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**DURING THE CONDEMNATION AND PUBLIC DESTRUCTION OF CONTRABAND VEHICLES**

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Kindly sit down. Thank you for your courtesy.

I only have two pages for you just enough for me to fly out at sunset time.

But this would not reflect my sentiments of the moment. You know, before a place can really be developed or a viable place to do business, you have to establish first law and order.

That is my experience in Mindanao and that is my experience as a city mayor of Davao City for 23 years.

I was able to get what I want maybe because I was given so much time to do it. Dito ngayon, I know that the NPAs are working over time and... Sino ba ang NPA dito ngayon? Sa likod. Denial lahat pagka...

Alam mo, I don't know what will happen to the talks. But if you guys want just maybe a place where you can work and earn money for your family for their education, you might do well just to talk to anybody even to the military and the police about how we can sort it out among ourselves.

War would bring us nothing. Mindanao has been there fighting, cutting each other's throat for almost 50 years, kayong mga komunista.

And you are starting to be arrogant again and you want war. So another 50 years of slaughtering your own countrymen. If that is what you want and you stymie the development of this nation not for you but for your children and your grandchildren now, it's your take. Whatever you want, then so be it.

But I'm appealing to you, malakas ang NPA dito, ano naman makukuha ninyo? I mean Sison is there... Do you believe in the --- what is in his head? I listened to him and I believed him many years ago. But you know there is always a time to reflect and review what we have in this life.

Hindi madali ito. It's not --- revolution is to revolutionize, to develop, it ain't really the way. It has to be evolution, dahan-dahan 'yan. You allow government to work in this area, establish economic centers, make it productive, make it safe, make the buildings, the structures fire-free. No attack, no killing.

Pero pag hindi ninyo naintindihan 'yan and you rely on your arms, maybe sometimes pag-isipan ninyo. What you were thinking or how brave you were before holding the rifle? And how brave you are now killing your own countrymen and destroying for nothing because you have a gun?

Isipin mo nga kung ano ka ngayon. But then isipin mo rin kung ano ang nangyari sa inyo. Baka nga naman talagang pinahirapan kayo.

And that is why we are here, I ordered the destruction. Ano man sabihin ninyo na may corruption pa, meron pa rin. Hindi ko maubos kaagad ng isang araw.

And do not believe that General Lapeña here, the Customs commissioner, is corrupt. He is not. He was for the longest time my chief of police in Davao City.*[applause]* Huwag kayong maniwala niyang...

And even Faeldon. You know why I trust him? We got so money when we raided Mighty cigarettes. Did you --- how much we earned from there? 40 billion. Siya lang ang nag-tip sa akin.

He was the sole singular guy in government na nagbulong sa akin na there is smuggling, so much smuggling that if we can destroy it we will have the money.

And I would not believe that he would exchange that for a few mil --- 6 million, and it included my son. Susmaryosep.

Iyong ganun. Kaya ito sinira ko 'to because you have to show to the world that you have a viable place of investment and business.

And the only way to show it is that you are productive and that you have the economy to absorb the productivity of the population.

The life source, the source of government funding is taxes. Wala nang iba. We cannot print money beyond our value as a nation.

GDP and all the productivity that you can exert. That could constitute kung gaano tayo kayaman. Now vis-à-vis with America, ang dollar natin is 52.50, ang dollar nila sa ating peso is one dollar per 53 pesos.

It's because walang trabaho, may giyera tayo diyan sa NPA. Wala naman pumupunta dito takot, hesitant because there is trouble and the NPAs abound.

And for what? You have been doing it for 50 years. You have stymied the ambitions of the people. Kayong mga taga-rito kung maniwala kayo sa NPA, hindi kayo lalabas dito. Iyong mga mahirap ninyo, iyan ang sinasabi ko sa lahat, pati sa Jolo, anak ka if you do not shape up, we will never get from the rot of poverty.

You will just have to trust government. Anyway, there is an election. So ako ang sinabi ko, I have many issues plenty; errors, marami; but the issue of money, was never, never one of them.

Kaya nung nag-mayor ako sabi ko, I want this city. Now you want an example of what a productive city is? Hindi ako magyayabang, pumunta kayo ng Davao City.

Kaya lang nasobrahan siguro ni Inday, 'yung anak ng mayor ko, because there are a lot of lamentations, not complaints about...

