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Kindly sit down and thank you for your courtesy.

Nagbibiro lang po ako doon sa mga... Kasi hindi sila magka --- they cannot agree the women sa kung gaano kakapal 'yung powder ma'am^[laughter] kasi sunog itong.

It gets better over time. But then every time I go to especially the military camps, I have to go around. And however how thick is the sunscreen, we get this thing going on it recurs just overnight. So I have to contend with a... Kuwan yata part of aging. I used to have the smoothest cheek ^[laughter] when I was young.

Excellencies of the diplomatic corps; Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año; Mindanao Development Authority Chairman Datu Abul Khayr Alonto; Presidential Spokesperson and Chief Presidential Legal Counsel Salvador Panelo; Senator Cynthia Villar; the honorable members of the House of Representatives; our elected officials here with us this evening; other distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen

I don't know if it would be worth your while to listen to a two-page speech. I hope that you did not wait for me. I'm scheduled to be here at 5. Nagpunta nga ako sa --- at saka para gumuwapo ako kay Architect Palafox. If I become as handsome as you maybe things would be better for me socially.

I join the men and women of the Mindanao Development Authority as they celebrate the continuing success of their mission to build a stronger and more progressive Mindanao.

As the primary coordinating agency in the affairs of the Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines –East ASEAN Growth Area, you have played an invaluable role in the implementation of viable socio-economic programs in the region, especially as we enter a new period of peace and development with the ratification of the Bangsamoro Organic Law.

By facilitating the active involvement and participation of all relevant sectors in your initiatives, you have enabled the institution of effective mechanisms for socio-civic endeavors, launched political education campaigns, and establishment of agro-economic zones across the nation.

Indeed, these efforts highlight the importance of our collaborative efforts in realizing lasting peace and sustainable growth across Mindanao.

As our nation's development landscape reaches a new level of progress, I count on your unwavering commitment to contribute further in our efforts to improve our people's lives through peace and development.

May this occasion foster economic cooperation that will lead to the creation of more viable opportunities in trade and investment, transportation, agribusiness, tourism, energy, and environmental protection and management, among others, not only in the region but in the entire BIMP-EAGA corridor.

Rest assured that this administration will remain resolute in building the capacity of our local government units to deliver excellent public service and promote good governance, especially in Mindanao.

Together, let us pursue more progressive and inclusive strategies for growth in the region as we work towards the advancement of every Mindanawon.

Before I say my thanks, I'd like to ramble on some other things that are to me a very important in the building of nations, in the building of BIMP-EAGA; and to prepare at this very late age natin, we have to somehow plan a little bit ahead for the next generation.

This is a troubled world. Number one here in the Philippines, we have so many fronts to cover interspersed with violence and talks. We had before the MILF and the MNLF. And by the grace of Allah, we have reached the agreement desired by the Muslim Maguindanao leadership --- Murad, Jaafar and company.

Nur, to his everlasting credit someday he would be recognized as one statesman above just being --- or aside from being a revolutionary warrior. Until now Nur has kept his silence and I have repeatedly stressed that there will be a time when he and I will talk and it should be soon. And as a matter of fact, any other agreement with any other revolutionary front should take place simultaneously.

I have a very limited period remaining. It's just three years. Maybe in my younger days I have not contributed anything to society because well I was not the one maybe there because it was not my time as yet.

But as I grow old and I see the horizon, it's just not really a very long wait from now, I will be gone. And I would like to --- sinasabi ko sa military, maybe I cannot wait really for peace to travel in a very snail-paced velocity. We have to work hard and I think it should be now --- now is now --- to talk... Because any other time would be good to talk to Nur Misuari and let us try to see if we can craft something more expansive in his area and giving concessions to the Moro which is really the correct thing and also reconfigure the territories to correct the historical injustice of their native land.

There is a brewing controversy whether we came from the Malay race or from other tribes. And I would state here and now that I consider myself a Malay and nothing else. I am not one with mixed blood. *[applause]* I do not relish it. I am not like my children who at a distance would look Caucasians. Me, I like myself a native Lumad, a Filipino of my forebears.

