

STATEMENT AND PRESS CONFERENCE
OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
UPON HIS ARRIVAL FROM HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO JAPAN

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Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano and the other members of the Cabinet; distinguished members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives; AFP Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rey Leonardo Guerrero and the major service commanders; mga kasama ko sa gobyerno; mga kababayan ko.

Good evening. I am glad to be back from Japan. I am pleased to report that my Official Visit to Tokyo was most productive and engaging.

I met my good friend, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and discussed with him concrete, time-bound and specific ways to further intensify bilateral cooperation.

On top of our agenda is vital support for the centerpiece projects under the Philippines' Build, Build, Build program.

This covers huge impact social infrastructure projects that our country needs to sustain economic growth and improve the quality of life of our people.

Many more projects will be rolled off under Japan's trillion yen or close to nine billion [US] dollars pledge of assistance.

Prime Minister Abe committed to give flesh to Japan's special assistance program. I am committed to work closely with him to ensure that projects proceed soonest and it will be Done, Done, Done.

The Philippines and Japan will intensify defense and security cooperation to combat terrorism, violent extremism and transnational crimes.

We will strive to make our waters free and open to our peoples so that they can enjoy our rich natural maritime resources.

I thank Japan for reaffirming its commitment to the Philippines' pursuit of a just and lasting peace in Mindanao. They will be our partner once again in rebuilding Marawi as the center of moderation and tolerance.

On economic cooperation, we encouraged Japan to explore more opportunities to invest in the Philippines, including in steel manufacturing, agribusiness and IT and creative services.

I met with industry leaders in Tokyo who signed business agreements valued at six billion dollars. This is more than three times the amount of sealed businesses agreements during my first visit to Japan in 2016.

I look forward to welcoming Prime Minister Abe and other [Leaders] to the Philippines [during the 31st] ASEAN Summit and Related Summits on the sides.

I am humbled by the singular honor of meeting His Majesty, Emperor Akihito in Tokyo.

I conveyed to His Majesty our nation's and people's deep appreciation, gratitude for Japan's continuing friendship and support for the Philippines' peace and development goals.

We want our relations with Japan to grow even more. Japan is our friend closer than a brother; Japan treats us as a sovereign equal.

The Philippines will work with Japan in building something special for our nations and peoples: We are building a golden age for our strategic partnership.

Thank you and I can take some... [applause]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q: Welcome home, sir. Good evening.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Good evening.

Q: First question is you just mentioned that ---about your meeting with the Emperor. Could we ano further --- I'd like to know what else the Emperor told you when you met with him.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah no. The Emperor limits himself to social functions. We do not talk about policy of governments and even in matters of governmental concern on both sides.

He is just --- you know, he's just limiting himself to the imperial duties and rule the nation as a sovereign head. Maybe hanggang doon lang siya. Purely socials ang pinag-uusapan namin doon.

You know what, I have been to many places and palaces of great leaders and people. This is the first time na nakita ko pinaka-simpleng palasyo.

It's --- trees surround the Palace, but it is just a small place. And even his --- 'yung sala niya, the receiving room, wala kang makitang picture. It's really a bland thing actually. And he lives very simply. The King is very spoken, lalo na 'yun si Her Majesty Michiko.

Q: The Empress?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Talagang extra --- ‘yung ano nila, ‘yung deportment, really, parang ano talaga --- befitting the title of Majesty. So ‘yun lang ang pinag-usapan namin. Hindi naman siya nagtanong sa iyo. So, hindi na rin ako nagsalita.

Q: Ah, hindi sir. Hindi pa kami kilala, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ayan ang problema diyan. So the next question?

Q: The next question is this, sir. Come next week or the week after next, you’re going to relinquish --- ah, to turn over the chairmanship of the ASEAN --- ASEAN chairmanship.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Correct.

Q: My question is, after one year being Chairman, what do you think were the --- the strengths or the --- the weaknesses or... Do you think --- what do you think are the areas that ASEAN has still to improve?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, everybody’s dream --- ‘yung leaders --- is really to come up with a cohesive partnership with all.

