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**SPEECH OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING THE MASS OATH TAKING OF THE NEWLY ELECTED
OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES (LCP)
AND LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY (LNB)**

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Kindly sit down.

Another thing... *[whistles]* *[Hinay man ni.]*

Another thing sabi nila mag-oath lang kayo tapos 'yun na. Sabi ko, no, no, no, no, no, you don't want to do that. Because well to me you cheapen the presence of --- hindi naman ito mga well, mga tigasin ito, mga mayor, tapos papuntahin mo lang dito after administering the oath, sabihin mo na ba-bye. I must say something.

Even if... Well, anyway, anything that basta mabigyan mo ng importansiya. Kaganda pa naman ng damit kay Beng oh naka --- galing pa ng Zamboanga 'yan. Beng, tsk, tigas ka talaga bilib ako.

The Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea; to our newly elected officials from the League of Cities of the Philippines and the League of Barangays; other distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen

Before I read my prepared speech may I just say something like this. Ako nanalo ako alam mo, ma'am, medyo halos walang partido. PDP was there but it was a moribund party until I came and wala akong politika.

As a matter of fact, the budget for next year kung meron kayong malaki at meron pang pera kung sabihin ng budget... By the way, there's a new budget officer si Wendel Avisado. He had been working with I think he was a regional --- he worked under me administrator sa city then he worked for the DILG. Then he went on to become a --- kay Nene Pimentel and he has been working here. Wala man akong ibang makuha na kumportable ka so siya 'yung ano.

Wendel is just a worker. You can go to him. If there's a really need for you

to tell him, just tell them. Just tell anybody "Del, can I talk to the President?"

Ang akin talaga is ang budget must be spread. And if you'd notice Davao is not even one of those given the privilege. Pati 'yung airport talagang dinelay ko sabi ko unahin mo muna 'yung airport ng lahat bago ang Davao para walang masabi 'yung tao.

Tatal medyo 'yung the next president might look kindly on us and mababawian tayo. But ang Davao wala pati 'yung airport hinold ko talaga muna sabi ko unahin lahat. And Bingbong is here.

The money of the people of the Republic of the Philippines will be equally divided 'yung proportionately. Pero makita ninyo ang pinakamaraming infrastructure dito sa Luzon and sa mga Visayas the airports there. Ang Mindanao sabi ko maybe towards the end of my term kung may maiwan pa.

But you'd notice that we have been very sparing in our distribution. Wala akong iniwan and the --- 'yung malalaking projects nandito, and I don't even know who are the congressmen, who are the governors there.

Basta ako sinasabi nilang kumpleto na 'yung ano. And this is not a brief for Villar pero mahusay si Villar. Mahusay si Villar. Hindi ako masyado noon nung una pero 'yung nagtrabaho na. Tugade and Villar plus itong si ano si Lopez. I hope they'd be around post Duterte even as a --- mga consultant lang. Mahusay. Talagang mahusay and you can expect the economy will grow Dominguez and company 'yan. Iyan ang sa ano.

All others mga military officers 'yan. But those are the departments which I think would need immediate action and... About the only thing really why I took in so many military men is not because that I wanted to ingratiate myself na magpalakas ako sa kanila, na para hindi nila ako i-kudeta.

You know I was not elected by the military or the police. I was elected by the Filipino people. And I said that if you think you --- I'm not to your liking or I'm not performing, do not bring in your armor. Just come to me and we'll have coffee and tell me that I'm out. Then I'd go gladly, walang...

Eh gusto ko na ngang... I am looking for a reason to go out. I'm tired. Alam mo all my life since 1988 and before that as a prosecutor, may dumaan naman siguro prosecutor dito. You know at 8 o'clock in the morning you are there. Then you have so many cases, iyo 'yan lahat ng criminal cases. And you will do trial the whole day minsan ang gusto pabilisan. And that has been my life.

I became mayor for 23 years. Tapos dito ngayon. Ah dito patayan talaga. Ang sweldo dito, anak ka ng... Sa totoo lang 200,000, flat. Wala na. Libre ako ng pagkain. You have the security pero mas mabuti man siguro kung mabaril ka para makapahinga ka na.

You know I do not sign anything except the 200 flat. Wala akong iba. And mind you, I do not allow papers, transactions with or in government especially if it involves money. Hindi dumadaan dito sa akin 'yan.

