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**SPEECH AND MEDIA INTERVIEW OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
FOLLOWING HIS OFFICIAL VISITS TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE
HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN**

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Kindly sit down. Thank you for your courtesy and I will just deliver a two-page prepared speech, arrival. And then maybe I can take one or two, or three questions, and then we have to go home because we are all tired.

With us today this morning is Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea who accompanied me to the foreign countries that we visited; Foreign Affairs Secretary Peter Cayetano with his wife, si Ma'am, Mayor of Taguig; then Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra and other members of the Cabinet; Senator Gordon who was with us; Davao City Vice Mayor Bernard Al-ag and Second District Representative Mylene Garcia-Albano; AFP Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Carlito Galvez; Lieutenant General Benjamin Madrigal and other members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police; fellow workers in government; ladies and gentlemen.

I am glad to be back after my Official Visits to the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

I am pleased to renew the Philippines' friendship with two important countries in a region of crucial significance to our nation.

In Israel, I met Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who we identified ways and means of broadening cooperation to combat terrorism and transnational crimes, enhance security and defense, intensify two-way trade and investment and improve people-to-people exchanges.

With President Reuven Rivlin, I discussed the need to improve technical cooperation, particularly in capacity and capability building.

Both the Prime Minister and the President recognized the strength and depth of our meaningful shared history and the common values that bind our nations and peoples.

In Jordan, I met His Majesty King Abdullah II. We identified areas for concrete collaboration to address terrorism and extreme violence.

Together with His Majesty's Cabinet, we discussed ways to expand cooperation in two-way trade and investment, human resource development, interfaith dialogue and tourism, and other areas of governance.

Trade and other similar missions will be launched to give greater impetus to these efforts.

Certainly, the welfare and well-being of Filipinos overseas received full attention in discussions during the twin visits.

I am pleased to report that working and living conditions of our countrymen in Israel and Jordan are expected to improve even further.

In Israel, the signing of the agreement on the employment of Filipino caregivers will help address the issue of exorbitant placement fees that cost our OFWs anywhere from 8 to 12 thousand dollars. By any measure, this agreement shows the commitment of both governments to uphold the interests of our workers.

In Jordan, two labor agreements will enhance the standards of protection for Filipinos employed as household service workers and regulate labor deployment, exchanges, and communication and further studies on labor.

As I have repeatedly said, your Government will continue to do its part to ensure that the rights of our nationals working abroad are protected, enhanced and upheld.

We also concluded a number of government to government and business to business sector agreements.

Investments generated are valued at over 140 million US dollars and expected to generate over 1,200 new jobs. This, we believe, is only the beginning.

With these landmark visits, the Philippines continues to write a new chapter of enhanced bilateral partnerships based on mutual respect, sovereign equality, shared interests and common values.

Allow me again to express my gratitude to Israel and Jordan for making these historic visits possible and for continuing to work closely with the Philippine Government in pursuing greater peace, progress and prosperity for all.

As we reaffirm the Philippines' position in maintaining and promoting peace and stability in the region and pursue our independent foreign policy, we are showing that the Philippines is, indeed, a friend to all and an enemy to no one.

As your President, it is my solemn duty to advance our national interests in the world community. I intend to fulfill this sacred commitment.

Daghang salamat! [applause]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Then maybe I cannot but help the eagerness of the media to ask questions. May I start with CNN? Ah meron kayong listahan?

Q: Sir, good morning po and welcome home from a very successful trip to Israel and Jordan po. Sir, while you were away, things were happening here --- particularly with the Trillanes issue. Is there --- one question is, is there a need for you to --- what is this? For a loyalty check among the military since he is from the ranks of the military and with what is happening now? And where are we now when it comes to his case?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Look, right at the beginning of my term as President, I've had several discussions and far and in between the months that followed, I've always stressed to the uniformed people of our government that they should not nurture in me or in anybody else in my Cabinet and government loyalties.

I said, "You should focus your loyalty to the flag of the Philippines and the Constitution". Sabi ko sa kanila, prangka, sabi ko, "I do not need loyalties."

I was elected as President and I intend to serve. But if somehow is there --- there is anything that is really demanded of the moment, then there is no problem.

Do not bring me the armor or anything. Just tell me. We can have coffee, I'll invite you and I will --- well, anybody who is interested, I will administer the oath. Now, what followed or what will follow, rather, eh hindi ko na problema 'yan.

So there are many ways --- impeachment, mutiny, coup d'état, lahat 'yan. Well, ako magtrabaho lang. Kung ayaw ng Pilipino eh 'di talagang bababa ako. Walang problema 'yan.

Hindi ko ipapasubo 'tong mga 'to na magpatayan. Kasi Armed Forces pati police, magkaharap 'yan, hindi naman ako. So why would I sacrifice the lives of people, my own countrymen to do the...? We can go somewhere else?

