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Good Governance: Effectively Respond to Any Disaster, Anywhere in the Country
(Launching and Commissioning of the Philippine Red Cross Humanitarian Vessel “Amazing Grace”, Philippine Navy Headquarters, Manila, May 9, 2017)

Former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo; Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III; Secretary Paulyin Jean Rosell-Ubial; Secretary Benjamin Diokno and the members of the Cabinet; Senator Richard Gordon, the incoming President of the Republic of the Philippines.

The donors of Red Cross might want to consider the man behind Red Cross. Members of the Senate and House of Representatives; officials, employees of the Philippine Red Cross; men and women of the Philippine Navy; fellow workers in government; honored guests; my beloved countrymen.

You know, there are two persons I dread to be with if they are talking.

One was, well, he was not able to hurdle the Commission on Appointments but… Well, he’s really bright, but… And every Cabinet meeting, I would be wondering what he’s saying. And second is… The diction is perfect. The voice is good, but the drawl, it’s not even American, it’s not Texan, it’s a little bit of an Ilocano ang pagsalita.

No offense intended, Mr. President Gordon, but… You know, I come from a province and we seldom hear that kind of talk. Unless, there is a visiting American Navy or American tourist, I get to talk to them, and we are not quite adept in making out, especially if your hearing is not good, like me.
I was whispering to the City Health Secretary, “Can you make out of what the guy is talking?” And he said, “He was talking about Red Cross.” “Oh, I know.”

You talk with a fast… You talk fast and the drawl is distinctly Ilocano, parang…

Well, I have a prepared speech. It’s about two pages and if we want to go home early, I can accommodate you. It will take about less than a minute.

But I would like to share with you a very profound experience in my life.

You know, we, local government officials, I, like Lito of Zamboanga, we have been… I have been mayor for the last 23 years in Davao before becoming a President. And we are not new to disasters, man-made or natural. And we deal with it almost every other day.

There’s a fire. You have to get up from bed, go to the fire scene, then start mobilizing your men and you stay there until you are satisfied that everything is in place. That is how we live as local officials. We stare eyeball-to-eyeball with the human tragedy.

But nothing can beat the November 8… Senator Gordon, ay President Gordon, corrected me I thought it was November 5 and it was November 8, 2013.

I was really appalled that despite the fact that the warning came to us early and that it would be the most powerful typhoon so far in the century. But it’s not in the nonchalant attitude but many of our countrymen took it lightly.

And when it hit Leyte and Samar, we were all ignorant of what was really happening. The towers were down and there
was no communication at all. I was able to get through and got the news from the military. You know wherever they are, they have this string that they can just — and communicate and the... I think it was the of that place, the guy who was assigned to Davao before called me and told me, “Sir, bagsak ang Tacloban.” Sabi ko, “Gaano kabagsak?” “How bad is it?” And I thought that naïveté was really... And I said, “How many died? 300? 200?” He said, “No, Sir, there are thousands around town lying and in decay.”

So that was the following day. That night I mobilized 911 of Davao. Well, aside from... Second to Olongapo, I might be... First, Olongapo, first. And I have the best 911, the most complete. So I mobilized 10 doctors, 10 nurses, all male and I told them, “Bring as many alcohol as you can because...” I said, “We are not foreigners, aliens to this kind of event.”

So I flew by Cebu Pacific and took a chopper. And no offense intended to anyone. But when I look at the Gulf of Leyte, I could not see even one boat there in the water. There was no ship at all. And when I went down, the guy, I think he was a policeman assigned in the aviation, he has... I was carrying a bottled water, sinabi, “Sir, may tubig kayong dala?” And it dawned upon me that there was really a crisis.

I could not see any ship, of any size, doing any kind of work at all or just even paddling around. And even in the airport there were still bodies, and bodies after bodies, and I could not get a ride.

So I had to walk to the Regional Office of the PNP. And even on the gate, there were about — I could almost surmise that they were highway patrol policemen because of their long boots.

When you ride the motor you have to protect your legs and that’s why these policemen riding — they call it the
“hagads” — they have these long boots. And there were three of them, just through the — in the gate. And I went inside and met the officials of the government.

I do not want to say something bad. It’s no longer time to do it. Anyway, we have the ship. It has been all compensated — the agony and suffering. It’s a refreshing sight that there’s a boat there ready to go to where the Filipino is suffering.

_Pero iyong nakita ko_, I cried twice. I was walking along towards the PNP Headquarters, I could see one family lying together, _tapos dalawa, isa, dalawa_, and male, female.

But I chanced upon this almost five months baby. She was alone beside a dead dog. And so I excused myself from the party, and said I’d like to pee. Actually I was looking for a — inside the wreckage and I cried.

I could not bear the sight. And what is really is that... I do not mean any... Day two, _kasi umalis na kaagad ako_, I flew out in the afternoon. I went home in the evening. It was at the airport that I cried publicly.

But the following day I was following up because I prepared two teams, I knew or I know now, I knew then that they could only stand two days.

That’s my... That’s my experience in Davao and in the crisis in Mindanao and during the airplane crash when you are there. The stench and everything, the soldiers could only stand and the doctors for two days and after that they would bog down.

So I dispatched the other 20 a day after. And I told them — the original group to come home. And I was asking them, “Is there any activity, the gathering of the dead and everything, the
decomposing bodies?” And said, “Not yet.” And I was really… I looked to the heaven and said, “My God what’s…” “Anong nangyari?”

Something went terribly wrong that Yolanda. Very, very wrong. And I just want to share it with you because I could not forget it. Still ‘yung bata na maliiit. And there were… The wind must have carried the poor child. And I hope it would not happen again.

I went there because I was born in Leyte. I was… I’m a 1945… When the Americans landed in… My father was a soldier. He was with JAGO. And he was busy in Cebu City. I do not want to mention the personalities but they are old politicians. They were prosecuting them for collaboration with the Japanese government. But I think it was a correct move along the way, an amnesty was declared and everybody was forgiven.

So that’s how I really dread crisis and catastrophes like this. We have to give it to Senator — President Gordon. I have to get used to it, I’m sorry, Mr. President. It’s only about a few more years and the… And he’s one guy who every time he goes out of the country, he buys a leather jacket because I ride a motor.

I have gone around the Philippines twice from Abra to — on a big bike. And during the days of crisis or the days of living dangerously, I and Gringo, I call him Gringo, I’d like to call him Gringo now. He was wanted by the government but he was in Davao with me and itong isa si Rod, the guy from the Air Force. We were having a great time touring around the place. We were wearing helmets but that is how competent the Armed Forces is.

The guy was… We were… I said we were having a great time traveling down the streets of Davao, eating durian on the sidewalk, and my God, nobody recognized Senator Honasan, and I said that’s how good our Armed Forces are or is.
You know I have to make the salutations and the terms of endearment. This would not have been possible were it not for the human spirit that you possess. And to you guys I salute you. And I would want to say my personal words and even to the guy – to do justice to the guy who prepared the speech. Para naman may...

When the tragedy of Yolanda struck our nation more than three years ago, emergency responders faced the formidable task of reaching the devastated areas due to insufficient transport facilities and heavily damaged infrastructure.

We already learned our lesson. I am therefore happy to join you today as we launch the state-of-the-art PRC Relief and Recovery Ship known as the “Amazing Grace”.

That is the song of those who are facing the firing squad. What else can you display? Except accept it with grace.

When carrying a capacity of 20 vehicles and 130 passengers and the capability to dock on any port or beach, this ship shall serve as the realization of the PRC’s vision of effectively responding to any disaster anywhere in the country.

Through this ship, the PRC would be able to complement government forces in providing immediate relief assistance during emergency and crisis situations.

This ship shall also serve as a reminder of the will and determination of the PRC to face any obstacle in pursuit of its noble cause.

We therefore appreciate the efforts of the Red Cross, the Red Crescent Movement in ensuring that PRC would be able to purchase this ship to the funding of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies with British, German, and Japanese Red Cross.
With the general assistance to its international partners, PRC has indeed played an indispensable role in the coordination and mobilization of relief operations whenever we face a country situation.

With the launching of this ship, we join the PRC in embracing the culture of volunteerism and selflessness.

May this inspire us to come together and reach out to anyone who may need aid and comfort.

I also call upon PRC to take a more active role in the efforts to maintain peace and order in our communities.

Be vigilant not only in assisting our people from natural and man-made calamities, but also in initiating programs that would complement our fight against illegal drugs, crime and corruption.

