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SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE INAUGURATION OF THE MOSCATI MEADOWS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY

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Kindly take your seats and salamat sa kortesiya po.

I have about two pages getting back. But I'll try to maybe read the speech. It is somebody else's toil not mine. But in fairness, marami kasi akong --- in an instant visit to this place well I asked the poor people, "what's your problem or problems?" And they say it's land and --- or water.

At this time of our national life, I would even say that I've been telling the military and the police that unless we solve this age-old problem of getting the lands to the people, we can never end the insurgency problem in this country.

And mind you for as long as there is no law and order and for as long as corruption, graft continues, just the same. Even if you give the President five terms at the rate that we are going facing so many fronts, some revolutions are motivated by territoriality like Murad and Misuari. There's a group run by an ideology that is... That is dedicated to the destruction of mankind.

These ISIS guys wala itong ideolohiya except that I'd like to tell everybody and in front of --- right here and now ang Pilipino --- na walang ginawa itong mga ito kung hindi pumatay at pumatay at pumatay. And maybe they really like a world that is in turmoil.

But I will continue with that after this speech. Moscati Meadows Residential Treatment Facility founder Dr. Joy Ruiz Molleston and family; co-founder Mr. Glenn Noel Ruiz; the honorable members of the House of Representatives; local government officials; members of the --- officers and men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police; mga kababayan ko.

I am pleased to join you today as we inaugurate the Moscati Meadows Residential Treatment Facility.

This one-hectare residential addiction treatment center, which targets to accommodate up to fifty patients who will undergo a six-month holistic rehabilitation program, is truly in line with this administration's efforts to combat the drug menace that has plaqued our society for so long.

I acknowledge the efforts of the management and staff of Moscati Meadows for successfully launching this facility which will serve as a haven for those who have been victims of drug abuse. I am truly glad that through this center, you will help them recover and find their way back to society.

By complementing traditional rehabilitation treatment with non-medical treatment methods such as group and individual therapy sessions, meditations, and horticulture and farm animal therapy, you will not just provide holistic care to your patients, but will [also] empower them to become effective drug and [alcohol] counselors to their peers who suffer the same predicament.

With our firm... [There's another page.]

Indeed, we have made significant headway in our fight against illegal drugs as we have conducted [almost] 900 operations in Nueva Ecija alone, leading to more than a thousand arrests.

In 2018, the Department of Health Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers have also provided more than 4,400 in patient services and 4,300 outpatient services, with more than 3,500 patients [completing] the primary care program.

I have to hurry. It's getting dark. My eyes is not as... But if I look at the beautiful woman I can see clearly. [laughter]

This event is very timely as we intensify our efforts to ensure a safe and progressive future for all Filipinos, especially the youth. By reforming drug dependents, we do not only effectively combat this scourge, but also give our kababayans a chance to start productive lives anew with their families and loved ones.

I encourage all our countrymen to actively participate in nation-building by supporting this administration in its campaign in eradicating illegal drugs, criminality and corruption.

With our firm commitment and solidarity in this important fight, I have no doubt that we will be able to rebuild and strengthen families that were once threatened by this menace.

Together, let us keep our communities and our country safe, secure and peaceful.

Meron itong salamat hindi ko sabihin at meron akong sabihin sa inyo. You know when I became mayor 1988 in my town Davao City, I was a prosecutor and suddenly I found myself administering the affairs of the city.

At doon nagumpisa 'yung meth and ang shabu. Kakaumpisa lang noon sa kalakasan. And I was then prosecuting cases. I have had my heartaches, my failures, in my task simply because of corruption, fear and the bravado guys who went out just ahead to destroy a community.

Alam mo po sinabi ko sa kanila I'm going to build a city. I'll make it comfortable for everybody. But do not destroy the product of my efforts. When if you do, you will die.

At sinabi ko doon sa nagpapabili ng mga droga at ipinapakain sa mga anak natin, do not do it, do not --- with our children --- because you will die.

Ngayon dito na-Presidente ako same. If you destroy my country, I will kill you. So be it.

Human rights, fine, you can shout to the heavens. You can call God and intervene for if you continue to sell shabu, cocaine and the drugs that are deleterious and toxic and can cause death to the Filipinos, I will kill you. Period.

Kaya I'm happy na there are some Filipinos, well-meaning ones, who would like to help us. And for those who can really afford, you have this kind of facility whether it's a higher level of rebuilding and rehabilitating your character and your brain.