But for me to order to shoot at each other, I will not do it. Maghanap na lang kayo ng ibang presidency, I will not do it.

And I do not, I said time and again, this is about siguro the nth time and all commanders are... You can ask them, every... Huwag kayong mag-ano ng utang na loob sa akin na --- you deserve what --- where you are now and what you got. Wala kayong problema sa akin.

It is our nation, kung pasabugin natin, eh 'di pasabugin natin or we can live throughout the years and improve on what we have now.

But itong mga intriga na kudeta-kudeta, look, I am here to enforce the law. 'Yung kay Trillanes, alam mo ang totoo niyan ang nag-research, si Calida, just like kay Sereno. He was the one who was...

Alam mo si Calida medyo bright na matino. 'Pag sinabi ng SolGen may mali and this has to be corrected, I cannot refuse.

He is the government lawyer. I am not, though I am a mayor or a mayor and a President, I cannot insist lalo na in view of the fact it was already recorded as a public paper.

So kung ano 'yang sinabi niya doon, then 'yun ang paniwalaan ko. Eh kung hindi ko pinaniwalaan 'yan si Calida eh di mat... Itinapon ko na 'yan sa --- ewan ko kung saan.

You know, as a lawyer, you will ask me, and I will just advance my answer to you. What's your basis? I cannot discuss with you the merits. I do not know if the --- it has been filed but or if it is already assigned to a division. But what I can say is this, in the matter of granting pardon pati amnesty is a predi --- is a constitutional mandate of the President.

Wala doon kay Calida pero ito noon pa. Alam ko, I just don't want to rattle the boat because si... Magkaibigan nga kami lahat eh.

Pati 'yung mga military dumaan ng Mindanao at inabot ako ngayong presidency, they are all my friends. I hate to mention si Volt Gazmin. In many years habang nandito 'yan sa Davao, tinatawag ako After Dark, it's the usual place where we get to drink and talk a lot until we all are drunk.

So ang nakita ko kasi ganito, the power to pardon and the power to grant amnesty with the concurrence of Congress is a presidential power. It cannot be delegated to anybody else. Constitutional mandate 'yan. The power... The President has the power to grant pardon and amnesty with the concurrence of Congress.

Now, 'yung umabot dito ngayon sa labas after the term of... Nalaman ko 'yun kasi malapit rin kasi ako sa military, hindi lang naman sila eh.

As a matter of fact, we were together in Congress and lahat. Ito ngayon ang problema, it was Gazmin who probably one of those who investigated the case, 'yung coup d'état pati mutiny or rebellion at least at the very least. Then he recommended for the amnesty ng lahat.

Ang problema diyan may mga requirements. One is that you have to do it in a particular office in the Armed Forces of the Philippines organization. And it must be J1 administrative. J2 is a --- J3 is intelligence. Ganun 'yan eh.

Ngayon it was --- kaibigan ko 'yan sabi ko, "I hope that it would not get to this far." Remember we never started the ruckus. It was all Trillanes pretending to be a crusading soldier, when as a matter of fact, wala naman silang ginawa.

Then tignan mo --- o sa panahon ni Volts, nandiyan naman si Trillanes, nagka-increase ba ng sweldo ang sundalo maski 5 percent?

Nandiyan siya ha, in Malacañan. And he was taking the cudgels for the military. He not only abandoned the vision of the military, he became a corrupt guy collecting diyan sa mga negosyante. Para siyang abogado.

Alam namin 'yan kasi ang negosyante maski na paano mo taguin, nagsasabi talaga 'yan. Kaya I do not want to talk to businessmen for that. Kaya I do not allow businessmen to go to --- except I said, if you have a problem about corruption, I will give you a 24-hour leeway --- anytime about corruption.

So kagaya nung Koreanong ano sa frigate, pumunta doon 'yung mismong may-ari ng kumpanya, 'yung parang liaison officer nila, empleyado nila, “bakit hindi pa nai-implement?” And that was why si Bong Go wrote a letter sa legal. For legal to hear it and pass on whatever is the result of the investigation. Sabi ko makaakyat kayo diyan.

Now itong si Trillanes, sundalo, and nag-make- believe siya doon sa mga sundalo na he was all for the military. He never gave a hoot.

Hindi ko sabi... Ako, wala ako. Isang beses lang ako nagsabi kampanya, “I will double your salary.” Period. ‘Pag abot ng panahon ibinigay ko. Siya military siya, malapit siya kay Aquino, nandiyan si Volt.

Ngayon itong mga military na ano, they say they love their fellow soldiers. Really? Nagpakita ba sila minsan sa Marawi when a lot of my soldiers and policeman were dying? Pumunta lang ba sila doon tapos sabi, “I condole with you?”

'Yan bang sabi mo nagmamalaki sila na sundalo? And always, all the time tatakutin ang Kabo pati ang... We have ang mga mistah ko.

