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**SPEECH  
OF  
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
DURING THE  
OATH TAKING CEREMONY OF NEWLY PROMOTED UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE  
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION, BUREAU OF JAIL  
MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY AND PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD**

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Ito si Rowena, I remember she arrived Davao many, many years ago. Bata pa 'to, second lieutenant lang, graduate lang ng PMA, PNPA. Anong katumbas ng rango mo sa military?

Nawawala ako diyan sa SP, SP na 'yan eh. Tanggalin na ninyo 'yan. Sinong nag-imbento niyang y\*\*\* na 'yan? Talaga I cannot relate. Truly pagka sinabi mo na SPO1, magtanong pa ako dito, "Ano ba 'yang SPO1?" I think it was a --- hindi pa ako Presidente noon.

'Pag sa panahon ko 'yun, I... It's too confusing to the public actually. I don't know pagsabi itong pinsan ko taga-Davao, "Anong rango mo?" "SPO4." "Ano 'yan?"

Hindi ko talaga makuha. I cannot relate to the words of the present ranking titles that you have.

I suppose that you should go back to police constable, police patrolman --- mas madali pakinggan --- police general, police colonel. Mas madali ang...

'Pag kami dito nagbabasa hindi ko talaga alam honestly. I get lost in the maze of SP, SP. Ang alam ko lang si Espe, si Esperanza, 'yung nandoon sa Davao.

But I'd like to congratulate you. It's been a winding road for you. Nakuha mo rin. Maybe you'd be the first. Ano ka ngayon colonel? General ka na? Sunod.

Just... Trabaho ka lang. You have a very wonderful record sa pulis.

We are gathered here today not only to celebrate this milestone in your respective careers in the civil service, but also to reaffirm your allegiance to the country that we had sworn to defend at all costs.

Let me take this opportunity to remind you that you bear the crucial mandate of protecting the Filipinos from the social ills that have delayed our progress as a nation. By heeding this honorable call to service, you must always keep in mind that the best interest of our people must always be your priority.

I congratulate the newly appointed and promoted personnel of the Philippine National Police, the Philippine Coast Guard and the Philippine Jail or Jail Management and Penology and the Bureau of Fire Protection.

I call on you to use your position to promote the common good and to actively serve our citizenry to the best of your ability.

As these ranks are donned on you, may you always remember that the public demands a greater level of accountability, responsibility and integrity on your part.

Embody the highest standards of excellence and selfless leadership at all times. Do not settle for anything less.

Ladies and gentlemen of the uniformed service, you have risked your precious lives --- and will do so for the rest of your careers --- for this country. May this fact alone be more than enough to inspire you to always commit yourselves to the ethical and honorable behavior as you do your part in the realization of our aspirations as a nation.

We have accomplished a lot since we started this journey almost two years ago. Yet, there is so much to do as we continue our crusade against the root causes of poverty, corruption, terrorism, criminality and illegal drugs that have plagued --- plagued our country for so long.

Join me in this quest. I assure you that you have my full support as you contribute to our efforts in advancing the common good and promoting the safety and well-being of our people.

May this momentous occasion strengthen your dedication and commitment to help the government achieving genuine and lasting peace and progress across the nation. Together, let us build the foundations of a better life for all Filipinos.

I will not say the last... May i-dagdag lang ako nang konti. Alam mo, all of these things that I have uttered this afternoon has been uttered several times in the past --- past presidents, past leaders of organizations.

Eh pabalik-balik 'yan. And I suppose that from one speech to the other, from one narrative to the other, at least we should have improved a little bit.

But ang Pilipinas ngayon it's facing really a problem. And there's something to do with 'yung advocacy ko. Tumatama talaga eh.

Alam ninyo bakit nanalo ako? Kahit ni isang barangay captain wala ako dito sa Maynila. Iyang Calabarzon na 'yan, well except the Remullas 'yung... Pero Abet of Bataan.