For those na wala, there are a lot of government run and privately owned foundations who can take care of you. But for those who are into the business, my God, no quarters given, no quarters asked. I don't give a s***, I will just kill you.

Why me worry about human rights? Why? They shout to the heaven with bleedings hearts for a son of a b**** there lying dead. And who has contaminated more than a thousand... The latest was three million. And it

was a number which was placed in doubt by many liberals kuno. Well, go ahead. You can argue with us eternally, but I said as of last count, I think the more accurate number is three million.

Three million Filipinos rendered slaves to a drug called shabu. And when their brink --- ah when their brain shrinks, they are reduced to inutility. So for intents and purposes, they cease to exist and be productive.

Ang problema nito, if it is the head of the family who gets contaminated, that family, on the average children of a Filipino, say something like three, four. 'Pag tinamaan 'yang breadwinner, the money that he receives from whatever toil that you do for the family, instead of that money going to the table for food, it is spent on shabu.

And then the father is inutile, the mother does not know where to go and the sons and daughters stops schooling and we create a social problem and on and on.

Three million addicts is no joke to me. I can cut you to pieces a thousand times. I hate drugs because you do not f^{***} with my countrymen.

Do not do it because maski ganito lang ako, I'm --- I was a mayor of a small corner in the Philippines. This is the only country that I have.

I hate even going to other places. I hate most of those who invaded our country, took off the fat of the land and subjugated us for many years. That to me is not a funny thing. And even if it happened two centuries ago or 500 years ago, it's still the Filipino, still is suffering until now.

Ngayon, sa kahirap natin na ito. With the prote --- ah well, there's a lot of trade, tariffication, and everything. There's going to be a slowing down and it's also generated by the uncertainty by the Americans and even the Europeans are... They don't know what to do.

What's up --- what's on the table? What's on the --- what's the card on the table? Tapos pahirapan mo ang Pilipino. Hindi ko kaya 'yan. Hindi ko kaya 'yan.

Madali magpatay ng tao 'pag galit ka. Madali masyado. You just shoot him and leave them. It's just a piece of carcass after that.

But to destroy my country. Kasi pumasok na ang Mexico, [Sinaloa]. And they have connected with the Bamboo Triad of Asia. There seems to be a

blossoming of criminals globally and we are fighting a global war against drug.

Hindi kita papatawarin. Just like terrorism. I'll return the courtesy. So it's just a matter of letting them understand that even if you are on the other side, you do not monopolize evil in your mind. We have ours and I can do better than what you can, 100 times over.

That goes for the terrorists and those of the drug people. They are coming in. Today's newspaper says, it came from Covina and it was shipped here. Drugs is being produced everywhere, imported coming in by air, by ship, and land.

So what are we going to do? I have said to the military. But four days ago, we had a command conference, tapusin na natin ito sa panahon ko, while I'm still here ready to assume singly. I will assume full legal responsibility for whatever it is. And they can hang me if they want. No problem.

I like hanging. It's kind of nice to feel your throat being... I saw it in the movies. Some are --- I don't know if they're crying but some are laughing. And I said, I can kill an enemy. But to the drugs people, I can kill you for nothing, 'ika nga ng Mexicano.

Pumapasok sila lahat. Ngayon, gusto nilang subukan, sige, we are prepared. My soldiers and my police, we are ready to meet the challenge. At sinabi ko sa kanila, tapusin na natin 'to habang ako pa.

The reason why they are working and the reason why in the past there was no million, there were no surrenderees, payat na walang --- malnourished -- because everybody was just pushing the dirt and the drug.

And I said, I will finish this war against drugs in six months. P***** i**, I did not realize that if I become President, I was fighting my own government, from the Customs to the police, police generals. Lahat nasa droga.

At I didn't realize that... You know, sabi ko nga if there is no law and order, my advice to the military, I was listening to a narrative to cut corruption.

Then I was presented and who's --- I don't know if there's a Cabinet member here. The guy presented, clearance from the LGU, business permit, almost two pages. Because there was this complaint that it took DAR two years to process. And there is a proposal and application in NEDA that is already there or was there or is --- it's still there for 25 years.

Kaya ako nag-walkout. Kaya ang prinisinta LGU, permit, assessors, treasurer. In Davao, you can get the permit in three days. Beyond that, you explain to me why. 'Pag hindi sampalin kita, sipain kita tapos I'll assign you to hell. Talagang nananampal ako. Takot ako kaya lang I have to really show that talagang galit ako.

