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**MEDIA INTERVIEW OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
FOLLOWING THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF THE NEW SITE
OF THE SAN LORENZO RUIZ GENERAL HOSPITAL**

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PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Saan na si ano? Saan na si...? Ah walang interview.

Q: Hi, sir. Sir, you mentioned...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah saan si ano? Interview... Mention-mention... Ha?

Q: Hi, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Kung wala 'yung si...

Q: Andito, andito siya sir si Pia.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah 'yan, Pia. Ayan. Wala akong inspirasyon.

Q: Sir, you...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Tanong-tanong kayo diyan...

Q: Si Pia muna?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Pumuwesto ka muna, Pia.

Okay lang.

All we have to do is to tell the truth. So, what about?

Q: Sir, you mentioned assistance for Jolo that will come from PAGCOR. How much is that and what will it be?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: No, I never mentioned Jolo in relation to PAGCOR. I said the medicines will have be sourced from the money that PAGCOR makes. At least as a good portion. Maybe half of it.

Q: Ah, okay.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah kasi yung iba ipapa-repair mo 'yung mga hospital ganun, whatever. Pero there... Ang gusto ko kasi, there will never be a lack of medicines for the people.

Q: Okay.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Iyon ang ano ko kasi medisina ang important eh. I really grieve for people who go around strutting, dala-dala 'yung mga resibo na... You just go to the hospital and we will try to make out something out of this.

Q: Sir, may we know your specific directives to the AFP following the bombings in Jolo? You were there yesterday.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, you have to arrest and look --- look and arrest for the killers. Go into a punitive action.

Q: Sinabi niyo sir kumbaga destroy the ASG, although investigation...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes.

Q: Investigation is still ongoing. Are you convinced?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: That is --- that is always my order. Destroy the Abu Sayyaf, destroy the NPA and destroy the drug organizations.

If destroying is killing, if you are interested to know, yes. Better para sa akin.

Q: When you issued that directive sir, does that mean that you are convinced? Because investigations are still ongoing about the perpetrators of the attack.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes. Trabaho ng pulis 'yan.

Q: But are you saying or do you think that it is the ASG?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes. We are sure of that. Walang iba. Nobody but nobody can perpetuate that kind of terrorism, thereabout sa lugar na 'yan.

I have no doubt na ano. That is what the military told me. And that is what the police relayed to me. And I am guided by what the government workers would tell me.

Q: Hi sir. Sir, a few months ago you directed an entire division --- Army division in Jolo, Sulu.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes.

Q: Ibig pong sabihin na meron po kayong alam na...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes.

Q: Threat doon sa area?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes. We were already warned, not only by Indonesia, by the rest of the...

Kaya may nag --- umiikot na military doon eh. Eh kasi babae. Wala namang ka... It's not the norm in this country to 'yung magkapkap ka ng babae nasa simbahan lalo na.

Q: Sir, kasi dahil sa dami ng mga sundalo na nandoon eh and of top of that martial law is effective in Mindanao. Do you think na meron pong lapses doon sa security?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: No. I don't think so. Walang lapses doon because the other bomber was outside. There was no reason for him to be frisked. Either he was just passing by before blowing himself up.

Ang problema 'yan ang... Kasi 'yung babae may --- was wearing a cross pa eh. Malaking cross sa dibdib niya. Who would ever think that...

Well those are the --- 'yung Murphy's Law: If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong. Misapprehension or misappreciation. Lahat na, contributed.

But we are not washing our hands. Every time that there is death of a Filipino by violence, unless of course, eh lumaban sa pulis o military, that is a failure in governance to protect the people and the Filipino. And we admit that those lapses in our responsibility.

Q: So you are confirming sir that it is a case of suicide bombing by the ASG?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes. Blowing them up.

Q: Babae, sir?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Babae.

Q: So 'yung dalawang incident sir, dalawang babae?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Lalaki 'yung isa. Mag-asawa.

Q: Saan doon sir 'yung babae sir?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Sa --- 'yung pumasok.

Q: Last na lang, sir. Are we expecting more military offensives? Are we expecting deployment of more military troops in Mindanao?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes. It's always a touch-and-go for us. And we go there and then we fight and look for the enemies of the state.

Q: Sir, magandang gabi po. Sir, 'yun lang minention (mention) niyo, you're asking the parents to not be afraid 'no of mga vaccinations. Why?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes.

