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**SPEECH OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING THE 121ST PHILIPPINE NAVY ANNIVERSARY**

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Kindly sit down.

To the commanding officer kindly give the tikas pahinga order. Thank you.

Excellencies and members of the Diplomatic Corps; National Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana; Presidential Adviser on Military Affairs Arthur Tabaquero; General Benjamin Madrigal, Chief of Staff Armed Forces of the Philippines; Vice Admiral Robert Empedrad and other major service commanders; the officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; other guests; ladies and gentlemen

I will read the prepared speech. Maiksi lang naman 'to at may idagdag lang rin ako mas maiksi.

I am glad to join the valiant men and women of the Philippine Navy as we celebrate your 121st Anniversary. Today, we look back at history and honor those who have shed sweat and blood to ensure the safety and security and the stability of our nation's maritime defense.

The Filipino are grateful for your commitment to defend our sovereignty and protect our people against the modern threats of terrorism, smuggling of drugs and arms, and human trafficking --- the scourge of humanity today. Let me take this occasion to thank you for your service and acknowledge your accomplishments.

In February of this year alone, you heroically rescued seven crew members from a sinking launch boat in Tawi-Tawi, intercepted vessels engaged in human trafficking and smuggling of imported tobacco products in Zamboanga, and captured communist and Abu Sayyaf terrorists, including the primary suspect in the recent bombing of Jolo.

[Nakaipit kasi dito 'yung tikas pahinga order. Alam ko naman 'yan. Hindi ko ma-fold.]

These feats, which are only some of the Navy's notable accomplishments in recent months, are the fruits of this administration's determination to enhance the capabilities of our armed services, especially the Navy.

May the acquisition of two anti-submarine helicopters and four amphibious assault vehicles embolden [you] to further strengthen your capabilities to serve our countrymen.

It is also my hope that as we send off our newly refurbished and upgraded commissioned naval vessels, you will remain steadfast in protecting the Republic against all threats in the seas.

In today's awardees, let this be a milestone to inspire you to harness your skills and expertise to promote the common good. I trust that you will continue to be the embodiment of integrity and passion as you protect the seas and secure the future of the land.

I ask each of you to maximize your potentials and capacities as we take on the modern threats of terrorism and violent extremism.

I assure you that you have my full support and confidence as we chart a better and brighter future for our nation. Always keep in mind that this government will always assist the men and women of the Philippine Navy as we pursue a more peaceful future for everybody.

Together, let us continue to embody solidarity as we build a stronger and prosperous society for the benefit of the future generations of Filipinos.

Congratulations at mabuhay kayong lahat! *[applause]*

Saludo ako sa inyo. Pero may idagdag ako. In this matter of that incident na nagbanggaan 'yung mga fishing boats. You read a lot about fumigation, anger, kung ano-ano na lang.

You know, we are ruled --- as a civilized nation and as members of the community --- by the laws that govern whatever happen in the seas as we go along our business.

There will be rules for a military confrontation. There will be rules for a mistaken identity attack. There is a rule for fishermen's boats. There is a rule for an aircraft carrier bumping a banca boat, a fishing boat.

Alam mo, with all the --- 'yung galit and one national officials, even urging sending the grey ships, warships doon sa China Sea. Alam mo, gusto ko 'yan. Kung ako lang ang papiliin niyo, gusto ko ng action. But I am not in my boyhood age anymore.

I have a duty that is a burden --- sometimes more than I can carry. I can --- I almost cry. Sabi ko na hindi ko kaya itong corruption kasi maski saang... If there's a table, if there's a single chair there, meron talaga 'yan as the papers go back and forth, inward. That is why nawalaan ako ng tiwala sa bureaucracy.

I do not have the doubts like this --- the intention of Dr. Roy Ferrer. He's from Davao. I know him. He comes from an honest family. I think his father was also a doctor. But when he took up the job, I warned him that mabigat ito because the bureaucracy in addition to the --- to the corruption everyday, talagang hihila ito nang hihila sa atin. Kaya ako almost desperado na.

