

MUSLIM TOWN (VLOG)

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AUDIO	VIDEO
<p>[VO] Quiapo is well known across the country as a prime religious hub. But apart from being home to the historic Quiapo Church, also found here is the largest Muslim community in Manila. The Muslim Town, found near the Quezon Boulevard, seems to be an entirely different world perched right in the middle of Quiapo.</p>	<p>Quiapo and Black Nazarene Scenes Sound: Quaipo Church Natsot Photos of Muslim Town Sound: Muslim Town Natsot</p>
<p>[VO] Since its creation during the Marcos era, the Quiapo Muslim Town continues to expand and be a key part of the Quiapo locality.</p>	<p>Muslim Town Scenes</p>
<p>Ito yung bunga ng, halimbawa, tumakas sa Mindanao, dahil sa giyera, Martial Law. So, ang akala nila, masama. Lyon pala mabuti sa kanila, dahil natuto sila mag-negosyo, dito na lumaki iyong mga ano nila, mga anak nila. Hanggang naging mayaman na.”</p>	<p>Photo of preacher</p>
<p>“Dito po sa Quaipo, mga ilan po?” “Popularity ng Muslim... Umabot siguro ng mga around 20,000.”</p>	<p>Muslim people and their activities Video of the interviewee</p>
<p>COMMERCE</p>	
<p>VO The resilience of our Muslim brothers is one to be admired. Leaving their homes in Mindanao and settling in an unfamiliar territory was no easy feat, but they managed to pull through it through venturing into business.</p>	<p>Muslim Town Scene</p>
<p>“I think 80% ng buhay ng mga tao dito, nanggagaling talaga sila sa business, self-employed talaga sila.”</p>	<p>Stores/shops/products</p>
<p>[VO] Everywhere you look inside the Muslim Town, the streets are packed with stores selling products not found in other parts of Quiapo –from traditional Islamic clothing, to <i>Halal</i> produce and dishes, to decorative objects with Moro and</p>	

<p>Maranao designs. The thriving commerce within the town only confirms the Muslim people's reputation as some of the most skilled entrepreneurs in the country.</p>	
RELIGION	
<p>Perhaps the greatest attraction inside the Muslim Town is the Mosque del Globo del Oro, the largest gilded mosque in Manila.</p>	<p>Mosque</p>
<p>Another thing about the Muslim people is their deep commitment to their religion. It is fascinating how almost every single person in the town is well-versed about Islam, able to answer every possible question from non-Muslim visitors or spectators about their faith.</p>	<p>People praying / Mosque Worship Sound: Mosque Natsot</p>
<p>Ah, itong Mosque, para ring sa inyo, Katoliko. Kaya lang iba ang system ng prayer ng Katoliko saka ito. Unang-una, ang mga Muslim, we have a five times a day prayer. Syempre, mga turo ng propeta. 'Yung mga unang panahon, sila prophet Jesus, lahat sila. So, ang ano rito, yung pagsimba. So ang pagsimba ng Muslim saka ano (Katoliko), iba. Kasi ang mga Muslim, actually, ang kanilang sinasamba, iyon mismong Tagapaglikha. 'Yung mismong Allah. Ang ating Diyos, si Allah. Lahat ng tao, ke Muslim o Christian ka.</p>	
<p>(First part of Muslim convert interview)</p>	
INTERACTION WITH NON-MUSLIMS	
<p>[VO] The Muslim people are well aware of their reputation in the eyes of others who do not belong to their group. Fortunately, their life here in Quiapo is much more peaceful than those in the southern regions. They say that that they have managed to build a harmonious relationship with their Christian neighbors.</p>	<p>Hidalgo Street Scene</p>
<p>"Actually, itong interaction ng mga Muslims saka mga Christian, maganda po ang bunga. Halimbawa, nalaman ng mga Christian. Sa una, sabi nila 'Itong mga Muslim mga terorista.' Hindi,</p>	<p>Muslim Town Scene</p>

mababait ang mga Muslim. Kasi ang religion ng mga Muslim is peace, kapayapaan.”	
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