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#### **SITUATION BRIEFING PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE ON THE AFTERMATH OF TYPHOON OMPONG**

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**ILOCOS NORTE GOV. IMEE MARCOS:** Hello, welcome and good afternoon. To His Excellency, the President of the Republic, Mayor Duterte, please, thank you. And the largely Ilocano Cabinet, welcome home.

Okay, I'd like to start with the presentation of Ompong, September 13 to 15.

And the next slide gives some comparative data regarding Yolanda, Lawin, and Ompong. Perhaps we can turn off some of the lights.

You will see that Yolanda was at 295. We were at 255 kilometers per hour. Yolanda was 360, we were 310.

However, Ompong lasted very, very long. It began on Friday night and did not end until last night. It came back. We were cleaning up 9 o'clock in the morning yesterday. At 12 o'clock, it came back with greater force. So it was really very difficult.

I think there are some slides of the damage and the extent of the gustiness.

We're very used to wind force and yet we were quite appalled by what hit us. Zero was casualty was achieved with great difficulty. *[applause]*

It's nothing short of a miracle po. A lot of prayer and the total number of evacuees of almost 14,000.

We started with preemptive evacuation very early on Wednesday night. So they said I was exaggerated, but as it turned out, it worked.

There was forced evacuation. We used the police and the Armed Forces to virtually arrest some of the fishermen na pasaway as usual sa coastal areas.

Class suspension also began Thursday and will probably extend until Tuesday.

Other measures that are distinct to Ilocos Norte are perhaps, firstly, we imposed the total liquor ban from September 13 onwards and it's still in place until today.

I'm negotiating with our farmers and fishermen. Sabi nila malamig daw, kailangan daw mag-inom na.

We also imposed an animal shelter --- animal evacuation. So we provided water and feeds.

I do not know if it's particular to Ilocos Norte, sir, but the Ilocanos refused to move without their most valuable property, livestock.

So as a result, we have to move the animals and cattle rustle first before they budge.

Health. We also imposed a Lola Watch. It's been in place in Ilocos Norte for a while.

Secretary Briones, our priorities in every case are the senior citizens and they were the first to be evacuated very early on with the PWDs, the pregnant women, the sick, and the babies.

We have four new babies po, born in the evacuation center as a result. And I'm only hoping they will not be named Ompong or Omponga.

We also had volunteers, private doctors in four roving teams who split up and serviced the group.

The infrastructure damage is to date, unassessed. Mr. President, you are much too early. We are really not able to give you a complete assessment.

But it's very clear-cut po. The partial damage of District 1 and District 2 is quite large, particularly in District 2 and the requests are pending.

May I urge the Public Works restore the second district allocation which was removed in the budget last year. It's very clear-cut that the huge amount, 92 percent of the damage occurred in the second district based on unfinished projects that were not continued.

May we also request, Mr. President, since there aren't any roofs --- wala yatang bubong na buo nananatili sa probinsya ng special home fund po galing sa Office of the President o 'di kaya sa NHA at gusto ng Ilocano home for work, puros trabaho po.

So ang request po namin home for work jobs for victims to rebuild their own homes, whether it's self-housing or whatever; food for work, kasi hindi po kami sanay na pumila para sa relief, para mag-cleanup ng mga roads, yards, at iba pa.

Ang nakakalugmok, nakaka-low morale po 'yung aming damage in agriculture is 1.9 billion and mounting.

Dadala sana ako ng bouquet, ito po 'yung itsura ng palay. Albino rice. Namuti lahat ng palay namin, wasak lahat, dapa-dapa. Within a week, perhaps it will be black rice. Right now it's white. Ito 'yung agri damage.

Ang request namin is for quick wins. A quick turnaround. I saw former Usec. Berna here, she will understand.

Once again, it's seed for work, for irrigated and non-irrigated. For the irrigated, we are urging that we please have the early maturing varieties of advanta and others.

Livestock, Secretary Piñol is here. If we could have the free-range chickens, ducks, piglets, and sheep. 'Yung kalking po na gusto ninyo ay maselan masyado sa tubig. Baka ayaw sa bagyo.

Fisheries, equipment, fingerlings. And also, sir, if you could strengthen our enforcement against foreign poachers. May 50 siguro na mga barko na nakikita namin sa pang-araw-araw dito. Mga Vietnamese at Chinese poachers. Wala pong tigil 'yung Navy natin. Walang kakayahan.

Forestry, sa DENR, nakikisuyo kami sa aming kailan, sa kababayan namin. For DENR seedlings for mountainsides and watersheds that apparently are washed away.

Tourism infrastructure po, hindi ko na isinali 'yung education infrastructure kasi napakarami. Saka nalang to be continued.

Ang tourism infrastructure, nandito si Secretary. Andito 'yung tourism infrastructure, damage in tourism. Pison-pison na 'yung resorts sa Pagudpud despite the fact that we tried to empty most of them.

So all of them were more or less destroyed. The business and the private sector have their own set of requests as well.

Much of them nasira din at humihingi po, if possible, soft loans po from LBP and DBP. That includes the farmers.

Secretary Piñol opened the window. However, the requirements, the qualifications are so stringent still. Sana may soft loan lang po LBP and DBP.

BIR is also being enjoined to consider us tax exemptions, deductions sa aming mga business which will necessarily have a hard time reopening.

We need to go back to work po as quickly as possible. At kung maaari, 'yung gasoline for work po, we are at the end of the line for deliveries of gasoline, diesel, and LPG.

And we are anticipating a shortage, but COA will not allow us to buy and stockpile. Makikisuyo po na 'yung COA pagsabihan naman na iba naman ang calamity fund. We also have our OFWs who are deeply concerned.

As you know, the population of Ilocos perhaps I would say only a third actually lived in Ilocos Norte. The rest are overseas. So 61% of Ilocano families are receiving dollar remittances, which probably accounts for the high family income.

So libreng tawag was very important for us and continues to be important with the free charging stations. Globe is the only one up. Smart is down. Landlines are down and we have no electricity as yet.

However, volunteers, donations, and Ilocano social capital, 'yung padala po, "pao-it" from all over the world which is probably the largest bank in the world is forthcoming.

There remain, however, last but not least, continuing threats. Despite the assurance of PAGASA that storm surge is gone and far away, my experience personally in Tacloban shows that in fact the sea receding this way will possibly end up in a storm surge.

Ganyan po kasi sa Tacloban. Two weeks after the fact, biglang bumalik 'yung dagat at nilamon 'yung mga pulis at kung sino-sino pang kasama ni Mayor Alfred na pinsan ko.

So nag-aalala po kami kasi 'yung dagat umaatras, nagre-recede. Eh 'pag lumampas ng Hong Kong, lumampas ng China, tsaka namin hihintuin 'yung bay watch. But in the meantime, we're still on the watch out.

Andito rin si Secretary Duque who derives from Paoay somehow. And we're concerned about infectious disease, age-related conditions.

We are very low on medicine not merely because COA meddles with pre-audit, but more importantly because we are still recovering from Habagat.

Until last week po, we were still distributing relief in Ilocos Norte due to Habagat. And suddenly, here comes another one.

The other big threat would be "gawat" and the Secretary of DSWD is here. Gawat is the Ilocano term for hunger in the lean months. And we are concerned that the lean months will be very, very long and persistent. That's all po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Well, as in Cagayan, same problem. Crops and infrastructure damage and the concerns of health and itong sa education. As we have discussed, Imee, doon sa kabila, usually part of the education bears the problem of situations like these kasi ang lilipatan ng mga tao 'yung eskwelahan.