Alam ninyo kung bakit nanalo ako? Pareho-pareho man tayo taga-gobyerno. Mayor ako so I used to handle a lot of these things --- police, local government rapport.

In Cebu and even in Danao, Cebu City --- Cebu province --- doon tatay ko, wala ako ni isang barangay captain. And yet it was just like a dream na pumasok ako sa presidency in an election, which wala talaga akong...

And I was never in the hustings having placed number two, 3-4, 3-4, 3-4. But during the last few weeks before the election.

Hindi ako nag-a-ano tapos na eh. Hindi naman ako makatakbo ulit. I suddenly shot into number 32. At dumikit na ako diyan hanggang election time. And the second was 27, si Roxas.

Bakit? Alam mo sa totoo lang, because I carried the right messages at that time. I did not believe in the time allotted to us during the debates of a minute and a half --- seconds.

So bullet lang ako nang bullet. And I would try to really --- inisip ko ano ang gusto ng tao? That's a campaign, you sell yourself.

I only promised you and if you kindly remember, I said I'd stop corruption, I will go against drugs, that I will talk to the enemies of the state so that we can have at least peace in our generation.

And I said hindi ako makialam sa mga transaksyon sa gobyerno. Sa totoo lang ginawa ko lahat 'yan at ginagawa ko hanggang ngayon.

Corruption, marami na akong tinanggal. Even the Cabinet secretary handling the pulis, kayo, pati 'yung excessive travels and everything.

'Yung corruption talagang, you know, hinihiritan ko and I have fired several guys, those even with me during my mayorship days in 1988. I was mayor for 22 years and most of you dumaan ng Davao, at least Mindanao.

Kaya wala akong ano. I said I will stop corruption tapos hihiritan ko itong droga because it is destroying the nation. Marami itong corollary effects sa buhay ng Pilipino. Napakasakit.

Then I said the law and order but I have to talk to the enemies of the state. At ngayon, well in Davao at least, gumaganda ang buhay.

Dito, it's improving but you know, if you read the other side, walang... wala tayong ginawa. But anyway, let the record show what is happening to the economic life of the country.

Biglang nagsabi lang ito. Corruption talagang ayaw ko at lahat kayo dumaan ng Davao, alam ninyo 'yan. All of you who sojourned Davao at one time or another in your career, alam ninyo 'yan na ayaw ko talaga 'yang corruption.

And maybe that's because or that was the reason for my survival for being mayor 23 years, for congressman another term and being a vice mayor to my daughter and bahala na kayong mag-intindi.

Basta ako hindi ko na ulit-ulitin. Hindi naman tayo bata dito. Huwag kayong pumasok diyan sa corruption at 'yang droga lalo na. 'Yung mga drug, it's destroying the country. You know that.

Lahat ng... pati 'yung mga mayor na ano, pati 'yung mga pulis, at one time namatay, magtaka bakit ano kasalanan.

Sinabi ko, "huwag kayong pumasok sa droga because if you do that, talagang I --- God, I will kill you." Hanapan ka talaga ng paraan. Magprangka ako sa inyo.

You know, you destroy the --- my country and drugs has --- it's not just pernicious, it's toxic and vicious and it has destroyed a lot of people.

Eh paano kung 'yung Pilipino bukas kung hayaan ko lang ganito. So hindi ko na alam kasi alam na ninyo eh. I've been doing it for one year and several months and I will continue to do that.

You try to destroy my country and the young of this land, I will really kill you. Sabihin mo diyan sa mga durugista na 'yan na hindi kayo...

Sabihin mo, "adre, kung may masabi lang ako sa iyo bilang kaibigan natin, huwag kayong pumasok diyan." Huwag na 'yung ibang 'yung smuggling diyan sa ano, wala akong pakialam diyan.

Now tell me, bakit ito si Duterte, he's allowing gambling --- sakla, jueteng? Well for one, wala akong alternative. It's an activity that moves the money in a community. Totoo lang.

