



Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

Bangsamoro Government Center, Governor Gutierrez Avenue, Rosary Heights VII, Cotabato City 9600

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 0001,
Series of 2026

**PRESCRIBING THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR OFFICIALS OF THE
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)**

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Organic Law (Republic Act No. 11054) and the Bangsamoro Administrative Code provided for the organizational structure, powers, and functions of the offices and institutions of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM);

WHEREAS, the Order of Precedence is a recognized protocol tool for establishing ceremonial ranking, and is purely ceremonial in nature, conferring no legal rights or privileges, and does not determine succession nor alter the co-equal character of the branches of government as guaranteed under the 1987 Constitution;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to prescribe a formal Order of Precedence for BARMM officials that is consistent with national and international protocol practices, while recognizing the unique political and cultural context of the Bangsamoro;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABDULRAOF A. MACACUA, Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, by virtue of the powers vested in me, do hereby order that the General Order of Precedence for BARMM Officials shall be observed as follows in all official and ceremonial functions of the Bangsamoro Government, unless otherwise provided by national protocol in joint activities with the National Government of the Republic of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. Order of Precedence for Officials of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. In official and ceremonial functions of the Government, BARMM and other officials shall be ranked in accordance with the attached Order of Precedence.

- I. The Wali
- II. The Chief Minister
- III. The Bangsamoro Parliament Speaker
- IV. Former Wali (*courtesy rank*)
- V. Former Chief Minister (*courtesy rank*)
- VI. Former Bangsamoro Parliament Speaker (*courtesy rank*)
- VII. Deputy Chief Minister
- VIII. Deputy Parliament Speakers
- IX. Members of the Parliament
- X. The Senior Minister
- XI. The Ministers, *in the following order*:
 - a. Minister of Finance and Budget and Management
 - b. Minister of Social Services and Development
 - c. Minister of Trade, Investments, and Tourism
 - d. Minister of Labor and Employment
 - e. Minister of Transportation and Communications

- f. Minister of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education
 - g. Minister of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs
 - h. Minister of Health
 - i. Minister of Public Works
 - j. Minister of Interior and Local Government
 - k. Minister of Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy
 - l. Minister of Human Settlements and Development
 - m. Minister of Science and Technology
 - n. Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform
 - o. Minister of Public Order and Safety
- XII. Associate Justices of the Shari'ah High Court (*in order of seniority*)
- XIII. Heads of Constitutional Commissions for the BARMM
- a. Commission on Audit
 - b. Bangsamoro Electoral Office
 - c. Civil Service Commission
 - d. Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission
- XIV. Deputy Ministers of each Ministry
- XV. Bangsamoro Directors-General of each Ministry
- XVI. Chairpersons of the Bangsamoro Commissions, *in the following order*:
- a. Bangsamoro Women Commission
 - b. Bangsamoro Youth Commission
 - c. Bangsamoro Sports Commission
 - d. Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage
- XVII. Senior Officials of the Office of the Chief Minister, *in the following order*:
- a. Cabinet Secretary
 - b. Chief of Staff
 - c. Bangsamoro Attorney-General
 - d. Assistant Senior Minister
 - e. Assistant Cabinet Secretary
 - f. Bangsamoro Assistant Attorney-General
- XVIII. Heads of Attached Offices, Bureaus, and Agencies of the Office of the Chief Minister
- XIX. Provincial Governors
- XX. Mayor of Cotabato City
- XXI. Mayor of Chartered Cities
- XXII. Other City and Municipal Mayors
- XXIII. Traditional and Royal Leaders recognized under the Bangsamoro Administrative Code
- XXIV. Senior Representatives of Religious, Tribal, and Community Leaders, as appropriate to the occasion

SECTION 2. Applicability in Joint National-BARMM events. In consonance with Administrative Order No. 451 series of 1981, Establishing the Order of Precedence of National Government Officials, the following protocol shall apply in ceremonies or functions jointly involving the National Government and the BARMM:

- a. National Officials, including the President, Vice President, Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, shall take precedence over all BARMM officials, consistent with the national protocol framework.

- b. Foreign Diplomats accredited to the Republic of the Philippines shall follow national officials but shall take precedence over BARMM Officials.

SECTION 3. Ceremonial Precedence of the Wali. Consistent with the functions vested in the Wali under the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, the Wali shall take precedence in all ceremonial and symbolic functions of the Bangsamoro Government. In particular, the Wali shall preside or be accorded the position of honor in the following events:

- a. Opening of the session of the Bangsamoro Parliament;
- b. Administering the oath of office of the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Ministers, the Speaker of the Parliament, Members of the Parliament, and the Cabinet Ministers;
- c. Dissolving the Parliament upon the advice of the Chief Minister following a vote of no confidence against the government of the day;
- d. Calling for the election of a new Parliament;
- e. Attending public ceremonies where the presence of the ceremonial head of the Bangsamoro Government is required; and
- f. Welcoming foreign and local dignitaries on behalf of the Bangsamoro Government.

SECTION 4. Non-Application for Social or Private Functions. This Order of Precedence shall apply exclusively to official ceremonies and state functions. It shall not be used to determine hierarchy in social gatherings, private events, or in matters involving the exercise of legal authority, administrative functions, internal agency operations, or access to public services.

SECTION 5. Limitation on the Use of Precedence. Precedence in rank shall not be observed in social or other non-official functions, nor shall it be invoked to justify any form of preferential treatment or discrimination in the performance of official duties, access to public services, or the exercise of rights and privileges vested in public office. It shall likewise have no bearing on the amount of compensation, allowances, or any other form of remuneration prescribed by law, rules, or administrative issuances.

SECTION 6. Separability. If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Cotabato, BARMM this 13 th day of January 2026.



ABDULRAOF A. MACACUA
Chief Minister

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