And, as I have said earlier, if the European Union can do it, why can’t we? And in the coming year, we will be discussing more along this --- issues along these lines to make it more relevant to the times, to be counted.

Hindi naman tayo binibilang kasi eh. You have the European, then you have the western front --- Britain, Germany, Merkel, and all. But little, if at all, is being listened to on our front.

Maybe this time, or in the succeeding years, in the fullness of God’s time, since the world is now veering to the Easternization of the world --- it’s coming, it’s just around the corner --- and huwag lang sana magkagulo, huwag lang ma-ano...

It’s --- it’s called miscalculation kasi eh. ‘Pag wala lang nangyari ganun, we are on our way to more faster development. Maybe, maabutan pa sa generation natin.

But the --- ‘yung infrastructure, they want it finished also immediately, just like the other countries who --- [inaudible] us.

This... I would say, it’s either grant, it’s a loan, or whatever, but what more --- what is important is what moves this nation.

We can always ask for a longer period of the payment. And hopefully, this is what is really happening, payable in 25 to 30 years. It’s almost a lifetime. I’m sure the next generation can do it.

Q: Sir, may last question lang po ako. Sir, I understand you brought with you to Tokyo at least 17 company com --- ah no, battalion commanders with --- who came from Marawi. The question

lang po is when are you going to take the lady --- the female soldiers to Hong Kong po, as you have promised?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Nandoon na sila. Ano ka man. Nauna pa sa amin.

Q: Hindi, ‘yung mga babae?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Oo.

Q: Sabay kayo?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Nag-asawa na nga ang iba pagbalik eh [laughter]

Q: Ah, so nandoon na sila --- the first batch?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I --- they’re, they’re... You know, this is what really happened.

Q: Okay.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I was not thinking about some --- something else. Somebody, but sabihin ko na lang, and it should really be made public.

It was Cebu Pacific who answered for... Nung nalaman niya na... na sabi ko, sabi niya, “Sige, ako na lang ang --- iyo na lang ang baon pati hotel.”

And almost andoon na ‘yung mga babae, galing na doon.

Q: Ah, okay. So, the 17, kasabay mo ngayon din?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Hindi, ‘yung kasabay ko are really the top commanders ng ano... I just invited them to --- for a respite. Eh hindi nila kailangan punta ng Hong Kong kasama ‘yung mga babae. Naloko na.

Wala man sila mag gawain doon. For ladies lang ‘yun. A chance to visit Hong Kong for those who have not been there.

But itong sila, I just brought them to unwind. At least may ano... may ano sila, panahon mag sight-seeing.

Q: Okay. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: You’re welcome always.

Q: As always.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: For sure.

Q: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Pati ‘yan siya sa likod.

Q: Hi Mayor, good evening. Sir, I want to ask this question, President because Leila de Lima, in her statement, instead of going after imagined and fictitious drug lords, why not investigate daw Paolo and Mans, Atty. Mans Carpio?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Hindi ko makuha lahat ‘yan. I know [inaudible] but what I’m really... what is really been... diretso ka na lang.

Q: Yes, sir. Why not investigate Paolo and Atty. Mans Carpio na sila naman daw ‘yung mga drug lords?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Who would believe me if I investigate my son and my son-in-law?

Ikaw, can you investigate your mother or father? I leave it to the independent agencies --- there’s the Human Rights, which is making all the noise, and they have the NBI.

I said, “Magtanong ka ng member dito, I do not talk privately with my secretaries.” I do not even call them, not once. And I leave everybody to decide what is right for this country.

If they are really guilty, then so be it. ‘Di ba sinabi ko na sa inyo noong Mayor ako? Anong order ko sa pulis? “Barilin ninyo maski anak ko.” At that statement remains. Barilin mo.

‘Pag naggamit ng droga o nakahawak ng droga, barilin mo. Extrajudicial killing, if you want. And I can understand.

Wala akong ano... Ipusta ko. When I said I --- I cast my future in my Presidency, hindi ako magpa-corny.

Kita mo mga Cabinet members, kaibigan ko lahat, sinipa ko. The last was the undersecretary of Budget. He was around when I was campaigning. But the first one, the first Cabinet, was also the head of my campaign. Wala --- wala tayong magawa eh.