It starts and ends with the Cabinet members. I do not allow --- wala, wala, wala talaga ako. Zero ako diyan mga MRT, reclamation, infrastructure, bridges. Japanese kuwan, wala ako diyan. Inyo 'yan. I only sign appointments and ano. And would you believe it, there are 6,000 appointments that a president has to sign. And until now nagpipirma ako. Siguro hanggang kamatayan itong p***** i***** 'to. Hindi matapos-tapos. Pati 'yang...

Well, of course, the military and the police. 'Pag i-promote mo 'yung isa, akyatan lahat 'yan. Eh kung may ma-promote kang isang araw o may mamatay, ganun rin may bakante, eh di akyat lahat 'yan. Same name tapos pirma ka. Ang sabi ko simula ngayon walang nang mag-retire, wala nang mamatay kasi ang kamay ko medyo nag... Ang gout paano na lang?

So it's a killing job. You have a ruckus there in Negros. Ang sinabi kong drastic action was that punuin ko ng sundalo just like Jolo. I have one division tapos magpadala pa ako ng dagdag sa... You know, life is not really that good, that comfortable, especially with so many military around and so many checkpoints.

And if the trouble continues the more that the military will be quite stringent in... That's not to maintain --- hindi kagaya... Look, there will never be a time that I will declare martial law. What I said was that I would take drastic action. Martial law pati kung lagyan mo lang 'yan ng mga tropa diyan, it's the same. It has nothing to do with ano. You do not go after innocent people. Martial law, you go after the lawless elements. So why do you have to declare it? Why do I have to tell Congress?

Now, if it is really something which gumaganun ang bayan, well I might declare another thing. And that is for you to guess what would it be. Pero martial law, suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, it's just a proclamation, nothing. You don't go after innocent people, you do not go after law-

abiding... You only go after the criminals and those who sow disorder in this country.

Let us make it clear. I will never declare martial law. Except in Mindanao, talagang kailangan, because there was already a rebellion. But remember, remember that ruckus in Marawi started not as an open rebellion to say that they are separating from the Republic. It was none of that.

It took place because the police were there to serve a warrant of arrest in connection with a drug case. Well, of course, it blossomed into a rebellion. That is how it is called. But hindi na ano sabihin mo na rebellion as in rebellion that Marawi would go separate ways from the Republic or from Mindanao. It was none of it. It was only drugs.

And so itong human rights... You know, 8888 nandiyan lahat ang --- lahat ng sa siyudad ninyo, all the cases whether it's killing, arrest or neutralization, makikita ninyo sa 8888. Those are the drug cases all around the country for the 24 hours that passed.

Wala tayong ibang drug-related cases na nakalista. 'Yung patayan... And you would see there, closed in parentheses, it's "AAA". It is not annihilation. It is arrested.

Makita mo 'yan umaga nakalista 'yan. Sinadya ko 'yan para itong mga g***** mga human rights pati itong --- you know the ones parleying the -- - sinisiraan tayo. Makikita nila, it's "AAA". And seldom, it could be about two days after or one day, may dalawa, tatlo, eh lumaban talaga 'yan.

Pero makita mo 'yan, it's all arrested, arrested, arrested. All the way down. Thirty cases. Maki --- briefer ko 'yan eh that's the official briefer. I share it with the public. Para malaman nila kung ilan ang namatay.

Ngayon, 'yung namatay sa mga siyudad ninyo, 'yun 'yung mga boyfriend ng girlfriends ninyo. But to eliminate your rivals, you kill. Especially --- well, 'yung matatanda wala, itong mga bata dito. Wala akong pakialam diyan. 'Yung namatay na nagsaksakan dahil sa ano.

And we go to the official records. So you can count even the number of persons, in a month, in a year kung sino 'yung namatay sa droga. And if it's --- it's there in the --- address, the name, and the city. So malaman mo sa siyudad mo anong drug-related cases.

At hindi umabot ng seven hundred thou --- p***** i** mo, g*****. Pataka lang og istorya.

Why would I kill people for nothing? `Yan ang --- `yan ang totoo. So if you are really bothered and you are --- because sabihin ikaw. Sabihin mo lang, look, look at the 8888. It's a collated news of all, from the files of the police that are connected with drugs, `yan ang totoo.