May this ship serve as a concrete reminder to all of us that above all we must prioritize the safety, the well-being and the welfare of our people.
Foreign Relations: Realize a Drug-Free ASEAN Community
(Opening Plenary: ASEAN at 50 Years Young, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, May 11, 2017)

Your Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon. I thank you and the World Economic Forum (WEF) for this opportunity to address you.

ASEAN has long been here, long way since its establishment 50 years ago. We have overcome initial difficulties to become a more united region of great promise and substantial progress.

Guided by common values and shared aspirations, ASEAN is at the core of regionalism in Southeast Asia. ASEAN’s 10 Member States now stand firmly at the center of the future of the Asia-Pacific region.

ASEAN is becoming a significant global player. It plays a key role in promoting peace and stability in the region. And it is an emerging economic powerhouse.

The region is now the world’s sixth largest economy, the third largest consumer base. It stands at the crossroads of global trade flows.

ASEAN is home to more than 600 million people, making it larger than the European Union or North America.

ASEAN has the third-largest labor force in the world. Our young population is producing a demographic dividend.
Understandably, there is increased investor confidence in our region.

But while we celebrate ASEAN’s achievement, we recognize that more needs to be done for our people.

We continue to face many challenges: Integration and connectivity efforts have to be ramped up; technological changes impact on the work force as well the as trade and investment, and capital flows; transnational crime threaten to undermine economic progress; and, development gaps threaten to hold us back from achieving the inclusive growth for our peoples.

But we cannot stand by and let these challenges hold us back from achieving the future of our people, which deserve the change.

As ASEAN Chair, the Philippines resolves to establish meaningful partnerships for positive change as we engage the larger world.

We aim to operationalize the ASEAN’s goal of achieving a vibrant, sustainable, and highly integrated economy.

Our vision is an ASEAN Economic Community that is relevant, responsive and transformative.

We seek strengthened channels for connectivity.

We will intensify efforts to narrow the development gap across all areas.

This, as we seek ASEAN’s unity and solidarity at all times through a common principled position that enhances its role and amplifies its voice in the international fora.

We will continue to seize opportunities with our economic partners within and outside of the region.
But make no mistake: in our pursuit of integration, it is distinctively ASEAN Way that will guide us.

What does this mean? It means achieving sustainable and inclusive development for our region, according to our needs, at our own pace and guided by our core values.

The ASEAN Way has allowed us to get to where we are now. It will take us forward furthermore.

ASEAN is cognizant of the need for more inclusive participation in the community building process.

We want to ensure that the benefits of integration are felt by all our people in the region.

But we face a development gap that must be addressed: While the region had seen poverty levels decrease by half in the last 50 years, development remains skewed.

There remains a huge disparity in our GDP per capita: from a low of 1,200 US dollars to a high of nearly 53,000.

One way to address this is to remain committed to the ASEAN Integration Work Plan III. It is targeted to accelerate economic integration of our newer partners, namely: Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Viet Nam.

Another is by promoting “Inclusive, Innovation-led Growth”. The Philippines champions economic priority deliverables that provide an enabling environment for the MSMEs to develop and become regionally and globally competitive.

MSMEs, after all, are significant contributors to ASEAN community. By boosting MSME capacities, we support equitable development, competitiveness, and robustness of the region’s economy.
Certainly, our community can only become strong if it is well-connected and highly integrated region.

The Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 must not remain a vision but a reality if we want to promote competitiveness, inclusiveness, and a greater sense of a community in the region.

In this regard, we have to focus on sustainable infrastructure, digital innovation, seamless logistics, regulatory excellence, and people mobility.

Most importantly, we should invest in human capital development.

Analysts point out that the Philippines, together with Southeast Asian countries, is in a demographic sweet spot and is likely to post Asia’s fastest economic growth rates in the coming years.

The youth is certainly a key sector that we must invest in. The ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2016-2020 encourages youth entrepreneurship, employment and employability, awareness, volunteerism, and resilience.

The plan deserves our full support. The ASEAN youth are among the best and most creative, intelligent and innovative in the world. We must empower them to be the best version of themselves.

But we cannot turn a blind eye on the scourge of illegal drugs that threatens our youth and the future of our societies.

We need to take a committed stand to dismantle and destroy the illegal drugs trade apparatus.

We must reaffirm our commitment to realize a drug-free ASEAN community.
Fifty years ago, the ASEAN Founding Fathers heeded the call for unity and acted with dedication, determination, and foresight.

Five decades hence, ASEAN has a compelling narrative for our world. ASEAN is now closer to achieving “One Vision, One Identity, and One Community.”

But the ASEAN story does not end here. This is a continuing tale that we must shape and build for the interests of our peoples.

The Philippines will do its part. ASEAN Member States will do their part as well. Join us and together let us be partners in an enduring engagement to bring positive change for our world and our region.
Foreign Relations: Constructive Engagement With the World
(Expanded Bilateral Meeting with President Xi Jinping, Beijing, China, May 15, 2017)

Thank you Your Excellency for the gracious invitation to return to Beijing. Allow me at this point to congratulate you on the success of the Belt and Road Forum.

We must have these and other fora of constructive engagement with the larger world.

But we must certainly continue to strengthen our bilateral relations.

I am pleased to be back in China to renew our nation’s ties of friendship.

I am eager to discuss ways of further expanding and deepening bilateral cooperation in pursuit of shared goals.

Since my state visit last year, the Philippines and China have seen the valued friendships become stronger.

I look forward to productive discussions today to continue this positive engagement to further deepen our relations.

At this time, I want to highlight the progress and development on some points.

We have resumed our regular dialogue mechanism. The Foreign Ministry consultations was finally reconvened in Manila this year to strengthen ties and to make use of that mechanism.
It is important to keep our communication lines open.

I am pleased that we have established a bilateral consultation mechanism on the South China Sea.

This is one step towards peacefully engaging disputes and I hope that the inaugural meeting on May 19th will be a success.

I congratulate you again on the success of the Belt and Road Forum.
First of all, I’d like to thank the government of Hong Kong and China for this warm welcome in my stopover from Cambodia.

Sa Cambodia po, pumunta ako for the meeting with the financial — World Economic Forum. Pera ang pinagusapan. Pero tayo, hanggang usap lang muna ha kasi bumebwelo pa tayo.

And I am on my way to — or right after this meeting with you, I’m going to proceed to Beijing for the One Belt, One Road.

This is the strategy of President Xi Jinping for the prosperity of maybe in this region sa the ASEAN community and throughout the world.

Mainly because, I think, there are about 21 heads of state attending this meeting. And I was one of those lucky to be invited.

And I’m sure that mapapag-usapan lang namin doon would really be how to improve the economy of the world.

To date, wala ho akong masabi except my profuse thanks to China for helping us out.

Remember that there was a time na ang export natin parang hindi tinatanggap dito. And all of because ang America sa panahon ni Obama and China who were not really — not
really enemies or hostile but not proper things maybe ‘yun siguro agreements but in a polite community. Wala sila masyadong rapport. And not until after I declared that I am veering away, mag-split ako and chart my own independent agreements regarding trade and commerce to anybody who’d want to talk to us.

And I had this chance of being invited to China. I had a talk with mostly the officials and President Xi Jinping and mainly also because of that South China Sea.

Let me explain. Doon ho sa bilateral meetings with my Cabinet members — I’ll introduce them later — at ako, I was really frank with them. Sabi ko, I come here in the spirit of friendship and goodwill. Wala po ako hiningiling sa inyo. Except that I’d like to be apprised or be informed of whatever happened to the quality of our exports kasi hindi na ninyo tinatanggap. And for one reason another, it has something to do with quality. And yet before, we were doing all right.

So it boils down to really relationships, country to country, people to people. And all because of geopolitics.

Ako naman sabi ko, I come here and you must be apprised also, conscious of the fact that we have a conflicting claim. You’re claiming China Sea as yours. And we claim it as ours also. And as a matter of fact, we went to a court, international body to settle these things, and we won the arbitration.

Pero sabi ko, I will not bring it up at this point in time because it would not be proper since I am here as a guest.

Wala naman usapan na pumunta ka rito at pag-usapan natin ‘yung China Sea.

But sabi ko, let us put it aside in the meantime and let me just ask you, why can’t we export to your country?
For so many words, *ito lang talaga*. It boils down to — not really miscommunication but a falling out, maybe because we are identified with the US.

