Political settlements carved from the periphery: The Duterte government and newly emerging violence in Mindanao

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Duterte successfully engineered a political settlement with local elites, Moro rebels, and communist insurgents that enabled the growth of an urban economy and ensured an environment of certainty and security in Davao City.
Brief outline

• Key arguments
• Conflict evidence: The BCMS and SEMCD: analysis of causes and costs of conflict
• Reigning political settlements
• Constitutional change and federalism
• Conclusions
Figure 1: Violent conflict incidents per province
Figure 2: Conflict per capita (per 100K)

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Figure 3: Conflict density (per 1000 square kms.)
Figure 4: Causes of violent conflict incidents per province

- Tawi-tawi
- Sulu
- Basilan
- Davao Occidental
- Lanao del Sur
- Maguindanao
- Davao Oriental
- Davao del Norte
- Compostela Valley
- Davao del Sur

Legend:
- Common crimes
- Shadow economies
- Identity issues
- Political issues
- Resource issues
- Governance issues
Figure 5: Vertical and horizontal violent conflicts (with shadow and common crimes)
Figure 6: Vertical and horizontal violent conflicts (without shadow and common crimes)
Figure 7: Causes and conflict deaths (ARMM and Davao region)
Figure 8: ARMM provinces and conflict deaths

Number of incidents

Conflict deaths

- Tawi-tawi
- Sulu
- Basilan
- Lanao del sur
- Maguindanao

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Figure 9: ARMM causes and conflict deaths

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Number of incidents vs Conflict deaths
Figure 10: Number of violent conflicts involving BIFF
Figure 11: Violent conflicts involving ASG, PAGs and OCS
Thank you