

The Federal System of Government: The Key to National Development and Mindanao Peace

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Through the years, national experience has ineluctably demonstrated that the unitary system of government has stymied national development in the Philippines. As such, the Essay proposes that even from the point of view of economic development, there is a need to shift from the unitary system to the federal system of government. The ill effects present in the unitary system of government have been and are exacerbated by the armed challenges that are mounted every now and then by the Moro rebels of Mindanao.

By providing a history of strife and conflict in Mindanao, the Essay establishes that the recurrent Moro rebellions of Mindanao have drained the country's meager resources resulting in shortages of schools, medical supplies, and basic infrastructures among other things. Thus, by advocating a federal system of government as a tool for protecting regional diversity in interests or ideas from infringement, the Author suggests that a shift to the federal system is the most ideal solution to speed up the economic developments of the nation and to address the just grievances of the Moro people of Mindanao.