And I said that I would like to chart my own course. Of course, I am a friend, we are a friend of America. We have so many things between us, historically and now. But I have to think of my country first at this time because I am the President.

And I said, our banana, pineapple *wala na*. And the pineapple industry had stopped planting. *Ang mga banana natin*, nobody was buying and so we had to dispose them at — *mura* just to earn something out of what we planted.

And we were smiling to each other. And the conversation was good. And at the end of the day, he said that we are restoring your quota *sa imports sa amin*. You can export now, beginning maybe next week.

And so we’re back at the... *Ngayon*, it has improved something like *mga two billion, two billion dollars na*. As soon as we resume.

And the banana, full swing *na tayo*. So ‘*yung* pineapple was a shortfall in the targeted exports because we had to stop planting *kasi hindi nabibili ‘yung volume eh*.

Now it’s back to where it is. And I’d like to thank again China for understanding our plight. We are a country which is agriculturally based and one of our strongest points would really be export of agricultural products.

*Iyan ho ang nangyari ngayon* and we are honored with the invitation to be a part of the One Road. It’s actually the Silk Road of the old China, *iyong tiniravel ni* Marco Polo. It’s akin to that and China is not really over generous but it’s awash with money. And they’re even top at lending the financial firms in the outside.
Sabi ko, kung matulungan ninyo kami eh ‘di mabuti. And to date, they have promised so many things and ‘yung mga grant, ang ibig sabihin halos bigay na.

Really that China would build two new bridges traversing Pasig and that’s a lot of money there. Gawaan nila tayo libre.

And they are helping us with — in so many others. But if there is really a revival of the robust economy before, I know which part of our history was that, but we expect that something… Pati ‘yung increase ng tourism. Both from the rest of the ASEAN countries and China. They’re back. They have lifted the prohibition.

What’s really very sad is that ang Mindanao because it is below the typhoon belt, it should have produced more, more exports.

We are a little bit in turmoil because of the arrival of ISIS. That’s what I was afraid of initially when I talked to the military many months ago when I had the first command conference with them and I said that, we’re talking to the NPAs. Medyo matigas lang nga.

But, it’s not really again something which is insurmountable. And as a matter of fact, I have opened the gates of government to — sa left.

And as a matter of fact, I have invited Liza Maza of the Commission on Poverty — of upliftment. Lisa, stand up. Isa pong ex-convict. Panahon ni Ramos — ay ni Marcos sa Martial Law. Ito ‘yung mga… A lot of them, Secretary Mariano sa DAR and si Taguiwalo also was in prison for many years during the Martial Law regime.

So sabi ko na ano, mag-usap na lang tayo. Sometimes there is a medyo mid-way there’s an irritation, exchange
of words but again we’re back because you know, I am the President for peace. I cannot be a wartime President and...

I cannot afford to fight with anybody, especially to wage war against my own people. So whether we like it or not — Alam nila Liza ‘yan that, ano ako open ako and I just released about 14 prisoners from Bilibid, ‘yung mga komunista na convicted na as a show of... And besides there were others.

Iyong mga top leaders nila — si Agcaoili, the Tiamzon spouses, we had dinner in my office in Malacañan. But I do not live there. I commute to the other side of the everyday kasi ang Malacañan bastos ang mga mumu doon.

They don’t wait for nightfall or darkness to arrive. Maski alas diyes ng umaga nandiyan si Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown, he was one of those American officials who occupied Malacañan at the time we’re under the — first from the Spaniards then to the Americans.

And it’s a... I’d almost say that it’s a dark side of our national development, it’s identity and our history. It’s not fun to be under for 400 years under the Spaniards and 50 years under the Americans. And of course, they lived off the fat of the land.

Pero okay na ako diyan, hindi naman masyadong masakit but that’s why I do not kind of... I just go there to craft meetings and sign important state documents when I go to — where Ninoy also stayed.

Actually, it’s just a small room. Kalahati nito, ng stage, ‘yan lang ang kwarto ko na tinutulugan ko. It’s a... There’s a forum room and there’s a sala. But pagdating ko sa gabi pagod na ako. Gusto ko na magpahinga. But at least nandoon ang marinig ko lang na rumblings medyo may daga. Kasi ang likod ko ‘yung barracks na ng PSG.
So ewan ko kung alaga nila roon pero maraming — maraming maingay sa ceiling but I’m sure it’s a — by the speed of the krrrrrrr... It’s only rats who can do that. So doon ako.

So ganyan ho ang atin ngayon. I go everywhere. I went to the Middle East because... And I was very frank with them, sa Saudi Arabia, Qatar pati sa Bahrain that I’m here to just say hello to you and to look after my countrymen.

But you know what, sabi ko, we have a national interest there. Meron ho dito na millions of Filipinos and I have to look after their interest. And it is the national interest of the Filipino people.

Sabi ko, medyo magulo kayo sa Middle East. Huwag lang nilang putulan ng ulo ang mga Pilipino. Sabi ko, mapiipilitan talaga akong mag-landing dito. So I will come here whether you like it or not because I have so many countrymen here and I would not just sit on my a** and watch them being...

Ang ISIS kasi ano eh. Sana huwag mangyari. But from Jolo, they have migrated to Central Mindanao.

So we are talking to the MILF, we are talking to the MNLF. Ang hindi ko kayang kausapin, ‘yung mga terorista, ‘yung Abu Sayyaf. One of them was adopted as the parang chairperson ng chapter nila sa ISIS, nandiyan sa Mindanao ngayon.

So we got... We have about ‘yung... Wala man tayong jet noon. Dumating na and the last one was — pinuntahan nila sa ‘Di ba nandoon ka, sir? Dalawa? The remaining one? So ilan lahat ang jet ngayon? Eight.

And by the time... We have now a working Air Force. Bagong jets ‘yan. Kaya sabi ko nga sa mga piloto natin, you tour the entire length and breadth of the Philippines and show your ware. Pinapadaan ko silang makita ng Pilipino ‘yung bagong jets natin FA-50.
And I’m using it. Noon kasi ang rebolusyon, hindi ginagamit ‘yung mga air assets lalo ‘yung bomba pero ngayon ginagamit ko kasi I have to deal with them as harshly as I could ever be kasi very dangerous. So ‘yan na lang sana.

Without terrorism and drugs, heaven na sana tayo ngayon because we are on talking terms with the revolutionary fronts.

Wala na sana except ang droga. And it’s in the ASEAN statement now. It’s not only mine and even Trump yesterday said he would resort to harsh measures.

But noon, ‘yung isang dumaan na Presidente, kept on reprimanding me, chastising me in public. Kaya ako nagalit kasi nung mayor ako, ‘yan na ang issue, talagang pinapatay ko daw. At bakit naman hindi ko sila patayin?

Kayong mga taga-Davao, alam ninyo ‘yan. Noong nanalo ako pagka-Presidente, ay mayor, sabi ko, Davao magulo noon. Right after Martial Law, maraming kidnapping, holdup, lahat because firearms were indiscriminately given to anybody who would claim that he is an Alsa Masa or anti-communist.

So post-Martial Law, halos lahat ng tao nakahawak ng baril. Eh wala na ang left, nagpatabi na lalo na sa Davao eh galing man rin ako diyan. So ang problema itong nasa gobyerno, ito na ‘yung holdup, rape dito.

So napilitan…. I said ako ‘yung mayor and I am building a city. Do not destroy Davao because I need the money to fund government — sa pulis, sa maestra, sa health, lahat. And you just, you know, you’re around, walang magbayad, walang mag-negosyo dito.

Ako siguro ang savings ko can sustain me in a hospital. First class, may oxygen, lahat medisina, about mga seven months. After that, I’d go kaput, wala na. Ganun ka-ano ang pera ko, ‘yung visual.


At saka ito ang... Hindi ko kayo jina-jamming but ito ang sinabi ko talaga. Kasi one third ng halos mga anak ng OFW, nasa droga. That’s the survey of government.

Sabi ko, p***** i** ninyo, ang mga tatay nito, nasa ibang bansa nagpapakamatay magtrabaho. Ang mga nanay nito sa isang bansa and sometimes they are raped, abused. Sinisikmura lang ‘yan nila para lang makapagdala ng pera sa Pilipinas.