Is that how low you can get? Is the military that empty? Na takutin ka lang sa mga mistah niya kasi hindi ka na gusto ng mga sundalo. Eh 'di ibigay mo sa military. Eh bakit ka takot-takutin? Ibigay mo. Kung gusto nila magsabi sila bukas, eh 'di kayo.

Bababa ako. Totoo lang. Bakit ako makipag-contest niyan payabangan? Anong naibigay niya sa military and this pernicious habit of --- ah the military when I will take the --- do not follow the instruction of the President.

Well, pag 'yan ang sabi nila kung gusto ninyo, inyo na. Bakit kayo magpatayan? Ang guwardiya ko classmate mo rin pala sa PMA. Eh 'di kayo na lang lahat.

Eh bakit pa tayo magdrama-drama dito kung ganun ang sitwasyon? Me? Sinabi ko sa inyo, I'm old. I am ready to step down anytime. Short of working it out for the last remaining years of my term. Probably the only agency that can really --- or really --- will be the PNP and the Armed Forces. If that is to their liking, they can always just call my attention.

We'll have coffee in Malacañan and say okay, you want me to swear you in? Is it a military junta or have you decided to select the son of a b****. Gusto niyo ang leader na 'yan? O sige. 'Yan ang nagmamalasakit sa military. Nakalimutan niya lahat.

Now, hindi pa ako... Regalado, do not... Kami 'yung walang tulog. Tumindig ka muna diyan, makinig ka.

Q: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Hindi, hindi, hindi, binibiro ko lang. Sabihin kaagad ng media na... Kaming mga taga-Davao alam namin 'yang biruan namin dito.

So 'yan. Ang isra is --- si Volts. You know, he recommended that a general amnesty be given. And then, after his recommendation, he approved it. Siya mismo ang nag-grant. Siya ang nag-recommend, eh bakit ka pa mag-recommend? Kung ikaw lang pala ang pipirma eh 'di diretso ka na.

So what's the crime of Volts? Sabihin ko sa iyo kung ano? Usurpation of authority. Lahat 'yan sila may tama diyan. Kaya sabihin nila de facto martial law na ipinapakulong. Sinong ipinapakulong ko daw dito?

Eh sabi niya na continuing arrest. Well, let the court decide on it. Whether he should go back to jail because that is where he came from.

And instead of reporting to J1 na mag-swear ng oath and he has to do it in writing. Basta check-check ka lang diyan, okay mutiny ito, nandoon na.

Look, we have to determine their respective criminal liability first. Whether leader ka mas mataas eh, or whether you were a follower, ordinary soldier.

But before you can give a pardon or amnesty, you have to know, you have to declare your guilt and place it in on a narrative so that alam namin, alam ko kung ibibigay ko ba amnesty o papaniwalaan ko.

Eh wala eh. 'Yung sa application niya TRO sa Supreme Court nagbigay siya ng sample ng affidavit. Wala siyang ano. You have to swear and you have to place the narratives saan ka --- anong ginawa mo kung bakit kailangan kang patawarin?

Kay kung magsabi lang, "Ako si Trillanes, nanonood lang din ako sa kapwa ko sundalo, pero kami lahat sa isang grupo lang."

You think that it is --- you just play with the Constitution? Hindi ako. You must remember abogado ako. Hindi ko pipirmahan 'yan kung alam ko na walang...

'Yan, failure to comply. It must be in affidavit form and you narrate kung anong kasalanan mo. Ang problema 'yung nag-imbestiga at nag-recommend ng amnesty, siya rin ang nag-approve ng

amnesty. Anak ka... Then the it --- remember it's a Constitution. It is a --- mabigat kaya 'yan, Regalado.

Biro mo you pardon criminals in this country and you can delegate it to just somebody? Just like that? Parang ginawa nila ang gobyernong laruan. 'Yan ang to... Hindi ako.

Ngayon if the Supreme Court says that my proclamation is invalid, so let it fall. But sabihin ng Supreme Court sa akin as head of the department, anong kasalanan? Anong pagkamali ko diyan sa...? Non-compliance and 'yung as a lawyer, dalawa lang 'yung akin.

And I can even --- I am not allowed to go kasi nasa Supreme Court na, ito general provision which I... Matagal ko na itong alam just like the ICC. When everybody was talking about all defenses that I can raise, I just kept quite.

But when the time came, I said, 'yung presidential immunity, sitting president, that's bulls***.

Dito tayo sa pagka-judge ka o prosecutor ka, do we have jurisdiction over the person of Duterte to haul him in from the Philippines dito?

Jurisdiction muna bago ka magsalita ng... Ako alam ko noon, alam ko sabi ko --- kay De lima pa 'yon when she came.