So, kung makulong sila, eh ‘di ipakulong mo. ‘Yan, ganyan lang ang buhay. Walang pakornihan. Do not --- do not be so anxious or say sorry for asking the question.

You are all entitled to ask your question. You --- you must have your dog day. So, tanong kayo.

Before my mayorship, sinabi ko na sa inyo ‘yan. And you know that ang pamilya ng son --- ng in-laws ni Paolo, ang negosyo, ‘yung importation ng mga... Singapore... At the age of 18, he eloped with the woman, 24 years old. So, he had to join the family of the lady and to help the business.

Kaya na --- he is a regular feature doon ‘yan. Noon ‘yun. That started, kayong mga taga-Davao, alam ninyo ‘yan. It is benefit of the rest of the nation.

The reason why he was there, because ‘yan --- diyan siya lumaki. Hindi makatapos sa pag-aaral eh. So natuto siyang magnegosyo. At 18 years old, he had to work with the family of his wife. Does that...

Q: Yes, Mayor. Thank you po.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Next time, do not be apologetic about it.

Q: Baka iinit ‘yung ulo, Mayor [laughs]

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Wala, malamig ang --- ang biyahe. Malamig ang ulo. Mapapa--- malamig ang Japan.

Q: Okay, second question, Mayor. Mayor Inday is --- created a local peace body whose task is to hold a --- a localized peace talks with the CPP-NPA ---

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Look, I am addressing myself to all the soldiers of the New People’s Army. Mag-surrender na lang kayo ngayon at ibaba ninyo ang inyong baril o i-surrender ninyo.

At sabi ko, may trabaho kayo naghihintay. At I am building, all throughout the country, almost 5,000 sa National Housing Authority.

Kayo ang --- ‘yung sa military sa Bulacan, at inagaw ng mga tao, sabi ko na lang sa... the Armed Forces and the police, “Pagpasensiyahan na lang ninyo ako. Hindi naman natin pwedeng awayin ‘yang mga mahirap. Eh kung may bahay ‘yan, hindi naman mang-agaw ‘yan.”

And so, since we are in the service of the Republic, I hope you can sacrifice a little bit.

Just wait but I will build you as I... Except for ‘yung wounded sa --- lalo na ‘yung permanently... They will have their houses built at once, and I am releasing five million --- ah, four --- 500 million, rather, pesos for ‘yung medisina nila.

Ayaw ko magdaan ng maraming dokumento. Ayaw ko ‘yang bidding-bidding. Bigay ko na lang ‘yan diyan sa... You know, that lowest bid is a b*** s***. That what was... has been pulling our country down ever since.

Every generation or government administration has had its share of corruption in their budget. Always ‘yan. Hanggang ngayon dito. Kaya ako, pinatalsik ko ang sa Budget.

He was screwing government, you know? Hu--- mabuti’t na lang hindi ko siya hinulog doon sa... Totoo lang, gusto kong tadyakan siya sa hagdanan. Kung maka--- ‘yun ang makainit ng ulo ko.

Q: So, are you supporting, Mayor, the localized peace talks with the CPP...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes. Kung mag-surrender kayo lahat, wala naman talaga mangyari. Fifty years in the making, then you are another 50 years. We can talk continuously with the left. I am not about ready to give up everything and anything in the --- in the, in the altar of peace for our country.

Wala akong ano diyan. I --- I do not fight them with money or... I'm just saying na kung mag-surrender kayo, ayaw na ninyo gusto ng patayan, or pumatay ng kapwa mo Pilipino, mag-surrender ka na. Bigyan kita ng bahay automatic, at bigyan kita ng trabaho.

Pero magtrabaho kayo. This is not an honorarium thing. You have to work for it.

Q: Thank you, Mayor.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Tatal, ang mga sundalo, trabaho ka man rin, patay ka pa.

Q: Maayong gabii, Mayor.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Maayong gabii.

Q: Sinabi po ni PM Abe na tutulong ang Japan sa pagpapatupad ng medium- at long-term action plans sa illegal drug counter-measure. Itatanong ko lang po, how exactly will they execute it, and papaano po ito mararamdaman ng mga Pilipino? Would it be more killing?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I am trying to gauge the situation. PDEA has a very limited human resource, the warm bodies there.