Ako, may pera ako. Si Senator Cayetano, may pera rin siyang deposito at marami pang iba, si Chiz Escudero. Lahat. Ang ABS-CBN tanggap nang tanggap nang tanggap. Hindi naman
ipinalabas ‘yung binayad ko. Kasi last minute, wala man talaga akong pera. Alam ninyo ‘yan eh, from Mindanao lang ako.

Hindi na… I was not even a national figure. Hindi kagaya ng mga kalaban ko. At least ang Filipino, the entire nation, knew them by…


But ‘yung last minute na, last two weeks ‘yung I suddenly went up by 36 or 34 percent, nagdatingan na ‘yung pera.


Kaya ‘yang Gabby Lopez na ‘yan… Iyon pagpunta nila sa Davao, sa Cable, Sky Cable nila, kinausap nila ako bago akong mayor, sabi nila, “papasok kami”.


Kasi p***** i** magnanakaw talaga kayo sa totoo lang. Bumawi... Iyong mga drama ninyo, iyan ang ano ninyo, mga ‘Maalaala Mo Kaya.’ Nakalimutan mo na noong ako’y isang araw sa buhay ko inano mo ako.


So with Inquirer. Alam mo ang Inquirer kung maka-baboy sa amin ganun na lang. Kung mag-editorialize kaming mga nasa gobyerno kaupo-upo ko lang magnanakaw na kami. Lahat na... Kasi pareho sa ABS-CBN, lalo nag-file ng kandidato si Roxas, hanggang ngayon noong napuno na ako...


For 25 years, renewable for another 25 years, nag-expire na lang, sila ang nagko-kolekta diyan sa mga... Maraming tindahan diyan at saka... Hindi na kanila ang property, nag-expire na. Dumating na sa Supreme Court kasi ayaw bitawan. Alam mo ang ginagawa sige pa rin sa kolekta at ayaw umalis sa propedad.

Ito namang korte and I’m warning the judiciary, huwag ninyong paabutin na hindi na ako maniwala sa inyo because that would really be a constitutional crisis. Kasi galing na ng Supreme Court, nagalit na nga ang Supreme Court bakit hindi i-implement? Ibalik sa gobyerno ‘yung property ang may-ari Philippine National Railway. Para junkyard, junkyard nila noon. Ayaw na nilang ibigay uli.

Tapos nagpunta na naman kung saan-saang korte, forum shopping, nakakita sila ngayon dito sa Court of Appeals, nag-issue na naman ng TRO stopping anybody including government from retrieving the property. Kaya ang Pilipinas oligarchy talaga.
Iyong mga mayaman nandiyan ‘yan nagpapakayaman ‘yan pero kung magsalita sila akala mo kung sino.


Makita mo pati ‘yung mga Obispo na u***. Ay karaming relihiyon dito maniwa... Merong bago. Mag-put up ng branch dito — Iglesia ni Rodrigo.

Walang bawal. Lahat ‘yung magaganda mag... Ako ang mag-training para sacristan. Iyong pari ganun.

Tapos kung sila ang maghingi panahon ni Gloria Arroyo, naghingi ng mga Montero, Mitsubishi. That’s graft and corruption. There is a separation of Church and State. There is a provisional — no, not provisional — a provision that no money of government can be spent even a single centavo.


Nandito lahat, ang first pages si Bacani. Dalawa ang asawa, tatlo ang kabit. P***** i** nagbasa ako, sabi ko parang si Mayor Duterte man ito.

At saka ‘yung mag-selfie, ‘yung mga lalaki de-bigote pa tapos mag-selfie ipatong ‘yung mukha niya sa akin.


Kung maging bakla ang Presidente ninyo wala tayong magawa dahil ‘yan sa selfie-selfie.


Papaano, fiscal ako noon prosecutor ako at in addition to that, wala pa ‘yung Ombudsman, panahon ni Marcos, Tanodbayan pa noon, special prosecutor. I was one of the two na special Tanodbayan prosecutors and I used to travel around Mindanao to prosecute mga treasurer, mga governor.


Kaya ‘yon ang trabaho ko. Kung pera noong naging mayor ako, maraming pera ang nakawin kung gusto mo but I could not have survived but naging congressman kasi ako tapos naging vice mayor ako ni Inday. Iyong nanununtok ng sheriff.

So that is another eight years. Twenty-three plus eight years ako. I could not have survived politics. Sa Davao hindi
pa ako, hindi ako nakatikim ng talo. Sa babae, disappointments marami.


Hindi naman ako naninira pero alam mo itong — itong Philippines, it's ruled by the oligarchs. Iyong mga mayaman na pamilya noon panahon na close kay Marcos, Aquino then in succession tapos Aquino na naman.

Meron nga dito eh there was a grant of about 200 million, naubos na. Noong nag… Itong China nagreklamo. Iyon ‘yon sana sa railway. Pero ang ihingin ko sa inyo ganito, be patient. Marami na akong commitments. Baba itong…

I’m friendly — I’m friends with China. Magkaibigan kami ni President Xi Jinping. And I reiterate kasi nagpapadala daw tayo ng sundalo doon sa kanila. Look sabihin ko rin sa you know to the Chinese government, we have been there since 1974 sa Pag-asa.

So ayaw kong pag-usapan ‘yan kasi may lumabas doon sa crawler sa — nagpapadala daw ako ng — rotation ‘yan. Kung after every anong… Every ang ano mo doon? Every three months papalitan ka ng… Kawawa naman ang sundalo. By the way, si General Esperon is my National Security Adviser.


Eh napasok ako. Hindi pa nga ako kilala. Ang rating ko is 3,4, 3,4,3,4. Pagdating ng eleksyon, I got 15 million, 6 million was — oo, 16 millon, ang six million ko was my majority. Ang sunod ko si pretty boy.

May sikreto ako pero... Hindi mo makita ‘yan masyado pagka-kaharap mo. Tingnan mo ‘yan pagka-nakatalikod ang lapad ng baywang. Ang lapad ng... Tingnan... Imagine mo noong ano... Ang gusto ko ano, ikaw ang sa itaas o ikaw ang sa baba? Live ‘yan. Diretso ‘yan sa... People of the Philippines I am with my beloved countrymen, puro tsismosa itong lahat.

Just give me three years. Pagka... Kung pumasok itong mga ano... There’s one company that says that they would employ about five engineers — 5,000 engineers rather. Pwede na kayong dahan-dahan. Just get... But on the fourth year, basta wala lang graft and corruption.

Ako marami na akong finire out. As a matter of fact, ayaw ko lang ibulgar sinasabi ko na lang, ‘resign quietly.’ Kasi tiningnan ko rin ‘yung ano nila matanda na. May mga anak na na doktora, may mga anak na sa mga hospital pa na, Makati.

Pero sabi ko kung nabuhay kayo noon sa medyo madaling pera, medyo — just slow down a little bit or just avoid it for the next five years or so. Kasi pag isang kamali lang... Ako I fired a Cabinet member that... Nagmi-meeting kaming lahat sinabi ko, “You are lying to me. Lying to your teeth. Get out of the room. You are fired.” Marami na akong... Cabinet member, wala akong sinasanto sabi ko.

‘Pag ako ang nagtiis, tiis tayong lahat. Ngayon kung magnakaw ako, o sige magnakaw na kayo. Pero kung habang
hindi ako magnakaw, huwag na huwag kayong magkamali talagang...

Iyong sa NAIA, of course may concerns sa iba and it’s a legitimate concern actually na wala masyadong huli na sa ano because kasi ngayon kung may nai-intercept na ano do it before sending it to the conveyor up to the itong sa ano... Diyan ang ipaamoy ninyo kasi ako if you have been trying to... If you have been home lately, wala na kasi bukas-bukas ng — lalo na OFW, walang bukas ‘yan, diretso na.

At saka Immigration, they have no business asking kung anu-anong. Huwag pahirapan sabi ko. I do not want ‘yung maliliit na tao kasi kanila talaga itong gobyerno. Iyong mga mayaman hindi nila kailangan ng gobyerno, nakukuha nila sa korte, nakukuha ngayon itong TRO ng...

I don’t know what division it is but hindi Court of Appeals. Alam ninyo na sa gobyerno na ‘yan. Alam na ninyo ilang korte na ang dumaan diyan. Tapos ngayon nandiyan na naman kayo issuing a TRO, I said do not wait for me. If I’m pissed off, hindi ko kayo susundin. Ganunin ko ‘yang papel ‘yan, atubangan itapon ko sa mukha mo.