Q: Is the government facing...?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes. No. Kasi makikita nila sa statistics 'yan eh. The number of births, i-compare nila 'yan sa mga --- sa Civil Registrar pati 'yung number ng mga bata na nagpa-bakuna.

Apparently, there is a great drop dito sa mga vaccines sa diphtheria, tetanus, measles and 'yan hepatitis. Importante 'yan, A, B. Polio.

Mga kababayan ko, polio bantayan ninyo 'yan unless you want a child na 'yung isa maliit, 'yung isa malaki. Dragging their body. Polio is still there. It is very much around ang virus ng polio.

Q: Sir, bakit po kaya bumaba 'yung mga nagtitiwala sa vaccination?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Natatakot nga eh. Hindi naman lahat bakuna 'yung deleterious or dangerous. Proven naman 'yan.

Statistics siguro may... May 110 million tayo kung mamatay, dalawa, tatlo diyan, it's a bad break. But that is --- that does not set a trend or record.

On the other hand, it's alarming to government for people to shy away vaccination for their children.

Q: Sir, going back po doon sa Jolo bombing. Earlier today the AFP said na hindi daw po suicide bombing. So I'm just wondering who gave you that information? Where did you get that, sir?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I was briefed.

Q: By?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I was briefed.

Q: The military, sir?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes of course. Sino man mag...

Q: Sir, sinabi po nila kanina hindi daw po.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, I don't know. Basta I was briefed. Ke kung ano, kung hindi suicide bomber, ano? Ah 'yung sabi niya by cellphone? Yes, that's a possibility.

But the eyewitnesses said, it's the other way around. May kasama siguro. May support system.

Q: Sir, you mentioned kanina meron kayong tinanggal na naman na officials. Sino po ito, sir?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah may tanggalin ako sa --- dalawa. Sa DAR.

An application that was long delayed, two years sa opisina nila. That is corruption to me.

Para magbalik-balik 'yung aplikante. Two years, anong ginagawa ng p***** i** two years, iilo mo? Alam mo ba 'yung ilo? Alam mo 'yung ilo? Iyong ipahid mo sa puwet mo.

I will ask them to resign or else I will file charges against them. And I will see to it that they will get their comeuppance.

Q: Sir, any names?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Wala pa pero from the looks of it, the name is immaterial. When you have papers with you, basta't pabalik-balikin mo 'yung tao... Kaya sabi ko sa Pilipino there's an 8888.

I-text lang ninyo, "Pinapabalik-balik ako dito sa 'yung assessment or business permit," and I will ask.

Q: Sir, anong rank? Usec? Director?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Maybe director.

Kasi you know, when you are a s*** and you have the power to delay it, so you must be something holding a position there. Ang ayaw ko lang bakit hindi --- walang accounting?

Kaya nga sabi ko isang buwan lang kayo sa akin. Unless na --- sinabi ko na 'yan noon eh --- unless na you have a good reason. But you have to write me. Sabihin mo, "Hindi namin matapos ito. We are asking for an extension of..." But to sit on papers for two years...

Q: Sir, binanggit po ninyo si Senator JV is also your --- a candidate for senator?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes.

Q: Meron pa po bang ibang nadagdag sa inyong listahan?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah of course Bong Go. Saan ---nakalimutan ko 'yung... *[applause]*

Alam mo si Bong Go has been with me 17 years. Hindi talaga 'yan siya... Ang aide ko pulis noon. Kaya lang naglaro sila ng basketball kasali 'yan Bong Go, pagpasa nila sa bola, siya yata ang pumasa, namatay, bumagsak.

Tapos sabi niya na ano doon sa ospital sabi niya, "Mayor, kung wala kang ibang ano ngayon, magtulong sa iyo, ako na lang muna temporarily hanggang --- habang naghahanap ka" sabi... Eh tumagal siya.

But Bong is a graduate of San --- ah hindi, La Salle 'yan ha at Batangueño talaga 'yan. It so happens na ang tatay lang niyan is a Batang --- 'yung Batangueñong Bisaya 'yan. The tatay is Chinese kaya Go. Pero ang ugali niyan Batangueño.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Pia. I'll give you three more reasons to ask. *[laughter]*

Q: Franchise daw, sir. *[laughter]* Sa ABS-CBN.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Huwag ka masyado magpataba, ma'am. *[laughter]* Ang --- my greatest fear baka mawala 'yung ano ko sa iyo, 'yung admiration. Ba't ka sige kamot diyan? Wala --- anong makati sa tainga mo?

