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SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE SEND-OFF CEREMONY OF 250 TRANSPORT VEHICLES FOR THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY

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I have a --- as usual a two-minute --- two pages rather, about two-minute speech.

Let me just go to the acknowledgments Interior and Local Government officer-in-charge Eduardo Año; Presidential Adviser for Southern Tagalog Jose Maria Nicomedes Hernandez; Laguna Governor Ramil Hernandez; Calamba City Mayor Justin Marc Chipeco; the officials and employees of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology head by Director Deogracias Tapayan; mga kasama ko sa gobyerno; ladies and gentlemen

Itong speech ko is not really my toil. Ginagawa lang ito 'yung mga babae. *[laughter]* But it does not clearly spell out 'yung personal na ano ko muna --- ano ang nalaman ko about BJMP and ang buhay ng isang guwardiya at preso.

You know hindi naman ako kailangan magyabang, I've been 23 [years] mayor of the City of Davao. In not so many instances, the BJMP at alam ninyo 'yan kayong magre-retire na for the years in service, wala talaga kayong vehicle o whatever, wagon or a keep 'yung --- to keep your prisoners safe while in transport.

Ang gusto kong i-correct ngayon, I don't know if it is rampant in Luzon or in the Visayas, maybe probably in ah...

[May order ba tikas pahinga for you guys? Can you just relax? Tikas pahinga, I'm giving the order and just relax.]

'Yung maraming sa inyo namatay while transporting one --- a prisoner from one jurisdiction to the other. In Davao City, the last time 'yung bomber na expert nila was transported from I think Cagayan tapos diyan bandang Bukidnon, Davao Road na-checkpoint sila ng pulis. I don't know kung patay na ba 'yung tao na 'yan. But four of them were able to make good their escape.

Ang mahirap kasi nito walang kalaban-laban ang mga tao sa BJMP. Even it's a one-on-one affair, isang preso isang guwardiya, but along that lonely stretch going out of Davao and Bukidnon and Cagayan, it's a long and winding lonely road.

Kaya karamihan dito pagka nakademanda --- kasi itong mga komunista maraming kasalanan. You know 50 years walang ginawa ito --- kaya ako sabihin ko sa Pilipinong nakikinig ngayon -- 50 years walang ginawa ang komunista kung hindi pumatay, mag-extort, mag-kidnap, at ang karamihan nating patay next to the uniformed personnel of government ang mga barangay captains.

Tapos na-charge pa sa amin kung anong --- anong away nila dito ke madroga 'yan o --- the slightest na ano ang gobyerno ang pumatay. And yet dito hindi masyado.

But in Mindanao 'pag na-checkpoint 'yan, took us about three months of negotiation bago nasauli 'yung mga guwardiya.

Iyon ang alam ng NPA: to destroy the government, to destroy its functions of government, and to kill the soldiers, kill the policemen, kill everybody for the last 52 years.

Iyan lang ang ibinigay ng mga komunista sa atin. And every time you are trans... Itong mga leaders nila kagaya 'yung bomb expert nila, talagang binantayan nila 'yon. And because they are everywhere now, they were able to penetrate government.

Wala man 'yang --- 'ta mo may party-list. Eh ako naman in my desire really to just extend a helping hand maybe I can succeed talking to them, naipasok ko rin sa gobyerno.

Mabuti't na lang ni-reject ng Congress 'yung appointments nila. It turned out to be na ayaw talaga nila ng --- even the talks now are almost done.

I don't know if it could be revived. But I am not ready at this time to talk about talking to the communist. For as long as there is an objection from the military and the police na they called ---pinag-ipon nila lahat 'yung mga various agreements JASIG, humanitarian rights, it would now appear that more or less there is a sharing --- hindi coalition --- but sharing of governmental powers which we cannot concede, I cannot give because we do not own sovereignty.

Alam mo when you --- patawarin mo 'yung mga may kasalanang may ginawa, it's an act of state na hindi ako pwedeng mag-amnesty diyan sa mga komunista na 'yan without asking the police, the military and everybody, the civilian sector, 'yung mga gobernador and those who were victims of atrocities committed or perpetrated by the communists.

Ngayon ang problema ninyo sa kuwan, if you think that I said it's a long and winding road there, do not attempt na kayo lang, isang... You have to look for a better way of doing it.

