

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

**FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
(Third Regular Session)

**[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 249]**

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Monday, the nineteenth day of November, two thousand and seven.

**AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAYS DAPIAWAN, KITANGO AND SAMBOLAWAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DATU SAUDI, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, INTO TWO SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS EACH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Regional Assembly in session assembled:

Section 1. Barangays Dapiawan, Kitango and Sambolawan are divided and created as separate and independent barangays each to be known respectively as Datu Taib C. Ampatuan, Datu Allawi Ampatuan and Keno Saluddin in the Municipality of Datu Saudi, Province of Maguindanao.

Sec. 2. The municipal engineer of the municipality shall, upon coordination with the Land Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, this Autonomous Region, is hereby authorized to delineate the territorial area of each barangay and establish their boundaries by metes and bounds which shall be approved by the municipal mayor.

Sec. 3. As created, each barangay shall exercise respective jurisdiction in all matters defined in Muslim Mindanao Act No. 25 with R.A. No. 7160 to serve as suppletory or point of reference.

Sec. 4. Each barangay shall be composed of a chairman with a Sangguniang Barangay who shall be elected every regular barangay election. The Sangguniang Kabataan shall likewise be represented in the sanggunian.

Sec. 5. Initially, the provincial governor, upon the recommendation of the municipal mayor, shall appoint the chairman and members of the Sanggunian of each barangay.

Sec. 6. The division of the barangays provided above shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite for the purpose in the affected areas.

Sec. 7. The Commission on Election (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite within ninety (90) days but not exceeding one hundred twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act.

Sec. 8. The expenses necessary in the plebiscite shall be provided by the affected municipality with the assistance of the provincial government.

Sec. 9. This Act shall take effect immediately after the publication in a local newspaper of general circulation in the province.

Approved.

**(SGD) PAISALIN P. TAGO**  
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Assembly on August 27, 2008.

**(SGD) DATU MAMA M. AMPATUAN, Al haj.**  
Secretary General

APPROVED:

**(SGD) DATU ZALDY UY AMPATUAN**  
Regional Assembly  
Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.