*Sabi ko ‘yung corruption eh isasali ko kayo sa droga. Ang sa droga hindi matatapos ‘yan. Human rights? Stop. Eh ang Amerika they invaded Panama you remember? What was the reason? Because Panama was flooding America with drugs. They shanghaied si Noriega, brought him to New York, tried him there and he’s imprisoned there. Tingnan mo.*

They went a war to Iraq. *Sabi nila, “weapons of mass destruction.”* What happened? *Pagdating doon, wala. Walang mass… Pinatay nila si Saddam. Pinatay nila si ‘yung Libya. O tingnan mo ang Middle East ngayon. Eh ‘di putok dito putok doon, terror dito, terror doon. Eh sabi ko naman sa mga ISIS dito bakit ninyo gawain sa akin eh wala naman akong kasalanan sa inyo? Hindi naman kami taga-roon, hindi kami Arabo. We are all from the Malay race just like the Indonesian and the Malaysian. And we have done nothing you wrong.*

*So, ako, I tried to… I plead fairness but kung gusto ninyo eh ‘di sige. Basta I will not allow my country to go to the dogs. As President, kayong mga taga-Human Rights, I build a country hindi ako pulis. Understand that.*

*Ang trabaho hindi ngayon ang anu-anong lang. I look after my country. Maski ganito lang ako I love the Philippines. I love the Philippines and I love… Hindi ba sabi ko sa kampanya, why am I here? Tinanong ako, sabi ko, ‘I am here because I love my country and I love the people of the Philippines and especially the beautiful Filipina.’*

Ang plano namin ni Bebot si Bebot Bello — Secretary Bello is from Isabela. He was a Cabinet member of Arroyo, Secretary of Justice noon, tapos ngayon dito sa akin. Ito sila walang taga-Maynila diyan na opisyal puro taga-probinsiya ‘yan. Dormitoryo ko lang ‘yan. Kaharap ko sa dormitoryo. Siya ang ka-roommate niya si Yasay, ah si Dulay from Baguio. Ilokano ‘yan sila.

Ang ka-roommate ko harap kami ng kwarto si Yasay. The one who’s talking like as if he was really addressing the American community here. Basta, Mr. President, I’ve been there to find out what’s real or wrong… And true he was my roommate. Even in the dormitory he was talking in English. Pati sa panaginip ng g*** nag-i-English eh.

Hindi eh walang magawa eh. But I can understand Yasay. He was my roommate. During Martial Law he was forced to flee the Philippines. Why? Nandoon siya sa listahan actually. Silang dalawa ni Maceda at the same time nagtayo sila ng law office. Maybe ‘yung passport niya was out of gratis because you cannot travel, stateless ka doon eh.

So kinansela ang passport nila dito so it was of no value anymore. He was a Filipino but he could not travel because the passport was cancelled in Manila. So I could understand na baka nabigyan siya ng gratis lang siguro.

Alam mo ang Amerika is also a sanctuary for political prisoners. So ganun pero Pilipino talaga si Yasay. Kaya lang wala tayong magawa ganun magsalita eh. ‘You know I think because he’s a son of minister of the Church and probably there’s a Sunday that he took over to deliver the sermon and…’ Jun, biro lang, Jun. Eh ito kasi gustong malaman lahat eh.

I’d like to introduce to you para malaman ninyo… I’d like to introduce first sa protocol it’s Acting Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Enrique Manalo. Ito kababata ko talaga. We’re neighbors
and we grew up together and he owns — he was the PAL President once upon a time and the Secretary of Agriculture ni Cory. Oo, ito ‘yung bright sa — from Kindergarten to college, valedictorian ito. And he was also the voice of democracy during our days he was the champion nationwide ano ‘yon eh — Carlos Dominguez III. Mautak, marunong talaga. Pero mayaman na ito sila dati. But he owns Marco Polo Hotel. Kaya may ito mahilig man rin ito. Kung maganda ka at nandiyan siya lapitan mo lang, Mr. Secretary, do you remember me I saw you in Hong Kong?’ Sabihin niyan, ‘Do you have a reservation?’ ‘No.’ ‘I’ll give you one.’ Pero kung magsabi, ‘nice meeting you,’ tapos titindig, medyo hindi ka niya type.


Then, I’d like to introduce to you our Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, Ilokano rin ‘yan. He used to be a general assigned in Mindanao doon sa area ko kaya kami nagkakilala. Then we have Ramon Lopez, Department of Trade and Industry. Ito ‘yung maasahan ninyo ng small scale and medium enterprises. Bilyon ang buhos ko diyan ang pinakamatotoo is ang number one na binigyan ko is education, bilyun-bilyon talaga. Then ang ano Secretary of Agriculture, Health, in that order. Ang pinakabuho ko talaga ‘yung para sa tao.
Then we have our Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno. He is there. Noong nanalo ako — he was the budget officer of Mrs. Arroyo. Sabi ko sa kanya — kay Erap — sabi ko, ‘Sir, pwede ba kitang yayain uli mag-trabaho?’ Because he’s really very good, mautak. At saka normal.

Ito maging artista sana kaya lang siguro ito nakapag-buntis ka, nasira ito eh. Andanar. Nag-artista ito pero ewan ko anong… May lumabas yata na video?


Ito siya naging ano ko for many years, he earned his post sa Mindanao. Second lieutenant pa lang ito kaka-graduate lang ng PMA, ako ang ninong first lieutenant. Pero doon pa lang sa Davao, sa karami ng problema nawala na ang buhok niya. Si Bato.


So iyan po ang ano ko. Just give me time. During the campaign wala akong — I just promised that I will just stop corruption if I can. Tapos okay na tayo. Maski yang paguwi-uwit ninyo wala ng… Ayaw ko ‘yang binubuksan ‘yung bag lalo na ‘yang mga OFW kasi kung sila ‘yung sinasabi natin na bagong bayani ng bayan, bakit pahirapan mo ‘yung mga bayani?

Samantala kami noon mga mayor, governors, pagka — mag-salute pa, ‘Sir…’ Maski kasing haba ng train ng Hong Kong ‘yung bagahe basta senador, hala direktso. Pagdating doon sa Hong Kong itong mga OFW o Middle East… Ang pangit tingnan sa totoo lang.

It’s almost idolatry na ah bagong bayani pagkatapos doon sa Customs pati Immigration binaba sabi ko: Stop it. Stop it because I do not like it.

Kaya kung may magbukas sa bag mo, there has to be a very compelling reason. Ibig sabihin niyan random minsan napi-pick up ka may information na galing sa labas. Kasi minsan palabas ka hinahayaan nila magkarga ng baril o shabu ka, papalusutin ka. Pero tawagan nila lang ang Customs ng Pilipinas bantay ka. Lyong ganun seat number ganito. Ayusin ‘yung… Kaya may mga random ka pero bihira mangyari ‘yan.

Droga, wala talaga. It will never stop. And I said do not destroy the country. Do not destroy the country. Do not destroy the young Filipino.

Alam mo maraming nagsabi, ‘Si Duterte, mag-martial law ‘yan. Diktador.’ Susmaryosep. Sa totoo lang, if you are asking me if I’m very happy being President? Am I inordinately proud of being President? I’ll give you an answer. Hindi na dapat sa akin at this time of my life. I should not have really. Eh napasubo lang eh.

But nobody was... Eh kasi lahat ng kandidato lip service lang, graft and corruption... Wala talagang nagsabi p***** i** kayo papatayin ko kayo ganun. Ako sinabi ko talaga pati ‘yung droga and nobody was mentioning about Mindanao. Eh taga-Mindanao kami. Kung nagkabombahan doon, dito sa Pilipinas nauuna kami — simbahan, airport, pantalan. And so I’m extra scared ako noon.

Kung walang tao na magtutok. Iyan lang ang promises ko. Then one, I remember if you were watching the presidential debate it was in the last leg na tinanong kami if you would allow the burial of Marcos? Ako pati si Binay sabi ko “yes.” Iyong tatlo sabi niya, “hindi”. So noong panalo na ako tapos gusto nila ilibing si Marcos, ipinalibing ko.

Look, iyon ‘yung mga... Iyon ‘yung promise ko. Kaya kung ayaw ninyo ‘yon hindi sana ninyo ako ibinoto. Anong klase ito? Ngayon noong ginawa ko na ipinapatay ko talaga itong mga p***** i*** ito, minumura ko pati pari kasi...
Magdasal kayo sa kwarto ninyo pareho lang din. I mean, in the midst of people, there is always God. Hindi mo kailangan magpaluhod-luhod ka doon. Poste, tindig tapos luhod, tindig. Makinig ka ng... Kami sa Ateneo kami eh.

