

South-east Asia terror network



BahrumSyah

Head of Katibah Nusantara, an Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) unit in Syria consisting mostly of fighters from South-east Asia.

BahrumSyah's Indonesia networks

These are the groups BahrumSyah uses to recruit fighters, smuggle arms and move money. They are also in touch with Mahmud.



Santoso

Founded Mujahidin Indonesia Timur (MIT). Killed in 2016, but believed to have trained fighters who found their way to Marawi.



Abu Nusaibah:

Founded al-Hawariyun (The Helpers). Arrested last November after eight of his followers were accused of causing a riot to demand arrest of then Jakarta Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama.



Abu Husna

A former Jemaah Islamiyah member who now leads Jamaah Ansharul Khilafah.



Brekele

Another former Jemaah Islamiyah operative now in prison for the 2005 bombing of a market in Poso that killed 22.

Mahmud Ahmad (aka Abu Handzalah)

Former Universiti Malaysia lecturer who fled to Mindanao in 2015. Received funds from BahrumSyah and recruited fighters for the Marawi attack.



Isnilon Hapilon

The leader of Abu Sayyaf and named by ISIS as head of its South-east Asia wing.



Iwan Dharmawan, alias Rois

An operative of Jamaah Ansharud Daulah (JAD), a rival of BahrumSyah's Katibah Nusantara, but which Mahmud has convinced to support the Marawi siege.



Abdullah (right) and Omar Maute

Founded militant group named after them; planned the attack on Marawi with Hapilon.



Moro Islamic Liberation Front

A 12,000-strong Muslim secessionist movement holding peace talks with the Philippine government. It has had dealings with both the MIT and JAD, but opposes ISIS.

Clashes in southern Philippines

