

Republic of the Philippines
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Cotabato City

FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(Second Regular Session)

[**MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 166**]

Began and held in Cotabato City, on Monday, the twenty-eight day of October, two thousand two.

**AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF RAJAH BUAYAN
IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Regional Legislative Assembly in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The barangays of Bakat, Baital, Dapantis, Gaunan, Malibpolok, Mileb, Panadtaban, Pidsandawan, Sampao, Sapakan and Tabungaw in the Municipality of Sultan Sa Barongis, Province of Maguindanao, are hereby separated from said municipality and constituted into a distinct and independent municipality in the same Province to be known as the Municipality of Rajah Buayan.

SEC. 2. The seat of the municipal government of the Municipality of Rajah Buayan shall be in Barangay Mileb to be known hereafter as the Barangay Poblacion.

SEC. 3. The Municipality of Rajah Buayan contains a land area of One Hundred Fifty Eight point Ninety Nine (158.99) square kilometers, more or less, which shall be bounded as follows:

LINE	BEARINGS	DISTANCE
1	N 63°E	4,000.00 M
2	Following Pulangi River, downstream, generally in a SE direction with a distance of	2,500 M

3	S 25' - 30' E	580.00 M
4	S 38' E	640.00 M
5	S 28' E	780.00 M
6	S 30' E	740.00 M
7	S 19' E	780.00 M
8	S 13' - 30' E	450.00 M
9	S 03' W	380.00 M
10	S 03' - 30' W	540.00 M
11	S 83' E	860.00 M
12	S 04' E	1,380.00 M
13	S 46' - 30' W	1,060.00 M
14	S 08' W	1,240.00 M
15	S 09' E	300.00 M
16	S 09' E	1,090.00 M
17	S 13' - 30' W	720.00 M
18	S 80' W	1,830.00 M
19	S 22' - 30' W	860.00 M
20	S 14' W	560.00 M
21	S 82' W	1,280.00 M
22	S 82' W	900.00 M

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a NW
Direction with a distance of 1,520.00 M.

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a NW
Direction with a distance of 1,050.00 M.

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a NE
Direction with a distance of 1,260.00 M.

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a N
Direction with a distance of 1,530.00 M.

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a NW
Direction with a distance of 630.00 M.

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a NE
Direction with a distance of 580.00 M.

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a N
Direction with a distance of 1,920.00 M.

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a N
Direction with a distance of 1,640.00 M.

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a NE, N
Direction with a distance of 920.00 M.

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a NW
Direction with a distance of 1,140.00 M.

Following Alah River, upstream, generally in a NW
Direction with a distance of 1,330.00 M.

SEC. 4. The Municipality is a corporate entity with jurisdiction in all matters devolved to it by Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 25 in accordance with the Constitution and the Organic Act, and other existing laws which shall commence upon the appointment or election and qualification of its Municipal mayor and a majority of the members of its Sangguniang Bayan.

SEC. 5. Initially, the Regional Governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao shall appoint the Municipal mayor, Municipal Vice-Mayor and eight (8) members of its Sangguniang Bayan immediately after its ratification in the plebiscite who shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified in the next regular local elections.

Sectoral representatives, as ex-officio members of the Sangguniang Bayan, shall be elected by their respective sectors according to the pertinent provisions of Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 25, as amended, and other existing laws.

SEC. 6. The appointive municipal officials provided in the Local government Code of the Autonomous Region shall be appointed by the Municipal mayor with the concurrence of the majority of all the members of the Sangguniang Bayan. Provided, That appointment to position in the career service shall be governed by the Civil Service Rules and Laws.

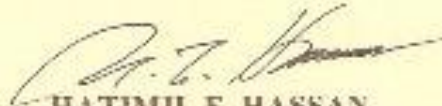
SEC. 7. The Commission on Elections (COMELEC), shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite in the municipality directly affected by the creation of said municipality within One Hundred Twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The creation of the Municipality of Rajah Buayan shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast in the plebiscite called for the purpose.

SEC. 8. The expenses necessary in holding the plebiscite shall be appropriated out of any available funds in the Regional Treasury, not otherwise appropriated and shall be subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.


SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect after the completion of its publication in a newspaper of provincial circulation in the Province of Maguindanao or Cotabato City.

APPROVED



HATIMIL E. HASSAN
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on July 6, 2004.



ALHADAR J. PAJJI
Secretary-General

APPROVED



PAROUK S. HUSSIN
Regional Governor
Date: 16 JULY 2004 *pc*