So how long it would take you to return to normalcy is something which only you can answer. You have the wherewithals here.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sir, we've restored... We've sent home most of our evacuees.

And we just warned them that they may be recalled if a storm surge is imminent. So the schools will be cleaned shortly. Kaya lang marami ring sira po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Hindi ko naman na... I'm not trying to reduce it to the barest minimum. Pero ang nakita ko except for the roofs that few --- they were ripped during the strong winds, wala masyadong damage ang lahat.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Infra?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Oo, ang infra is still there. And the only problem that would be of --- that would require the fullest attention of government is agriculture dahil marami doon, fish and all, and the farm animals nandoon. It encompasses the jurisdiction of Secretary Piñol's area.

So 'yung DPWH, palagay ko wala namang --- there's no bridge that collapsed or nag-disconnect?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Marami pong scarred. Maraming scarred na bridges at saka marami pong kailangan tapusin.

'Yung Pinili bridge, dahil kinansel (cancel) nga 'yung budget last year, hindi pa natatapos. So kalahati lang siya. And it's on the national north road.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Why? May I ask why?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sir, if you recall, Congress gave zero budget to the second district of Ilocos Norte.

And most of the damages, as a result, are in that district. Five hundred plus million were destroyed because they were not finished or discontinued or were allowed to deteriorate.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Maybe you see to it that it will be restored immediately. Ah kung kailan, ASAP, kung hanggang --- if it fits the schedule of Congress.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Kasama po kami doon sa mga oposisyon na tinanggalan ng budget, zero budget.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Kaya nga, naintindihan na kita nung sinabi mo na...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yeah, oo, you know na.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** So we will try to return that immediately.

Ang nakita kong damage lang dito, the greatest damage was done sa agriculture.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yes po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Pati 'yung DPWH, kokonti lang.

**GOV. MARCOS:** So far. So far, 'yun pa lang kasi hindi pa ho kami nakaka-inspect eh hanggang late last night, hindi ko pa pinapalabas 'yung aming engineers at first responders kung hindi rescue.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** I have here a summary in pesos. Region 1 is about 3.83 billion --- 9.7 rather. Baka din ang Region 2 kasali. Meron kang additional 6.4.

Ang CAR, bukas pa natin malaman. I'm flying there tomorrow. Worst-case scenario, it's 11 billion. It does not include CAR. Wala pa eh.

The number of Department of Agriculture rice mills --- gilingan, and you have about 140... Whereat pinakamarami?

So ang na-discuss namin, Imee, ganito, usually, the schools are the sanctuary of typhoon victims or evacuations.

So I said it presents a heavy burden on education because it cuts the period of time sa school days. May plano kami na I don't know how much but I'd ask --- maybe Pernia can give us a rough estimate in the next few days kung magkano 'yung ginawa ng...

The... Ayaw kong ano kasi sa probinsya ko, but that was privately funded. Pero kung merong ganun, but I always insist on separation between...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Evacuation.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sa evacuation. Iba 'yung lalaki, iba 'yung babae. Even if they are... Pati 'yung mga...

**GOV. MARCOS:** 'Yung Lola Watch po nakatulong nang malaki kasi binubukod sila. Lagi silang nahuhuli eh sa pagkain at pilahan rin sa gamot. So inuna na namin. Hiniwalay na namin.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Dapat separate sila. Food for the young children and the old people are really...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Eh nabuntis pa ho.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Those who have... May konting diperensya not necessarily disability, unahin talaga 'yan sila.

'Yung mga lalaki na Ilocanong able-bodied, once a week lang ang feeding, okay na. Malalakas eh.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Lahing sundalo po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Karamihan namang sundalo Ilocano eh.

So wala man ako nakitang except for the...

**GOV. MARCOS:** The homes po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ang... The DTI, 'yung sa prices ng...

**DTI SEC. RAMON LOPEZ:** 'Yung sa... Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sige, go ahead.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Napansin ho namin hindi nabanggit ni Governor 'yung report on pricing. Ang tingin ho namin siguro wala silang nakitang problema.

But this morning, our people ho, kumalat na dito to monitor the prices. And we are pleased to report that they are still within also SRP ang ating ano, hindi gumagalaw naman.

**GOV. MARCOS:** With all due respect po hindi ha.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Hindi. Tell us kung saan kasi...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Marami na kaming hinuhuli eh.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** 'Yung report...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Kaya nga hinihingi namin price ceiling na lang, huwag ng SRP. Nagiging katatawanan na lang po eh.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Hindi 'yung sa amin ho kasi, Governor, 'yung SRP is parang...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Are there sanctions ba in violating?

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Yes.

**GOV. MARCOS:** For violating SRP?

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Oo. 'Yung sa aming pricing ---

**GOV. MARCOS:** Hindi pa namin nararamdaman eh.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** 'Yung SRP is observed like a price ceiling because every time... I'm talking of ano ha --- I'm not talking of agriculture. I'm talking of 'yung mga basic necessity: canned goods, sardinas, instant noodles, at lahat nung grocery products.

Kasi anytime na umaakyat sila higher than SRP, sinisita sila at ibinabalik nila 'yung presyo.

**GOV. MARCOS:** 'Yung basic pinakbet po --- 'yung basic pinakbet vegetable, umabot ng...

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Pero 'yung gulay ho wala tayong...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sa 80 at 100 pesos. Masyadong mabigat 'yun.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** 'Yung gulay talaga...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Hindi kami makakain ng pinakbet, mamamatay po kami.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** 'Yung gulay ho talaga, it's really 'yung pagka-umulan na, ang daming wastage, tumataas talaga. Hindi natin mako-control even agri, naglagay ng SRP.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** What about your plan to import from...?

**DA SEC. EMMANUEL PIÑOL:** Sir, we already got vegetables, ma'am, from Bukidnon. We have already sources. Ah nag-usap na po kami ni Sec. Del, sir. We can do it Tuesday or Wednesday.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Talong at kamatis. Hindi na kami makakain.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Murang-mura, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ilocano.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Hindi kami sanay eh.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Carrots is only 30 pesos.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Pag nawala 'yung pinakbet.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Repolyo, 10, 12 pesos.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Pati fish po. We are okay with gulay because we export 90 percent of the gulay here, 70 percent of the rice. Ang problema po namin fish kasi we are 50-50 import and...

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Zamboanga for fish, we can airlift anytime, ma'am.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Fish and meat lang po? At good prices po.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes ma'am, farm gate.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Ilocano prices po?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Sir, subsidized na ng DND 'yung fuel.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Mababa 'yun.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Eh hindi ganito, Man. Okay 'yan. She's also complaining about poaching sa ating internal waters. So I would suggest kay Delfin to deploy some of the Coast Guard dito banda. Papalit-palit na lang, and to apprehend them, hulihin.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yeah, sobrang kawawa nga ng fisherfolk.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** We can always remind them to follow a lenient procedure here because karamihan ASEAN eh.

But ang Indonesia, pinapasabog talaga nila 'yung mga barko eh.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Totoo. And then \$10,000 a day to fish in Indonesian waters.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Alam mo, huwag na lang pahirapan. Isauli lang. Basta every time that they violate the law, they will be arrested.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Sitahin lang.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Pinabaunan pa nila 'yung Vietnamese poacher eh.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** *[off mic]*

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Naalala mo hindi tayo pwede...

