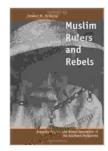
### Everyday Politics and Armed Separatism in the Southern Philippines: A Comparative Study

The southern Philippines has been plagued by armed separatism for decades. The two main separatist groups, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), have been fighting for independence or autonomy for the Muslim-majority region of Mindanao. The conflict has resulted in the deaths of thousands of people and the displacement of millions more.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the everyday politics of armed separatism. This approach focuses on the ways in which separatist groups interact with local communities and how they build support for their cause. This book examines the everyday politics of armed separatism in the southern Philippines, focusing on the MILF and the MNLF. It explores how these groups have used everyday politics to mobilize support, build legitimacy, and negotiate with the government. The book also examines the impact of everyday politics on the peace process in the southern Philippines.



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#### **Everyday Politics and Mobilization**

Everyday politics is a form of political action that takes place outside of formal political institutions. It can include a wide range of activities, such as organizing community events, providing social services, and engaging in dialogue with local leaders. Everyday politics can be a powerful tool for mobilizing support for a cause.

The MILF and the MNLF have both used everyday politics to mobilize support for their cause. The MILF has established a network of schools, hospitals, and other social services in the communities it controls. The MNLF has organized community events and engaged in dialogue with local leaders to build support for its cause.

These everyday political activities have helped the MILF and the MNLF to build a strong base of support among the Muslim population of Mindanao. This support has been essential to the groups' ability to sustain their armed struggle against the government.

#### **Everyday Politics and Legitimacy**

Legitimacy is essential for any political movement. It is the belief that a movement has the right to exist and to pursue its goals. Everyday politics can be a powerful tool for building legitimacy.

The MILF and the MNLF have both used everyday politics to build legitimacy for their cause. The MILF has established a system of governance in the areas it controls. This system includes a judiciary, a legislature, and an executive branch. The MNLF has established a similar system of governance in the areas it controls.

These everyday political activities have helped the MILF and the MNLF to build a sense of legitimacy among the Muslim population of Mindanao. This legitimacy has been essential to the groups' ability to negotiate with the government and to pursue their goals.

#### **Everyday Politics and Negotiation**

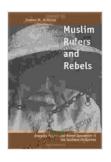
Negotiation is an essential part of the peace process. It is the process of finding a mutually acceptable solution to a conflict. Everyday politics can be a powerful tool for facilitating negotiation.

The MILF and the MNLF have both used everyday politics to facilitate negotiation with the government. The MILF has used its network of schools, hospitals, and other social services to build relationships with government officials. The MNLF has used its community events and dialogue with local leaders to build relationships with government officials.

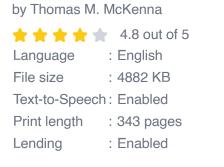
These everyday political activities have helped the MILF and the MNLF to build trust with government officials. This trust has been essential to the groups' ability to negotiate with the government and to pursue their goals.

Everyday politics is a powerful tool that armed separatist groups can use to mobilize support, build legitimacy, and negotiate with the government. The MILF and the MNLF have both used everyday politics to achieve their

goals. The study of everyday politics can help us to better understand the dynamics of armed separatism and to develop more effective strategies for resolving conflicts.



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