Kung totoo 'yung sinasabi nila na it can improve the overall picture ng law and order kung wala ang pulis, tingnan natin. If it's worsened, tingnan natin. Then, sabihin ko, mag-petition muna tayo doon sa Human Rights kung anong magagawa nila.

If there is an increase of supply, there is an increase of addicts, then the first thing that we will hear, mga Human Rights, ano ho ngayong matutulong nito sa sitwasyon? Eh kung maganda na ang labas ng sitwa--- ang --- the events turn out to be good, then bigyan ko sila medalya. Marami ako diyan sa --- noong Mayor pa ako na hindi ko nagamit. Ipatunaw ko lang 'yang huli, tapos change the emblem and --- the logo, rather --- and I'll award them with medals.

Tignan natin. So as of now, I have not talked with the PDEA. But I will, maybe, ask a separate meeting with him. Kay Aaron. General Aaron Aquino. He used to be a Davao boy. He earned his purse here in Davao.

Q: Okay. Next question po, Mayor. Nasa 18 Japanese companies ang nagbigay ng Business Letter of Intent para sa investment dito sa bansa. Kung meron man, ilan po ba ang direktang mararamdaman at posibleng pakinabangan ng taga-Mindanao.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: They are in a hurry as we are. They want to finish during the... my term.

Sabi niya, “Yun na lang ang maibigay namin kung sakali.” But if it’s delayed, you know, how the imponderables of this planet evolve, then... pero huwag lang sana tayong maabutan ng gulo.

Because kung magulo ang Korean Peninsula, everything has to be put back to the pigeon hole.

Q: Daghang Salamat, Mayor.

Q: Maayong gabii po, sir. Ako po si [Asuka?] from Daily Manila Shimbun, Japanese newspaper po.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Saan ka, ma’am?

Q: Saan ka? Saan ka? Daily Manila Shimbun, it’s Japanese newspaper.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah akala ko taga Bulacan ka.

Q: Taga-Tokyo.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Your place is good, very nice.

Q: Thank you so much, sir. I have three questions. First, I’d like to ask you what did you feel when the Majesty, the Emperor recalled the victim --- the Filipino victims of World War II. What did you feel at that time?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Did we talk about the victims? No. What are you talking about --- the other issues?

Q: I’m talking about... when you talked to the Majesty, the Emperor, the first --- the Emperor said that there are so many Filipino victims during the World War II. So at that time, what did you feel? And after that, what did you talk with the Majesty?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: No. We restored our normal relations with Japan about, in 1950s... a long time, about ‘58. But almost a little over one year. All the issues there connected with the war are water under the bridge. It’s not being... even discussed in polite company.

Q: Okay, sir. Next question is that, is there any possibility that the Japanese Defense Forces join the Marawi rehabilitation in the fields?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: No, I do not think that they are sending soldiers --- the Japan Defense Forces. No. It’s their military arm of their government and I do not think that your Constitution would allow that thing to happen.

Q: How about the...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: We are very satisfied with the Japanese exports and technicians, they are all good.

Q: Is there any planning... joint training or joint drill between Philippines and Japan?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Maybe Coast Guard. The Coast Guard there is purely civilian. It belongs to the Department of Transportation. And Coast Guard is the component of enforcing the laws regarding --- the laws that is applicable in the territorial waters of Japan. Coast Guard lang po.

Q: Coast Guard. Thank you so much. Maraming salamat po, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Salamat. Akala ko taga-Bulacan ang...

Q: Maayong gabii, Mayor. Mayor, before you left the other day 'no, you emphasized the need among --- I mean, sa mga agenda na pag-uusapan niyo po was your concerns --- I mean, the neighboring countries' concern about North Korea...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Indeed.

Q: Can you discuss...?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes.

Q: Ano 'yung naging --- kamusta 'yung naging discussion niyo with the Prime Minister? Did you get to raise to him your proposal that somebody needs to reach out to the North Korean leader?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: No. We just talked about the perils of a war and all others were just incidentals. The main issue really is the, I said, miscalculation --- any of the countries involved.

