



**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
(SECOND REGULAR SESSION)**

BTA Parliament Bill No. 191



Introduced by:

BTA Member of Parliament Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

**AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SHEIK ABAS HAMZA IN
THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

BE IT ENACTED by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. In the exercise of genuine autonomy and self-governance, the Bangsamoro Government is empowered to create, divide, merge, abolish, or substantially alter boundaries of municipalities or barangays in accordance with a law enacted by the Parliament. The municipalities or barangays created, divided, merged, or whose boundaries are substantially altered shall be entitled to their appropriate share in the national taxes or Internal Revenue Allotment: Provided, That it shall be approved by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite in the political units directly affected.

SECTION 2. Creation of the Municipality. The Barangays of Labungan, Taviran, Baka, Sapalan, Sifaran, Bugawas, Bitu, Kurintem, Margues and Makir are hereby separated from the Municipality of Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte and constituted into a distinct and independent municipality to be known as Municipality of Sheik Abas Hamza, which is hereby created, in the province of Maguindanao Del Norte.

SECTION 3. Seat of Government. The seat of government of the Municipality of Sheik Abas Hamza shall be established in Barangay Bugawas, which shall also be known hereafter as the "Poblacion".



SECTION 4. Territorial Boundary. The Municipality of Sheik Abas Hamza contains a land area of 164,387,474 square meters. The territorial boundary of the new municipality shall follow the existing boundaries of the constituent barangays as above enumerated. The territorial boundary of the new Municipality shall be bounded as described in the Technical Description attached as ANNEX "1b" hereof.

SECTION 5. Plebiscite Requirement. The Municipality of Sheik Abas Hamza shall acquire corporate existence upon ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the barangays comprising the municipality pursuant to Section 2 hereof within sixty (60) days after the approval of the Act.

SECTION 6. Conduct of Plebiscite. The Commission on Elections (COMELEC), through the Bangsamoro Electoral Office, shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite. The expenses in holding the plebiscite shall be taken out of the available funds of the Commission on Elections under the current fiscal year appropriations.

SECTION 7. Appointment of Municipal Officials. The municipal government is composed of a Municipal Mayor, Municipal Vice-Mayor and eight (8) members of its Sangguniang Bayan who shall be appointed by the Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) immediately after the ratification of this Act in a plebiscite. They shall continue to hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified in the next regular election and shall have qualified: Provided, That the incumbent elective members of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao, who are actual residents of the new municipality shall serve the remaining terms of their elective offices in the mother municipality.

SECTION 8. Financial Assistance Pending Entitlement to Internal Revenue Allotment. The Bangsamoro Government shall appropriate and provide financial assistance for the administration and operation of the Municipal Government of Sheik Abas Hamza in the amount of not less than TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 2,500,000.00) every month until such time as the new municipality shall have been allocated its share in the internal revenue allotment.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. If, for any cause, any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or contrary to the provisions of Republic Act



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No. 11054, the rest of the provisions hereof which are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders or regulations or any part thereof which may be contrary or inconsistent to this Act, except those that declare any part of this Act unconstitutional or contrary to the provisions of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), are hereby repealed, amended, modified, or altered accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity of the Law. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Bangsamoro Gazette or in one (1) newspaper of regional circulation.

APPROVED.

This ____ day of _____ at Cotabato City, Philippines.

PRINCIPAL AUTHOR:

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Member of the Parliament

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PROF. RABY A. ANGKAL

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Parliament Speaker



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ANNEX 1a. Barangays covered by the Municipality of Sheik Abas Hamza, their original mother municipality, and respective land area, population, and annual income as of 2020.

| Covered Barangays | Municipality of Origin | Land Area (sqm.)* | Population (as of May 2020)** | Annual Income (Php)*** |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Bugawas | Datu Odin Sinsuat | 10,865,664 | 2,683 | |
| 2. Taviran | Datu Odin Sinsuat | 9,306,554 | 2,725 | |
| 3. Baka | Datu Odin Sinsuat | 11,640,793 | 3,073 | |
| 4. Sapalan | Datu Odin Sinsuat | 14,671,197 | 1,820 | |
| 5. Sifaran | Datu Odin Sinsuat | 22,627,936 | 1,396 | |
| 6. Labungan | Datu Odin Sinsuat | 55,241,807 | 3,180 | |
| 7. Bitu | Datu Odin Sinsuat | 6,020,919 | 1,475 | |
| 8. Kurintem | Datu Odin Sinsuat | 11,301,753 | 3,446 | |
| 9. Margues | Datu Odin Sinsuat | 8,829,055 | 1,724 | |
| 10. Makir | Datu Odin Sinsuat | 13,881,796 | 5,181 | |
| Total | | 164,387,474 | 26,703 | |

**Technical Description of Barangays*

***Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing*

***The Municipality of Datu Odin Sinsuat is a 2nd-class municipality with an annual regular income of Php 285,054,004.73 in 2019 which includes the locally sourced revenue, Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA), and other shares from national tax collection.*



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ANNEX 1b

Technical Description of the Barangays of the Municipality of Sheik Abas Hamza