I don't know how but maybe I can buy you a... Mahal ba 'yang jet? *[laughter]* 'Yung pasahero? *[applause]* 747 siguro pwede na? *[laughter]* Hindi maghanap ako ng eroplano na...

You know I do not want you dead. Mamu-multiply ang ano... It's not a matter of encounter. Hindi it's a matter of encounter pagkatapos na-ambush ganun. It does not end there.

Unang-una dito, I am not concerned about the communist, how they would --- what they do about the --- after the incident.

Pero ako 'pag namatayan ako ng pulis, kayo, mga guwardiya, I have a problem. There's a family that is totally broken because there is no longer a father, then the family suffers.

Eh kung may anak kayo, problema 'yan. There is a sort of allied problems na konektado. Mabigat na 'yan. It does not end there sa after battle report o maski ilang patay mo.

Every incident that results in the death or injury --- kung injury naman, it becomes a health issue. Kasi 'pag tinamaan ang sundalo, tinamaan ang uniformed personnel, kayo, then we'll have to worry about your rehabilitation, physically, ospital and then the loss of income.

Lahat 'yan. Kaya ang ano ng problema talaga ng law and order is malawak. It does not end there sa ano.

Kaya por Diyos 'yung sabi ko, 'yung nalaman ko na 'yung ghost delivery sa ospital sa gobyerno, AFP, I had to fire the general.

Just to say na huwag ninyong... I could perhaps --- kayo alam natin --- alam natin ito lahat eh. Mapatawad ko pa 'yang conversion, per parts or ligid, *[ano bang ligid sa Tagalog?]* gulong, pero 'yang medisina anak --- adre, medyo hindi tayo magkakaintindihan diyan.

Away talaga aabutin natin diyan, ako pati ikaw. Ako trabaho ko kasali na sa teritoryo 'yung gulo eh. Pero I will never, never condone it na ano --- magkasala na lang kayo.

Mabuti pa magpakasal ka na lang ng tatlong babae. *[laughter]* Mas mabilib pa ako eh. Kasi akin apat. *[laughter]* Huwag mo lang tapatan 'yung numero ko.

Ganun. Huwag 'yung mga ganun na bagay. Huwag kayong pumasok diyan kasi talagang hahabulin ko kayo. And I will see to it that... I will...

Talagang i-dismiss kita, i-discharge kita. Iyang ganun ang hindi ko talaga mapatawad.

At saka 'yung mga pagkain at 'yang sweldo ng ano. 'Pag ako nagbigay ng allowances, kailangan dumating sa lahat 'yan.

Huwag mo akong bigyan niyang... Kasi matagal akong mayor. Hindi ko naman kayo pinangangaralan. But you and I share the same horizon. Pare-pareho lang tayo.

A mayor is always actually the chief of police. Kung sa totoo lang, iyan 'yang siya city police director --- in the true sense of the word because he directs the operations. Wala naman 'yang administrative, 'yung paano kayo pumasok. Those are paperwork.

But in the actual world, it is the mayor who would say that --- and you should obey the mayor. Only when the mayor is into politics tapos utusan kayo na mag-guwardiya diyan, huwag hulihin 'yan, mga jueteng diyan. You always report to the --- kasi kayo rin ang madadali eh.

Report to your station commander and the station commander will report to the CO and eventually tatanggalin talaga kita. Do not work for somebody else. You have to work for government.

Now ngayon kung may mga diperensya sinabi ko sa inyo, kung may problema kayo na mabigat, huwag na kayong pumunta doon ng ibang opisina, dumiretso kayo sa opisina ko at I will solve the problem for you. *[applause]*

Nakuha mo? Pera... God might not allow it sa inyo kasi mababait naman tayo. Mga cancer, mga... Or even manganak ka. Kay ang sundalo tanungin ko, isa, dalawa lang ang anak. Ang pulis, dalawa. Dalawang pamilya *[laughter]* tig-tatlong anak sa isang asawa.

Eh alam ko man. Susmar... Ang pulis magbalik-balik diyan parking 'yan sa y***** bar na 'yan. Eh nandoon 'yan sa loob naka...

Kaya let us just --- kung ano lang 'yung tama. Kung ano lang 'yung tama. Suportado ko kayo. Ayan for the first time. Ayaw kong magyabang.