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Can we just confiscate their fishing boats? Para naman at least expensive din sa kanila ang poaching.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ah let's see. We have to do it with caution kasi eh. We need the --- nowadays, dahan-dahan muna tayo diyan.

After we have talked dito sa ASEAN, we probably would know what to do. We can always bring it up during the ASEAN meetings.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** 'Yung iba sir pinapasabog 'yung mga bangka.

**GOV. MARCOS:** That's right.



**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Pinapahirapan talaga ang ano doon. Ikukulong talaga, buwanan. Which we cannot --- mahirap eh.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Pero sana ho at least may makita man lang na boats kasi 'yung Coast Guard namin wala talagang...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Well, the Coast Guard can always seize the boat and arrest the --- they can initiate.

But if there comes another way of alam mo na, we have to talk. We are not in a position to be really so --- braso diyan.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Sir, our available money now sir sa DA, outside of our regular funding, QRF, quick reaction fund, is only P600 million. It might not be enough to provide for the needs of Ilocos.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** 'Yung calamity fund nga?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes sir, 'yan na 'yung QRF, sir, quick reaction fund, sir. That's supposed to be one billion pero tinamaan na tayo, sir, so nagamit na namin mga 400 million.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** So wala --- ilan lang naiwan?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** P600 million, sir, as for 2018.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Hanap tayo pera. Eh kokonti lang naman dito. I don't think that you'd really be able to spend all of that money.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sir...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Doon lang sa... Itong dalawa dito, Cagayan. 'Yun lang nakita ko na medyo...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Grabe...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Dito wala man masyado.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** 'Yung mais kasi naka-ano diyan, hindi na maka-recover, 90 percent will be lost.

'Yung rice ang maka-recover pa because we have talked to NIA. NIA will not stop the water, sir. They will continue. Nagkausap na kami ni Ric Visaya.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sir, sobrang daming water. It's all flooded kaya ganito po.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Ma'am, maka-replant pa tayo.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yeah, if we can guarantee the farmers, they were asking me to guarantee that there will be no bagyo until Ene --- until January.

Sir, perhaps the most urgent would be the special home fund that we are requesting from the President's Office and NHA.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** NHA? Wala dito ang NHA but i-remind ko si Escalada, the head --- the manager will fly here.

**GOV. MARCOS:** If he can come here na lang and then if it can be given na lang to the LGUs, the mayors are all here present on the right po, and they should be...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Whatever is convenient and faster.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Kasi iba-iba ho ang sitwasyon eh. 'Yung iba, maglalalatag lang ng GI sheet, 'yung iba talaga kailangan ng rebuilding along the coastal, magbi-build back better po kasi it's too windy.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Wala man kayong ano... Anong sabi ng COA?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Fifteen thousand pesos po ang pwedeng cash. Ayan, si Mayor Gladys ng Currimao. Fifteen thousand pesos ang pwedeng i-cash advance and only for food kahit calamity, kaya ho nag-aaway kami.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** 'Yung roofing wala?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Pati 'yung gasolina wala. Roofing wala. Lahat. Lahat hindi pwedeng i-cash advance and this occurred over the weekend which made things even more difficult, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sinong taga-COA dito? Ihulog mo na sa hagdanan para hindi maka-report.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yes. Yes.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Maniwala ka niyang COA na 'yan.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** You know you'd just do it by circular then expect everybody to obey. Mga circular offices pakialam ko. Inyo 'yan. There is I said a need to... Ah but it's a long story.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Correct.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Dapat 'yung amendment sana sa Constitution but nobody I think --- there is no unanimity in the proposal that there is really a need to change some provisions.

One is COA. The other one is they have to do away with that lowest bid, lowest bid.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Lowest bid.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** That is how --- well, 'yung buhay ng mga corrupt, gumagana diyan.

Lahat tayo alam natin what the lowest bid means. It means corruption. Less quality o wala talaga.

That has always been the case and nobody really cares to... Because maybe everybody is making money. Now I can control it dito sa taas by sa procurement and everything.

But sa lower level, I would leave it to the... Mine is only supervision. So I cannot supplant my --- your decision what you intend to do here. Pero dito sa taas, sa Executive department, I can.

So 'yang COA na 'yan, some guys in the government went to jail based on a circular and other guys went scot-free because of the same circular.

Ganun ka-cockeyed ang... Depende na lang kung saan nila i-ano where they swing the legal arguments there.

Pero definitely 'yung lowest bid na 'yan has contributed a lot of money now in the hands of people who are corrupt.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Palakpak naman.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** 'Yung concern ho dito sa lowest bid, actually binanggit niyo ho kasi 'yan noon nung isang Cabinet meeting and your direction.

So we shared your guidelines doon sa meron tayong tinatawag na procurement office. I think under DBM 'yon. When we mentioned what you like to happen, sinasabi po nila, lowest bid pero it's what they call lowest responsible bid.

In other words, meron muna silang sinasabing ito ang specs, at based on these specification, sino ang mga maglo-lowest bid dito.

So para hong because we shared your concern na kailangan may quality 'yung bibilhin. Ang kulang na lang i-specify 'yung brand, 'di ba ikinuwento niyo 'yung sa Davao like buying sasakyan, may brand kayong sinasabi.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Hindi naman ako naniwala kasi ng COA.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Oo, 'yung may brand na specific para tapos doon magka-canvass based on that.

So sinabi ho nila na hindi nga lang nai-specify 'yung brand but the specification nung requirement niyo parang responsible bid ang tawag nila. But that is something we can continue to fine-tune doon sa grupo na 'yun.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ang mahirap kasi niyan, Sec., is --- *[whistles]* unsa man ito? Ang problema kasi nito, ganito. 'Yun kasing gumagawa ng specification, 'yon 'yung mga tao diyan sa opisina, and hardly whoever na hindi mo mahabol sa lahat eh kaya ang sinabi ko doon sa ano, "Hindi ko mahabol lahat ang corruption sa gobyerno."

You have to change the system. I think that 'yung lowest bid --- there has to be another way of doing it kagaya ng Swiss challenge but ang Swiss challenge takes time. Tapos itanong mo pa kung kaya mo 'to.

But so if we can shorten the time, 'yung lowest bid na 'yan should be out of the picture.

It has not contributed to our national development. It has not contributed anything to the lessening or stopping of corruption. Rather, it is being perpetuated to this day, this moment to just rob government of money. 'Yun ang ayaw ko diyan sa...

Kaya 'yang circular-circular, sila rin ang gumagawa, hindi mo malaman circular nila. Anong pakialam ko ang p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* circular mo? Kaya nga circular lang 'yan eh. Make it a law or a regulation but don't give me that s\*\*\* of a circular. Mahirap 'yan.

'Yung ano nila, 'yung specification maski na ano. Kaya nga I was... But I do not want to repeat it. Sabagay, nung panahon ng tatay niya, first set of Cabinet was ang tatay ko because nag-Marcos ang tatay ko noon eh. There were two of them, si Ebarle lang pati ang tatay ko.

