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*Research Program Presents*

# Revisiting the war in Marawi, the southern Philippines

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The discussions on the five-month siege of the southern Philippine city of Marawi have been mainly about the growing ISIS presence in Muslim Mindanao and the attempts by the Philippine government to drive ISIS out. While ISIS is indeed important, this talk explores other equally important actors involved in the conflict, notably the political clans and their connections not just to ISIS militants but also to insurgent groups and an exceptionally vibrant illicit sector in the area. It suggests that the success of ISIS network building in the southern Philippines hinges on its ability to tap the support of these forces.



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