Kayong taga-Davao, sinong nagbibigay ng ano sa inyo? City government. Mabuti't na lang tinuloy ni Inday. I'm sure the support is there. Meron kayo. Whatever lahat ng maibigay doon sa pulis, automatic kayo rin. Every Christmas, every... *[applause]*

Siguro Bong ngayong Christmas tag-one million each per person para liligaya talaga. *[applause]* Lipay pud kaayo ang mga buang o. *[laughter]*

Well ako, I, ibinigay ko na ang lahat sa inyo, sa totoo lang. Anong hinihingi ni General Año, anong hinihingi ni General Lorenzana, ibinibigay ko talaga. Lahat ibinigay ko na.

Kaya it's your turn to do your part. But let me just warn you again. Huwag naman itong ano... O sige, basahin ko na lang maya para... Baka nag-gawa nito --- baka ang policewoman ang gumawa, mabaril tayo ng g***.

We'll have to devise a way of transporting criminals, especially in the territory of Mindanao which is fraught with so many dangers. We'll have to look for it. Totoo hindi ako nagyayabang. But that would --- only when it is being transported to one province to another. And you get to travel a lonely stretch. Talagang ma-ambush kayo, especially...

Maraming sa loob eh, sa gobyerno --- na alam na nila. So ang ating preventive measures also you sharpen your... Kagaya ng mga --- huwag ninyong ibalita. But I think I'll buy you the --- hindi naman pinakamahal.

Delikado talaga. Ke ma-barko, ke ma-over land. Tanong lang ako kung --- magpunta man ako doon ngayon sa exhibit ng arms.

Maghanap ako ng pinaka --- 'yung eroplano. Maybe one for Mindanao and sa Visayas 'pag we are transferring a high-profile, a high-value target, you will use the plane. *[applause]*

You know, hindi ko kayo binobola. I'd rather lose five airplanes than rather lose a soldier or my guard or a policeman. Masakit kaya 'yan. So ano ba naman 'yang... Basta magbili ako.

Maybe wala naman kayong aviation --- meron ba kayong ano? Wala kayong aviation unit eh. So temporarily kung makabili ako within before the end of the year, i-attach ko muna sa Air Force. *[laughter]*

Kung ibigay mo 'yan sa gwardiya, walang tulog, tapos sige inom pagka gabi sa karaoke, ah hulog talaga 'yan. *[laughter]*

Ngayon, bantay kayo every... Kayo ba may sidearms lahat? All of you are given sidearms? *[DILG OIC Eduardo Año: Wala, sir. Kulang pa, sir. Kulang pa.]*

Ah kulang pa? *[Año: Kulang pa, sir.]*

Meron man kayong lahat na sidearms --- I have provided you with... Ano ba 'yon sir 'yung Glock nandito na? *[Año: May Glock sila, sir. Meron ding...].45? [Año: Yes, sir. May .45 din sila kaya lang hindi pa po kumpleto.]*

Wala? Pero na-order na po? *[BJMP Chief Dir. Deogracias Tapayan: Wala pa, sir. Meron kaming 2,548 ang kailangan namin sir para makuha namin...]*

Ah maliit lang. That will be covered by the new shipment of Trust Trade and they're importing 73. Pero marami na akong nabigyan sa sundalo na .45.

Lahat kayo binibigyan ko ng sidearms. Kasi ang Army *[applause]* isa rin 'yan wala. You know when an Army goes to the kampo, barracks and day off niya or he gets a furlough of so many days, he goes home.

He practically goes out naked parang nakahubad 'yan. At minsan pinapatay ng --- hindi lang minsan, pinapatay talaga ng NPA, sparrow. Noon kung may armas para may makuha sila. Ngayon, wala na, basta...

So I'm almost tempted to address the Filipino people, ano kaya kung gawain ko sa kanila 'yan? I mean if you are killing my soldiers, my police, iyong uniformed ano just like dogs there, pinagbabaril ninyo. Ano kaya kung gawain ko 'yan? Ako kung sabihin ko sa kanila?

Let's forget about fire eh --- fire sa inyo or crime prevention. Let us go direct to the neutralization stage. Kasi matagal na itong ganito pinagbaba --- kaya ako binilihan ko kayo ng lahat ng baril. I think there's an extra --- just a small number of --- two thousand, sir?