Ikaw... Umasta... Basta kayo. Kasi ito sila --- hindi ko lang banggitin ang network kasi g*** `yung may-ari ng network ninyo.

Pero `pag kayo maghingi ng ano, okay. Basta `yung team na na-assign sa Davao noon sa election. Pero siya wala. Saan siya na-assign?

Q: Comelec, sir.

Q: Sir, one last lang. Sir `yung suicide bombers ba are foreigners or Filipinos? Na-establish ba, sir?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Again?

Q: `Yung suicide bombers doon sa Jolo bombing, are they foreigners or Filipinos na-establish ba?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah `yan ang conflicting. They say that it's Indonesian, others say from the looks of it, it was...

Wala kang makita eh. No part of the body ga --- sumabog eh. Kasi terrorism talaga `yan at saka suicide `yan unless na inilagay doon.

But you know hindi ka man pwedeng magdala ng maraming mala --- supot ngayon. Sisitahin ka ng military, pulis diyan `pag naka-backpack ka. Those are the things.

Pero kung sabi `yang naka --- i-rig mo `yung... It's rigged all over the body and she would appear fat. Iyon pala may mga ano na. Wala akong --- doon sa ano walang --- walang nakita na ano.

But you could see all around bits and pieces of flesh.

Marami `yan. Tinatapakan nga namin eh.

Kaya nahihiya kami doon maglakad-lakad sa... Nakikita ko pa `yung maliliit na ano.

So it has to be a --- galing talaga doon. Kasi kung --- kung may ano lang, may makita ka pa. Or it could be the --- in the `yung... In distress of the moment, everybody's in a quandary really. Baka nagkamali sila ng appreciation.

But what I get is from my briefer which comes from the Intelligence people. Iyong --- `yung mga ganito ang Intelligence ang nagfi-feed sa akin. And I read the briefer 3 o'clock in the morning kanina. Okay?

Q: Sir, dahil po ba sa nang --- dahil po sa nangyari doon sa Jolo, Sulu nakikita natin na ganito po kahalaga `yung martial law doon po sa Mindanao?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Sinabi ko na nga eh. `Di ba si... Sa Davao sa night market and the other bombings that occurred. You know, alam mo --

kaya itong si Pangilinan sabi niya, "Why continue with martial law when Mindanao is peaceful?"

Iyan, kung magtira siya doon mas maganda. Remember that I am blaming Pangilinan for the mess that we are in today. Wala akong ano sa kanya. Maybe... Alam mo pa-tsuy-tsuy eh. I do not have any --- 'yung ano. Pero 'yung 15 years old dito iyan 'yan. Kanya 'yan.

So labas-pasok, labas-pasok, labas-pasok hanggang lumaki na brazen, walang sense of accountability, walang sense of responsibility kasi alam nila 'pag sabi 15 years old labas 'yan automatic irrespective of the crime.

Maski patayin niya, rapin (rape) niya, pagkatapos nakawan pa niya, pagdating sa istasyon labas. Iyan ang nangyari kay Pangilinan. Ayaw kong magsalita noon kasi kaibigan ko. Wala naman siyang kasalanan. Ang kasalanan niya sa taong bayan, sa Pilipino.

And he has --- he must have the balls to --- to accept na siya ang --- created a monster. Eh Pilipino ibinoto nila, eh 'di sige. Iboto ninyo ulit kung ano-anong pag-isipan na batas na wala namang kuwan.

Pero totoo ako kaibigan ko si Pangilinan but he produced a generation of criminals. Iyan ang mahirap sa kanya.

Biro mo lahat pat --- tanungin mo 'yung mga barangay captain dito o maski saan, mga pulis. Arestado, labas. Arestado, labas. Magpatay, magsaksak, labas. Magnakaw la --- t*** i**... Mag-rape, labas. 'Di lumaki ito since the time that the law was implemented, lumaki ito labas-pasok.

So hindi natatakot kasi kriminal na ang isip. Iyan, boto pa kayo sa mga pa-tsuy-tsuy diyan, pa-bright-bright. Nag-aral ng Harvard, tingnan mo kung anong nangyari. Iyong isa sa Watson --- ah Wharton. Wharton pala. *[laughter]*

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