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The rise of global terrorism after 9/11 has inspired new terrorist groups among the youth in Muslim countries who believe in global jihad, enamored by ISIS and earlier by Al Qaeda. These trends will likely resonate with Islamic secessionist groups in the Philippines, especially in light of the failure of Philippine Congress to enact the bill that will create a new political entity, the Bangsamoro autonomous region. Increasing radicalization is expected, aggravating the already tense climate spawned by terrorist gangs like the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and Bangsamoro Islamic Liberation Front (BIFF), two groups that the Philippine government contends with as it fulfills a peace agreement signed with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in 2014. The author will analyze the situation in Mindanao in view of these developments, and present some views to counter the threat of global jihad in the conflict-affected areas in the south.

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