Bigyan ko kayo ng Glock --- ang latest ano... Glock is nine millimeter. It is maintenance free. Hindi kinakalawang 'yan eh and it has a less history of jamming. Pero kung gusto mo ng firepower, .45 pero 'pag meron na kayo niyan... Ngayon ang pulis, lahat sila may baril man, that's a standard issue. Ang Army wala, pero ngayon meron na sila.

Kayo pagdating sa inyo, kung hindi --- lumabas rin kayo. Diyan, pasyal-pasyal kayo, inom kayo diyan sa mga karaoke-karaoke kasi 'pag wala ng kalaban, wala ng NPA, 'yung Army magdraw na 'yan doon sa pulis, makisali ka na lang, kay 'pag lasing 'yan sila, sila-sila ang nagpapatayan ang mga g***. Ganun 'yan eh.

Kagaya pud... You know try to avoid that kind of s***, 'yung barilan-barilan kasi may dala na eh. But ang akin diyan is one, the sparrow. Kukunin talaga sa inyo 'yan. Pagbigay ko ng baril sa inyo 'yung araw na 'yan at naamoy ng lahat, kukunin sa inyo 'yan sa ayaw mo at sa hindi.

So be careful. Study or learn from the old Philippine Constabulary guys, they are going around giving lectures, mga NPA 'yan na na-recruit, regular soldiers, kinig kayo sila mga retired na 'yan at meron kayong maraming makuha.

For example, sa umaga bago ka mag --- paggising mo, kunan mo lang kay may camera naman kayo. Then when you are finished breakfast, naligo ka na, you go out, try to --- tapos tignan mo kung sinong tao doon, sinong wala at 'yung taong naghihintay, 'yung nakaupo lang sa ano.

But usually ang unang dadaan niyan, 'yun ang magturo na ikaw ang target. Hindi 'yung una. Meron 'yan silang parang spotter. Pagdating niya doon sa isang kanto magturo, "'yon 'yung nakaupo doon o nakatindig."

So I don't know how you do it but you have to cover your backs. 'Wag kayong basta lang... Pero kung if you are good at fighting at hindi ka tatakbo, takot rin 'yan. Bantay ka lang kasi that would be a rich --- effective ground for their arms generation. So 'yun lang ang --- 'yun lang ang misgivings ko diyan.

Now, basahin ko na lang itong speech para...

I am pleased to be with you today for the ceremonial turnover of the second batch of newly-procured prisoners' vans that I promised to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology when I visited Camp Bagong Diwa in October last year.

The first batch of these vans, a total of 50 units, were already delivered last July. Today, we complete the entire package with the turnover of 250 vans that we send-off today to BJMP regional offices nationwide.

This development is part of our continuing efforts to improve the operations of BJMP, enhance public safety in the transportation of prisoners, and provide our detainees with humane and dignified correctional facilities.

Ganito muna ha. In the meantime there's a --- there's almost --- service sa eroplano. Pwede naman siguro dalawa o isa basta naka-handcuff lang.

Ano na lang... If it's in Cagayan, sabi --- paalamin mo lang doon na dala-dala mo 'yung --- ang ano --- ang prisoner. If it's in Zamboanga, then Zamboanga. Because to travel from Davao to Zamboanga, the chances are --- the chances are, the odds are, madidisgrasya.

So ganun na lang tapos i-charge ninyo 'yung gastos sa akin. *[applause]* 'Yung mga ano, baka maisipan mo ipadagdag mo na lang, Manila-Hong Kong, Hong Kong-Manila. *[laughter]* Ha ana mana ang pulis.

Let me stress that this administration gives primacy to the welfare of our prison personnel, and this includes the promotion of their occupational safety, proper remuneration, and high morale.

Doblado na sweldo ninyo 'no? O okay na 'yan? Ilan kulang? May maganda man 'yung kaninang nagbigay nito. *[laughter]* Ma'am, magpa-presyo na lang ako, ma'am. *[laughter]*

Iyan man ang gusto nila eh 'di... Saan na presuhan ka? Doon ako magpakulong. *[laughter]*

This is the reason why this administration is intent on implementing the provisions of Republic Act 9263, which has placed BJMP at par with the Philippine National Police in terms of qualifications, standardized pay, retirement and other benefits.

With a total manpower strength of over 13,000 personnel handling 500 jails nationwide, our BJMP personnel truly deserves an improved quality of life for themselves and their families.

I am hopeful that as we strive to elevate the standards of jail management in the country, you will likewise remain steadfast in your commitment to help government in its unrelenting efforts to fight corruption and eradication of criminality. This includes the duty to ensure the illegal drug trade will never be tolerated.

