

SPEECH OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING THE LAUNCHING OF KARNE, ISDA SUPPLY SUPORTA SA MASA AT EKONOMIYA (KISS ME) PROJECT

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Salamat po. Kindly sit down and thank you for the courtesy.

Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol; Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana; AFP Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Rey Leonardo Guerrero; Flag Officer-in-Command Vice Admiral Ronald Mercado, Sir; Army Commanding General Lieutenant General Rolando Bautista; Air Force Commanding General Major General Galileo Kintanar; mga kasama ko sa gobyerno; mga kababayan.

As usual... *[shows his speech] [laughter]* You know, when we meet and pay our respects or admiration for our heroes, it takes a longer talk or discussion of what --- what happened after Marawi.

Alam mo, sinabi ko na sa inyo, mahal ko ang sundalo ko, mahal ko ang pulis ko. And for you guys, kagaya ninyo na medyo matindi ang tama, I have released five hundred thousand. *[500?]* Ah 500 million pala.

Mayaman ang ano ngayon. Nagbayad na kasi 'yung may mga utang na malalaki eh. Ah 500 million just to place you where you are.

Ang sinabi ko, at this time when you are supposed to go into a therapy or treatment, I would like you to have a housing project or village nearby.

Lahat 'yung mga sundalo *[applause]* na ganun ang sitwasyon ninyo, pati 'yung wounded recuperating, 'yung parang convalescence. I have ordered a village somewhere near Metro Manila para easy access lang.

Kung maaari lang diyan sa likod-likod. At bigyan ko kayo ng mga bahay kaagad and more spacious, bigger than the ones that we were giving in the past. And in the likes of what we are constructing for our soldiers elsewhere.

Gusto ko na mag-training muna kayo and gusto kong malaman ninyo na may buhay after Marawi, that there is life after Marawi. *[applause]*

And kung maaari lang, if we have a computer somewhere, I'd like you to remain in the service. Nasa serbisyo pa rin kayo ng gobyerno, 'yung mga trabaho na ano lang, karapat-dapat na kaya ninyo.

But for those --- actually, it's a matter of endurance and perseverance. For those na na-ano ninyo, I'm going to buy you the prosthetics, ang kailangan ninyo, and it's gonna be a titanium, 'yung pinaka-gaan.

'Yung gamit ni Blade Runner, 'yung g*** na walang paa at marunong mag-takbo, pero pinatay naman niya 'yung uyab niya. Nasa presohan na ngayon.

What I'm trying to say that he was really a champion in running. If you could manage to do that, I'm willing to spend.

'Yang 500 million na 'yan, para lang 'yan sa 'yung tinamaan sa giyera.

Of course, there are other military engagements sa --- in the rest of the country. But for those who are really, pardon the word, tutal tanggapin na lang niyo it's reality, disabled, mayroon kayong buhay na sarili.

You might want to go to a computer training or whatever. And if you can be accommodated in the AFP again for a job that does not require moving around, I'd be glad to fund the program.

But in the meantime, bigyan ko kayo ng bahay. Turuan ko kayong mag --- tumutulong nga tayo sa mga NPA na mga g***** 'yan, kayo pa.

I'm going to make it easy for you. 'Yung medisina ninyo does not have go into the bureaucratic greed. Matagal eh, 'yang proseso ng ano.

So si General Macario is --- just retired. He's going to oversee all of these things, parang tatay ninyo. And he will see to it that everything is done properly in accordance with what we wish it to desire for you.

'Yan ang maaasahan ninyo. Hindi ko kayo iiwan at may hanap-buhay kayo. *[applause]*

I will make sure na 'yung mga anak ninyo, 'yung mga anak ninyo okay na 'yan. Sagot na 'yan ng gobyerno. All you have to do is to be inspired.

At alam mo, ganun lang ang buhay. Pero kung saan ka abutin, eh 'di make the best out of it.

But one thing is sure, hindi kayo pababayaan ng gobyerno. At no other time in the past, I mean, no other administration has given you so much.