O ngayon itong Customs sabi nila, hindi daw talaga --- it's an incurable cancer. O pina-takeover ko ang Army, tingnan natin. And utos ko, barilin mo. Buhay... 'Pag ayaw magpasabi sa'yo, huwag. 'Pag sinabi kong huwag, huwag. Ganun sa Davao.

'Pag dito, 'pag sinabi kong p***** i** mo huwag mong gawain 'yan kasi talagang yayariin kita. Ah 'yung hindi nakinig, police officers, mga general, mga mayor. O ayon. 'Di ba tinawag ko...

Well, I called all the mayors and all the governors of this country. Sinabi ko sa kanila. Tanungin ninyo mayor ninyo. Adre, pareho lang tayo. Nahihiya ako mag... It leaves a bad taste in the mouth to say this kasi I do not consider... That's why I do not want to be called "President." Sabi ko, "mayor" lang ako.

Sabi niya, si Duterte never transitioned from mayor to presidency. True. Bastos ang bunganga, true. Eh bakit ko ibahin sa Presidente. Ang Presidente ang mag --- dito sa akin.

'Di ayaw mo, 'di huwag. Ayaw mo makinig sa akin, mamut*** i**, ah 'di huwag. Eh kung galit ako, talagang nagp*-p**** i** ako. Kasi ba naman kung ikaw 'yung Presidente dito, tapos makita mo ganito.

Naninipa pa ako ng undersecretary, sa totoo lang. Sa mukha, sinipa ko sa mukha. P**** i** 'to, kung hindi kayo maghinto, I**** kayo.

Iyan lang kasi ang maiwan ko eh. Hindi naman ako summa cum laude. It took me seven years to finish high school. From Kindergarten to the Bar exam, 75 lang ako. [laughter] So I do not have credentials na... Basta ako trabaho lang tayo.

But never, I will never, never, never allow public interest. Ayaw ko talaga 'yan. Ayaw ko noon pa mayor pa ako. Sa awa ng Diyos, I've been mayor for 23 years sa Davao. Tuloy-tuloy ako congressman, vice mayor ng anak ko, until the presidency. Wala ho akong talo.

Kaya ako ayaw ko magpatalo nitong drogang 'to. Kaya ko talaga patayin 'yang mga p**** i**. Sabi ko, tapusin natin. Ako na ang magpa-kkkkk. [laughter] Okay lang.

Pero in the meantime... [applause] In the meantime kayo, kkkkkk. [laughter]

Totoo, kaya ayoko talaga. There is one thing na --- do not harm my country. Do not harm especially...

Kaya mga NPA, nakikinig diyan ngayon. [laughter] Hoy mga NPA, alam kong problema ninyo. Na kung hindi ako nagpupunta dito, hindi ko alam. Kaya may papupuntahin ako Lunes dito, huwag ninyong --- hayaan ninyo at --- tubig pati.. I will declare land reform in this area next week. [applause]

To date, I have distributed --- Maguindanao was the other night, 60,000 titles. Ito ubusin ko talaga ito and then Sagay, doon 'yung pinagpatayan ng mga --- itong mga komunista nag-aaway-away doon at kami naman ang pinagbibintangan.

Sila-sila 'yang nagpapatayan diyan, mga NPA. Pupunta ako doon because dineclare (declare) ko ng land reform. Even Boracay, there was a jacking of you know... Because sa likod ng Boracay is a vast agricultural land. Everybody was interested to occupy. Maggawa ng subdivision, building siguro, chalets, bungalow, kung ano na lang.

Sabi ko, tingnan ko. Linisin ninyo muna 'yung Boracay. Nung linis na ang Boracay, tinawag ko undersecretary ng DAR, "Halika, you declare the land behind the shores of Boracay a land reform area."

I gave it to all the native, mga Ati doon sa... Wala akong binigyang iba. [applause] Ibinigay ko sa mga natibo, inyo na 'yan. And right now it's worth one million. So 10 years from now, mga anak ninyo makatikim ng pera. At least sa buhay nila, 'yung generation niya makatikim ng milyon.

Tutal 'yung may-ari diyan ng mga ano, puro naman mayaman 'yang mga y*** na 'yan. Anong... Bakit... I do not work for the --- I work for the people. I do not work for...

I serve no master. I am a worker of government. The military and the police are workers of the government and we work for the people.

So once again, I give you my solemn promise. Hindi talaga ako papayag na maski sinong --- maski pumasok silang lahat. P^{*****} inyo, papatayin ko talaga kayo. Sa totoo lang.

Salamat po. [applause]

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