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**SPEECH OF**  
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**DURING HIS VISIT TO THE 803<sup>rd</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE OF**  
**PHILIPPINE ARMY**

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Thank you.

*[CO, Could you give the tikas pahinga?]*

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I have here about two pages. Kalayo-layo nito two pages lang.

But I would like to just say a few words `yung... I hope you have received by this time or shortly --- dumating na kasi `yung Glock. So everybody in due time will have a sidearm.

Sa pulis the sidearm is the primary weapon. Your primary weapon is your rifle M-16 issued, but you are not given sidearms.

Now the reason why I decided to give each and everyone of you costing billions is because you go out of your house or your camp almost naked --- nakahubad.

And `yung iba naman pinapatay maski may armas, `yung iba naman may armas. Mabuti't na `yan patayin ka na may armas, makapaglaban ka pa.

Problem is one. The reason is hindi masyado dito but... Bilib kayo 'no five star? *[holds his cap]* Angayan ba? *[Soldiers: Yes, sir.]* Hindi --- wa gani ko katapos og ROTC. Ni tansan wala ako'y medalya. Maayo pa ni sila o.

Well, anyway, southern guys there assigned Jolo, Sulu, little of --- mga parts of Tawi-Tawi. Alam mo kasi 'yung may isang insidente o dalawa naubusan ng bala ang sundalo.

So he was captured, tapos ginawa silang --- treated like dogs in the camp, magsasahe kung ano ang ginagawa. Tapos at the end of the day, iharap diyan sa camera, tapos alsahin 'yung ulo tapos luglugin.

Sabi ko hindi ko kaya itong harapin na ganito. Sabi ko kailangan na mabigyan ng panlaban.

So three magazine 'yan. One is deployed, the other two is here. So 'yung dalawang magazine ninyo --- which is not the usual case here, doon lang sa southern Mindanao.

Eh 'pag naubusan kayo ng bala wala namang fixed bayonet ngayon, eh 'di ubusin mo 'yung dalawang magazine. 'Pag naubos mo 'yang dalawang magazine, tandaan mo 'yung karga mo, it's about only seven. Standard 'yan sa government model Colt o maski na 'yung shorter siguro, combat commander na ibigay sa inyo, it's shorter barrel.

But it --- it has only about seven. 'Pag naubusan kayo ng bala, 'yung kalahati tatlo, ibaril mo sa kalaban mo. Tapos 'pag na-corner ka na, kainin mo 'yung barrel ng baril mo at todasin mo na ang sarili mo. Huwag kang mag-surrender at the end of the day, makita ko na lang na pinuputol 'yung ulo mo.

Mamamatay ako sa konsumisyon niyan. So if you are a soldier... Iyan kung sunurin mo lang. Kung ayaw mo, eh 'di huwag. Hindi naman ako...

Pero basta 'yan binili ko 'yan with the purpose in mind, kainin mo na lang. Tatal ang marinig mo diyan 'yung putok wala na.

Ngayon ang problema kaya ako rin nandito is ang sparrow lalo na Samar heavily ano talaga kayo contaminated dito sa NPA. Totoo 'yan.

Kaya ang briefing nga namin 'yung briefer... Ngayon lang ako nakakita ng briefer na --- para sa akin 'yung gabi-gabi magbasa ako kung ano ang bukas

ko, nakalagay doon itong area na ito is a critical area, bring your gun. Sabi ko na, ano pala ang ginagawa ng sundalo doon? Hindi nila ako makubera (cover)?

Doon ako sa gitna? Sabi nila, "Alam mo, sir..." Pero sa totoo lang kaya man natin 'yan adre. Sa karami natin hindi mo pa nga ginagamit 'yang Air Force mo. Pagdating pa nung mga attack helicopters natin. At saka maski wala 'yan tao por tao kaya natin 'yan sila.

Kaya lang ito ngayong may baril na kayo may percentage talaga diyan na ma-sparrow. Kaya ang advice ko paglabas mo ng kampo o paglabas mo ng bahay meron naman kayong mga cellphone, kuhanan mo ng picture.

Maligo ka na, kain, paglabas mo tingnan mo ulit 'yung picture tapos tignan mo 'yung sa labas. Iyong unang picture mo, 'yung tao doon nakaupo pa rin sa tindahan, naninigarilyo, ah bantay ka na niyan.