You can acquire the best of equipments at ang gusto ko 'yung bago lahat. I am not to --- I am not about to embark on buying 'yung mga secondhand na ano, armaments. It's either we buy brand new or wala.

But we have to face the reality that there's going to be so many wars ahead of us. 'Yung kinalaban ninyo, susulpot 'yon sa ibang lugar. And many, many will have to sacrifice.

But gusto ko lang malaman at this early, kakatapos lang, na i-pwesto ko kayo sa sitwasyon na wala naman kayong masabi. At pagdasal ninyo sa gabi, at least you can say that God has really taken care of you.

'Yun lang ang gusto ko. May livelihood ang Department of Agriculture. Nandito si Secretary Piñol.

Alam mo kung bakit kinuha ko si Secretary Piñol as Agriculture secretary? Magkakapit-bahay lang 'yung bahay namin. Kidapawan, Makilala is just a town going North Cotabato, beyond the first --- sa border ng Davao City, Bansalan.

And I know him very well. He is a farm boy, pero bright ito si Piñol. Talagang as in bright. Valedictorian 'to. Kaya lang ang first love niya boxing.

Sige lang announce nang announce. He enjoys... "Ito, tinamaan na si ano, bumagsak na." Sabi ko, "Dito ka muna. Tumahimik ka na."

Taga-Ilonggo ni. Mga Ilonggo nga gusto mag-daldal na. O ara na o, tumba na ang kontra, I**** na. De p*** wala na. *[laughter]*

So this time, he is concentrating to help his fellowmen. Governor ito ng for the longest time in North Cotabato.

He's a farm boy so he understands the mechanics or the dynamics of farming, from planting the seeds up to the time of harvest and where to get the best bargain for your products.

So kilala ko siya. Siya ang kinuha ko and sa awa ng Diyos, okay naman. 95 na daw ang... *[Sigurado ka niyan?]* *[laughter]*

Alam mo, do not be offended. My lola on the other side is Ilonggo. So kayong mga Ilonggo, why man kamo ma-offended sa akon nga ginasulti? Pero linte ning Ilonggo, gauna ang tikal ah. Ka-damo sang bugas sa amon, wa'y problema ng shortage.

May sabihin ako sa inyo ha. 'Wag kang magalit, Man. Kaya sabi ko, "Sigurado ka diyan?"

Kasi diyan sa airport sa Davao, you've been to the airport sa Davao, I'm sure, all of you, almost.

May ara ngadto nga mga masahista. Tag bulag na sila, buta, eh 'di sila lang ang gina-allow ng gobyerno diha sa sulod kay mga pasahero gahuwat sang flight magpa-masahe. Eh 'di pagka-adto ko isang beses, kilala na nila ang boses ko. "Si Mayor na?" "Oo. May flight ako Maynila."

Di pag abot ni Governor Piñol, ingon siya, "Pare, magpamasaha rin ako." Wa pa siya kaayo kilala sa mga airport --- mga therapists tawag nila.

Tapos 'yung minasahe na siya, sige na yaw-yaw 'tong masahista I****, "Ilonggo ka?" Sabi ni mayor, "Oo. Ngano alam mo Ilonggo ko?" Sabi, "I****, sir may problema. Tang-ayon sang ulo mo?" "Ti, wa'y man?" "Ti, puro hangin ang sulod ah."*[laughter and applause]*

Pero that is just --- iba naman 'yung joke ng iba. On my father side, Maranao ang lola ko, Mindanaoan talaga ako. My father is a Cebuano but Mindanaoan ako.

Nanay... Ang nanay ko, Maranao. Ang joke naman sa Maranao, kayong mga Maranao diyan makinig kayo. Kung kami-kami lang ang magbiruan, okay 'yan. Wala sa amin 'yan.

Pero kung ibang tribo ka, medyo... Eh 'yun namang Maranao, paglabas niya sa boundary gasirit siya, paspas kaayo, over speeding. Eh 'di hinabol siya ng highway patrol, ayaw talagang huminto.

Nung na-corner na siya sa kurbada, blocking siya, sabi niya, "Uy, sir. Bakit ka nandiyan sa harap ko? Wala man akong kasalanan." "Hindi. Over speeding ka."