It's always a miscalculation and how it would wreak havoc not only in the neighboring countries, particularly China, Korea and the neighboring peripheral countries around that country.

We also were talking about what would be the wages of war and how will it affect humanity. When you talk of nuclear bombs and nuclear weapons, there's no room for argument there. But one thing is sure, destruction. So ganun lang ang ano namin.

Q: 'Yung dialogue niyo, sir. Your proposal was more on trying to reach out to the North Korean leader, holding dialogues, was he --- was the Prime Minister amenable to that?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Everybody, I said, the one thing maybe, which is sorely lacking now is the communications.

And insofar as I'm concerned, I think it's only China who has that kind of competence to talk about these things about the, I said the costs of a nuclear blast.

Q: My second question po, Mayor. A Spokesman of the Japanese Government said that you and Prime Minister Abe discussed the issues on the maritime security and the freedom of navigation, including the South China Sea?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Correct. That has to be... One of the countries that is really interested in the freedom of navigation, especially coming in from the Indian Ocean, you go that narrow straight there.

And there's a lot of buildings there by China, and also some other countries are claiming some islands --- Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia.

It could be, really, a messy thing. Not only in the Philippines. Pati sila. Because each and every country has --- has an economic zone and it is overlapping.

Not only China claiming a majority of the area, but even dito sa atin. Sa Malaysia 'yung... And Indonesia. But always, we can resolve it by just talking.

Q: Ano 'yung concerns po ni Prime Minister, sir? Considering that vis-à-vis with your --- you've been pushing for warmer relations with China, ano po 'yun namang concerns po na nire-raise with China?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: In the meantime that we are not really prepared, just about anything except to talk. And then let us just talk.

I cannot imagine myself getting involved in a violent and almost a suicide action. We are --- You can read all the legal treaties there claiming this and claiming that. But the problem, I said, is I do not want to criticize the big powers now because it was really of their own making.

There has been sufficient time, [inaudible] all of the --- and there was activity there. But nobody, really... well, once in a while, raised a howl.

You know, China is building, but his --- but her promises are peaceful. So in the meantime, I said, since there is no space to talk about a violent option, let us just continue.

But China has put it on record, that near the Pag-asa, where we also have our bay there, the Scarborough Islands, China has committed to us not to build anything there and I hope that they would honor that commitment to us.

I hope and I pray. I do not want to create something here which is not good for us. For all us.

Q: Sir, holding on --- you're holding on to that...?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes. Well, tayo, once I commit to you as a President of a sovereign state, what comes out of my mouth is what it is. And it's always a commitment with honor.

Anything less than that, you lost the respect of... They probably would not have the time to --- or anybody inviting us for a talk and about, discuss giving aid and assistance to the country.

Q: Quickly lang, Mayor. If they do not --- they do not --- hindi nila tutuparin ‘yung kanilang naging commitment? What would happen?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, then I will send you to go there and demand compliance.

Q: But seriously, Mayor?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: There’s no other way around, except to give it to people who are speculating.

I am not speculating, I am using my --- the gray matter between my ears, and I said, I have a plan and someday if I make public, I hope you’ll join me.

But if your impatience suggest otherwise, then I can always take you in in government and maybe clothe you with an envoy status and go there and argue, and ask him, “What will you do to the Philippines if you reverse your decision to honor?”

It’s not for me to say. It’s them. That question should be answered by them. Not by me. Klaro na ako dito. Wala naman akong inagaw, basta ito akin. Then you [inaudible] the Scarborough Shoal. That was about it.

That was the fundamental issue at that time. Now that there’s construction everywhere, well I said, for lack of space and time, and whatever, I said... Well... China is also helping us.

So it’s not because we are not ready to lose it, but because, I said, the realities on the ground is far different. But there will be a time, and I assure you that I said, during my term na magtanong ako what is really in store for us all.

I hope we will reach that stage. And China is a good listener. Okay?

Q: Daghang salamat, Mayor.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Thank you.

O, ano? Bakit? Meron pa idagdag? Sige, magtanong kayo. Anybody wants to...? Saan galing ‘to?

Q: Hi, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah. ABS-CBN.