But he won and si President Marcos took in my father. Bright 'yun eh. Sabi niya na sa tatay ko, "Mag-canvass ka lang, everything. It will take time but you have to gather some people. Mag-canvass ka lang kung magkano." Tractor. 'Wag mo nang isali 'yang mga inferior, 'wag mo na isali 'yang sa jeep 'yang Mahindra, 'yung p\*\*\*...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Mahina.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Mahina na Mahindra. So it was limited to quality product. Kagaya ng sa pulis, nobody can debate with me na maganda sa pulis is Isuzu, Toyota, not even --- 'wag mong sabihin sa mga Nissan ha. 'Yung mga Nissan, wala 'yan. It's either Toyota lang o...

**GOV. MARCOS:** True.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Experience ko eh. So lahat ng pulis doon Isuzu pati Toyota. Kaya kung mag --- isali mo sa canvass 'yang mga 'yan, ah sabihin ko wala 'yan. Pagkatapos ng dalawa, tatlong buwan, 'pag nag-breakdown wala na 'yang supply chain nila sa spare parts.

Oo. Ako sabihin ko...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Bawal 'yun, sinisita kami diyan. Puro AOM kami bigla dahil diyan. Do not indicate the brand.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Indicating the specs, the quality that you need.

**GOV. MARCOS:** But the President is right some brands simply don't cut it.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Hindi ko... Sabi ko basta limitado kayo diyan, bahala na kayo mag-isip.

Eh kung hindi ko ganunin wala rin eh. If nobody would decide on how to do things and there's a --- they would say that there's a loophole there or that you are favoring, sabihin ko wala man ako.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** But I think your requirement for --- Mr. President, your requirement for having a minimum quality acceptable is --- eh 'yun ang dapat talagang ano.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** That the pickup will last for 12 years. 'Di tapos tayo diyan. 'Yung Mahindra kay six months lang, na naloko na.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Wala pang service.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Spare parts. That's the problem. It's always the spare parts. 'Pag wala they have to wait. Just like...

Sabi ko nga eh, you buy only what is available in the Philippines. Kagaya ng mga Toyota, if I have to name, meron 'yan silang ano eh, spare parts, guaranteed. There's a steady of supply of spare parts.

Mag-order ka ng kagaya ninyong isang Cabinet member na --- t\*\*\* i\*\*, sinipa ko. Kasi magbili ka ng bumbero doon sa Austria...

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Tapos walang... Walang maintenance. Mahal pa.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ang apoy doon sa Austria, hindi naman namamatay ng tubig. And then you buy a fire truck. So when it bogs down then you need to repair, you don't have the spare parts.

I don't know but somehow government must find a way to get rid of 'yung... And ako naman kung magbili lang ng Toyota pati ano eh 'di huwag na lang public. Word of mouth na huwag na kayo magbili ng ano, magbili kayo 'yung Toyota or Isuzu, pinaka-durable talaga sa lahat.

Hindi na kailangan. Magbili ka ng iba, magdududa na ako sa iyo.

**GOV. MARCOS:** DSWD and DOLE.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ang?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Cash-for-work, Mr. President, SAP Bong Go is asking.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Si... Saan na ba si Bello?

**GOV. MARCOS:** I think both DSWD and DOLE have cash-for-work programs, DOLE for the home rebuilding, sir, and also for the kuwan, for the agriculture po. If we can give them some cash immediately because it's really problematic.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Ma'am, actually, meron po tayong sure money loan program, we are releasing now for...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sir, is that the LB --- the LandBank?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Ay, hindi ma'am, hindi dumadaan. Sa atin lang po ito.

**GOV. MARCOS:** The LandBank is so onerous po. The requirements for the coop and the personal loans are so difficult.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** How about DBP?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Mas worse po kaysa LandBank.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Actually, sir, we have our own rural credit program, sa DA, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Bakit ang DBP? Grabe?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Mas matindi pa rin. If you look at the loan portfolios po for LBP and DBP it's Ayala and SM po not farmers.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Alam mo sa totoo lang, let us decide once and for all, ngayon ba ito may bagyo ngayon. So we are gathered here because of a problem, a crisis.

Let us decide once and for all. 'Yung LandBank, kaya gi pangalan 'yan LandBank because it is really a financing institution for agricultural endeavors, enterprises.

Ano ba itong sitwasyon na ito?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** It has become a unibank, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ah, malaki na sila ngayon?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Actually, sir it's in the board pero bihira ako maka-attend...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Hindi, ganito na lang. Tawagin ko na lang si --- sino 'yang yawa na 'yan.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Alex Buenaventura.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Si Alex, taga-Davao 'yan eh. Pati 'yung isa, 'yung father-in-law ko. *[laughter]* Si chairman, si...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sorry, sorry, sorry, hindi ko alam eh.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Hindi bale, I forgive you. I'm the son-in-law. *[laughter]*

I will call them and they have to reprogram, reconfigure their banking system. Kasi 'yung LandBank malaki na masyado. Mayaman na and yet, several times I've been urging them to go back to the farmers.

So 'yung mobile na bangko, doon sila magpahiram. Until now, it has not been done. Three years hence. Matatapos na ako sa third year ko. Pero palagay ko naman kung makausap ko ito sina Buenaventura pati si Romulo.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Chairman naman si Secretary Romulo sir eh. 'Yung presidente dapat sila 'yung dapat kausapin niyo.

**GOV. MARCOS:** I just came out of a farmer's meeting po before you arrived and mismo 'yun ang inirereklamo, 'yung LandBank po kasi gusto nila na mag-produce ng FDA ata.

Samantalang 'yung small processor really applied for the loan to upgrade precisely their manufacturing practices. And then they're asking for a license from the FDA and all the others, it's a little bit ridiculous po hindi kaya ng tao.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sandali ah, I will --- tignan ko kung may ano ako, if I have time this week to meet the --- ang tatay ko pati si...

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Madam Governor.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sorry pandagdag problema ako ha.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Madam Governor.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yes po?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Papuntahin ko po dito sa Martes 'yung ACPC, meron tayong financial assistance sa mga farmers affected. Tsaka PCI, Philippine Crop Insurance.

**GOV. MARCOS:** What's it called? Ah crop insurance?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** It's called the SURE program, Survival and Recovery program. 25,000 na utang, sir. No collateral, no interest, three years to pay.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ikaw, DTI pati ano si Bello? 'Yung may pera pang ano talaga.

Can... Wednesday, pwede mong tawagan si papa?

**SEC. PUYAT:** Oo, sabihan ko ngayon.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ah sabihan mo. Wednesday ng hapon. Anong oras? Two o'clock daw.

**SEC. PUYAT:** 2 p.m., okay.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Can we join, sir, para ma kuwan namin 'yung concerns ng agri?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you, sir. Kasi 'yun ang inirereklamo ng mga tao talaga. Pati DBP po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ikaw na ang bahala kay papa ha?

**SEC. PUYAT:** Tinext ko na.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Daddy, kay daddy.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Daddy, daddy, opo. Sorry pandagdag ng problema.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Anong tawag mo sa dad mo?

**SEC. PUYAT:** Dad, dad.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ah, Bisaya man ako, papa lang. *[laughter]* So...

**GOV. MARCOS:** I just like to add po that in fact Ilocos Sur Governor Ryan Singson was trying to make it. Governor Pacoy Ortega was also attempting to come.

Kalinga, Jocel, also was trying to come. Kalinga if you know, sir, is the Cordillera's granary, rice granary and their crop was entirely wiped out. Apayao, similarly, Jun Bulut Governor. And Mountain Province ganun din po si Boni Lacwasan, and in Abra, Governor Joy Bernos.