Kasi doon, pagka alas-dose, sarado lahat. Nobody would serve you any alcoholic drink, nobody would entertain you and nobody walks the streets because baka ma-loitering ka.

Pero hindi 'yan kasalanan. Nobody is prevented from walking thereabout. In any of the places in the Philippines, there is a freedom of expression and freedom of happiness.

But kung matuto ang tao, and I think that well ang NPA naman hindi naman masyado inaatake 'yung Davao. You did it once and you earned the ire of the mayor. Eh ngayon magkalaban na kayo.

So what's the...? Bakit kayo mag...? You know, the machines are there, the equipments are there, they need people to work on it and produce something of value that contributes to the income of government. GDP is simply income ng gobyerno. Iyan ang ang dapat isipin ninyo.

Itong Cagayan, we are getting rid of the NPAs. I said the... They thanked me for sending the Marines here. *[applause]* But sa Marines, we still have to spend for their salaries. And they are behaved because they are professionals and paid by government. Iyan ang gusto ko, same with the police.

So what's the point of killing people, killing the soldiers, for what? For nothing.

And you have not been able to realize even in a scale of one to 10, hanggang one point one lang kayo hanggang ngayon. And yet you insist in fighting government.

Ako, ayaw kong pumatay ng Pilipino. Be very sure of that. Ayaw ko talaga. And the Moro. And I appeal to them. You enjoy killing your own countrymen? Is that what you want?

So I asked the people there when I was there. When can I go here in Jolo without --- unarmed and without a soldier?

I am a Moro. My moth --- my grandmother is. But can I walk the streets of the ano ito? Maybe personally, you'd hate me to see me die.

But you know, how about the others? How about the Christians? They are avoiding places nandiyan 'yung kidnapping, nandiyan 'yung...

So when can I go to Zamboanga, Jolo, Siasi without a firearm and without a soldier or policeman guiding me or keeping watch?

Ako, ayaw kong ano... Ang kotse ko when I travel, I'm the only one. Wala akong kasama. Ayaw ko. Hindi kasi ako nasanay kasi sa Davao, nagmo-motor lang ako kaya ako na --- dumugo 'yung...

It pains me to see things I that love. I love riding the motor. I have toured the entire length and breadth of this country. Motorbike lang. Big bike. Yes.

Inikot ko na itong Pilipinas kasi sa Mindanao 'pag hindi ka nakaikot ng Pilipinas, wala kang fictional badge. Badge ng...

You are not allowed to talk in front of people who have been here around because you have not yet attained that honor of going around the country.

Ka sarap sana. I fell in love with my country when I... Ka ganda. Mababait naman ang tao.

Sana ngayon, give a... Wala naman talaga 'yan si Sison. The unreasoned position. You know that. They cannot carry a fight. What do you really want?

You cannot even occupy a barangay or a sitio for 24 hours. Then you're able to shoot somebody, kill civilians, kill soldiers for nothing, for nothing, not even an ideology. There is actually none at all. You are fighting for a bankrupt mind.

Isang tao lang ang nag-iisip. There is only one person using his god d\*\*\* gray matter between his ears. Para kayong robot. Kung anong inuutos.

Mabuti pa itong mga police pati sundalo 'pag agrabyado, nagsasabi pa, "Mr. President, hindi pwede 'yan."

Eh kayo parang robot. It's all what? 50 years? Well, everybody dies.

Ikaw, on a bad day, ma-engkwentro mo 'yung mga Marines pati police, it's either you or sila. And that is your life story. Hanggang diyan ka lang.

Ako, I love motorcycles, but I love my country more. Why? Because I sought the presidency and I got it I don't know how. Alam naman ninyo.

Dito wala nga ako ni isang barangay captain sa Luzon. In the entire Abra, si ano lang. [*Sino 'yun, Bong?*] Si Seares. O, nagpadala siya ng wild mushroom kagabi. Sabi ko, "Makain ba itong y\*\*\* na ito? Baka ma..." [*laughter*] Wild mushroom eh. But it was really very delicious. Sana magpadala pa siya. [*laughter*] Sana kayo. Maski kontra partido tayo.

Wala na ako. I'm beyond politics. I cannot seek reelection. I... It's a --- I hit the wall there someday. So I will not waste my time just talking, coming here, and allowing corruption. Hindi ko talaga ano. Ayaw ko.

Huwag kayong pumasok diyan. Sabi, "Ay, Duterte may corruption." Talaga. Pero today, I have fired --- and what is really very... What is pitiful is that most of them were with me since 1988 when I became mayor.