I was investigated by de Lima, you were around, you covered it. Then when she was commissioner of sa human rights. She also --- a continuance of that investigation, when she became a Secretary of Justice, she continued.

Tapos ngayon naging senador na they still --- iniimbestiga --- apat. Ano pa bang gusto mo? Tapos ngayon I'm called upon by --- many itong mga left organization. I will show you but somebody in this government will...

Tatlong 'yan, bantayan ninyo. Iyang Yellow, Liberals; Trillanes; pati ang politburo. They have a...

We will show it to you. Kaya kayong mga sundalo before you jump into the conclusion about --- tanungin ninyo intelligence ninyo and they will show you.

It is not for public consumption pero kung pag-ab --- pagdating ng panahon, and if I'm compelled by the Supreme Court to say, "Now state your case." O di ipalabas ko lahat, but it will be detrimental kasi mababasa nila kung saan namin kinukuha.

Ganun 'yan eh. Kung ako, 'pag nakausap ko ang Yellow, ito lang ibigay ko sa iyo. 'Pag nakausap ko si Trillanes, he's collaborating, sleeping with the enemy, meron ring another narrative sila dito.

Now hindi nila alam, sinabi ko na nga doon, sabi ko, "it's being supplied by a foreign power, hindi dito".

Pero kung gusto ninyong malaman, kayong mga military ‘yung may mga matatag na ideals ninyo, tanungin ninyo ang inyong intelligence community.

So tatlo ‘yan, they are praying for my ouster. You know, kung kayo-kayo lang niyan, magbakbakan lang tayo, matulog na lang ako.

Pero if the military and the police --- I will not... Patayin ang sundalo, patayin ang sundalo. Puro ko sundalo kasi ako ang Commander-in-Chief and history would judge me as t*** i**** g***** ‘to, sa panahon niya pina-away niya ‘yung mga sundalo niya pati pulis nagbabarilan.

So I will save --- na sabihin mo na takot ako? Hindi ako takot. Bakit ako matakot? Anong katakutan ko? Ano bang kasalanan ko sa inyo?

Corruption? Merong mga taong talagang nasa --- pero talagang hinabol ko. Pati general nga sa Armed Forces of the Philippines eh. He was the latest person that I fired, not because I’m afraid of --- I’m not doing anything --- anybody a favor.

I am sticking to what is right and --- at constitutional. Maniwala de facto martial law... Pati si De Lima --- kayong Pilipino. She was able to convince the entire world, ‘yung mga left organizations, mga socio --- mga socdem all over the world na prisoner of conscience siya.

And even ‘yung mga sa labas namin ngayon ibinubulong na you know, you might want to... Na-convince nila because ang komunista nakapasok talaga. So they have one who is wanted here in the Philippines but who is occupying now.

Ito namang United Nations, they refused pati ‘yung Canada, pati ‘yung America because we will use daw the helicopters to kill our own citizens.

Napaka-istupido naman ninyo. My own citizens are the communists using by the armed struggle to overthrow this government. Hindi man ako Commander-in-Chief ng komunista eh ‘di magpatayan tayo. Pero kung ang tao ko na mismo ang magpatayan, ah kalokohan ‘yan.

Kudeta, kudeta, wala ‘yan. It does not --- it does not even the word appeal to me at all. Kung idealist ka man o de prinsipyo ka na tao. ‘Yang tatlong ‘yan bantayan ninyo. Iyan ‘yung mag-oust na --- oust Duterte and it will go into a higher --- October ganun.

Bantayan ninyo ‘yan kay ‘yang tatlo na ‘yan konektado lahat ‘yan. Ang problema sa --- itong kay Trillanes is, he is also playing with the Communist Party of the Philippines.

Pero alam ko na noon pa gusto nila ring pumasok sa PMA na may mga kadete na hinihila nila para --- ‘yung mga left. And always it is poverty --- eh bakit siya malaki ang bahay niya, bakit iyo nipa hut lang? Style na bugok.

Sabi nga nung isa, which I really appreciate it --- it was not here but somebody, he was giving an advice, “You know a nation can only grow by evolution, dahan-dahan lang”.

Putukin mo itong Pilipinas ngayon, gusto mong guluhin, dive tayo lahat. Walang problema sa akin. Huwag lang ninyo akong galawin kasi 'pag ginalaw ninyo ako personal 'eh di hanggang diyan lang tayo.

If that is the measure or standard you want to use against me, fine. Let's do it now. Para wala ng istorya.

It disturbs the... Kagaya niyang mga shortages of rice, we have 4.8 metric tons. Ano ba kayo? Maniwala kayo diyan mga propaganda nila na... Sila 'yan 'eh. Inflation, yes. Bakit? Sinong nag-umpisa? Amerika. Noong itinaas ng rates ng Amerika, taasan lahat. Ganun 'yan. Wala tayong magawa diyan.