`Yang mga rebellion, ibang istorya `yan. Iyong mga insurgency, especially `yung mga ISIS, do not ask me about that. Wala ako. Pero kung `yung drugs --- ako sinabi prangka ako, lalo na kung ikaw ay drug lord. Sabihin mo na lang. Alam na ninyo kung sino. Nangyari na sa siyudad ninyo. Huwag...

`Yung mga drug lord, huwag mong sirain ang... Hindi ako nagpapatay ng mga --- tawag nila niyan basurero, mga tinyente. Iyong basurero is the peddlers.

Pero `yung malalaki, alam ninyo, they have to go. Mayors, the likes of Parojinog ganun. Mahirap `yan. Because if you start to kill your own policeman, `yung mga barangay captains niyo, warningan (warning) talaga ninyo `yan. Do not do it.

Patayin ninyo pulis, patayin niya `yung mga intelligence agents nagpunta doon hindi na bumalik. Mayor ka ng siyudad, barangay captain ka, mahirap `yan. Mahirap `yan.

Pero kung sabihin mo, diyan makita lang sa daan na small time na --- hindi tayo kasali diyan. Pero kung sabihin mo --- lalo na alien. T*** i** `yan. Maski sa harapan ng headquarters ng human rights, putulin ko `yang ulo mo.

Pero `yung sabihin mo maliit, wala tayo diyan. Wala, wala --- pobre pa `yan, pobrehin mo pa kay patayin mo. `Di ikulong mo na lang para walang...

So whatever it is, you will have your share. Lahat, equally `yan. Wala akong ano. I am the President of all. I do not choose party `yung ganun, wala ako niyan. I've been mayor for 23 years. I've been a congressman. So tayo nagsama pa tayo sa Congress some of you here siguro. I do not indulge in such trivial matter.

I'm concerned with what affects the Republic of the Philippines. Basta ako neutral. Sinabi ko naman sa inyo noon noong election na huwag kayong --- nangyari talaga. Sad to say Duterte supporter pa. I told you do not oppress,

do not intimidate, do not kill your political opponents. I was addressing myself to all my candidates and to the opposite parties, 'yung opposition.

Alam mo, may isa talaga ginawa niya, inambush (ambush) niya. On the eve of the election, lumipad ako, pumunta talaga ako sa kanya. Ayaw ko na lang sabihin anong sinabi ko. Ipinatawag ko siya, sinabi ko sa inyo huwag.

At saka ang hinihingi ko sa inyo kung ano lang man ang tama, kung ano lang ang tama. 'Pag hindi tama ang sinasabi ko, huwag kayong maniwala sa akin. Do not obey me, if it is illegal at kung hindi tama.

Pero naman kung nasa lugar ako and if it's good for everybody to protect the people, just like me and you, I can abbreviate our oath of office.

What does it say? We have to protect the people and preserve this Republic from disintegration. So that's about it. Wala ng iba.

So I trust that we share the same values, might be in some degrees different, some are radicals, some are not.

But I hope that we share the same basic values in life. And that is... 'Yung iba ano lang, kasi sa trabaho.

Ako may trabaho ako na mas mabigat, so... Pero in all others, ako po'y... At na --- alam naman ninyo na mahiyain ako na tao sa totoo lang. Kayong nakakilala sa akin... Pero 'yung --- marinig na naman ito ng mga babae, Beng, kasi... Pero 'yung mga magagandang babae hindi ako mahiya sa kanila. Si Beng Climaco.

So I hope that I have given importance to your office and to just to convey to you that pareho ang ano ko. And if there's anything kung kaso, if it is in the performance of your duty, do not worry. I will defend you to death. Lakarin ko basta performance of duty, lalo na sa pulis pati 'yung sa mga military. Pati kayo so that you can do your duty without fear na matakot kayo.

Huwag kayong matakot. Huwag kayong matakot pumatay basta 'yung mga g*** diyan if they start to f*** with your city.

Alam mo ang tinitingnan ng tao performance talaga eh. Believe me. I only had one election. Since 1988, the first time lang. Lahat na. Wala pa,

hanggang Presidente. I only one election in between the years as a mayor and as President.

Sikreto? Ganon lang. Just... Alam ko na. Mas tigas kayo diyan. It's all about sincerity. 'Pag sinabi mong, "P***** i** huwag mong gawin, papatayin kita." Tatal, hindi man ikaw ang pumatay. Psst, pulis. Salamat.

Congratulations. *[applause]*

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