Alam mo 'pag ang tao nakahawak ng posisyon ganun eh. Kaya ang lamentation ko... I would not read my speech. I want a dialogue with you.

Ang masakit sa akin 'yung, "Sige, takbo ka, takbo ka because the country needs this, the country needs that" or "I hate corruption."

P\*\*\*\*\* j\*\*, pagdating ng panahon nauna. Just the same. Kayo pagdating ninyo huwag kayong maniwala maraming magpunta 'yan galing probinsya, galing kung saan-saan. Patakbuhin ka.

Itong delegation ng --- ang p\*\*\*\*\* j\*\* nandyan na sa pwesto, nakaw dito, nakaw doon. Travel dito, travel doon. Magkanong pera 'yan? Imagine going out of the country 21 times?

So most of them said, "Do you want to be a tourist? Ay, you establish a travel agency." Nagbibigay ng ano 'yan, free ticket. [*Crowd: Yehey!*]

Sa travel kayo, ma'am? Ah MRRD. Ah, oo. Punta kayong Davao, ma'am. I am inviting you. Pero barangay lang. Walang... Really, I'm inviting the original MRRD to visit there. But only the beautiful ones ha. [*laughter*]

Hindi. Totoo 'yan. You have to... You know, I am more in the dialogue with the Filipinos at the back, 'yung mga --- pati 'yung mga NPA. Walang mangyayari sa atin dito.

But I promise you, surrender ka sa pulis o sa military then I'll give you a job automatic at bigyan kita ng bahay kagaya sa Mindanao. [*applause*] Right away. If in numbers kayo 50, I will establish in its --- a community. I will --- I will begin the housing project. And in the meantime, bigyan ko kayo ng allowance.

At dito kung matuloy, hindi niyo istorbohin 'tong mga investors, [applause] mahalin ninyo, may trabaho kayo. Mga anak ninyo makapag-aral. At kung makapag-aral sila o mag-high tech, one day baka maging supervisor pa dito o maging manager.

But if you take on the course of that s\*\*\*, ah wala. Hindi kayo makalalabas. [laughter] Never get out of the poverty of kahirapan. Anong na... [May nagpasok man sa ears ko.] [laughter] Siguro dilaw 'yun. [laughter]

'Yung dilaw, yellow, to the Visayans, ice 'yan in our talkatase. Yelo is ice. Kayong mga yellow, pati lahat na tayo, set aside politics. 'Yung dilaw, matagal nang natutunaw [laughter] because yelo, I said, in our dialect, 'yun ang tawag namin.

Eh magbili ka ng yelo. Wala natunaw na. Ano pa bang gawain natin diyan? At I have to stop talking because they are signaling me that there's a high range of mountains there in the... Na. Ang next magsira nito kung malasin tayo, si Robredo na. Kaya niyang sirain 'yan? [laughter]

Ako basta ganun, I do not... I admit hanggang ngayon meron. Pero masiguro mo 'pag nahuli kita diretso 'yan, it's the Secretary... Kasi ako, to be frank with you, there is actually no commercial paper on my table.

Wala akong mga transaction sa reclamation, railway, economic zone. It stays --- it ends and it begins with the Cabinet member. Wala akong pina --- lahat even marginal notes. What I have is the appointments and the policy, foreign affairs. No...

They said the investors would want to see me, I say, "what's the kind of business?" "You go to Secretary Dominguez. I cannot help you, I do not know --- I'm not --- I'm a lawyer, hindi naman --- I'm not a businessman."

I hate to see... I get dizzy with that graph about economy dropping going up and...

And what is worse is that our educa... I don't know what happened to those i\*\*\*\*. They began to tinker with the figures and letters mixing them up. That's why I --- bakit ito na --- ang figures isinali mo doon sa alphabet? "2c=1c=wc". Ano ba 'tong --- "- 2r, 2d."

Why do you have to mix it up when you can make this as simple? One line is the expense, the other line is the profit and that's it. Today you lost 70. You do not have to give me that...

So I'm not the fellow that you'd want to talk to. So you just talk to the appropriate department where your business is germane to or maybe... Do not count on me because I --- I'm busy why papers and busy with the angels, beautiful angels. [laughter]

Because not all angels are good. There are also angels who are sinners like me. So I'm busy with them.

Thank you for inviting me and mabuhay kayong lahat. [applause]

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