We all have the exact same concerns po. Puro sa housing. They are all requesting special home funds and cash-for-work, and similarly they've all lost their rice crops.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** So we must have to come up with something by the end of the week.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Mr. President, if I may suggest, NFA has a scheduled importation before the end of the year. Why don't we fast track that importation, Mr. President, and allocate that importation for the calamity-stricken areas?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Oo.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Para hindi na natin higupin, sir, 'yung allocation ng ibang...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ang sabi ko nga sa iyo import more.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** If the ceiling is about five, you make it 10. Ceiling talaga na aabot sa ceiling. So that you'd have an inventory that is comfortable for all.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Kasi sir it will take time, three months bago maka-recover, baka bago maka-recover.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ang sabi lang nila nga 'yung release mo, the first-in should be the first-out para sa spoilage.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** 'Yung EO, Mr. President, important. Although na-approve na po itong importation ng another two million bags and five million bags, on top of the 4.6 million bags.

But the EO po na pipirmahan ninyo to basically allow more importation nung basic commodities.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** What makes it easier? We can meet again. But I said, I'd like to talk to the banks first na ano, to fulfill its primary purpose.



**GOV. MARCOS:** Sir, may I add lang. Siguro we will not have too many problems with the farmers' group including Butil this time, about tariffication and importation kasi wala namang bibilhin locally.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Isa pa 'yan. Tariffication. We will implement it. Sabi ko nga ano...

**SEC. LOPEZ:** The EO --- I think they will agree to import.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Libre. Libre zonal lahat ng ano. I-auction mo lang 'yung choice sa 'yung authority.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yeah, public auction na lang sa quantities. Tsaka limited period po pwede, limited period.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Pero the only way to stop graft and corruption is to do away with itong restrictions.

Once restrictions are placed there, or conditions or requirements are being placed there unreasonably, it is --- it ends up in corruption. Sigurado 'yan.

So ang unahin natin dito is 'yung tariffication, if Congress can act on it. Saan na ba si ano, nandito kanina si --- nandito. They can move faster there. Isa 'yan. Which one of the... I think... Yes, sir?

**SEC. PERNIA:** Mr. President, I think the Senate has committed to pass the tariffication bill.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yeah, Senator Villar po.

**SEC. PERNIA:** Within the month po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ah, oo. Si ma'am, oo.

**SEC. PERNIA:** Okay and then, you know the veg --- how is the vegetable situation here, Governor? Because you have a high --- in August you had a 22 percent price inflation for vegetables.

**GOV. MARCOS:** That's right.

**SEC. PERNIA:** Cagayan had 35, national was 19 and... So you're the third highest inflation rate sa vegetables.

**GOV. MARCOS:** That's correct.

**SEC. PERNIA:** You know, vegetable is one of the four critical food items that we have made recommendations to the President for easing in terms of administrative constraints and non-tariff barriers and for importation.

**GOV. MARCOS:** That's correct. The only reason we are not the highest inflation rate is because I sell vegetables myself, wholesale. From farm gate, I have my own --- we have our own local Kadiwa to sell vegetables direct from farm gate to marketplace.

But you're correct, sir. However, if I may request for vegetables and rice as well, can it be for a limited duration para may benta naman po kami sa susunod na ani?

Kasi kung palaging import nang import, patay nanaman 'yung local farmer. Pwede bang limited period tsaka limited quantity po?

**SEC. PERNIA:** The inflation rate sa price for vegetable is ano CARAGA, but 5.3 percent lang?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Actually, sir, 'yung vegetable kasi, sir, climate affected eh, 'pag bumagyo dito. Kaya, sir, I was in Talakag last Friday, because we're --- they already have 11,000 hectares. All that they need is to bring these vegetables to --- wherever we would like to bring these.

So I released 20 million, sir, to the farmers' groups. They will buy their vegetables. We will provide them reefer vans.

The first shipment will be today, sir, may shipment na tayo. One container van, testing muna. We could ship as much as six container vans from Bukidnon.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Intended to?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes sir, for Metro Manila. And they can airlift to Ilocos, ma'am, if you...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ilocos muna kasi may ano...

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** I think the situation...

**SEC. PIÑOL:** We will work on that sir. DND and DA, sir.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you very much.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** We don't actually need to import vegetables. We can grow it easily.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Kaya lang sir 'yung positioning natin dati hirap eh. But now, meron kaming pamamaraan na ni Secretary Del.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you since Secretary Pernia mentioned vegetables. May I bring to the table the problem of mango?

We are prime exporter of mango together with Cagayan and both of us lost a great number of trees. And we are now struggling with kurikong, the fly, the cecid fly that eats and has infected many, many of our trees.

We are anticipating because of the bad weather similar problems will occur with mango. We would like to request for while we're at it, assistance for mango please.

Because it's really the iconic Filipino fruit and we're losing it po. They all seek in the Visayas and Mindanao. It was only Ilocos Norte and Cagayan expanding and now sira na rin.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** It is not a seasonal problem?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Actually sir we can, we can have mangoes all year round.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yeah.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Remember sir when we were...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Actually sira na 'yung harvest for October.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** We were in South Korea sir, binigyan natin ng manga si President --- 'yung President ng South Korea.

Right after that, dumating 'yung mga Koreano rito, sir. They're buying all our mangoes. And we have, ma'am, the technology already to address cecid flies.

**GOV. MARCOS:** The kurikong, yes, but we need help po.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes ma'am, we will.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Because kailangan bomba nang bomba. Hindi kaya ng farmer dito ang mahal eh.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Hindi po. Hindi na po kailangan ng bomba, ma'am. May mga biological controls.

**GOV. MARCOS:** At saka naglalagay na kami direktso sa roots. But we need assistance po technical as well as the actual formula.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** The Koreans, sir, would like to buy all of our mangoes.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Yeah, but can you do that? Imee is asking that you do some --  
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**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes, sir. We have just...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** It's just fumigation or what?

**GOV. MARCOS:** No we now have... Hindi na nakukuha sa fumigation, sir. Ini-inject na 'yung mga ugat. Talagang may sakit na eh. Dahil the weather, nahihilo pati 'yung --- 'yung trees.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ah okay. Do you have the...

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Technology?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes sir, we have the technology sir.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Our local guys sir very good at it. It's just that we don't have the money for doing it on mass.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Sige ma'am, we will...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sige. Kailan? When?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** By next week, sir. By next week, magpapadala na ako ng tao.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Okay?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you sir, to end on a brighter note, I would simply like to announce that the NGCP has just informed us that they have already energized most of their main cables. And the local coop will attempt to energize at least the hospitals tonight.

The rest of the province still has no electricity at all. We still have no communications at all. Landlines or Smart and Globe is intermittent.

We are able nevertheless to communicate through Globe. And the satellite phone miraculously worked at least once when I called Secretary Lorenzana.

Lastly, the windmills are back to operational capacity. Both the Lopez and the Ayala Groups are now energized, as well as the call centers. The solar capacity has been diminished because of some --- some damage in the Currimaog area. But we're back to work po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Kailan ka magka-ilaw dito?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Hindi ko po alam. I don't know, that's why we are going to ask assistance from Secretary Cusi.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Who is going to intervene?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Ang sabi nila 'yung --- 'yung hospital daw pipilitin ilawan, ah south of the river of Laoag tonight.