It's the economy --- because America was --- Trump wanted it. Pati 'yung mga taxes na --- excise tax, taasan lahat pati import dues. Kaya ganyan ang nangyari.

So I will admit that there is inflation. Sino bang Presidente na hindi niya --- nakatikim ng inflation?

Pero 'yang mga ganun na de facto martial law. Dito sa Mindanao martial law ngayon. Do you feel it? Maaga lang dito kasi medyo istrikto lang ako noon pati si Inday.

So instead of 2 o'clock I said, "that's one o'clock, we cannot have be --- we cannot be partying the whole night".

Then ngayon si Inday binabaan niya alas-dose na. So walang tambay, wala lahat. Gusto ng taga-Davao 'yang ganyan. I don't think that the Davaoeños would relish any other kind of environment na nakikita nila sa Davao.

Wala, wala ka talagang makita. Walang tambay, wala lahat. Kung meron man convenience store. Walang nag-iinom sa labas.

Mga squatters area, pagdaan ng mga bata diyan, mga babae, nag-iinuman kayo diyan, you do... Ngayon, balang-araw sabihin ko, "sagasaan mo 'yang mga y*** na 'yan".

I will not hesitate really to use what I would like to happen. I said I do not like to see it, it is not good for the people. I will use the kind of language I want.

So 'yan ang ano... That's the... So ano pa ang about Trillanes?

Q: Sir, follow-up question lang po on Trillanes. What do you think would happen in this Trillanes saga overstaying in the Senate. So saan 'yun mag-e-end? 'Yung kanyang psywar and everything?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ganito 'yan. Guilt is personal, whether you are a PMAer, ROTC o ano ka lang diyan reserve. Guilt kung meron man sa kanila personal 'yan.

And now kung meron gustong to intervene and do it violently, good, fine. Para kung ngayon kung mag-away-away sabi mo ang hantungan nito kung magkagulo because of Trillanes, ah diyan na talaga ako hindi bumilib.

You can just imagine a person shouting over about his love for the PMA tapos siya --- tingnan mo basahin mo 'yung comment ni Rex Robles, taga-RAM.

He mentioned there, "there is no honest bone in his body." Galing 'yang PMA. Tanungin mo sila Faeldon, tanungin mo 'yung mga kasama niya, si Maestrecampo and the rest. Siya ang nakinabang. Nakalimutan niya 'yung mga kasama niya doon because they believed in his word.

Sabi ko nga sa... Ano bang nagawa niya sa military na para magpakamatay sila?

'Yan ang... If that is the value that you'd want to preserve, then fine. Count me out. Eh kung ganun ang klaseng military, count me out, I will... Sabi ko you need not really the man...

If that is the kind of culture ang mga military natin without offending anybody, I would rather be not President. What would be the use of relying on an Armed Forces pati police na ganun ang dimension sa buhay?

You know everybody, every soldier, every congressman, every mayor, vice-mayor, guard, police, we get our money our pockets so that we can buy food for our families, from the peoples' pocket also. 'Yun ang tandaan niyo.

It's not about institution. It's about the essence of being of service to your fellowmen. 'Yan ang -- prangka-prangka lang, 'yan ang gusto kong... Kung mag-corrupt lang naman ako ng puro Cabinet member, puro corrupt ay p***** i***.

Mag-resign tayong lahat, sabay tayo. One page lang. We the undersigned --- 'yan wala na 'yang J1, J1 'yan.

Kung ganun lang naman ang mga kasama ko sa gobyerno hindi ko maasahan, eh ano pang gawain ko? Sabihin ko, well just like a China --- the China man say, daylight, broad daylight he was holding a lamp. Sinabi, tinanong siya, "bakit ka umiilaw eh may ilaw naman 'yung...?" Sabi, "because I am looking for an honest man".

Q: Sir, in one word po, sir. Ito lang last na --- in one word talaga, sir. How would you describe Trillanes a coward or is he brave?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: You know, if Trillanes can define my character ten times as bad, well, kayong Filipino should decide.

Gusto ninyong mga ganung military --- from military tapos mag-martsa diyan sa Makati tapos mag-headquarters doon sa hotel, kainin lahat ang pagkain doon, mga tuwalya. If that is the kind of...? Uwi na ako sa amin. I'm better off spending my time with my grandchildren than taking care of the problems of this country.

Kalaki kaya ng prolema ko. I am facing the vicious drug front. It's being controlled now by the Bamboo triad.

And the... Ang ating container circuit is being used by the [Sinaloa] to place sa --- itong cocaine. Umiiikot kasi 'yang container maski saan 'eh. This time container for Germany. Tapos from Germany --- kung sino-sino 'yung tina-target nila because they have the timetable.