So it's very important that I reduce the struggle for all of us for in the end we cannot be fighting forever, neither as a Moro warrior or as a soldier of government.

So with the NPAs. Unless we somehow reduce to the barest minimum their sentiments, their hunger for justice, social justice, there will be no peace in the land.

I am not saying that I am now in agreement with Sison. I don't like his style but I do not hate him. We are friends and we can be friends. Some other time they say I would kill for money. But since Sison is my professor, I will kill him for nothing. *[laughter]* Except that before he goes to the blue yonder, kindly find time to talk sensible peace.

We have been at it 53 years. I do not think that if you have not succeeded in just about five years, it's a lost cause. I suggest that we do not make any demands. We go to the table and to talk about it. And if he proposes

something which is not acceptable and I would say, "No, I cannot accept that."

And if I propose something and he does not relish it, then maybe he can go back to Netherlands. If I were him, I'll just --- since he is there already permanently, I would rather that he gets another two wives and start breeding a new family there.

If there's no peace, there is no way that he can come back. I think Atty. Agcaoili has sounded off. He was coming again to talk. And I told the military and the police just allow him for after all it's just on a --- we are on a waiting period about the appropriate time to talk about peace. I am not that cruel.

But for the drugs and the ISIS, I'd like to appeal to my Moro brothers. The ISIS mostly are Arabs. It has nothing to do with the Moro and the Christians who were in this land.

We are not Arabs. We have our religious choice and let us continue to respect it, revere to it, honor it, because it provides the moorings of our values in life, be it Christianity or Islam.

We'll try to solve our own problems. We do not have to kill. We do not bomb churches. We do not kill civilians. There's nothing in the book of civilization which says that you kill innocent person, helpless women and children. So let's skip that garbage about finding fulfillment, whatever it is, in killing in human being.

You know, if you allow this to go awry and if you are not careful with your words and you talk about reckless and all about fighting, this country can never succeed to rise and progress, even if you give one president five to 10 years. No way. That's one.

The second one, the law and order, which is the most important and corruption. If we cannot stop corruption in government, forget about having a third world, fifth class republic or country or state.

Corruption has really I to --- I told you before, to a T, to the core, corruption has eaten government.

I have fired several Cabinet members. In every Cabinet meeting, I always stress almost anything, any --- among kasalanan, any wrong, it must not involve drugs because drug can destroy a country. It has created millions of

dysfunctional families. It will erode everything and one day we will might --- we might just find ourselves in a failed state because of narcopolitics.

I'd like to address the Americans. I cannot understand the workings of democracy, though we have the same document, almost the same --- noun, pronouns and verbs and adjectives there. But I know this is the...

The American society and --- Filipino- American society are coming over, I think this week to talk about our relations, our friendship.

You know but --- this is... The only time that a head of a state --- I'm referring to the previous President of the United States of America --- that would, you know, criticize, attack, and condone what his state department is doing.

But to think that as early as during the time of President Ramos, Alunan who was the Secretary of the DILG at that time was informed by the DEA, Department of --- that deals with drugs, informed the secretary, our secretary many years ago that, look it was relayed to Alunan and you can ask Alunan. And as a matter --- he was talking about it the other night on TV. That your country, if you're not careful, is about to fall into a narcopolitics.

I did not need that reminder because I was mayor here for over 23 years and I knew the most basic sorrow and agony of the people. And our drug is drugs. And we are now buffeted on both sides, we get a double whammy. The [Sinaloa] cartel of Mexico are expanding and the greed for money, easy money, dirty money increases their appetite everyday.

And on this left side, if you look at the Philippines, your left side, your left hand is the west, your right hand is the east. On the western side, we have the golden triangle, also a well-known drug cartel in Asia and doing now business in the East Asian countries, prompting even the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka to say, "I will follow Duterte. I will kill the bastards."

Good --- that he has a good, shining example. Because drugs... Alam mo ang drugs ganito. They say that we have killed how many? 5,000? Make it 10,000. Make it even 20,000. So what's the f***. That's a b***s*** son of a b*** lying there.