Totoo ‘yan Ateneo kami. Sa Ateneo ‘di ba every Friday mass ‘yan tapos you are mag-communion ka. Totoo ‘yan Sonny, kami nga doon hinihipo kami ng pari. Totoo ‘yan. Hinihipo kami ng pari. ‘O what are your sins?’ Are pa. ‘What is your sin?’ ‘So ano bang kasalanan ng bata?’ ‘Wala.’ ‘C’mon, c’mon, we don’t have the whole day.’ ‘I went to the room of the maids.’ ‘I lifted the blanket just a little.’ ‘O why?’ Wala ang kamay ng g*** nandoon na. ‘I wanted to see what’s inside.’ ‘Ah that’s wrong.’ Pero kami excited na kasi baka hinipo ka. ‘And then?’ ‘She was... I think she was awake. I ran out the room.’ ‘And? Where did you go?’ ‘To the bathroom.’ ‘And? After the bathroom? You went to sleep?’ ‘No, I went back again and lifted it higher.’ ‘And?’ ‘I went to the bathroom again.’

I’m not fond of lying because I do not have an obligation to lie. It might really be hindi naman bastos but gusto ko lang malaman na ganun ang buhay na dinaanan namin. Lagay na ito kay tisoy ay sus hanapan ito ng mali maski walang mali. So iyon ang istorya ng buhay ko.

Kaya... Alam mo sa totoo lang ‘yung mga bright boys sa Ateneo noon eh ‘di hinahatak ‘yan talaga sila to be... Iyong mga sikat sa Davao na mga valedictorians, si eh ‘di kinukuha nila puro pari eh ‘di makalusot itong tisoy na ito. Ma’am, ibigay ko sa iyo.

I will be back in Hong Kong to talk to you about that book. Hindi marami lahat halos lahat ng Cabinet members ko puro Ilokano. Meron pang apat yata ‘yan sila. Kaya sabi ko sa ano, apat o marami ‘yan sila, puro Ilokano. Para hindi na kailangan mag-coup d’etat, junta na nandiyan naman sila lahat. O ‘di kayo na lang. Bakit pa tayo mag-away?
So, I think most of you are... *Pauwi pa ba kayo?* I have to fly to Beijing, wish me luck. But one thing is very certain actually, China in all good faith wants to help us. *Iyan ang ano.*

*At saka sila walang hinihingi. Walang kondisyones wala basta tulong lang kami. Maraming pera eh. And the generosity of delivers. Dapat pasalamatan natin. So I hope that everything you, dito, magtrabaho lang kayo. Bigyan ninyo ako ng...*

*Pero sigurado ko ‘yung mga anak ninyo medyo ano na ‘yan by that time. Kung magpasok lahat ito. As it is now maganda na ang ano natin, trabaho na. Ano ka lang... Give us time to makapag-ano kami. Mine is really to provide employment, wala akong pera eh. So invite people to invest and ang akin is the job generated. Dutertenomics...*


*And then itong corruption. Itaya ko ang lahat ko diyan, the honor and the... Sabi ko nga I put at stake the presidency itself, my life and my honor. *Talagang tutuparin ko ‘yan.*


*Iyong importante talaga ‘yung corruption mawala, kailangan. Kaya ganito ha. Bakit may corruption tayo? *Pilipino rin*


Ito ‘pagnaka-ipon kayo, alam mo ang magandang negosyo? Punerarya. Marami itong mga u*** na ayaw talagang makinig eh.

Well, anyway, I’m very happy. I’m gratified by your presence and this dialogue with us. I would like you to know that I am really trying my very best, kaming lahat.

Walang mayaman dito, puro lang ito trabahante. Bebot, kasama ko ‘yan. Ateneo ‘yan sila ni Duly. San Beda ako. Yasay, I want to take up law and he is a graduate of UP. Iyon ang color namin doon.

Ako ha publicly, aside from my salary, hindi ako kumukuha ng allowance. Wala akong allowance. Wala akong allowance maski piso. Cheke lang na, treasury warrant ko, iyon lang ang... Wala akong talagang hinihingi sa akin.

But I just to also commiserate with everybody that life is really very hard now and it’s always a... Alam ko ang... Anak lang rin ako ng mahirap kasi ang tatay ko taga-Cebu. My mother is a Mindanaoan. She’s half Maranao. Lola ko kasi Maranao. But tatay ko Bisaya. Grandfather ko Chinese, Lam. Taga-rito ‘yan kasi Lim sa ano eh. Sa Fookien it’s Lim, dito it’s Lam. So Lim actually ‘yan.


Well, anyway, *lahat tayo* there’s a commonality of sentiments here. We are hardworking. We cannot afford the luxurious life. We have to work to send our children to school. It’s hardly both ends meet *para sa atin*.

But give me time, give me time. Three to four years — four years *okay talaga tayo*. I am sure *okay na tayo*. I would have solved almost all of the problems. But just be aware of your rights, be assertive if you are confronted with graft and corruption and *itong droga tatapusin ko* because it is not fair. It is not fair *na tayo ang nagtrabaho para sa mga anak natin, lalo na kayo*, you expect them to be studying *tapos masira lang*. It is not fair.

*Kaya talagang boldyakan kita* because I will not...As I say, I will not allow my country to go to the dogs. With that kind of situation *na — mga* three to four years *pwede na kayong makauwi niyan*. Invest in some business.

*Hindi na ako magtagal*. I’m taking off but *dito malapit naman ang airport.* *Sinadya naman siguro nila rito para mag...* I am...

*Naghintay na ‘yan sila doon*. We will have a two-day — *ano ‘yan* every hour *hanggang gabi*. But hopefully something will come out good from this journey.
Security, Peace and Justice: Martial Law is Pragmatic in Restoring Order and Upholding Peace and Sovereignty in the Face of Terrorism

(119th Philippine Navy Anniversary Celebration, Sasa Wharf, Davao City, May 31, 2017)

Secretary Delfin Lorenzana; General Año; Vice Admiral Joseph Mercado; Lieutenant General Rey Leonardo Guerrero; the officers and staff of the Philippine Navy; fellow workers in government; my beloved countrymen.

I have a very short speech which is always prepared. But before I read it, I just like to communicate with you what is in my heart.

There is a strife going on in the Philippines and I grieve the loss of my soldiers and policemen. It is not easy to read a briefer everyday to find out that you’re losing aplenty of your best soldiers and the hardworking policemen.

As I have warned the country before that Marawi was the bedrock of the manufacture of illegal chemical called the shabu.

And there was a time when we declared the state of lawlessness and everything was being watched and raided in Central Mindanao.

We lost at that time so many soldiers but apparently most of the Filipinos took it nonchalant. Ang akala siguro nang marami — now, I do not have to name them — think it was fun to kill Filipinos. But actually there was a growing menace.
I cut short my… For the commanding officer of the troops, kindly give the tikas pahinga order.

And I remember very well that during the first command conference of the AFP-PNP, I specifically warned everybody that there is more dark clouds ahead of us.

And I was referring to the contamination of the ISIS, which was slowly creeping into our shores. And for all, lahat, Christians and the Moro, who were into shabu sought sanctuary amongst the terrorists for protection and to ensure the success of their business.

So much so that even Manila was already flooded and we had to put an apparatus to stop it. Of course, it would cost lives. You cannot find a war especially drugs without losing your men and the enemy.

Marami ko... I lose four, five soldiers and policemen everyday. And in Marawi now, I’m very sad to tell you that we have suffered tremendous losses because we are the invading force and they have been set up there for a long time waiting for the soldiers of the Republic to come.

And this is my take. Hinayaan kasi natin ang droga. So there was a time and until now that the terrorism activities in the Philippines is funded and fueled by drug money. Alam namin na wala masyadong tulong ang ISIS sa Middle East.

Nakukuha namin ‘yung ipinapadala nila by just examining papers and one of those who were really this recipient of a huge amount was a member of the Philippine National Police, ‘yung si Nobleza.

She was not only in cahoots but she was an active player in the terrorism business. She’s the one that was apprehended by
the military in Bohol when she tried to extricate the remaining Abu Sayyaf who were on the run at that time.