'Yan ang ginagamit ng [Sinaloa]. Ang Amerika hindi na kailangan maghanap pa ng iba. Kung dapat kung talagang gusto niyang matapos --- wala lang kasi akong armas kagaya sa kanila. Kay kung may armas lang ako ngayon 'yung precision-guided, matagal nang naubos ito. Pati 'yung niyog lahat kahoy sa... Pobre lang kasi ako eh so ako nag...

May nakuha ako doon. Pero hindi ko sabihin kung anong nakuha ko na mga armas. Part really was also --- well of course, the welfare of the Filipino workers abroad and to shop for arms.

And mind you, pagka --- use against terrorism or extremism, ibinibigay nalang 'yan because we have a common enemy. Lahat na puntahan ko galit sa terrorism o nabiktima ng terrorism.

Ina, Ina ng bayan, bayan --- mahal na bayan.

Q: Hi sir, still on Senator Trillanes. As far as you are concerned, can you unilaterally void the amnesty granted on Senator Trillanes without congressional concurrence, hindi po ba kailangan nun?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, in the first place ang amnesty allowing his release was void. Therefore, his getting out of the custody was also void.

Walang basis eh kasi 'yung amnesty was defective, fatally flawed. 'Yung basis ngayon ng release niya based on that fatally flawed document could also...

Mango tree is mango tree, kalamansi is kalamansi. Eh 'yung kanyang flawed --- nothing valid would come out from a void document.

Q: So no need for a congressional concurrence on your...?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I don't know about the Supreme Court. Magtanong lang ako, bakit mo ni-release?

Ako pagtanong ko, if I'm allowed to argue it, President na ako... Well, first sabihin ko, bakit na-release siya?

Because of this. Do you think this is valid? You think you can tinker with the Constitution ganun na lang?

We are supposed to die for that Constitution. And as serious as a Constitutional mandate to erase crimes. Ganun na lang na parang isang papel? So bago sa --- bago itong dokumento, saan siya galing? Eh di 'di ba sa kulungan.

Q: Sir, speaking of that, Senator Trillanes is insisting that you have pending orders to have him arrested without an arrest warrant. Can you tell us how you expect your proclamation to be implemented or executed?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, nandiyan na sa Supreme Court. I leave it at that. If the Supreme Court would say that my declaration, proclamation is null and void, then let it fall.

But then pagka --- if I'm affirmed or sustained, then it's the military now. Sila man ang last hold. Sino man ang naghawak sa kanya last? Eh 'di sa kanila, eh 'di bahala sila kung ayaw nilang tanggapin.

Then you can always invite everybody to --- do not respect the law anymore. You can write your own petition and go out there nonchalant walking away.

If there is a breakdown of law and order, I said this is our only country and if you want to destroy it, fine. Let's us destroy it, altogether.

Q: Sir, last from my end. I'm sorry, Secretary ha.

PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESPERSON HARRY ROQUE: I'm sorry but because of lack of time, can I call on Dano Tingtungco now?

Q: Okay.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I'll... If I have the stamina --- wala akong tulog.

Q: Sir, just to clarify 'yung court martial, is it something you are to pursue pagdating kay --- still on the matter of Senator Trillanes?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: No, kasi ang court martial is like the court martial here. Wala namang naniniwala. Kung may ano dito...

Pero sabi nila they are safer with the presence of the military and I will agree because most of these mayors and governors, really insist na ang martial law nakakabuti sa --- the totality of the color of the environment.

Not so safe but there is an enemy to reckon with. In Mindanao, we have the historical Moro rebellion and this is territory.

Ang problema napasukan ng terrorism. Ngayon 'yung ISIS it is no longer what province should belong to where, what authority.

Pero ako magbantay kayo diyan sa ano. I cannot say it, but be careful kayo diyan. ‘Yang Yellow pati ‘yung... They have an alliances and we have the evidence to prove it.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Uy ma’am kumusta ka?

Q: Okay lang po. Mr. President, President --- ah Vice President Leni Robredo said that instead of silencing and fighting the opposition you should focus sa inflation that hit 6.4 percent. The DOF, I believe, outlined solution to cope with the inflation. Are these measures enough, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, of course, that’s the only law that we have available until now to correct this historical injustice committed against the Moro people.

Definitely it’s true, verily. No one can argue with that. But there is no other mechanism provided as of --- as yet now.

Another that could boost the conversion of a federal system or placing it under a federal or advancing it into an administrative body subject to corrections if we go federal. If we do not go federal, there will be trouble, and we have to prepare.

Q: Lastly Mr. President, Vice President Leni Robredo also said that she continues to pray for you but a priest prays that you will get sick. What’s your reaction about that?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, ma’am, if we have the same God then I would be --- I would appreciate it.

But the problem is, their God together with the religious idiots around pati ‘yung mga bishops, and to think that they are being sued worldwide for abuses against children.

In America, there is a flood of cases filed against the Roman Catholic Church for abuses, which happened to us also here. When we were fondled by... Same.