'Yang isa 'yan. Maghanap kayo ng paraan para patayin itong mga...

To our jail officers, be assured I am always behind you as you perform your duties in accordance with law. *[applause]*

Kasi wala naman kayong iba. I can hardly think na ma-demanda kayo. For what? For drunkenness? For unruly behavior? Or you have --- for fighting there for nothing?

Ang pinakamalapit sa inyo talagang makulong kayo sa trabaho. Kung makulong kayo sa trabaho, hindi ako papayag makulong kayo.

No, I will not. At sabi ko doon iyong sa mga sundalo --- nagbisita ako sa Cagayan three days ago --- may mga pinsala. Sabi ko, "While I am President, I will never allow an inutile soldier, policeman or guard." 'Pag nawala 'yang paa mo, kung wala akong maibigay, ibigay ko ang paa ko. Huwag lang 'yung nasa gitna kay hindi para sa iyo 'yon. *[applause]*

Totoo. And it's all prosthetics. It's worth 75,000 sa paa pati sa kamay.

Sabi ko sa iyong naputol --- bata --- sabi ko, "Tandaan mo hindi ako papayag na may sundalo ako na inutil. I will rebuild you as a solider."

Kaya 'yung blade runner iyong taga-Africa sumasali pa sa relay. Nagma-marathon pa. Walang paa 'yon. Ang g*** na problema niya ang pinatay niya iyong asawang maganda --- ah iyong girlfriend niya. Ayun nasa kulungan ngayon. Wala --- wala ng paa, no more... *[laughter]* Kulungan na man.

So 'yan. And be assured of my protection, all of us here as long as we do it in the performance of duty.

And I could hardly think of a case na papasok ka. Iyong mga small-time petty na... So ang kaso talaga ninyo is ano...

Ngayon 'pag mag-eskapo, eh 'di barilin mo eh. Pwede mong barilin sa...

O kung ikaw madisgrasya, sabi ko hindi ko kayo pababayaang. Maski maputol 'yang paa mo, patakbuhan kita uli.

Pati 'yung nangabulag sabi ko i-rehabilitate. So 'yung lahat na bulag na sundalo, may --- diyan sa DND may computer, they...

At iyong mga sundalo na naabutan ko noong early days ng presidency ko, they are very happy.

There is life after losing... Ang tingin kong disgrasya lang talaga na dapat ka nang mamatay, iyong mawala iyong ano mo. Todohin mo nalang. Kung wala na iyon...

You know why? Ganito 'yan eh. By the way, do not nurture personal loyalty to me. I don't need it. I was elected by the people. You have your mandate.

So if you think that I do not deserve to be there, just tell me. I'd be happy to oblige. Hindi ako --- hindi ako. Pagod na rin ako.

If you think there's a better guy there on the side who should be... Kayo. Ako hindi. I will not order... May PSG ako sa likod.

Pupunta kayo sa harap magdala kayo ng mga mechanized... You know, you would look silly. Do not do that. Just go to my office tapos mag-usap tayo. I will hear you.

And if you think that --- o tama ka matanda na talaga ako at hindi na ako makakapagtrabaho or I am longer --- no longer be able to articulate what I should be doing in government, just tell me. Do not go into such stupid things as coup d'état, coup d'état or what.

You're wasting your time. Just talk to me. And if I think that you are right, I will agree with you and I will step down. Uwi na ako sa amin.

Pero 'pag nasira 'yang mga sasakyan ninyo, huwag kayong lumapit sa akin para ayusin 'yan. Bahala kayo sa buhay ninyo.

And there's another thing, iyong baril. Bong, i --- paspasan mo. Nandiyan na man kaya 73,000. So... *[applause]* May gusto talagang pumatay dito.

So 'yan na siguro and hopefully I'd be able to buy the --- more equipment for the Armed Forces. Pupunta nga ako doon sa exhibit ngayon para mamili ako. 'Yung magamit lang natin --- 'yung magagamit lang natin.

So I assure you again of my protection. Pareho man tayo nasa gobyerno. We are all workers of government sworn to protect the people. Me? No. Ito, dito lang kayo. *[holds the flag]*

Your loyalty should begin and end with the Republic of the Philippines. *[applause]* Do not mind me.

Maraming salamat po.

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