I’m happy to report to you that everyone of them went to Bohol extensively to sow terror have all been neutralized.

So I hope that would give them a lesson not to go beyond the shores of Mindanao. And the only reason why I am worried about the Visayas is just it’s a very short span of a sea and, as a matter of fact, if you leave by ship or boat via Cagayan, by morning time, you are in the Visayas.

And it’s an island, a group of islands, it’s very porous and you cannot control any Filipino for that matter be a Moro or a Christian from going anywhere and everywhere.

That is the Constitutional right of every Filipino in this country. And that is why I mentioned in passing that if there is maybe a transfer of venue from Mindanao to the Visayas and to make it easy for the Philippines to challenge the new engagements, I will be forced to declare the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, not martial law, but ‘yung habeas corpus lang so that I can arrest you anytime without a warrant.

That is just a precautionary measure. I don’t think it will happen. I hope it will not happen. But if it does, we must be ready. There is no middle ground here. We are not talking about an ordinary police operation.

I am worried about an ideology that wants to supplant the Filipino way of life. Iyan ang problema. They are trying to correct a way of living for everybody and they do it by killing people invoking the name of God and that is a very terrible ideology. It does not know anything except to waste human lives.
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE tries the joystick control on the captain’s deck of the M/V Amazing Grace, the first humanitarian vessel of the Philippine Red Cross, during its launching and commissioning at the Philippine Navy Headquarters in Manila on May 9, 2017. Photo by Presidential Photographers Division

PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE delivers his remarks at the Opening Plenary of the ASEAN at 50 Years Young during the World Economic Forum (WEF) on ASEAN in 2017 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on May 11, 2017. Photo by Presidential Photographers Division
PRESIDENT RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ DUTERTE delivers his remarks during the Meeting with the Filipino Community in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on May 13, 2017. Photo by King Rodriguez/Presidential Photographers Division.
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE is warmly welcomed by People's Republic of China President Xi Jinping during the expanded bilateral meeting with other Chinese and Philippine government officials, as a sideline to the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation at the Great Hall of the People, Xicheng Qu, Beijing, China on May 15, 2017.

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PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE meets with Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin in Moscow during his Official Visit to the Russian Federation on May 24, 2017. Photo by King Rodriguez/Presidential Photographers Division
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, joined by Vice Admiral Ronald Joseph Mercado, (left) Flag Officer In Command, Philippine Navy, troops the line of honor guards during the 119th Anniversary Celebration of the Philippine Navy at the Sasa Wharf in Davao City on May 31, 2017. Photo by Presidential Photographers Division
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE poses for posterity with the newly-appointed officials of various national leagues at the Rizal Hall of Malacañan Palace on June 1, 2017. Photo by King Rodriguez/Presidential Photographers Division
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE talks to the troopers of the 102nd Infantry Brigade in Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay on June 2, 2017. Joining the President are: (standing behind, left to right) Presidential Adviser on Military Affairs Arthur Tabaquero, Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark Villar, Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Gen Eduardo Año, and Philippine Army Commander Lt Gen Glorioso Miranda. Photo by Ace Morandante/Presidential Photographers Division
So I give my salute, my respects to the men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the National Police, my salute and my deepest respect. And I grieve with the families, those who have lost their lives.

The military in Mindanao runs supreme because when you declare martial law it is really an implicit admission that the police alone or the law enforcement agencies of the country which does not ordinarily include the military is called upon to help restore order.

Once order is restored and if upon the advice of the military and the police who in the first place gave me the reason to declare martial law, while they did not say, ‘You go ahead President Duterte,’ they gave me sufficient information and I asked them, ‘Are we already in the critical level?’

And there was an almost a unison and redundant even statements that delikado tayo sa Mindanao given the practice of the ISIS in the Middle East, just exploding everything in their hands.

Today, Iraq had two, in a market place and in an ice cream parlor. They lose people by the hundreds everyday. We cannot allow it to happen here. We will have to die fighting them.

And if I can only join… If you would allow me to join you, I’d be happy to lead you to the mouths of hell for after all, we have to die sometime. But you can be assured of my help and that the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the National Police will have the priority in acquiring the equipment to help you.

In my time, my speech, kaya ayaw kong basahin kasi it mentions here of the modernization program and the sea and air assets that we have acquired.
But you know, I must be frank. I do not relish bannering out statements like that for after all, this happened not during my time.

Ayaw ko lang magpayabang kasi babasahin ko ano ang nakuha ninyo ngayon at ang makaroni po. But in the process it seems that I would also be pulling my own chair as if I was responsible for this.

I will have my time. I have five years. I will acquire more jets, air assets and boats. And I will make the Philippine Armed Forces a little bit stronger by the time, InShaAllah, I go out as President.

Iyon lang po. I will not talk to anybody. I will not talk to the terrorists. We will maintain our present dialogue with the MI and MN and the traditional mainliner.

And as for the NPA, Sison ordered his soldiers to take an aggressive stand. Alam mo, may gusto lang akong sabihin sa inyo.

Kayong mga komunista and even the MI and MN, this is a 50 years war already. And nakakaiyak kung isipin mo 50 years, wala naman tayong ginawa kung hindi magpatayan at ang karamihan nating casualty, taga-gobyerno, on the civilian side, almost about a third of our barangay captains have been liquidated.

Alam mo, for all of their bravado, they never occupied even a barangay for 24 hours. And yet when they talk, it’s all full of breeze. Akala mo sino.

Sison said that he will order his soldiers to engage us and here comes a statement that they also want to fight the terrorist. At bakit? Kung manalo ba ang ISIS dito sa Pilipinas, may papel pa kayo sa mundong ito?
Huwag tayong magbolahan. You will be marginalized and outcast because your form of government is always anathema to the rest of the religious zealots in this world.

Ang Islam is fundamentally feudal because the Quran orders it to be so. And whether you like it or not, however you reconfigure the country’s there and that was the mistake of the Americans.

They thought that they could convince itong mga Middle East countries to follow the parliamentarian, the elections. It ain’t so. It ain’t so.

It’s purely feudal and you just have to live with it because it is the Quran, which is the constitution of the Islam faith.

Kayong mga komunista, you are just wasting your time. You cannot prevail over Government of the Republic of the Philippines. Neither can you find a sanctuary under a communist rule. Huwag na tayong magbolahan. Iyan ang mangyayari sa inyo.

I tried to talk to you, as a matter of fact, conceding almost — ni-release ko halos lahat ang mga preso ninyo. But ang... Well, my only consolation was that most I have released may mga sakt na, 70 and beyond. May TB, diabetes, hypertension. And so I said, ‘Go there and fight again if you want.’ Pero ‘yung able-bodied nila nandiyan pa sa Muntinlupa.

And if there is a breakdown in the peace and order here because of the participation of the communists in this war against the ISIS, kung gusto ninyong tumulong sa kabila, magpuntahan na kayo lahat.

But I am warning the leaders whom I have released and who are now talking to the representatives of my government: Do not attempt to come home. I will arrest all of you and throw you to the slammer.
Pagkukulungin ko kayo at lahat nung matanda, aarestuhin ko ‘yun uli. And if needed, they will just die there inside the prison.

Alam ninyo na hindi na kayo makatakbo-takbo. So stop f****** government.

Eh gusto ninyo ano eh... So if I may just read my speech. May I?

I congratulate the Philippine Navy for your remarkable contributions in strengthening the foundation of our nation, which is very correct.

Your efforts to fulfill your mandate to uphold peace and sovereignty in our territorial waters have been remarkable in the past years and today, you have once again reaffirmed your important role as you support the counterterrorism efforts against the Maute group in Marawi City.

Your presence in Mindanao, along with the other members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, have made our kababayans feel more secure at this most delicate and challenging time.

I am confident that you will remain committed to your oath to safeguard our shores and shoals against all acts of terror and violence.

Let me take this occasion as an opportunity to assure all of our support for the institution’s initiatives and needs.

Since I assumed office in July, various vessels have been added. Ayaw ko kasi hindi ‘yan akin. Bayad ‘yan at nadeliver ‘yan sa hindi ko panahon.
More acquisitions of vessels and equipment are also under way to better maritime law enforcement, counterterrorism and disaster relief operations.

I hope that all of you will be more inspired and empowered by these projects.

May this event bolster a newfound spirit of courage and patriotism in your hearts so that you will never falter in your mission.

By protecting our shores, you are also helping secure our country’s future together.