But along the way, how many families are suffering today? Once the family, the head of a family falls into drugs, that family is dysfunctional already. If he's the breadwinner, you'll no longer have food on the table, the meager amounts for the children's schooling. He fails the marketing of the wife.

And likely, the sons and daughters, because they are not into school, would also easily fall easy pick for the idiots because one addict must get one addict to support his habit. And this g***** idiot has to seek another weak and weak-willed and --- to sought support and then on and then on.

And not only that, they picture these drug addicts killed as if they were saints, as if they had no sin at all committed against the Filipino people. They are portrayed as victim. As victim of what?

You know guys from the Human --- you are a s***. You're a g***** s***. First, find out where justice lies. It cannot be an equal... While I am hunting you as a drug pusher or as a drug lord, most likely you will die because somebody's interested to neutralize you.

But how about the other ones? How about the civilians? How about the children being raped? They go inside families...

You know, ang droga ganito. Once they start to hit, alcohol follows. And you will know them because when they are talking to you, they keep on grinding their teeth. As if you are --- when you are sleeping you grind your teeth. They are eternally --- that's why most of the addicts have no dental health.

And how many... It's the killing. It's the injustice committed by these addicts and the suppliers of drugs who create these things to happen in our country.

And that is why I said when I was mayor here, it was "talamak", was the word. It's widespread already. And killing people because once the monkey rides on their back and they keep on wriggling because the --- they want the shabu, they board jeepneys and sometimes they kill the passengers, get their money. Simply holduppers.

Then if they want a beautiful girls just like their member in Parañaque, that subdivision there, where one of the sons of Senator Webb was accused. They killed the mother, they killed the daughters, they raped them. And when they were arrested, they were simply bangag ang tawag --- incoherent animals.

And then you say human rights. Let us first investigate the hapless people who are not powerful enough to get security guards, who have to ride public conveyances to go home late at night, molested, disturbed, acts of lasciviousness. Let us first consider the situation. And after I have killed all of the drug pushers, maybe we can talk about their rights.

I've told you before when I was mayor, I'm telling you now, if you destroy my country, my friend, I will kill you for nothing. No hatred, no none.

If you keep on selling drugs, converting young people, students, destroying their life, their future and their brain... I don't know if I have --- I will commit a mortal sin but I'm compelled to say it in public because it is really a classic case of drugs.

I hope I will not be committing... I may also say that patawad po, but since his case involves public interest, may I just say it in passing, not as a warning, but take it as a vignettes of life.

He just --- he's got sepsis. He will die any moment. And for all of the years that he took an overdose, he got crazy. He was housed in the dungeon inside the stairs of the house and that was about 33 years ago.

When meth --- methamphetamine --- entered the scene. It used to be marijuana. Cocaine has... But you know these are organic plants and their effect on the human body and brain is not really as devastating as a chemical called shabu.

But of the last count, Bato says that it's one million six. But actually those countings were made for Manila people only. Did you realize that? That they were counting those guys who went on to the barangay halls, had their pictures taken and TV was having a heyday. P***. Hanggang Maynila lang 'yon, ang probinsya wala.

But I'll be liberal. Place it at three million. Three million Filipinos suffering from an... It's a disease called --- a toxic one --- addiction to shabu.

When the brain shrinks, there is no way you can revive a blasted brain of a human being. Now what am I supposed to do as President of this country with three million slaves no longer functional, almost inutile, nothing in one corner and forever hungry for shabu? He is a slave to a called --- to a drug called shabu.

He was a... You can take advantage of a good brain of a... You can still order him to do things and he can be productive even if he is a slave. But here you live with a family that is dysfunctional and verily it would also cost a big impact on the lives of the daughter and sons who can no longer go to school.

And you want me to respond to the Human Rights idiots? International Court of what? Criminal court? You all can go to hell. I do not recognize your authority over me. I am a Filipino, I answer to Philippine courts. Don't f*** with me about justice.