Kaya sabi ko nawalaan na ako ng gana. At totoo sabihin ko nagsisi ako kasi akala ko within the constitutional powers na ibinigay sa akin, kaya ko. But truth to tell, kung araw-araw na lang pati every table dito sa Pilipinas ganoon, hindi ko talaga mahabol.

Kaya ko. Pero sa batas na ito, Constitution, even if you give me 20 years I cannot do it. Maghanap uli kayo ng Marcos. Or someday, somehow, somewhere that fellow will be elected in the generations to come.

Pero kung sabihin mo mag-improve tayo beyond the level that we find ourselves economically, politically, well I'm sorry, I'm telling you, hindi dadating 'yan.

Not even half what Hong Kong will be in 30 years. Sobra kasi ang... I don't know but the constitution that... I'm not trying to criticize. It is as good as any. Mas mabuti pa kung wala --- talaga 'yung kay Cory.

But look at the party-list. Sinong nakikinabang diyan? Mga milyonaryo. Binibili nila o hindi gumagawa sila. They can do it. And for all of the brightest 'yung nag --- nag... 'Yung gumawa niyang Constitution na 'yan, anak ng --- hindi man lang nakita 'yung pinakasimple that money buys everything including political party.

At sino 'yung nakinabang? Ang mga mayaman. At ang kalaban ng mayaman na mga kurakot, ang mga NPA. They are dominating as a matter of fact, the issues --- not the numbers --- but the issues there.

Kaya ako talagang... Huwag na muna ako baka magmura ako. This is not the place to do it. Bale respeto na lang sa inyo pero --- see that's disaster. Talagang disaster. Puro mayaman puro...

Pati 'yung mga party-list --- those intended to give a voice to the marginalized at ang nandoon sa pinakatabi. Ngayon ang nangyari ang mga milyonaryo binili 'yung partido nila o gumawa, ilan lang man if you can have them, tapos ilan lang boto kailangan mo.

Mag-agawan na 'yan sila sa pinaka-highest. Pati 'yung Magdalo ninyo. Ako, I... Nirerespeto ko 'yung prinsipyo kasi ako ayaw ko rin. Pero tingnan mo ang nangyari. Look what happened to the... It's a... It... The road is paved with good intentions pero parang wala.

Ako, I can maybe just hang on because three years na lang ako. But ubusin ko na lang itong lahat. I've been looking for Salamat. Is he here? He's not here? *[Person: Nasa audience, sir.]* O, saan? *[Person: Ayun, sir. Tumayo, sir.]*

Hi, sir. Kailan ka mag-retire, sir? July 1? Next month. Kung papayag si Dick Morales, si Dick i-move out ko sa MWSS. Ikaw ang ilagay ko. Baka ma... *[applause]* Then I would look for the next general na... Alam mo kasing...

I do not have any qualms against the bureaucracy. May mga asawa kayo, may kapatid kayo o anak kayo na nagtatrabaho sa gobyerno. But the one thing that really ails the system is itong bureaucracy is not fashioned, is not crafted to solve problems immediately.

If you give them the project, they will debate with you. Then it would take them eternity to do the project until the money is gone. Ewan ko pero ganun talaga ang nangyayari. So I decided to shift and despite and in spite of criticisms of militarization, wala na man kay civilian na kayo. Hindi na nga kayo sinasaluduhan diyan eh.

So if you are back to normal, kunin ko na lang kayo kasi at least mautusan ko kayo. If you still look in my --- at my office as something where we can do everything that is right and correct for the people. So marami pa 'yan. *[applause]*

Kaya ganito, pagka-corrupt ka, wala kang... Corrupt ka? P***** i**, i-coup d'etat mo. Bakit magtiis kayo ng...? Ilang taon lang ito?

Six years --- I still about --- tatlo na lang, marami pa akong gawain. Pero at least 'yung mga airport, 'yung ganun.