And because of the disparity of itong casino at itong mga sabungero at itong mga pyat pyat lang, kaya sabi ko, unless may alternative ako, hindi ko masyado --- sasabihin mo na talagang iipitin ko na patayin ko na. Huli 'yan siguro.

Alam mo 'pag may mga station commander, kayo ayaw ninyo 'yang ganun, pero wala kayong narinig sa aking strong words about... except drugs and corruption.

Ako wala akong ano diyan sa... hindi naman... I'm not encouraging gamblers. One day, baka. Pero I have to find a way of...

'Yung gambling, there's activity, there's a lot of walking there, a lot of patad-patad, tapos it moves the money in a community ever so immoral maybe. Sabi naman ng pari, immoral daw. Maniwala pala kayo sa pari?

Walang pari dito 'no? Sabi nung nabasa ko sa ano, "Stop persecuting priests." Wala naman akong sinabi and I did not... 'Yung ano lang, 'yung... 'Yung pari namatay, meron kami. May binigay sa akin ang pulis but sinupress ko kasi hindi maganda para sa Katoliko. Eh babae eh. Pareha kami ng issue ng babae nung pari na 'yun, babae.

Eh pinigilan ko kasi hindi maganda but kung mag-sige sila daldal, bitawan ko 'yan. Sasabihin ko, "kung ikaw, pari, kabitin mo 'yung anak --- asawa ng sundalo, kabitin mo 'yung asawa ng mayor, mamamatay ka talaga."

'Yun, sinupress ko 'yun, hindi ko pinalabas. Sabi ko, "but if these guys are --- keep on shouting there, ilalabas ko 'yung..."

Alam mo 'yung pari is no better than me. May mga pari diyan tig-dalawa ang asawa. Kayo lumamang lang kayo ng tatlo. *[laughter]* Mga pulis, maniwala kayo, utro rin kayo. *[laughter]* Sus matagal ako.

I would have --- if I completed, by the grace of God, if I get to finish this presidency, 40 years of dealing with... Wala lalo na 'yung pulis kasi law enforcement. Grabe. Wala akong nakitang pulis na nilibing na isa lang asawa umiyak. *[laughter]*

For the 23 years na pumupunta ako doon sa libing. Kasi mayor ako, 'di kung may mamatay na pulis, ilibing, nandoon ako. Tapos 'yun.

Marinig akong, "Sir, pamilya 'yung isa."

"O ano ito?"

"Pamilya rin niya, sir."

Kaya --- kaya ako galit 'yung makita ko 'yan sila, sir. 'Yung pulis na mag-parking diyan sa mga bar-bar. Talagang binababaan ko 'yun.

"P\*\*\*\*\* j\*\* 'di ba sinabi ko na sa'yong huwag diyan." Not because... Kasi ang pinakamaganda diyan sa bar, sabi ko, either ang kabit 'yan 'yung pulis na gwapo, kung hindi 'yung pinaka-hoodlum diyan sa community. 'Yang dalawang 'yan lang.

Tapos 'yung may iba, iyon na 'yung sugar daddy nila. 'Yung matatanda na mga g\*\*\*, nagpapaloko naman, bigay, ibigay man rin niya doon sa pulis. Pagdating sa pulis, i-pyat pyat na. 'Yun ang... 'di ba? *[laughter]*

Makikita mo pareho tayo sir noon. Ang pulis mag-report sa opisina. Mag-time in. Ang gawin? Pagdating doon 'yung mesa 'yun sa mga typewriter diyan maliliit, ipatong, i-connect-connect nila 'yan tapos maglagay ng newspaper tapos may parang tuwalya ilagay sa ulo. Hubad ng sapatos, tulog. Kaya maabutan 'yan *[laughter]* P\*\*\*. Eh ako ilang beses 'yan.

