
PHILIPPINES' BANGSAMORO ELECTS CHIEF MINISTER, ENDING OVER 7 YEARS OF INTERIM RULE

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Lawmakers in the southern Philippines' Bangsamoro autonomous region elected Abdulraof "Sammy Gambar" A. Macacua as chief minister Friday, marking the transition from more than seven years of interim administration to an elected government, regional authorities said.

Macacua secured 51 votes against 27 for Murad Ebrahim during the first plenary session of the 80-member Bangsamoro Parliament in Cotabato City, the regional capital, according to an official statement.

One lawmaker was absent, while another abstained.

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