Ito naman... *[Where is Secretary Tugade?]* Well, I am not really after you. But early on, I used to fly when I was young. So kilala ko 'yang mga piloto sa Civil Aviation, almost all of them. Nung una pa tinitingnan ko talaga 'yung clogging. Then I said --- I mentioned it in passing itong Sangley. But I --- sino nga bang...? It was lost in the maze of governmental...

Sabi ko why don't you look at the direction of Sangley? Maski na lang sa mga cargo, to ease up a bit 'yung kuwan. It was not until after...

Hindi ko naman ano 'yung tao mo Art, but ah --- merong isang eroplanong nag-landing and they stayed for five hours inside the plane --- incoming. So merong tumawag late ng two hours, mag-book sila ng hotel. Kawawa talaga ang riding public.

So I told PAL and the rest of the carriers --- the very essence of a common carrier, whether it is a jeep, a bus, an airplane, a ship --- ang common ano diyan is for public interest and public governance, and convenience.

If you cannot provide convenience and comfort, do we ought not to be there at all? Kaya sabi ko itong Sangley matagal ko na itong tinitingnan ngayon lang man din ako nagpunta dito.

Well, Art is a worker. He may have his shortcomings but --- eh classmate ko 'yan siya eh. And he has built so many beautiful airports all around the country. Kayo pa nga may mga sundalo may mga kwarto pa kayo, may lounge kayo.

Whenever you go to the provinces, you look for your lounge nandiyan 'yan. Soldiers' lounge --- free coffee, free mamon, pandesal, free entertainment. Ewan ko kung saan 'yang mga taga babae, taga-ano siguro... Just to make you happy.

Kaya I hope that Art can... You didn't know Arthur Tugade was a valedictorian sa College of Law. Talagang mahusay 'yan. He --- bilyonaryo 'yan. From rags to riches 'yang taong 'yan. He was a working student. Kami ang from rag to rag, kaya 75 lang. Pero he will do it with your help.

Now 'yung na-mention kanina ni --- na i --- 'yung relocation sa Lumbia, I'm not in favor of the sudden dislocation of... Sabi ko kung may lupa pa sa likod mag-housing na lang tayo o kung kulang, mag-expropriate na lang tayo.

Maghanap kayo diyan sa likod ng --- nito. Kung saan 'yung pinakamalapit na... I'm not in favor of entirely relocating kasi maraming matamaan. Sabi ko kay Art ako na lang ang mag-ano na sa --- ako na ang maki-usap sa abugado.

But marami kasi eh, pati 'yung pag-eskwela ng mga bata. So help me find a --- somewhere there. Konti lang naman --- housing lang. 'Yung housing ng Ranger nakita ninyo 'yon? Hindi kayo napunta doon? Eh kasi hindi niyo pinapansin 'yung Ranger eh.

Tingnan mo mga bahay nila. It's a bungalow, it's very nice. It's very comfortable. The area is great. So 'yon 'yung dalawang 'yan. 'Yung corruption tulungan ninyo ako pagka hindi ang bayan natin talaga nito. Ang three generations from now wala pa, pareho pa rin.

I'll give you two --- two sentences. Maybe it's an equation actually in governance. And remember when I'm gone, ang tao mawawala eh.

Kayong mga bata pa sundalo, two requirements to progress: One is law and order. Kailangan talaga pugpugin natin 'yang NPA and drugs because rated tayo as number two. Huwag kayong maniwala diyan sa Human Rights, ako na ang magpakulong diyan.

You know the presidency is a gift from God. Maski ako hindi ko akalaing manalo ako. But since it was given to me, my gift to you is my sacrifice. I may go to jail. I may be hanged. It's all right.

Trabaho lang kayo. Basta trabaho, trabaho, walang atrasan and I will answer legally for everything. That goes for the police and they army and all. Basta magtrabaho lang kayo at tingnan ninyo na huwag naman masyadong bugbog ang bayan natin diyan sa droga.

And that is why I am very hard on my statement. Pasensyahan na lang. Magkasala kayo nang magkasala, siguro away, patayan, mas mabuti pa 'yan, huwag talaga droga.

Because drug will destroy --- drugs will destroy a nation. And if you destroy my country, I will really look for a way to kill you. 'Yan ang mensahe ko sa mga durugista. 'Yan ang i-ano ninyo...