Ngayon ang Katoliko, same problem. Sabi pa nung isang pari na mamatay ako. Huwag kang mag-alala Father. Whether I die today, I die tomorrow, it does not matter to me anymore. Tapos na ako. Ikaw kulang ka pa sa happy-happy. Dagdagan mo ‘yang mga girlfriends mo diyan. T*** i** ninyo, akala ninyo hindi namin alam.

Kung mamatay ako --- tatal susunod ka rin eh.

But the likes of you, itong pari to wish ill, saan ka nakakita pari dito “mamatay sana si Duterte?” Eh ‘di sabihin ko na lang rin mamatay sana kayong lahat ng venereal disease lalo na ‘yung mga pari na walang pera magkabit diyan sa tabi-tabi ng Pasay.

At saka may orphanage kayo existing now, where ‘yung mga anak ninyo na sikreto nandiyan nilalagay. Kunwari pinapalabas ninyo pagka... The most hypocritical institution in the Philippines today, mga pari.

Q: Going back to the inflation, Mr. President. Ano po ‘yung marching order niyo ngayon para to cope with the situation? Kasi marami na daw pong umaaray talaga na mga Pilipino sa rising prices.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Sa ano ‘yan?

Q: Rising prices prices po.

PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESPERSON HARRY ROQUE: Sa inflation daw po, inflation daw po.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Sabi ko wala namang administrasyon na dumaan na walang inflation, lahat dumaan.

Itong akin, as you know, you will now believe it or not pero ‘yung mga kababayan ko, this started when America became --- panahon ni Trump nag-constrict.

Talagang ang taxes nila kinukubra na, then they raised the interest. Nung itinaasan nila ‘yung rates, sabay tayong lahat. Kay ‘yon man ang tigas.

When America raised the interest, eh ‘di lahat ‘yan nagtaasan. ‘Yan man ang... They are feeding on that eh, rice, tapos itong inflation. Iyon ‘yung ginagamit nila in preparation for this October. Maybe this October, I can --- I’ll have to talk to the military and the police.

If it is the good for the country sila na, sige ilabas natin. For anyway they are defending the republic. Ako anong...? Can I defend the republic on my own? It is there --- constitutionally mandated leaders. Kung ayaw nilang sumunod, ayaw nilang sundin ‘yung flag, eh ‘di...

Q: Hi, Mayor. I’d like to ask some details of your meeting with the military officials in Israel --- Israel and Jordan, especially your visit to their arms facilities, Mayor. If may plano ba ang government to procure armaments with these two countries?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, in other areas, except ‘yung military pati police equipment, I can only answer that. Yes, we can increase or also import, it is a two-way. You cannot always say that you have to make money by export.

Of course, you earn more when you sell than when you pay. Pero sabi ko sa inyo na meron tayong --- marami rin silang wala eh.

Kaya nga nagpasalamat rin ako na nagpunta ako doon kasi natignan ko areas where we can really invest also, lalo na ‘yun. But ‘yung iba, nandito na sila eh.

And I must publicly appreciate and extend my heartfelt thank you both for Israel and Jordan. Maganda na lugar. Sana makapunta rin kayo.

It’s safe, walang problema. They have a strong military branch there. I was with King Abdullah. Was it the other day or was it yesterday?

Nanood ako ng demonstration nila, Jordan ha. Sa America meron tayo --- America, wala pa, pero mag-usap pa kami ni pareng Trump kasi... I have --- wala ako, I have nothing against the American people, not the slightest even misgiving kay Trump.

But it's their history. 'Yang state department nila pati 'yang --- pati pala 'yung Glock nabasa ko, the congressmen signed the approval for the Glock armaments, which I'm giving to each and every soldier.

Kasi ang may sidearms lang ang police. Ang Army, Armed Forces, mga opisyal lang, 'yung ordinaryong --- wala.

Eh 'pag wala ng bala, pagsigaw ng "fix bayonet!" Anuhin mo na itong p***, M16 na walang --- hampasan na, eh mga NPA sanay pa sa likod.

Kagaya ng nangyari dito minsan. I'll just relate to you kung gaano katindi ang impluwensya ng Amerikano.

So there was this kidnapping. Eh ang sinabi ko na --- nagbarilan kami, because 'yung kaming naka-standby doon, sir, kokonti lang, ako, si Estares pati driver ko. Si Estares is also working with us now.

Dito sila dumaan eh. Nandoon kami, but we never expected na ang ano kasi, ang style is, 'wag kang dumaan. Diretso-diretso ka na. P***** i** itong mga kidnapper na ito, bumalik. So kami -- - ako ngayon pati si General Estares, R2 pa 'yan, ang nakaharap nila.

So limitado ang ano namin but ang advantage namin, 'yung sa mga kidnappers, Carbine, dalawang pulis naka-armalite so M16, at least more powerful.

