reforms, political and constitutional reforms, and end of hostilities and disposition of forces.

# **What is NEW...?**

- **On the Presidency: Trust Rating**
- **The President's avowed commitment that his government will be 'sincere' in dealing with the Liberations Fronts.**
- **The New Peace Panels: Complete change in the GRP Panel and Partial Change in the MILF Panel. New Panels for GRP Panel negotiating with NDFP**
- **Policy of Transparency and Consultation.**
- **New 'protocols' for the international players, particularly on facilitator.**

# **Initial Readings....**

- **COIN/PISO?**
- **AD and RSD... Realism vs. Idealism**
- **The Hague Declaration as the Basis?**
- **Constitutional Change vs. Amendments to RA 9054**
- **Closure to the 1996 FPA?**
- **Final Agreement with MILF?**
- **ARMM Elections in 2011?**



**NDFP**

**AFP**

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