**DOE SEC. ALFONSO CUSI:** Actually the three sub-stations are energized already and they are now starting to power up. So this Poblacion, Laoag; Poblacion, San Nicolas, and...

**GOV. MARCOS:** That's right, that's south of the river po.

**SEC. CUSI:** and Bangui will be energized tonight.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sir, to the credit of NGCP and to our local coop ---

**SEC. CUSI:** Yes.

**GOV. MARCOS:** The problem is that we have to do it very carefully because so many of the cables are underwater and so many posts are completely wet.

**SEC. CUSI:** NGCP energized the transmission line late this morning for Ilocos Norte.

And of the five provinces affected by the typhoon as of noon today, 78 percent already has been energized. So...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Wala pa po.

**SEC. CUSI:** Ano...

**GOV. MARCOS:** NGCP lines lang po.

**SEC. CUSI:** Transmission NGCP, NGCP lines.

**GOV. MARCOS:** NGCP lines. Pero not energized pa.

**SEC. CUSI:** NGCP lines not...

**GOV. MARCOS:** All of us are in the dark po.

**SEC. CUSI:** But the distribution lines are still being worked on by the cooperatives.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you.

**SEC. CUSI:** In your area, part --- partial report, there are 389 posts that were damaged. Partial palang po ito 'no. So it might even go up. So we will just have to see how fast we can work on this. But your cooperative said that by Wednesday this week, you will have a lot --- majority of the areas will be already powered up.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Siguro naman sir Christmas time meron na silang ilaw? *[laughter]*

**SEC. CUSI:** No, hindi naman po.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Nako naman. Walang ganyanan.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Takot ka ha.

**SEC. CUSI:** Dalawang subs --- limang sub-station na.

**GOV. MARCOS:** The wind --- the wind and solar farms --- the wind farms are operating already. But the solar is down.

**SEC. CUSI:** The windmill, the windmill but your power coming from the grid 'no.

**GOV. MARCOS:** That's right.

**SEC. CUSI:** The grid line is already ready.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Yes, Secretary Roque.

**PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESPERSON HARRY ROQUE:** Sir, bilang kasagutan dun sa request ni Governor Imee tungkol dun sa assistance sa mga nawalang mga bahay, sinagot po ako nung aking ex-girlfriend na taga-Pag-IBIG.

Pag-IBIG has instant loans po from 5,000 to 40,000 pesos or equivalent to 80 percent of the contribution sa Pag-IBIG po. Wala ho halos requirement 'yan.

And si Attorney Clint Aranas po of GSIS also texted me. Meron din po silang calamity loan, 40k --- 20k for first availment and 40k for renewals. Both GSIS and Pag-IBIG assured po na minimum documentary requirements dahil ang ipapa-utang po galing sa contribution, so mabilis po 'yan.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Mr. President, Mayor that's correct po. GSIS and Pag-IBIG are very happy to send us all these loans.

However, COA just sent me an AOM again this week complaining that there are too many loans extended between Habagat and this Ompong.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sabihan mo sila, "shut up."

**GOV. MARCOS:** Okay. Thank you, sir. I will.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Hindi makatulong, sige reklamo.

**GOV. MARCOS:** May AOM na naman ako diyan eh.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sabihin mo, "Sabi ni Duterte shut up daw kayo."

**SEC. BRIONES:** Mr. President.

**DICT SEC. ELISEO RIO JR.:** Mr. President, Madam Governor. In the case of the telecommunication, Globe and Smart has been doing rapid work.

In fact since this morning and up to this point of time, they have I think put back about 50 percent na of the service 'no.

And however while they are pushing for the 100 percent, they have initiated their corporate social responsibility by having free tawag, and in fact free charging of the --- of their subscribers' cellphone 'no.

This is going to go on, I think up to --- maybe up to Wednesday where there will be full restoration of their services.

Actually, ma'am, the problem really is of course also associated with the--- because their fiber are also connected to the poles of our electricity.

So if the poles are down...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yes that's correct, Mr. Secretary, that's why we are quite concerned because there are two call centers here that stopped operations over the weekend --- and that's Accenture and Alorica po. And they're unable to start up again until the fiber optics are back and running.

**SEC. RIO:** Yes, ma'am. We will make that as our priority, madam. For the restoration of the...

**GOV. MARCOS:** Back to work po, otherwise 'yung mga Ilocano hindi nagno-normalize eh.

**SEC. RIO:** Opo. Opo.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sige, we are... That's why we are here to solve the problem.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Si General Jalad, then si Gi, I will **hear you out**. **What's** the situation here?

**OCD USEC. RICARDO JALAD:** Yes, sir. What we are going to do in the next few days sir is to dispatch teams, inter-agency teams to conduct rapid damage and needs assessment.

And with that sir, we will be able to generate the full picture of the damage here in the region including Ilocos Norte.

The DANA sir will be led and organized by the Office of Civil Defense regional office here in Region 1.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Okay, good. Gi?

**DSWD ACTING SECRETARY VIRGINIA NAZARREA OROGO:** Yeah, Mr. President, Governor, for --- with regards to the shelter, we have emergency shelter assistance 'no. We give P30,000 for totally damaged houses and P10,000 for partially damaged.

We will just --- we will just wait for your --- the submission of the names and the address of those people, victims of those houses that were destroyed so that we can validate it 'no. And...

**GOV. MARCOS:** With all due respect Madam Secretary, the cash, although it's taking much fast --- less time, it takes a while to process and also with the quantum of damage, I think GI sheets can no longer be supplied within the province.

So maybe we can ask for special facilities or suppliers to come here directly?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Si ano, si Escalada na lang.

**SEC. OROGO:** Si Escalada na lang sa malaki?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Siya na lang mag-contact sa ano.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Baka may budget 'yung DSWD?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Meron.

**SEC. OROGO:** Maybe we can just talk with the NHA.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Malaki ang budget ng NHA.

**USEC. OROGO:** And then we give na lang the money?

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you po.

**SEC. OROGO:** Okay. So for the cash-for-work and food-for-work. For cash-for-work, we give P210 per day for 10 days. So P2,100 for 10 days. And then for food- for-work, the same. We give the food packs for five food packs 'no. Five boxes 'yun for 10 days din 'yun. Kasi 'yung one box is equivalent to two days food.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Hihirit po kami, pwedeng humingi nang dagdag para sa cash-for-work po?

**SEC. OROGO:** Okay lang po governor. But we will also need kasi mako-COA din kami. We need to submit also the names of those who will be working.

**GOV. MARCOS:** That's no problem po, we will provide those.

**SEC. OROGO:** Okay, we will just wait 'pag na-submit naman sa amin ang names we immediately process.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you.

**SEC. OROGO:** No problem.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Gi, may representative ba dito?

**SEC. OROGO:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** I'm sure there...Okay.

**SEC. OROGO:** Andito po 'yung regional.



**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** I'm sure you guys can work it out thoroughly at the shortest possible time.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yes, in fact sir, I would like to commend. In contrast to Tacloban po, we have derived full support from the DSWD.

And I'd like to thank RD Jun Castillo who has been extremely helpful.

OCD also, Chito Castro has been available 24/7 po. And the PNP czar that were sent here as well the members of the 71<sup>st</sup> ID. Laking tulong po.

