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**Speech of  
President Rodrigo Roa Duterte  
during the oathtaking of newly appointed officials**

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Maupo muna kayo. We seem not to be sure of what's next. Maupo muna kayo.

Anyway, this event is usually not accompanied by any speeches. But well for one reason or another I am asked to just say a few words.

Wala naman akong ibig sabihin. No offense intended to anybody. But let me just tell you because I would not be here for all time.

In about three years aalis rin ako. Lilipas din ang panahon. Kaya lang from my experience in government service starting as a prosecutor, then as vice mayor, then mayor for 23 years tapos naging congressman ako. Tuloy na ako sa presidency.

Ang masasabi ko lang sa atin lahat and I hope that this thing... It's no big deal actually. But I'd like to make this statement which I have... It's a well-thought of a --- just say a few words.

Hindi nga sa inyo 'to. It's not intended for you. I'm sure that you are up to it. But for our countrymen at ipasa ninyo that for as long as there is no law and order and there is no stopping of corruption in government, even if you give a president five terms straight, hindi ko ma...

*[Kindly hold this for me.]*

I will just like to share an experience with you last night we had this Cabinet meeting and spent until morning time. Though no fault of anybody, I discovered very late that there are some applications which have been pending in NEDA for 25 years.

So 'yon namang sa conversion, it took them about two years? And two years that includes verily corruption. Pabalik-balik 'yung tao, pabalik-balik. And there's no end to it, the bleeding of the pocket of the guy and the... Not only

the reputation but government suffers for it also. One time they were presenting something like a way to expedite...

*[Pakilipat. Doon ako.]*

This one you can lean. I'm tired, I'm late because I'm --- akala ko kasi uwi na ako ng Davao. So I was upbeat the whole day and I tried to finish all so that I go home without any baggage for the things that I have left behind to do. I do some signing almost a minimum of 700 signatures a day. Nasira na ang kamay ko tuloy. Nagkaroon ng rayuma, arthritis.

Well anyway, kung ganyan ang red tape or black tape, noong they started to --- pinutol ko sila sabi ko well, "This I would not like to be a part of this briefing because'yung p\*\* ..." This will not happen during my time. So why would I waste my time listening to this when it would take about two presidents to finish?

Kaya lumabas ako sabi ko I asked the Executive Secretary Medialdea, "Kindly take over. I'll just..." Nakipagtsismisan na lang ako doon sa magagandang babae sa labas. Sabi ko I... This is not really something to dwell lengthily pero the system itself is designed to experience a failed government.

In the long run, as the world progresses, as everything has developed and we in turn realize our folly, then it's about time too late to --- I don't know what will happen by that time for the next generation to realize that either we were only thinking of our pockets. Well, they never really give a s\*\*\* of how to correct the things in this country.

Kasi `pag doon certificate, clearance from the LGU. Hindi naman ako, not all. But my experience in Davao, a few guys went to Davao, who have been to Davao, `yung San Miguel Brewery was really intended to be built within the territory of Davao City. And here comes a counsel right after the election and you'd think that there was a mixture of the old ones retained and the new one. And `yung ang nangyari hingi sila nang hingi so San Miguel decided to just buy another lot beside the boundary. Kaya Astorga `yan. But a few steps away from the gate --- hindi naman gate --- is the boundary of Davao and Davao del Sur.

So iyan lang LGU pa `yan. Clearances from the resolution, tapos clearance from the Bureau of Lands, clearance from the --- clearance from... Two pages of clearances p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* walang mangyari. Each department, each agency will sit on it and there is always a table there in that office which would create hell for everybody. Corrupt.

Kaya ako papasok kayo let me just tell you well at least during your time you can always say I give the best that I could for my country. Pero kung sabihin mo with... And you know, law and order we are fighting a drug war which is 'yung bleedings hearts and the stupid ones, they never realized that it is really destroying the country along the way.

It has caused social dysfunction in many of the D, E class sa societal strata natin. Malawak 'yan. Then you cry blood because there's a son of a s\*\*\* there lying down dead. And you do not even consider who he is. Whether he's an innocent man killed by somebody. You just say, "Oh it's a government extrajudicial killing."

Be that as it may, you bleed for one son of a b\*\*\*\*? And if you think that the social dysfunction that he has created... You know if you want to destroy an enemy all you have to do is you feed one or two of the children with drug, free for one year. Then he'd sink in a hellhole and that family is eternally dysfunctional.