"Hala! Ako, nag-over speeding? Eh paglagpas mo pa sa boundary, kala mo iyo na itong highway." "'Yan ang mahirap dito, sir. Ako ang nag-over speeding, pero ikaw ang nag-overtake sa akin hindi nag-over speeding?" [laughter]

'Yan ang mga jokes namin sa Mindanao. For the Maranao's 'yang... Wala, basta kami-kami lang ang magbiruan, wala 'yan.
'Yung Ilonggo na...

'Yun lang ang... 'Wag kayong mawalaan ng pag-asa and do not indulge in so much self-pity. Wala 'yan. May buhay...

If you can struggle with a prosthetics, it takes years, pero you can walk again.
And I'll give you the best that, 'yung tawag nila na titanium, magaan 'yan. It's not aluminum, mas magaan pa. Tsaka kung marunong na kayo, 'di bale, kung siguro kung maayos kayo, balik kayo doon serbisyo, mas matagal pa kayong mag...

I'm sure you'll be all right. Okay ang buhay ninyo, wala kayong problema. Edukasyon ng anak ninyo, 'yung medisina. I said, I just released 500 million, para lang 'yan sa tinamaan.

Exclusively para lang 'yan sa sugatan, requirements ninyo sa prosthetics or whatever. Including those who are wounded or rendered disabled in the other theaters of war, all throughout the country. 'Yan ang asahan ninyo.

But I want to build a village near here so that you'll have the best therapy, training and access to the hospital and medyo mas malapit.

Wala kayong problema sa edukasyon. I said, aming problema na 'yan. Ang iyo, there's another struggle. Struggle first to overcome what you are experiencing now at nandiyan kami.

Makaka... You will be useful again, maniwala kayo. Maano lang 'yan, prosthetics lang 'yan. But it's gonna be a very long, long sessions of therapy. But I'm sure you'll recover normally.

So 'yan lang ang maibigay ko sa inyo na pag-asa. Binigyan ko kayo... That's an --- a new, I'm not politicking. That's a new medal that was created under me.

Kasi itong mga Tagalog minsan... Meron bang Tagalog dito? Ngayon, they were... Alam mo, 'yung mag-ano tayo ng mga heroes, talagang bilib ako.

Ang hero ko si Gregorio del Pilar. The hero of the Tirad Pass. Of course, Rizal, he's my foremost idol, next to my father.

Bilib ako sa kanilang lahat, pati 'yung nagp***** i**, si Luna. Bilib ako doon kay pareho ang bunganga namin. Pero malayo ang agwat namin ha.

Pero kaming mga Cebuano, 'yung mga Bisaya, reklamo nang reklamo. "Bakit wala tayo?" Sabi ko, "May Order of Sikatuna." Sikatuna was a rebel also at his time, he fought the invaders.

Ang pinakaproblema, si Lapu-Lapu. Now, he's religion is... But I think he was a Tausug. Kita mo 'yung ano niya, 'yung headgear niya? 'Yung nakabalot sa ano, it's a Tausug thing.

So maybe because the resistance was strongest in his group because he was a Muslim. So 'yung mga Muslims, sabi ko, mga Bisaya, sabi ko, "I will create an order of a new batch of heroes." So 'yung order of Lapu-Lapu.

Lapu-Lapu was the first to fight the imperialists sa ating country. Talagang bakbakan sila. Pinatay nga niya si Magellan eh.

So that's the history of Lapu-Lapu is colorful also. I do not care about what was his religion. That's the least consideration for me. Basta mabigyan kayo ng honor.

So those are the... Although in different categorize but at least mabigyan kayo ng parangal sa bayan.

In the same manner na... Hindi ako namomolitika when I decided to approve the burial of Marcos.

The law says, "He must be a soldier and/or a President of the Republic of the Philippines." On both counts, he was. But if you are questioning his soldiering, that is not my problem. That's in the past.

But what I know is that he was really the President. I know because my father was a Cabinet member of Mr. Marcos during his first term.

