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## **Statement of Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana on the Supreme Court ruling upholding the Constitutionality of the Extension of Martial Law in Mindanao**

The Department of National Defense welcomes the decision of the Supreme Court affirming the constitutionality of the extension of Martial Law in Mindanao.

With the highest court in the land upholding President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's declaration which was approved by Congress, the whole of government can now fully pursue with great vigor its efforts in ending the continuing rebellion in Mindanao decisively.

The DND – AFP is grateful for the trust and confidence of our public institutions and the support of the Filipino people. This will definitely heighten the morale of our Defenders and allow them to better safeguard public safety in Mindanao as well as give Task Force Bangon Marawi the necessary space to undertake the unhampered rehabilitation of Marawi.

*Makaaasa ang sambayanan na hindi sasayangin ng inyong mga tagapagtanggol ang tiwala at pagkakataong ito.*

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