In 1912 to 1917, World War I was created by a chaos when the Duke Ferdinand of --- I forgot his title --- was assassinated in Austria? And you, Europeans, you killed 15 million of your own citizens. Now you just forget it because it is history?

International Court, Criminal Court is not an official body created under the United Nations. It is a European creation and where are justices are prosecutors there.

Son of a b****. You want me to face those Caucasians, white people? What's wrong with you guys? I do not even know who are the judges. In a democracy like the Philippines, we have a measure of finding out whether or not you are supposed to be there sitting as judge or sitting in your a**.

I do not even know if... The Human Rights Commission of the United Nations is chaired by a cousin of the King of the Jordan, an autocratic government, prosecuting me. Well, I could always say f*** you.

What's the matter guys? I mean, Europeans, you take care of your own. You have so many problems and so many violations. You cannot even consider helping the almost helpless migrants. You allowed them to be drowned. You allowed children to die in the cold freezing temperatures of Europe.

Me? I am ready to accept my Muslims brothers from [unclear]. If they do not have a place, they can come here and we will provide the sanctuary. We are not like... We are not bigots. We have not colonized any country at all.

As a matter of fact, we were victims of colonization, subjugated for 300 or more years and converting us into a religion with the gallows waiting for those who disobeyed.

So that's the reason why. What I'm saying is I went to ramble on this, Indonesia, Brunei, Malaysia, Philippines, must come up with a cohesive... Set aside the religion because we all love God, whether it's Allah or the God of the school I attended to.

There's no problem with our reference. My God is the image of my --- the one created to me when I was growing up. God has no face. I don't think that he takes the form of a general of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

You cannot describe God. And when you --- you are... Let me... Are you still interested to listen? *[laughter]* Because I am going to Manila after this. And they say that you know, one country is interested to kill you. So be it. I welcome it with relief. That ends my story in this planet.

Alam mo, if you attack me using the platform of government, you run the risk of being attacked, ikaw pati ang pamilya mo, pati ang gobyerno mo. In the same manner that when you are a priest and you use the platform, the religious platform of government, and you describe somebody as devil, as one and as a matter of fact host --- raising the host, the body of Christ, they say, "May Duterte die tomorrow."

And when I tell them the truth that when we were young, I was a classmate of Secretary of the Finance, Secretary Dominguez if he's here, from kindergarten to high school to college he was a valedictorian.

I don't know what happened to him. But me when I go to confession, the priests were playing with my balls all the time. And when I said they abused, nobody listened to me. The Filipino never --- said, "Duterte has really a bad mouth."

Now it's in the open. Pope himself, calling for a summit for abuses because all the while pala they were using the nuns as sex slaves. And I shouted about and --- what happened to our --- to our generation.

And they do not even... And the priests and the bishops, all of them all homosexuals were there denying the truth. And according to that article, you can read in the --- the writer said that four out of five of all the priests all over the world are homosexuals.

Right after the Pope, who was in Dubai at that time, admitted that the priests were using the nuns as sex slaves. And using the pulpit. If you are a Filipino and you are a priest, this is what you should do, *[steps away from the rostrum]* "I am Rodrigo Duterte. I am a resident and a citizen of the Republic of the Philippines. I am now attacking the president for extrajudicial killing, immorality for having two wives." That's all your g***** business, that's it.

But when you say it in a homily, you are here *[returns behind the rostrum]* as a priest, ah p***** i** yayariin talaga kita. So I told everybody what happened. As a matter of fact, to this day I am the only politician in the history of the Philippines to say "f*** y** priests and cardinals."

And that was during the election, I said, "Those who wanted the criminals dead, our communities quiet, and our children can walk at night using public streets, stay with me here. Those who do not want killing, who protect the human..."

Kaya itong mga durugista, they are --- because there is really corruption in the police, in the judges, in the prosecutors and all, that is why we have this problem.

You push me to --- to box me on a wall then I will say to you, you can do it, but remember I am there waiting --- especially the [Sinaloa] guys --- especially the Chinese connection in the triangle --- triad. I will wait for you. And if I find the time, if I'm not busy, I will also decapitate you.