Ibang-iba po sa Tacloban. I thought I've had to get that in, sorry.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sa --- wala man, wala pa man tayo. Sila lang man 'yun doon. *[laughter]*

No, it's really --- sometimes it could be a matter of luck. But other times it's all practical. It's all practical tapos 'yang ito.

If you cannot get in during or before at least you should be here right after. That was what was utterly absent in the previous...

You know, I was there the day after. I was born in Leyte. So I felt it as --- 'yung parang moral ano ko na --- and I was --- the second day, everybody was, wala ayoko nalang mag-ano --- forget it. Basta tayo, trabaho lang rin.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sir, we have the numbers to prove it naman tignan naman ninyo. Ang lakas-lakas ng bagyo ang baba ng casualty.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** 'Yan, ayan. That's what I'm happy about, actually. I was more worried of 'yung patay, landslide.

Because of that recalling memory nung nasa Yolanda ako. Whenever there's a news about typhoons, a strong one. Since I was there a living witness actually. Day after I flew to --- by chopper to Tacloban. T\*\*\* i\*\*.

Iyong tao na first time nag-iyak ako dalawang beses. Iyong may makita ka diyan bata tapos baboy, aso, mga tao. And you had to navigate your way because they are littered with so many dead, practically carcass.

I hope, I hope it would not happen during my time. I will hang myself there kung ganun. Kung wala na it's a...

**DEPED SEC. LEONOR BRIONES:** Just a quick one, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Yes, ma'am.

**SEC. BRIONES:** Thank you, Governor Imee for making the effort to spare the schools from becoming evacuation centers and for taking care of the lolas.

Insofar as the damages to the schools are concerned, sa buong region...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ma'am i-ano mo konti, para marinig ka.

**SEC. BRIONES:** I was saying, Mr. President, na sa buong region, 322 schools so far ang damaged. Different stages of damages.

**SEC. BRIONES:** Na sa buong region, three hundred twenty-three --- twenty-two schools so far ang damage. Different stages of damages. Pero sa Ilocos Norte, 110. Ngayon, ang estimate namin, dahil iba't-ibang stages din of damage, mga 117 million. I, myself, believe it is a bit understated kasi meron talagang mga totally destroyed.

But what is special --- I mean I will not say special, but I will say what is different about Ilocos Norte, is that you have 80 schools which are flooded.

And so this leads to the next problem of the books, the learning resources, the computers, the equipment for your tech-voc, your beautiful tech-voch building and your senior high school buildings that is well --- we will probably have to do a lot of catching up.

Pero may mga buffer stocks naman. But we will send a team really to come here, oo. Kasi it's not just repairing the schools, it's not just cleaning them up, it's the equipment inside for the high schools kasi mga computers, mga microscopes, libraries, and so on na bu-bury sa mud.

And you have 80 schools in that situation in this province. Thank you, Mr. President. We are doing our best.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Secretary, Duque, sir.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sorry, about schools, may I put in word also for CHED to please assist MMSU.

All the buildings are uninhabitable in all the campuses. And as a result, I'm not able to resume classes for all faculties.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** And they will have the priority when they come in. Si Escalada ang ano mo diyan. I'll tell him to fly.

**GOV. MARCOS:** MMSU po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Okay. Yes, sir.

**DOH SEC. FRANCISCO DUQUE III:** Thank you, and Governor Imee, good evening. I just wanted to find out from you if the PhilHealth reimbursements are on time for your provincial and district hospitals? Because I haven't heard any feedback with regard to the reimbursements.

**GOV. MARCOS:** We are getting some reimbursements, but last I saw, they were a little bit delayed and there were a lot of protests.

You see, we had problems previously with a lot of scams in PhilHealth in this region through private --- through private clinics who declared malaria epidemics and other such fantasies.

So we've been penalized. So as a result, medyo natatagalan na ngayon. Sobrang ingat yata nila.

**SEC. DUQUE:** But under the circumstances, I would like to reassure you, Mr. President and Governor, that we'll make a quicker turnaround time for your reimbursements.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Yes, thank you.

**SEC. DUQUE:** Provided that the documentation is complete.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Thank you very much. That would be really helpful. We have the longest living Filipinos here in Ilocos Norte.

**SEC. DUQUE:** Very good.

**GOV. MARCOS:** They are six to seven years older than Filipinos elsewhere. And as a result, we need our hospitals. We love our lolas po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** We would hear the homegrown, favorite son of Ilocos Norte.

**DENR SEC. ROY CIMATU:** Thank you, thank you, Mr. President. I'm very happy to report that we have zero casualty here and really indication of the anti-disaster consciousness of the Ilocanos especially from Ilocos Norte, with the leadership of the Governor.

And I was talking to some of the mayors a while ago and they were very --- they are here and really they were very happy that this really a zero casualty, it's a record. It is a record. Thank you very much and... *[applause]*

However, Mr. President, I'm very... I would like to report that something happened in the Antamok in Itogon wherein about 40 small-scale miners were buried. However, seven were retrieved and only one survived as of now.

And I'm planning to go there early morning tomorrow to find out if we can still recover these missing --- these 33 missing.

And also --- I would like to say that that area was supposed to be the site of the Benguet Consolidated Mining. This used to be a big mining company wherein they stopped operation in 1997.

And they are undergoing rehabilitation. However, because of the presence of gold in that area, there is small-scale mining and several months ago, I started the anti-small mining operations in Baguio.

And I went to this area and they were --- I offered that area supposed to be a minahang bayan kasi ang dami po na umaasa doon.

However, there were some difficulties of the indigenous people to give way to this --- to their properties. So hindi naka --- nag-succeed muna 'yung kanilang minahang bayan.

The purpose of this minahang bayan, Mr. President, is supposed to be to have a better regulation and better supervision of these small-scale miners.

Katulad po nangyari ngayon, they were the head tunnels in this mining company. May tunnel sila doon. Doon sila naka-stay rin sa labas ng tunnel na 'yan, then they --- doon na nila ina-ano 'yung burners nila doon.

Nung naka --- umulan ng malakas because the biggest --- no, I think the strongest rainfall was registered in Baguio. Supposed to be 500 millimeters.

Iyan ang pinakamalakas eh. So we were expecting really na malakas ang ulan sa Baguio.

However, 'di na sila sumunod ang mga ito because there was a rep --- there was already an issued --- for them to be ejected in that area para directly as ano.

I'm going there tomorrow and to find out if we can really still do something about this, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** For the benefit of Imee and the residents of Ilocos Norte, ako, I am hell-bent to stop destructive mining in the Philippines.

And si Roy, I have tasked him. That's why he's in also in the Cabinet. I have great trust in him. The open-pit mining must stop.

Alam mo, if you go to Mindanao, parang mga tansan. 'Yung takip ng Coke, parang nakaganun.

And if you can fly just treetops, makita mo talaga. It loosens the earth because of --- dumidiposito 'yung tubig eh.

So the underlying peripheral communities are always in danger. And anywhere you see, basta 'yang open-pit mining, wala ng kahoy ang ano...

I am --- I pity my country. And if I do not decide really to stop it... Although we are earning 70 billion sa taxes sa mining.

But if you compare it with the destruction and on the long term, our children will suffer.

Mining must stop. And if I cannot stop it during my time as President, nobody can. Because it's big business and the pressure is just too great.

Ako naman, I have --- I have only one thing in my mind. It's really to protect my country. Period. Wala akong agenda diyan.