Q: Sabi ko nga. Good evening, Mr. President. Mr. President, last October 23, Mayor Sara Duterte launched Tapang at Malasakit Alliance to unite the Filipinos. Many are saying na

pantapat daw po ‘yun sa Tindig Pilipinas, and many are speculating na nagpaparamdam na siya for 2019 elections. But, of course, sabi niya she will run for Congress, but sa mga appearances niya lately, like in Malita, Davao Occidental, ang introduction sa kanya is, “The next president.”

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Maniwala ka pala niyan? Istorya ‘yan... Wala ‘yan. No. Inday is not interested. You know, I’m telling you the truth. She did not really want to be Mayor. And I have a letter of her resignation.

We were inducted into office, June 30 last year. Correct?

Q: Yes.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Alam mo, July 1, dumating na sa table ko that she was resigning from the mayorship because of blah-blah-blah-blah. And I have to fly back and... It was a very agonizing moment for me and...

Ayaw talaga eh. And sabi ko, “Well, alam mo, if we are elected, it’s really the voice of the people asking us. Total eleksyon naman ‘to. And if you are the winner of the huge majority, then you can say that the voice of the people is the voice of God.”

So, sabi ko, “You have to honor it.” Because I did not start it. It was my father who became governor and later on, in between the years, they were foisting my candidacy in one election, local, pinapatanong ako ni Don Antonio Floirendo if I can run for the locals.

My mother gave me a ticket and said, “Go to Manila and get lost there. Do not ever ever enter politics.”

Then, hindi ko naman talaga... Eh dumating ang EDSA. Then pinilit nila akong mag-resign as prosecutor. Sinabi ko, “Okay.” Buhay pa naman ‘yan sila hanggang ngayon.

Sinabi ko, “Okay, pero pagkatapos nitong one year, kung maari lang, gusto ko lang mag-judge.” Kasi malaki ang sweldo konti. Makapag-aral ang mga anak ko sa Manila. Kasi gusto nila doon mag-aral eh.

And the opportunity was there. You know why they come on? Dahil gusto ko ‘yung mga anak ko makapag-aral ng gusto nila at magandang edukasyon.

Eh itong si Paolo, I said, he charted his own course. Ito namang bunso, hindi ko naman --- artista pala ang gusto. Babae. Let us respect their choice.

Ako naman, I forgot to --- itong kay Inday na local initiative. I am encouraging her. And to the New People’s Army, do not take it so badly. Wala namang pilitan ‘to eh. ‘Yung gusto lang magpahinga.

If you are tired killing another human being, you're always invited to go back mainstream. Balik kayo dito at alagaan ko kayo. And eventually, just to prepare you for the entry into the mainline of society. Mainstream rather.

Q: Reaction niyo lang po Mr. President, dun sa Tapang at Malasakit Alliance?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Sino ang tinatanong mo niyan? Si Inday o ako?

Q: Kayo po. 'Yung sa in-organize niya na alliance, asking also the opposition to...?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: She said it very clear that she was hurt by 'yung --- alam mo na, pati 'yung kapatid niya. Alam niyo man 'yan hindi totoo. Matagal man akong Mayor dito. Kailan pa niyo ako nakita nag...?

And I said, except for Trillanes, anybody can come here and I will authorize you to take a peek into my... Pero huwag mo akong gawing uto-uto. Hindi talaga ako mag... Meron na ako, nandiyan, bakit hindi niya gamitin?

I executed that waiver before the elections. To meet the challenge of, sabi "maraming pera."

Nagbigay na ako, sabi "may expiry." Walang expiry 'yan. At ibigay ko sa iyo 'yun bukas at saka tawagan ko, tawagan ni, he was my lawyer, Atty. Panelo. Tawagan niya.

You allow ABS-CBN to take a peek. Magkano? Eh kayo man 'yung nag-ano. Pero wala na ako sa ano --- ayaw ko na rin mag...

You know, I promised one single lady, sa inyo, empleyado lang rin. She was very... almost a condescending attitude. Sabi ko na --- sabi kasi --- andun pa naman siya sa ABS.