But usually ang NPA, ang unang magdaan sa iyo, hindi 'yan. Ang magsunod, ang second wave, iyan 'yan na tawagan niya, iyan 'yang target. Iko-confirm niya. Iyan talaga ang classic sparrow.

O kaya nakita mo talaga na naka-ano ka na --- nakabaril ka, nakauniporme ka. Kaya dito sa critical areas, buddy-buddy lang tapos medyo malayo nang kaunti o may isa sibilyan.

Tatala buddy-buddy naman kayo sabihin mo, "Part, labas muna tayo." Magsibilyan 'yung isa tapos mag-distansiya lang. May tama man siguro kayo pero katigas ninyo. 'Yung mga mukha talaga fighter.

Kaya ninyo --- baliktarin ninyo 'yung istorya na tayo ang namamatay, or i-beef up mo 'yung intelligence tapos 'pag natarget na ninyo, eh 'di sila ang isparuhin (sparrow) ninyo.

Lumabas kayo para patayin sila. Ganun lang naman 'yan. Kung maglabas kayo patayin kayo, eh 'di mag-build up kayo ng intelligence na paglabas nila patayin mo rin sila.

That's the only rule of the game. Sigurado 'yan pagbagsak niyan, 'pag ganun mo niyan may .45 'yan, 9 millimeter karamihan niyan nakuha nila sa mga sundalo.

So basahin ko na lang kasi nakakahiya naman 'yung naggawa nito. Nandoon o nakasimangot sa likod o, 'yung nakatalikod. Hoy ikaw --- hoy Major. Si Major Connie, pulis rin 'yan. Ang asawa niyan pulis pinatay ng NPA.

Magpakilala ka. Takot ka man siguro maligawan ng sundalo. Biyuda ka na bitaw. Bicolano 'yan.

I am pleased to be with you today to personally greet the 803<sup>rd</sup> Brigade of the Philippine Army for their relentless efforts to maintain law and order as well as protect [the] life and welfare of our people in Northern Samar and the first district of Samar Province.

Today we recognize the Brigade's accomplishments against the communist terrorists and their contributions in the campaign against illegal drugs. You have indeed served the country well with your recent achievements. Saludo ako sa inyo.

From January to September of this year, the 803<sup>rd</sup> Brigade conducted internal security operations, resulting in the apprehension and surrender of NPA members. Also noteworthy is their prompt and efficient disaster response in times of calamities.

As I have promised before to all our soldiers and policemen who risk their lives for our country and democracy: I have your backs. Just continue performing your duties well and you can be assured that [as] we honor your courage and dedication, this administration will take care of you and your families by providing you with the necessary [social] and financial assistance.

Ang practice ko, kung sakali lang, ganun naman ang buhay eh. Lahat ng biyuda, may trabaho talaga 'yan. Automatic 'yan.

Pagbisita ko sa --- kung sa pamilya, may trabaho na 'yan. At 'yung mga anak ninyo. Tatal, libre naman edukasyon konting ano na lang --- tulak para sa mga baon-baon, allowances.

We will protect you and your children. Sana huwag naman mangyari, seldom naman 'yan. Ang buhay naman talaga destiny.

Just work well. Be cunning. Be smart. And do not be afraid of problems. Ako ang bahala hanggang ako pa ang nakaupo dito sa --- diyan sa Pasig --- hindi ko kayo pababayaan. You will never have any worry at all. Inyo trabaho lang.

Rest assured that we are working towards strengthening the defense capabilities of the military and police. For your Brigade, we have provided additional transport vehicles and extended fund support for the enhancement of the roads in the camp, the administration building, and the 8<sup>th</sup> ID Liaison Office building.

I am pleased to know that you have neutralized and apprehended numerous enemies of the state. I reiterate this administration's call for the communist terrorists to abandon their extremist activities and return to the fold of the law. In fact, today, some of them will receive financial assistance under our Enhanced-Comprehensive Local Integration Program. This is just one of the several programs to help them on their re-integration into our communities.

Hayaan na muna ninyo ako. Kasi ako talaga naghanap ng solusyon. In the first place, may giyera. So given 'yan. Pero kung sabihin mo na ligaya ako na magkamatayan tayo puro Pilipino...