Eh 'di putukan na. Pinatay talaga namin 'yung tatlong... Doon naman sa exit sana, 'yung... May putok, papakpakpak. Sabi ko, "Anong nangyari? Tawagan mo daw."

Sabi 'yung grupo ni --- hindi ko na sabihin kung sinong opisyal. Kasi nung nagputukan na, ang mga Cafgu nagtakbuhan na kasi naka-standby lang sila doon ng... Pagdating ng kam --- sa ano, malapit na doon sa nagche-checkpoint nila, nagsabi 'yung ngayong opisyal. Eh nakapag-aral sa America eh, pero hindi ito PMAer ha. Pulis ito pero alam mo na.

Sinita niya 'yung CHDA pa hindi pa Cafgu. Pag ta --- paputok siya, "halt!" Sabi ba naman, "Who goes there?" Kay sabi nung --- unsa'y imong sulti, sir? [laughter] Ibinigay... Hindi naman naintindihan, "Halt! Who goes there?" Inienglish man 'to sir, wa ko'y kasabot og unsa to iyang gisiyagit. "Halt!" "Who goes there?"

Ina, bumalik ka. Anong... Kami naman ang balitaan mo be, bakit kami lang 'yung parang kontrabida dito.

Q: Sir, pwede pa po?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Sige. Oo.

Q: Sir, ‘yung...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Pero ‘yung mga sundalo ha tingnan mo galit na ‘yan ha kasi alas-dose na.

Q: Sir, you mentioned that SolGen Calida was the one who worked on the proclamation. Did he act upon your orders or what prompted him to actually review the amnesty?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Wala. Basta ‘yung... Ang amnesty?

Q: Yeah. What prompted him to review it? Did he do it upon your orders?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: That is a very good question now. Kasi magsabi si Trillanes, “Bakit ako lang? Karami naming pumasok diyan sa coup d’état, coup d’état na ‘yan.”

Ang sagot ko sa kanya is, it’s the President’s prerogative. You read the Philippine Constitution. “The President shall have the power to pardon and grant amnesty with the concurrence --- with the agreement with Congress.” ‘Yan lang.

Ngayon, what is the lesson there? Bakit tinarget (target) ko siya? Well, I only have one word.

Pareho man tayo na nagta-trabaho lang rin. I will just quote, correct me if I’m wrong, “Do not do unto others, what you would not want --- want them to do to you.” [applause]

Q: Very last, sir. Sir, you just said tinarget (target) mo talaga si Senator Trillanes, what then...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Hindi ko siya tinarget. May nakita si Calida na mali. O ‘di sabi ni Calida...

Wala man akong --- wala man akong problema sa ibang nag-coup d’état, puro kaibigan ko man ‘yan. So sabi ko, bakit ko sila ipakulong?

Q: Sir, what then do you say to those saying that this is part of a bigger effort for you to silence you critics dahil nauna na daw po si Senator De Lima and then former Chief Justice Sereno, and then now Senator Trillanes?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: The fact that they are talking to you and being interviewed, is that not enough to tell you that...? Sila nga ang nagsasalita diyan, ako tahimik lang eh.

Hindi ko kasi sinasagot, alam mo bakit? Kung bigyan mo ng importansya ‘yang sila --- feeling great sila. Gaya ni Leni, she can never be a president. Puro dasal. T*** i**.

Kasi kung pinakinggan lang ako ng Diyos nila, ‘yung Diyos ng Katoliko? Ay p***** i**, walang nangyari sa buhay ko. My God, is my God. It is the God that my parents revered to.

Ito ‘yung mga tao na --- maski nga hindi pari, mga protestante. Well, they lead lives.

Ako, wala ako kasi marami akong palpak sa buhay. Pero ‘yung corruption na... Susmaryosep. Kayo katagal nating... For 23 years mayor ninyo ako, may narinig ba kayo ni... May narinig kayo iba, mga kasama ninyo ang naging sakripisyo. Babae. Pero nakaw? Uhh...

Kita man ninyo ‘yung bahay ninyo, nung eleksyon pumunta ka. Okay naman, tatlo na lang kami na --- sa buhay.

Mga anak ko kanya-kanya na. Nagka-mayor pa kayo dito ng sobra sa... Sabi niya ‘pag may narinig pa daw siyang complaint, babaan niya ng alas-diyes. Patay na ang taga-Davao. ‘Di ka na maka-order ng pansit diyan sa... [laughter]

Kung ma-late ka magluto, hindi ka na... Saan ka magpunta ng restaurant? So, sabihin niyo, “Okay na lang Day, agree na kami sa alas-dose.” Kay baka babaan ng alas-diyes pati ako madamay diyan. Ang After Dark, paano na lang? [laughter]

Q: Thank you, sir.

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