Kagaya nung Cebu, I was reviewing the... Iyong sa, hindi ako marunong niyan eh. But it's on the --- 'yung babaeng namatay nag-collapse. She was a medical student and...

Kung ganun na medical student, may pinag-aralan, hihirit pa rin ng ganun. So what about the other guys in the Tondo? They say that, "Si Duterte pinapatay kasi niya mahirap." B\*\*\* s\*\*\* you. F\*\*\* you.

You know shabu is the commodity of the poor. You can buy it at 200 but you had it everyday. And to think that kung everyday, that's 200. How much in one week? Then how much in one month? And you multiply it with the figure of Bato as against Santiago. Santiago said it was three million. Nobody would like to believe it.

So ang sabi ka kay --- okay, when I get to be president, I will order --- and then it was Bato, "buksan mo." Pagbukas, I was up against nine generals of these g\*\*\*\*\* police generals and many more. And was smuggling in Customs, played by the police and the barangay captains and Marawi.

I've been telling you that the rebellion in Marawi was fueled by drugs. I've been repeating that. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* itong mga human rights. They just don't give a s\*\*\* about this country.

Remember that that fight in Marawi was precipitated because they were trying to serve a warrant. There was no precipitate attack on anybody that has anything at --- had anything at all with rebellion. But it went out of control and that was Marawi.

So I lost many of my soldiers and policemen. I grieve because I'm the Commander-in-Chief. Kung hindi ako ang Commander-in-Chief, wala akong pakialam kung ilan namatay diyang sundalo pati...

You just fight. But the problem is when you begin the count, the toll everyday and you know that you have to spend money for this. Alam mo ang tao, you send them to a place called hell, you order them to fight and die, and they die.

Then you have the NPAs. Hindi ko talaga maintindihan. Iyang ideology now, there's a new one. There is --- there's always a time and season for a set-up of paradigm of what you want to do in this country.

It ain't anymore 'yung socialism, Trotsky. They're all b\*\*\* s\*\*\*. China is prosperous. Russia, maganda na ang buhay nila. Tayo dito na pure democracy, what do we maintain in this country? Communism? No. What do we perpetuate? Feudalism. Why? Because of poverty.

Bakit 'yang sa probinsya magpatayan? Look at Mindanao, maski saan. Ambush dito, ambush doon. And you think that it's government. Well the other one, there's killing there which is a love triangle. I think it was ménage à trois, a relationship.

Tapos 'yun namang politiko, may mga g\*\*\* na gustong pumatay lang ng tao para makapwesto. What so important about being mayor? It's not really --- it's not a matter of honor or prestige. It's a matter of getting to be a millionaire overnight.

'Pag ang mayor naghawak ng negosyo ng droga. Kaya kayo nakikinig kayo lahat, p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* papatayin ko talaga kayo. You better write your obituary to the human rights. You destroy my country, I will kill you. You destroy our sons and daughters, I will kill you. There's no middle ground there and you can go to hell, for all I care.

Eh 'di mag-demanda ka. Sabi ko sa inyo, huwag 'yan. I'm warning the mayor, the barangay captains, and the so many police officers who have died, pati PDEA. Don't f\*\*\* with me. I will kill you, period.

Kaya ganun, tingin ako doon. Plus we have a --- an NPA na. Wala na talaga. They are aging and they are here. They want to talk but they make statements or one concession that is not acceptable to me, to the Cabinet, to the military and to the police. So that's the end of it.

I do not rule alone. In Congress, they vote. Dito, I --- we arrive at a consensus. But it has to be a Cabinet action. I do not decide alone. Do not ever, ever think that this is a product of Duterte alone. I consult. That's what we have Cabinet meetings for. What else are we going to discuss there except the interest of the nation?

Then you have the two revolutions. Good that they are motivated by territorial sentiments. Murad and Misuari. But we have itong insane ISIS, that they would kill. And I except that they would do some --- paputok dito, paputok doon 'cause they are --- that's what they get in the Middle East.

Ah pagka ganun patayan talaga 'yan. No quarters given, no quarters asked. Magpaputok ka na ng granada tapos mag-hands up ka, uluhin kita. Huwag mo akong laruan ng ganun. You kill then you pretend to...