Some just going around the country pleading for peace. But I do not want my soldiers to be sitting ducks. Hindi naman pwede na pa-peaceful-peaceful ka diyan, namamatay na 'yung mga sundalo mo.

But alam mo ang sikreto dito, maniwala kayo't hindi --- this has been going on for 53 years, going 53. At I was around when Sison was --- 'yung hamburgero na Sison --- when he was talking about revolution diyan.

Alam mo bata pa kasi kami noon eh. So I --- I was his apostle actually. The reason is family history na 'yan. Migrants lang kami, taga-Cebu. Ang nanay ko Mindanaoan tapos we had to migrate to Mindanao. Alam namin ang hirap. Dumaan --- lahat 'yang pumunta ng Mindanao, dumaan ng hirap 'yan. Wala namang subdivision, walang daan doon noon.

So that is why you try to think that mas mabuti. Apurado ka eh. That's the problem. That's the impulse of ano --- apurado. You want it revolution. Hindi madala 'yan. It's evolution. Hayaan mo lang. Mag-negosyo. As long as it is peaceful, it will grow faster.

Eh ang problema, dreaming itong mga NPA na kung ano-ano. Siguro another 100 years. Sabi ko nga doon sa nag-surrender --- walang... Not in a million years na --- they cannot even overrun a barangay.

Pwede magdaan, you terrorize. Sabi ko, "ano bang..." What have you accomplished? Kasi nandiyan ang media. O 'di marinig nila.

Anong na --- anong natapos ninyo? Anong nagawa ninyo para sa Pilipinas for 53 years? Patayan. Civilian, military, police, barangay captains karamihan patay.

Iyong ayaw magbigay ng taxation, sinusunog ninyo `yung propiedad. In the 52 years, wala kayong ginawa kung hindi `yan.

Hindi pa kayo nagsawa? Hindi naman kayo manalo. Kaya ngayon --- nung... I would like to --- konti...

We are not into a crime prevention. Pati `yang pulis kasali na. It's neutralization ang atin. Then, we can solve the problem.

Neutralization na tayo ngayon, wala ng ano... Basta ganito, walang... There is no crime prevention because the crime is being perpetrated 24 hours a day. So hindi mo kailangan magtanong pa kung may warrant-warrant diyan.

`Pag may dala ka ng baril diyan, sparrow ka, you can be neutralized. Huwag mo na akong bigyan ng b\*\*\* s\*\*\* na --- warrant-warrant. Eh warrant-warrant, buti sana kung nagnakaw `yan tapos bukas iba na naman ninakaw. Timingan (timing) mo.

Pero ang NPA, once he starts to join --- babae o lalaki --- may dala ng armas, diretso-diretso na `yan. They are committing the crime of rebellion 24 hours a day, naghahanap lang `yan ng engkwentro.

So I do not want to give that advice to my soldiers. Kasi walang kasalanan to, ah p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*. Siguraduhin mo lang. The best way is intelligence. Magbuhos kayo ng intelligence.

Then `pag nakuha niyo, it's neutralization. I will be criticized but I'm telling you, I am guiding you what is practical and what is true and legal. Legal `yan.

Terrorism and illegal drug trade continue to threaten the peace and stability of our nation, thereby affecting our economy and even the moral fiber of our society. This administration and the entire Filipino nation rely on the heroic dedication of our soldiers and policemen to ensure that the nation and its interests are secured.

Together, let us work hard in ensuring that our people will have the peaceful and prosperous future they richly deserve.

Alam ko, kaming presidente ganun ang ending. Always 'yang dreaming na itong bayan ko sana maging peaceful. Pero matagal na 'to, I said 43 years.

So in the last ano ko sa pagka --- diyan sa opisina ko, balik --- i-correct natin 'yang ano --- neutralization tayo.

'Pag lumaban at tingin mo buhay mo nakakasa na, shoot first. Iyan ang utos ko. Huwag kang mag-alaala.

'Pag 'yan ang circumstances, nandiyan ako sa'yo. At hindi ako papayag makulong kayo maski isang araw, maniwala kayo. Away 'yan.

Pilitin nila kayong i-presyo, ah away 'yan. Sabihin ko, "Iyan ang utos ko. Ang unang mapreso ako, hindi 'yang sundalo ko."

Kaya 'yan ang utos ko, neutralization. And that is the best way how to handle the problem now.

Maraming salamat po. *[applause]*

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