



Did you know that ...

Basilan was once called Tagime

Basilan was once called Tagime, after a Datu who once ruled a big part of the island. In the 17th century, muslims from Sulu continued their incursions to the islands, led by a powerful ruler named Datu Bantilan, who established a short-lived sultanate. It is said that Basilan was named after him.

Early inhabitants of Basilan were the Orang Dampuans (one of the Papuan Tribes of New Guinea). Then came the Mohammedans of Borneo and Sumatra in the late 14th century who spread the Muslim faith. The descendants of the Dampuans, who retained through the centuries their original customs, modes of dressing and dialect are the Yakans. By nature, the Yakans are peace-loving people with most of them farmers. Later, the Tausugs, Samal Lauans and Christians migrated to the island.^{1/}

In the second quarter of 2006, four new municipalities and two barangays were created in the island of Mindanao. The four new municipalities are created in the province of Basilan, ARMM. They are as follows:

1. The municipality of **AL-BARKA**, with 16 barangays coming from the municipality of Tipo-tipo pursuant to Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act (MMAA) No. 191 and ratified through plebiscite conducted by the COMELEC on May 22, 2006;
2. The municipality of **UNGKAYA PUKAN**, with 12 barangays coming from the municipality of Tipo-tipo pursuant to MMAA No. 190 and ratified through plebiscite conducted by the COMELEC on May 22, 2006;
3. The municipality of **AKBAR**, with 9 barangays coming from the municipality of Tuburan pursuant to MMAA No. 193 and ratified through plebiscite conducted by the COMELEC on May 22, 2006; and
4. The municipality of **HADJI MOHAMMAD AJUL**, with 11 barangays coming from the municipality of Tuburan pursuant to MMAA No. 192 and ratified through plebiscite conducted by the COMELEC on May 22, 2006.

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Number of Regions and Local Government Units (LGUs), by Island Group (As of June 30, 2006 and March 31, 2006)

ISLAND GROUPS/ LGUs	June 06	% Dist.	March 06	% Dist.
LUZON				
Regions	8	47.1	8	47.1
Provinces	37	46.8	37	46.8
Cities	57	48.7	57	48.7
Municipalities	690	45.8	690	46.0
Barangays	20,057	47.8	20,057	47.8
VISAYAS				
Regions	3	17.6	3	17.6
Provinces	17	21.5	17	21.5
Cities	33	28.2	33	28.2
Municipalities	399	26.5	399	26.6
Barangays	11,875	28.3	11,875	28.3
MINDANAO				
Regions	6	35.3	6	35.3
Provinces	25	31.6	25	31.6
Cities	27	23.1	27	23.1
Municipalities	416	27.6	412	27.4
Barangays	10,052	23.9	10,050	23.9
TOTAL				
Regions	17	100.0	17	100.0
Provinces	79	100.0	79	100.0
Cities	117	100.0	117	100.0
Municipalities	1,505	100.0	1,501	100.0
Barangays	41,984	100.0	41,982	100.0

Two newly created barangays during the period resulted from the division of Barangay Poblacion in the municipality of Villanueva, Misamis Oriental, Region X into Barangays **Poblacion 1**, **Poblacion 2** and **Poblacion 3** pursuant to Ordinance No. 636-2006 and ratified through plebiscite conducted by the COMELEC on April 22, 2006.

In the Municipality of Patnongon in the Province of Antique, Region VI, Barangay Bitas was renamed to **Barangay BERNALDO A. JULAGTING** under Resolution No. 001-2006 of the Sanggunian Bayan of Patnongon, Antique and ratified through a plebiscite conducted by the COMELEC on January 13, 2006 was also noted.

With these changes, the Philippines has a total of 17 regions, 79 provinces, 117 cities, 1,505 municipalities and 41,984 barangays as of June 30, 2006. These updates in the Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC) were approved and prescribed for adoption by the NSCB Executive Board thru a referendum conducted in July 2006, in line with NSCB Resolution No. 3, s. 2003 "Approving and Adopting the Latest PSGC Updates and Revisions".

^{1/} <http://www.basilan.gov.ph>