Kaya 'pag walang ginawa --- "Saan 'yung susi? Saan 'yung susi? Sasakyan, saan?" Sige, backing, backing ka diyan ganun. Kasi maraming pulis na hindi naman nag-aral tapos kung may assistance... Ay hindi marunong mag-drive. Ah... Eh mag-practice ka. Sige backing, backing diyan. Babalik ako may. Eh nagmo-motor ako. Natuto mag-drive.

Paano 'pag day off, magpunta doon sa sabungan o mag-date ng ano niya, girlfriend niya. Hindi matulog pero 'pag duty na siya, kay kapoy naman, ayon natulog, nahuhuli ni Albayalde. *[snores]*

'Di totoo. Dinadaan ko lang sa biro. Pero do not --- do not get mad... Pareho lang tayo, naiintindihan ko kayo.

We have accomplished a lot since we started this journey almost two years ago. Yet, there is [still] much to do as we continue our crusade against the root causes of poverty, corruption, terrorism, criminality and illegal drugs that have plagued our country for so long.

Alam mo ma'am, mga misis kayo ng pulis? Kayo? Hindi, biro lang 'yun, hindi 'yan totoo. *[laughter]*

Maniwala pala kayo? 'Di na 'yan. Alam mo bakit? Pagka dumating 'yan ganung rango ma'am, matanda na 'yan.

'Yan lang 'yang first five, 10 years, 'yan malikot 'yang mga buang na 'yan. *[laughter]* Pero pagdating ng almost --- wala... 15 years. 'Pag nagka, nag-ano kayo, nag --- if you've been married for 20 years, hayaan mo na. Hayaan na ninyo. Wala na rin 'yan. *[laughter]* Maski sabihin wala. Maski kayo alam ninyo. Wala na, hambog na lang 'yan. *[laughter]*

May kwento ako sa inyo ha. Pulis. Pero huwag lang ninyong sabihin kay ano. May pumunta na babae sa akin, umiiyak. Maganda. Cathay, Cathay, Filipino, stewardess.

"O, bakit ka?"

"May pulis."

"Anong pulis?"

"Sinabi niya... Ngayon buntis ako, iniwanan na ako."

Sabi ko, "Di ipatangal mo na lang."

"Sir, paano magtanggap --- malaki naman masyado tiyan ko."

"Bong, tawagan mo 'yung... Taga-saan 'yung pulis?"

"Region II --- Region XII."

Tawagan ko. Nagkausap kami. "RD, ayusin mo nga itong pulis mo, bakit pinabuntisan itong babae?"

Maganda, maganda eh. Stewardess eh.

"Maganda pa naman. Bakit mo..."

"Sige, Mayor. Papuntahin mo 'yan dito. Ipatawag 'yung lintik na pulis na 'yan. Lintik sa iyong igit."

Wala na akong nabalitaan. Punta ko sa Abreeza, kasama ko pamilya ko. Pagkarating ko diyan --- coffee... What's that famous coffee? Sa entrance ng Davao? Lumabas ito naka-short pants.

"Mayor!" Tapos nagtatakbo, nandiyan pa 'yung asawa ko, nag-embrace.

Sabi ko, "Sandali." Sabi ko, "Anong nangyari?"

"Uy, nagpakasal na kami, Mayor."

"O, 'di maganda."

'Di nakita ko 'yung RD naka-shorts lang rin. Sabi ko, "Kanino ka nagpakasal?"

"Siya. *[laughter]* Si RD."

Gusto ko suntukin. *[laughter]* Tapos lapit siya... Ganun siya, siyempre ganun *[salutes]*.

Naglakad na. Nahiya ang g\*\*\* eh. "Sir..."

Sabi ko, "Anong nangyari?"

"Sabi niya na pagtawag niya, maghintay lang ako sa --- doon sa kanyang quarters."

"Pinatawag niya?"

"Wala man dumating," sabi niya.

"Tapos?"

"Nag-inuman kami. Kinabukasan nasa kama ako nakahubad na."

"Tapos?"

"Na-in love daw siya sa akin. Pakasal na lang kami."