I do not want to talk to them, I said. Nandiyan man si Roy. He knows how to... Maybe, I said they can go to Australian or countries where they have a different style of extracting the whatever is in the bowels of the Earth.

They can do it but not the way it is being done today because I said it will be --- it would result in a perdition for the country.

Ako talaga, ano ako. It has to be, I think this year. Although in the process, we lose aplenty, 70 billion. But that is...

You know, if you compare that money, we can always get it somewhere else. All we have to do...

And I said even if you can only stop graft and corruption, this country will never improve, mind you.

If you cannot stop graft and corruption and there is no law and order in this country, we would be still second to the last or maybe Bangladesh would outpace us.

You know, remember I said we have always been into self-flagellation. Parang kinu-crucify natin ang Pilipino for ano.

So pati 'yung mga anak natin, they are wondering what is so solely lacking in the character of the Filipino.

Well, in a way, meron. But graft and corruption is prevalent even in the lahat diyan. Malaysia, ito, kita mo Prime Minister doon. Lahat 'yan mga corrupt.

Pero itong atin kasi right after the war, there was this massive rehabilitation and everybody was working on their natural resources initially, because 'yan man ang capital. There was this destruction all over.

If there's one thing that God did not give us, but gave it to somebody else --- somebody else's pocket --- siguro wala tayong oil eh.

So oil runs almost all. Lahat nang kaharap mo dito is a product of oil. It's because the machines that makes this thing, this glass, this book, everything, comes from the machines being run by oil.

Kung wala kang energy, wala kang ilaw, wala lahat, eh 'di wala kang magawa. And it took us time to catch up because as they were going up because they have that resource, we were also going down correspondingly.

So we should not be really be hard on ourself. Maybe we should be kind to the Filipino.

'Yan lang kasi. Wala tayong oil. Kung may oil tayo gaya ng Brunei, matagal na tayong mayaman, sa totoo lang.

Even with graft and corruption, just like the countries there, I cannot mention. Huwag na nating pahabain. We do not want to hurt feelings.

Even if corruption, tataas parin tayo because oil is really much, much of our daily life. 'Yan ang wala sa atin.

Now if we do not do anything, 'yung merong --- mayroon tayong resource, not oil but mining, anak ka ng p\*\*\*.

Mining naman, nagpunta ako doon sa Cebu sa Alegria, I was the first to... Secretary Cusi sa Energy.

I was proud to no end to see the gas sprouting and creating the fire.

So para akong --- it was... It is not after all a bad thing, but sana marami ang ganun sa Pilipinas para maka ano tayo, maka...

We can do --- there's so much money that we can --- from the savings if we have the oil. Even for the Philippines only. Huwag na 'yung mag-export pa tayo. Let's do --- let's use it for our country.

So 'yan lang ang... Those are my lamentations actually of... Tapos itong corruption. Alam mo ganito 'yan eh. It starts big. There's almost a celebration.

O this is the project, ganun, ganun, ganun. Tapos p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* four months after, nandoon na sa Ombudsman ang kaso. Anak ng...

Every grand opening, whatever it is, it's b\*\*\*s\*\*\* because maya-maya, nawala na 'yung ano, 'yung... Kagaya nung nakaraan. I could not --- hindi man nangyari sa aking panahon, so wala akong maituro except 'yung mga department na talagang ninakaw nila.

But itong mga projects such as train, magbibili ng mga coach na bago, only to find out na hindi pala magkasya doon sa riles. 'Yung riles maliit. Malaki 'yung --- malapad 'yung... P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*.

So those are the things that we are really --- we really waste because of corruption.

And kung dito nangyari 'yan sa akin, ah wala. Resign lahat. Hindi na ako magtagal, 'yung ganon na ang mga train na hindi pala magkasya doon sa... P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* Pilipino talaga. Tsk. So kung --- actually...

**GOV. MARCOS:** 'Yung LRT 1 ng mommy ko.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** 'Yun pa.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Ang bulok-bulok na umaandar pa.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Alam mo ang tatay mo may iniwan, nanay mo may iniwan. May building, may mga... Ano ito? Cultural Center. 'Yung lahat ng dumaan wala.

Ako, wala rin akong maipag... Well, ewan ko kung anong...

Ako, bahala na. Bahala ni wala akong magawa sir basta ako ano lang, straight lang lahat. If I can only stop corruption in government, that is the only that I can only do or will do, or must do, okay na sa akin 'yan.

Kasi... Because you know, I've been mayor for 23 years sa Davao. Nakita ko talaga 'yung ano... Kaya kung hindi ko ganunin, p\*\*\*, sapakin mo, sampalin mo, sipain mo, hindi talaga maghintó.

So talagang cruel ako. Wala akong pinapalusot. Sampal, sipa. Hinahamon ng barilan. Mabuti't hindi lumaban ang y\*\*\* kung lumaban, baka patay na ako ngayon. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* buhay na 'to.

Nakikita naman niyo ang Davao. Ngayon, ngayon sabihin mo... Kaya lang, may bag-ong --- may bagong regime na ngayon alas dose sa Davao kay para ng Biyernes Santo eh.

Kawawa taga-Davao. Sabi nga nila they are longing for my return. *[laughter]* Pinapahirapan daw talaga nila sa babae. May taga-Paoay naman diyan by affinity.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Gusto ko 'yun si Mayora. Pareho kami.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Talagang... Eh talagang t\*\*\*\*\* talaga 'yan noon pa. Kaya sabi ni Bong na binugbog 'yung sheriff, "Hayaan mo 'yan, Bong. Marami pang dadating diyan, tignan mo."

Kaya si ano Inday, alas dos --- alas dose sa Davao, wala, sarado lahat. Wala kang makitang tambay. Makakita ka lang tambay convenience store. Pero 'yung magtindig-tindig sa ano, wala kang makita. Walang problema, walang pasahan ng drugs.

Iba naman si Inday eh. Ako, magsabi ako, "P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*, patayin mo 'yang nagsisira ng bayan ko." Eh si Inday, iba ang style niya eh. "Bakit buhay pa 'yang p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* 'yan?" *[laughter]*

Eh mahilig itong pulis 'di ba? So picture taking. Si Inday, ayaw niya 'yan eh. Pagdating, "Ma'am, ito na." "P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*, bakit buhay pa 'yan?"

Well, that is how it is.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Saan nagmana, sir?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ewan ko. Ako, talagang kaming mga original na Bisaya.

Pero Maranao ang lola ko. My mother is a half Maranao. Pero ako, I identify myself as a Cebuano. 'Yan ang tatay ko eh. So...

**SEC. PUYAT:** Pareho sila ni Tommy, Cebuano.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Isa pa 'yang p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*. Kunan mo 'yung pulis ng patrol car, kunan mo ang pulis ng baril. Anong klase?

This guy must be crazy. Pupunta doon sa presuhan tapos ipa-release 'yung mga nahuli. Those arrested by the police, he demanded the release.

Filean (file) mo ng kaso. May mga ano talaga. Eh, mga Bisaya may ganun rin. 'Yung hindi mo maintindihan 'yung utak. Mga g\*\*\*.

**GOV. MARCOS:** Sir, half Bisaya ako ha.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Half man lang. Eh talagang ano. Kaya napundi ako eh. 'Yung -  
-- ano ba tawag niyan sa inyo? Gidaog-daog? Anong tawag sa inyo ng daog-daog?  
Giapi-api ba?

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