Remember, my fellow brothers and sister in this planet of whatever race, religion and creed, nobody but nobody has a monopoly of evil in this universe. If you can do it, I can do it. If I can make it worse than yours, I can do it.

So lay off the Philippines. Stop your business or you die. Simple as that. No human rights, I don't give a s***.

International Court of Justice, manigas na kayo mga p***** j** ninyo. Why should I submit to a foreign entity created by Europeans? EU iyan eh. Hindi naman --- International Court of Justice. But if you are talking of International Criminal Court, that is a creation of the European community.

That's why I said when that lady --- black lady was talking around here that she's coming to investigate me, "Show me to her. Introduce me to her. I will slap her in front of the world." You don't mess up in this country, violate our sovereignty and you think that you are still the colonized power. You behave as if you are.

Members --- two. Spain stayed there for almost 400 years. The Americans stayed there for 50 years to live the fat of the land. That's why. Find me a good reason why you are --- you'll be lecturing to me about morality and about righteousness.

So once again, these Indonesia, Malaysia, we have to band together. The world is changing including the economy. It could go either bad or very bad or it could go well, but we will have to go into a bad level and I hope we can survive it.

Look, God, I don't know. I love God that I am --- my God, I'm willing to overlook what he has --- you know He gave... You know, right after the war, countries scrimping for anything that could build a country. So God gave the Arabs mostly oil. America...

In the Far East, he gave it to Indonesia, Brunei, Malaysia. But hindi --- God never gave it to us. And we will maybe when you die, you will find out and ask the Lord, "Lord, why thou has forsaken my country? Every time there is an increase, everything including the rise of the prices of staple food, rice, the simple fish. It's more expensive sometimes to eat fish than to eat meat. It's almost a seesaw thing in this planet.

But I call upon the BIMP- EAGA. We are doing commerce. Our navies must be vigilant. We have to be one in our patrols. But let me very clear to the heads of states, my orders to my navy is to blast them off the earth. If there are pirates in our territory or in the high seas, my orders are: blast them to kingdom come.

It's just the same. They are arrested. They go to prison. You do not have witnesses because the victims are... They --- once they are freed, they would not even wait for a minute to issue a statement. They go home because they are scared. So justice seems to be an illusion. It's a mirage actually floating in the seas.

So these pirates, they have no souls, I assure you. Just like me. And I am telling them, the military forces: finish them off. And this war against the communists, I will give ourselves ano. If there's a progress in the talks, good. If not, at least by next year we have finished the...

Drugs, I promise you it will stop. And some critic, a senator --- a stupid senator --- Trillanes said, "Oh they are dead, they are no more --- because they are dead." And so? Are you not happy that I'm doing it for you instead of you, a military idiot?

You do not even know how to count. And you kowtow to the figures of foreigners. You go to America, Trillanes. You take on every issue. I go to Hong Kong to celebrate the birthday of my wife because that was the order of my daughter. *[laughter]* And the order of my daughter, just like the order of the mayor here, I follow. *[laughter]*

If I'm in front of them, I'm just a sergeant. They are the generals. Really, it's very hard to deal with a daughter.

The boys well they can take a tongue-lashing or shout "shut up." But the girls, if they begin to quarrel with you, you cannot just say, "shut up" because the mayor would also say, "Ah you also shut up." *[laughter]*

So what would you want me to do? You mold it to a... No, daughters are a special kind. They really control. The mother you can --- tsk... *[laughter]* "Don't choke me." But the daughter says, "Don't move because I'm killing you." "Ah okay". *[laughter]*

So that's... You know what this Trillanes, you are paying a public servant who was just there to nitpick issues --- sakit.

Makipagpustahan pa si Tatad, he says I am dying. You know I said, "Tatad, g***** it. You are suffering from diabetes. You are taking your frustration because you're..." *[puts down the mic] [laughter and applause]* You cannot even reach the stage. *[laughter]* Well the rest are*[raises the mic]... [laughter and applause]*

Thank you.