"T\*\*\* j\*\* ka..."

'Yan ang nangyari. Ganun 'yung pulis. Pero kokonti lang 'yan. Huwag ninyong gawin 'yan, may mga anak kayo o. Papatayin kayo niyan. Ako takot ako sa anak ko.

Pero you know --- you know what, I'm not really trying to insult you. No offense intended. Just the vignettes of life of a policeman. Ano lang yan...

Therefore join me in this quest [and] I assure you that you have my full support as you contribute to our efforts in advancing the common good and promoting the safety and well-being...

May this --- Let us build together the foundations of a better life.

Ang consuelo ninyo sa akin, ako 'yung na-presidente. Because if you do it in accordance with law, 'yung mga tao mo hindi ikaw. Eh mabigat 'yung trabaho natin.

Just assure the men that for as long as they do their duty strictly in accordance with law, they will have my full support. At hindi ako papayag na anyone of you or anyone of them will go to prison. You'll always have my...

Hindi ako papayag. And I will guarantee that in front you all now. Huwag kayo matakot mag-trabaho. Hiritan ninyo. Drugs, criminality, lalo na 'yung murder for hire. Marami kasi ngayon. Tayo ang pinagbibintangan, lalo na 'yang...

Noon in the early days, 'pag 45 ang ginagamit sabihin military. At ngayon nagdududa sila. 'Pag may namatay kang mga kung sino-sino, the first angle that they would really look at is that it's a policeman or military. Pero ang sa totoo 'yan, kanilang raket 'yan.

Kaya kung gusto ng Katoliko ilabas ko yung matrix na... Bakit namatay 'yung pari. Pinigil ko na lang... But I gave a copy to the chairman of the CBCP. Pero kung 'yang si Soc karon gusto nila o 'di ilabas ko.

Si Soc Villegas o si... Parang san --- ang problema nitong mga buang na ito. Santo lahat sila. Ibang mga gobyerno, mga sundalo o mga pulis, puro demonyo na.

'Yan kaagad... Because of illegal logging, illegal --- anong pakialam natin diyan?

So I'd like to congratulate you, as I've said, if I hurt your feelings, I apologize. Pero I said it's just the vignettes of life. 'Yung mga ano sa buhay natin, tatal hindi naman kayo...

And I'm very happy that si Rowena, isang donning lang ngayon. Ito matapang ito na Ilocana. U\*\*. Matapang ito. Takot ang mga pulis diyan, huwag kayong... 'Pag magkasala, mag-ganun kaagad ng step-in... Ihampas sa ulo. Ganun ang sakit nito. Taga-Cagayan 'to eh.

But I'm happy that 'yung mga taga-Davao na mga pulis --- practically you earned your course in Davao.

So I'm happy. And I cannot --- Mind you, may command conference tayo so... Tamang-tamang siguro. We'll have our dinner there.

Congratulations and I hope to see you promoted to a higher position in the days to come. Just keep faith. Follow the guidance. Avoid graft. Ang target ko...

Do not be afraid to go after the criminals. You know, 'yang karsa --- kalsada. Karsada sa amin. Bisaya is "r". 'Yung kalsada, 'yung highways are --- we built it for the law-abiding citizens.

Ang mga criminal dapat diyan, ang mga durugista, they are not supposed to be there. So my directive is 'pag mag-istambay-istambay diyan sa, sabihin niyo, "Umuwi kayo. Kay 'pag hindi kayo umuwi ihatid ko kayo doon sa opisina ni ano --- Pasig."

Ako ng bahala. Ilagay mo lang diyan. Talian mo 'yung kamay pati --- ihulog ko 'yan diyan sa...

Do not ... You be strict. Part of confronting people who do not do nothing and just idling around, they are potential trouble for the public.

So I will not take long. I said I have a command conference coming up. And if you are there, I'd like --- We'll discuss some other matters more thoroughly.

Maraming salamat po.

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