Do not surrender because I will kill you. What more magpakain ako sa'yo? T\*\*\* i\*\*, samantalang maraming nagugutom diyan na wala nga tayong maibigay.

So that's it. We have the ISIS. It's a terrible... It's a... That thing is a or was made in hell. Kaya ko man pumatay ng tao but it has to be a good reason. Self-defense, defense of relatives, defense of stranger, fulfilling your duty as a peace officer. Pero worst comes to worst.

Sabi ko nga sa military, 'yung inventory mo diyan sa bomba, diyan sa bodega ninyo, kinakalawang na 'yan. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* ihulog ninyo lahat 'yan. Plant it. Baka magbunga pa 'yan ng mga bomba, hindi na tayo magbili.

Iyan ho ang frustration ko. I'm terribly frustrated with... Talaga I said I will finish the drug problem in six months. That is true. I look stupid? Yes. But my paradigm then was Davao City. Kaya ko man ubusin isang araw. Just shoot them dead.

Pero dito sa Maynila, pagdating ko, sinong kalaban ko? Police general, Customs, pantalan pati airport. I did not know that I was fighting my own government to stop the drug. Hindi ko alam 'yun that I have to kill my own police officers and policemen.

Meron ako noong niyari sa... If you --- not could be more than seven of them sa Davao noon. Sinabi ko talaga, huwag. 'Pag huwag, huwag. Kasi ang huwag sa amin sa Mindanao, huwag talaga. Pagka hindi wagwagin kita.

So imagine the... And here comes corruption. I'm busy fighting a war. I'm losing men, civilians were 'yung --- blown to bits and pieces. And then you have corruption. At hindi mo man ito...

Not intended or unintended. Pero every Filipino, maski 'yang mga vendor diyan sa labas. "Ah wala talaga itong gobyerno." Totoo 'yan. Even the clearances assures its failure.

P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*, sabi ko inyo na 'yan. Lumabas ako kagabi. And frankly I told the military, "You want to change?" Sabi ko sa military ganito. Mag-prangka ako kasi nasabi ko na lahat eh. The problem with you guys --- last night, nandiyan sila lahat --- is you go on a mutiny, rebellion. You do it, you time it during there's a disturbance of --- in society, a political turmoil. Ibigay ninyo, 'pag panalo niyo ibigay ninyo sa kabila nung dinepose (depose) ninyo.

Tapos another set. Iyon na 'yung kalaban. So demandahan then walang ginawa kung maghabol ng kalaban. Pagkatapos 'yan, meron na naman. Tapos mag --- another communal disagreement. Pasok na naman kayo. Then ibigay mo doon sa kontra-partido ay p\*\*\*.

Wasting your time. The next time you do it, look for the best 10, 15 na mauutak na mga bata. Get --- 'yan mga undersecretary 'yan, mga supervisors. Ihulog mo lahat politician, including me. Marunong man ako maglangoy. Dahan-dahan lang. I can always go home to Davao swimming. One kilometer a day, okay na 'yan.

Give it to --- and then assure them of protection. Give them a salary of... "Okay, I'll give you 10 million a month. You f\*\*\* up, we will kill you. You do good, we will increase your salary by the year, one million."

For as long as there is want and need --- need to survive, it will go awry. So suportahan mo na.

Next time, when you assemble anywhere, everywhere, think about it. Do not allow politicians including me... But I assure you I won't be around.

I'll go home. I am ripe for retirement. If God wills it. I don't know kung mag-abot ba tayo diyan. I've been 40 years in politics. Add it to the years of my father, I practically, well eating politics as a daily bread.

Meron ako. Ako mismo, meron rin akong --- you know human frailty. Men attack me left and right. You know, people judge best when they condemn. But I assure you corruption, hindi 'yan ang ano ko.

Ang problema ko 'yung suporta ko sa dalawang pamilya ko. Marami akong makikita dito magaganda. Hindi ko na maligawan. Not because I think I'm old or I am not up to it in physical appearance or even the, you know --- but because I cannot afford it.

Ni hindi ka man lang makabigay ng lipstick eh 'di huwag na lang. I'd go back to my old girlfriends. Medyo matanda nang konti pero okay na 'yan.

As an ending to a... Can we proceed? Nag-storya na tayo dito.

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