Law and order kasali na ang drugs pati corruption. 'Pag hindi ninyo nawala 'yan then your grandchildren or his children would still be in that level.

Ako I have three years, I will try to just sort out the bureaucracy para lang mamenos-menos 'yung nakawan. Kay ang nakawan ngayon bilyon eh.

Hindi sa hindi sila marunong. Sinabi ko 'yung PhilHealth si doctor, what --- when you assume an entity already in existence then you look what has been going on in --- nung nakalampas na panahon, in the past, and where you are going to proceed.

At saka kung may negosyo ka ng pera, huwag mong i-solo lahat 'yung pawis mo doon anong gagawin mo para bukas. Tignan mo 'yung sa likod, sinong may utang na kung hindi bayaran, you go kaput.

Mauubos din ang pera eh 'di hindi na makatulong 'yan sa PhilHealth sa buong Pilipinas. Kaya ginalagyan ko ng military. Mas gusto ko kasi --- o Marines na lang. 'Patayin mo. P***** i***** 'yan'.

It --- it... Ano ako 'yung medyo low morale ako ngayon. But anyway let me fix things before I go. But one thing is very sure, you have had the best of the procurement money sa ating gobyerno. I have contracted to buy, already bought, and I will give you more by the end of my term. *[applause]*

Siguraduhin ko lang na pagkatapos kong Presidente pwede na tayong maghamon maski kanino ng giyera. We can challenge everybody.

Pero 'yang --- 'yang nangyari diyan sa banggaan, that is a maritime incident. Huwag kayong maniwala diyan sa mga politiko na bobo na. Gusto papunta 'yung --- papuntahin 'yung Navy. You do not send grey ships there. Banggaan lang ng barko 'yan. Do not make it worse because there is a --- that's a fertile ground for...

Alam ninyong mga sundalo miscommunication 'yan, patay na. And we are not yet as ready. And we can never be ready in a nuclear war. Because in a nuclear war kung bitawan lahat 'yan, Earth will dry up and we will all be destroyed and that is the end of everything.

So 'yung tamang-tama lang pang-depensa sa atin, bilihin ko lahat. Pero magsabi tayo ready --- your guns are cocked to go to war? That's the most stupid thing I can... Wala, pagda --- paliparin lahat 'yan nuclear --- sundalo kayo.

Dalawa lang ang bomba tumuyo ang Japan. Eh but --- bitawan 'yan almost 1,000 warheads? 'Di anong mangyari? 'Di walang tutubo dito, pati isda ubos. Maritime incident is a maritime incident. It is best investigated.

And I do not now issue statement because there is no investigation and there is no result. Then the only thing that we can do is to wait and give the other party the right to be heard. Importante 'yan eh.

O China, marami ka mang ibinigay --- ano ba dito ang totoo? O tapos ang nangyari ganito then let us sort --- ano ang ma-sort natin diyan. Pagka ano 'yung totoo then bago tayo mag-ano...

Dalawang bangka lang 'yan. Now you go there and create a tension. I said hindi ako g*** na Presidente na papayag nang ganun. If we have to die, we must have to die in the correct way and to die with dignity. Hindi 'yang basta bangga ka bangga ka lang diyan.

Kaya alinman paniwalaan ninyo... Meron man kayong Commander-in-Chief na nag-aral, pero 75 lang, 'yan lang ang grado ko hanggang... Pero okay man, tumatakbo man ang Pilipinas.

And we are doing it the right way. Stay from --- stay out of trouble. Just build on our own. Huwag muna tayong makialam. Do not allow a little maritime accident or intentional --- go to war there.

Pahinga ka muna. Pahinga muna kayo. Palitan muna ninyo 'yung sa Jolo kasi pagod na 'yung isang division doon. Mabuti pa.

'Yung terrorist walang areglo. 'Yung droga walang areglo. Para sa akin komunista walang areglo. Dapat papatayin ko kayo.

Maraming salamat po. *[applause]*

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