

An Abu Sayyaf member who goes by the unlikely name of "Friend" surrendered to authorities in Tongkil, Sulu last Friday.

Joint Task Force Sulu Brig Gen Cirilito Sobejana identified the surrenderer as Hussin Aranain aka "Friend."

Aranain surrendered to Joint Task Force Sulu through elements of the 545th ECB and the 54th EBDE and the Southwestern Mindanao Coast Guard within the vicinity of Bacaan, Tongkil, Sulu.

Aranain surrendered together with his M16 rifle.

Aranain was under ASG Asbi Misuari, an Abu Sayyaf sub-leader who earlier surrendered to authorities.

In an interview with military personnel, Aranain said that he surrendered to be able to live a normal life with his family. (Ely Dumaboc)