At ang sinabi ko naman to the rest of the nation is this, you might not like Marcos, in Central Luzon, Visayas, but you know, the Ilocanos deserve their own modern-day hero.

Lahat ng Ilocano, halos lahat, consider Marcos their hero. And therefore, it is only fitting that I will order his burial. Give the Ilocano people their hero.

'Yan ang ano... Kung sino 'yung hero doon sa region niya, that's the same reason. Not just because one or two or three is against it, you are right. The law is always right. 'Yan ang tandaan ninyo.

Kasi kung hindi natin susunod 'yung batas, eh 'di magkanya-kanya na tayo. Kami sa Mindanao, sisibat na kami. Eh wala pala ditong sinusunod ninyo eh.

That's the problem of intellectual arrogance. Kayo dito, 'yung mga nasawi, nabugbog, pasensya kayo. But if you continue to deny that the facts of history, you would have alienated the country and more divisions.

Kaya if the Visayas would come up with their hero, then if the record is really true, I'll give you your hero. Walang problema 'yan.

Kagaya ninyo, who can debate with anybody that you are not the hero? Kaya kung magsaludo ako sa inyo, usually ako ang maunang bumaba o ako mauna ganun.

Kita niyo, pagpasok ko, paglapit ko sa'yo, ako ang sumasaludo at sinasabi kong, "Ibaba mo, sir." That is really --- bilib ako at may respeto ako because a President usually as Commander-in-Chief, lahat sila.

But ako, pagka ganito ang sitwasyon, ako 'yung nauuna.

There's nothing --- no big deal 'yan Presidente ka magsaludo ka sa mga sundalo, mauna ka.

That is a protocol that I can always ignore because when you are the President, you are always right. So kung gusto kong maunang mag-salute because bilib ako sa inyo, bilib ako sa inyo. Period.

'Wag ninyo akong bigyan ng imposition. Just a word or two for this afternoon. So again, it will be maybe just give me until March matatapos 'yang village ninyo including the site.

I just want it near the camps or in urban cities so that you'll have access to everything. Fitting ang ano ng prosthetics, gusto ko 'yung titanium. It's a very viable ano --- maganda. Wala kayong masabi.

Ikaw bata, kaya mo 'yan, lalakad ka pa. Anak mo 'yung lumapit sa'yo? Anak mo? Ilan ang anak mo? Lima? *[laughter]* Alam mo totoo 'yan nandiyan man sila.

Kung pupunta ako ng mga ospital either Jolo or --- magtanong --- first, tanungin mo sila, kasi naawa ako sa tao. 'Pag magsabi 'yan ng, "Ilan anak mo?" "Anim". T***** naman. *[laughter]*

Huwag mo na --- sabi ko, "Oy paglabas mo sa ospital huwag ka nang bumalik doon sa kampo ninyo ha. Punta ka sa akin. Bigyan kita trabaho." Tagapaanak lang. T*****. Kala mo. *[laughter]*

Tama na ang isa, dalawa. Masyadong marami ang --- lalo na 'yang sundalo. Limit the heartaches of the people around.

Okay man 'yan pero --- kung tanggapin lang ninyo the advice, isa, dalawa. Anim, pito, kalokohan na 'yan.

Dishonorable discharge 'yan. Over sex. *[laughter]* T*** i** Delikado 'yan. Diyan mamatay magsibat sa kampo siguro. Hanap mo chuk-chak doon sa iba. *[laughter]*

So, with that, on that note, I will just --- the last two paragraphs para naman. Sino bang gumawa nito? Itong aide-de-camp ko Navy man 'to. Si China, Annapolis 'to. Totoo lang. Tigas 'yan. Ikaw gumawa nito?

Just let me read the... Let me reiterate that what I earlier declared, there can never a be real, tangible and felt development without making our people feel secure.

It is our duty to uphold their welfare. Together, let us make our dreams happen by working hard in laying the foundations of a productive and comfortable life for all Filipinos.

Again, congratulations at mabuhay kayong mga sundalo! Saludo ako. *[applause]*

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