Sabi ko, "You can tell your boss that after we shake hands today --- tonight, sabihin mo sa kanya, hindi na ako magsalita." That's a fact --- factual... Eh kasi kayo 'yung nag-ano ng talagang corruption-corruption.

Bigyan ko --- I'll give you the authority, there's the waiver. Walang expiry date 'yan. Kaya nilagay ko 'yan, walang expiry. So kuwan 'yan --- use that in my whole term as Presidency.

Q: Thank you po.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: May pahabol pa.

Q: Business Mirror. Sir, you said something...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ayaw ko sa iyo, yellow ka. [laughter] Hanap tayo ng iba diyan.

Q: Sir, you said something like making Marawi the center of moderation and...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Tolerance.

Q: And may you elaborate on that and why... your basis on that?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, of course. There was always a working church there. 'Yung pari, he was taken hostage, and the other church workers.

Well of course, they destroyed the images of... that's something else to be talked about at some other time.

But there was. There were Christians there. Wala naman tayong --- Except that I said, "There's one thing that I would like to abolish in this country. I'm not talking of any particular place... itong slavery."

I will go after you. Totohanan 'yan. 'Pag may nagsumbong dito sa akin na dinala 'yung anak niya, lalo na 'yang --- they grow up as slaves thinking that they are really slaves. I do not care whether it's a Moro or a Christian.

I want that practice stopped because it's inhuman and you do not consign the life of a certain person to slavery for all time.

Kapareho ko 'yan sa droga. Huwag mong gawain 'yan. I will place you in the level of drugs. Kidnapping people and making slaves out of them. You better watch out.

'Pag malaman ko, talagang pupuntahan talaga kita. I, myself, as President, will go to you and decide your...

Q: Sir, with money in hand for the rehabilitation, what would we expect in the next, say, in the next 6 months, what would be Marawi like? And the next one year, and how do we move the population?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, there's no need because everything has a certain particular shelter now. The rich are somewhere else, busy building their own houses somewhere.

Ang concern ko 'yung mahirap and ang set-up is ganito. The Defense Department is the overall entity.

It should be Defense Secretary Lorenzana. Marami naman 'yan siyang mga undersecretaries. They can work out something for Marawi. Then it goes to one single person.

There were many proposals in the Cabinet which I overruled because I hate 'yung mga committee-committee. Mauubos lang ang pera diyan.

So from the table of the Defense Secretary, it goes to one person, COO and that is General Ed del Rosario. Si Del Rosario ang tawagin niya if he needs something from DPWH.

I am --- I am all... all of them, the Secretaries are under orders to report to General del Rosario in matters about Marawi, including the financing, including the... Some --- a separate entity will account.

I'm not saying that there was a disaster. Another disaster that happened in Leyte and that was the loss of about everything pati pera, pati tao, cynic na.

So I can assign you, being the Undersecretary or sinong gusto, but it will be under the supervision of one man. So that 'pagka pumalpak, si del Rosario 'yan.

'Pag hindi sa --- ayon sa policy ng gobernyo, so Secretary Lorenzana will answer for you.

I only have one straight line. Ang mga assistant, DPWH, call the Undersecretary. No need for a committee. Just tell him. Tell your Secretary that is what is needed there.

Agriculture? Tawagan mo ang Undersecretary ni Piñol tapos sabihin mo, "Ito, kailangan ko dito. Another project." "For what?"

Meron namang mga bahay and, well... I have some announcements to give Monday after the Cabinet meeting.

I will just ask them to give me the consensus of what should be done.

Pero we will jumpstart the project and it is there already and I said, we will be discussing it, making it the first issue in the agenda.

Q: One particular item that is problematic daw sa housing is, the place is a military reservation, and how would we go about it?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Well, it is a huge tract of land. Ang military naman is ready. Just give him --- give them a little bit of space where they can conduct everything they should know about soldiering.

Palagay ko naman they are not ready to claim so many areas there.

And Marawi proper, we have to concede it to the Moros there. The Moro will have to, you know, clean up the place and they can have it.

But just about in front of Marawi, I will create a new camp. Maybe one regiment or one division doon within the vicinity of the greater Marawi area.

Q: Thank you, Mr. President.

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