Let us continue to serve our beloved homeland with honor, duty and valor.

Now, one last issue. Ito bang... Itong mga bobo ng gobyerno, they keep on egging me sa arbitral ruling. Sinabi nila, ‘Anong ginagawa mo sa arbitral?’

Well, in the first place, ‘yung Americans, they are here, sila ‘yung gustong mag-leverage niyan. And yet, you have that injunction of seeking a peaceful dialogue and resolving the issue in accordance with the international law.

The arbitral ruling places the South China Sea in our jurisdiction. But the Chinese has insisted and has made well known their stand that it is theirs and they will die for it.

At ngayon itong si Carpio para bang gusto niyang lugawin ko, that I will pursue the matter, tawagin ko ‘yung mga countries to help us.

Alam mo nandito si Secretary Lorenzana and also present was Cayetano, he was already appointed Foreign Secretary at ‘yung si Bong ang aide ko.
So we were there in Russia but we were advised _na kinabukasan pa_... I just went a day ahead _para matulog_ to overcome the jet lag. But about six hours after my stay, after I landed, _natanggap ko na ‘yung balita sa attack sa Marawi._

*Kaya* I pleaded that I could only — if I could only talk to Putin, President Putin even for 10 minutes just to say hello and goodbye and thank you.

I received word that he was from another region. You know, Russia is a big country. Part of its straddles in Europe and part of it is really in Asia. _Iyan kalaki ‘yan siya_. But he was somewhere else but we received word that he was flying in to talk to me.

And indeed we had that occasion. With me was _si_ Secretary Lorenzana _pati si_ Cayetano. _Pati doon sa_ bilateral. _Hindi na ako nag-daloy-daloy_ about arbitral. I said that China, ‘It’s ours. I’m going to dig oil there.’ _Iyan nandiyan sila._

_Wala na ‘yang arbitral ruling._ ‘That is ours. I will dig oil there.’ And not in so many words, not really war but ‘_yung_ diplomatic. And President Xi Jinping is very good at that.

_Ganon na_, ‘*Huwag kasi kaibigan na tayo ngayon*. In the raw translation, *eh bakit lugawin mo pa? ‘Pag pumasok ka diyan magka-giyera pa tayo.* There will be trouble.

If you are an idiotic naïve, _anong sabihin trouble? Eh ‘di trouble de giyera._ Then, _ako ang... Ang problema nito_, when it was being constructed seven years ago, the newspapers in the Philippines, _Time Magazine_, Newsweek were awash with pictures that there was something brewing there, that there were constructions being made.

_Nandiyan ‘yang Seventh Fleet, nandiyan ‘yung ating Navy. Bakit hindi sinabi ni Carpio, pati ni Noynoy, ‘Sige puntahan ninyo, pigilan ninyo.’*
Then they allowed the construction to bloom. Now it is a gun — it’s almost a gunnery thing there, may missile na. Gusto nila ako magpunta kalkalin ko ‘yung ano.

I went more than that. Sabi ko, huwag na ‘yang arbitral… Sabi ko, ‘Mr. Xi Jinping…’ ‘I will dig oil there’. Sabi niya, ‘No, no, no, do not do that.’ ‘No,’ sabi ko, ‘It’s ours’.


Si Carpio, dalabal nang dalabal, p***** i** wala namang ginagawa noon. So gusto niya punta ko doon sa UN for the enforcement.


I was not joking when I was lecturing to… I am a man of sarcasm. Have you not noticed that? Hindi ako nagsabi rape-rape, sinabi ko ma-rape kayo, ang sundalo I was… Ako ang magsagot sa inyo because as Commander-in-Chief, I hold responsible for everything and anything that is done as a consequence of martial law.

I and I alone will be criminally responsible. Kaya ‘yung salita ko ikonekta ninyo.

Eh ‘tong mga p*** ‘pag marinig ng rape… Kagaya ni Chelsea. She slammed me for the rape joke. I was not joking. I was being sarcastic, you listen to the speech.
Do not laugh at my own jokes. Sabihin ko sa kanya, when your father, the President of the United then was screwing Lewinsky and the girls there in the White House, how did you feel? Did you slam your father?


It is a crime actually committed by soldiers mostly Americans in Okinawa, in Japan. But we never heard of a Filipino. I’m just warning them that anything they do I have to answer for it. But I take full responsibility for your kag*****.


I was not joking. I was being sarcastic. Kaya, kayong mga Amerikano, si Chelsea, be careful because you live in a glass house.

Ulitin ko nga, I repeat. When President Clinton was f**** Lewinsky, what was your statement or your reaction?

Alam mo, mahirap ‘yung tao na… Para bang binubughog ninyo ako sa criticism. Eh p***** i** iinsultuhin ko rin kayo. Amerikano ganon.
Eh ‘yung Pilipina. Eh ‘yung bakla pinatay nila, na pwede mo naman sana sipain lang o itulak mo sa labas ng kwarto. You didn’t have to kill the transgender.

Kaya dahan-dahan kayo kasi... And I have a story to tell you guys when we have the command conference. Hindi ako atat na atat dito sa pagka-President.

If you feel that I cannot be of service to the Filipinos and you want another one better, you can find one. Feel free to tell me.

Maraming salamat po and congratulations to your anniversary.

I know that we continue to lose men. We will just have to bite the bullet and fight for our country because this is the only country that we have.

Mabuhay ang Marines at mabuhay ang mga sailors ng Philippine Navy! Mabuhay kayong lahat!
Security, Peace & Justice: Lift Martial Law When Equanimity and Stability of Community is Attained
(Mass Oathtaking of Newly-Appointed Officials and Various National Leagues, Malacañang Palace, June 1, 2017)

To the newly-appointed government officials, ang gwapo’t kagaganda ninyo ah. Ito ‘yung batch na pinakamaraming maganda at gwapo.

Nanguna si Danny Lim. Guma-gwapo ka na ngayon ha.

Newly-elected officials of the different leagues; fellow workers in government; mga kababayan.

I’ll just give you about a short story.

2015, guys from the different provinces but belonging to not really a moribund party but a party that was not really that grand and widespread kept coming to my city.

And una sila, different tribe, Ilonggo, Bisaya... And you know what? They requested an audience with me. I was a mayor then.

At ‘nong nagkaharap-harap na kami, sabi ko, ‘May I help you?’ There are about — pati may mga Muslim. Sabi nila, ‘Rod, kawawa ‘yung bayan natin. Kailangan tumakbo ka.’

Iyong atay ko naman naging — enlargement of the liver, apparently thinking that... Well, everybody was really sincere in the country’s interest.
Sabi ko, ‘Adre wala akong plano niyan.’ And I do not like the position actually. Magulo pati... The problems of this country, the Republic of the Philippines cannot be solved.

It cannot be solved on just a one-term basis. You need... We need somebody who’s going to sit there with all the dedication and passion, probity and all, na gusto niyang gumaling ang bayan.

Hindi ako ‘yan. I do not have those qualities. And I did not want to acquire them. Pero ‘yung pagsalita, parang I was just also belittling because they were really after for my neck.

Sabi ko, ‘hanap na lang kayo ng iba’. And, even Danny, ‘yung a portion of the Magdalo as early as two years, pabalik-balik na ‘yan sa Faeldon.

They were looking for somebody to succeed Aquino and they wanted one who’d be a reformist. Sabi ko, ‘Sa military ‘yan’. If they want to reform the government and people, it’s not, does not... It behooves upon somebody else’s...

But anyway, this group kept coming back. But several times, they are... Maybe during the last four visits, I was the one paying for their meals and their billeting sa hotel.

And, they were dead sure that tatakbo talaga ako. Sinabi ko, ‘Adre, hindi ako g***. Wala akong pera. At saka ‘yang partido ko, it’s just a local aggrupation in Davao.’

And ito hawak ko ito. I’ve been mayor of the city for 23 years, once a congressman and a vice mayor to my daughter. Iyon si Sara, ‘yung nanuntok ‘yung, sinuntok niya, binugbog niya ‘yung sheriff. Iyon ‘yung panahon na ‘yun.

Sabi ko, ‘hindi ako interesado kasi matanda na ako’. I will only ensure the failure of my term. Hindi ko kaya talaga.
And, sige sila. So, maraming tao magsabi na tumakbo ka. Wala namang ibinibigay. Sabi ko, oo nang oo.

And kasi… Sabi dito, ‘Rod, ito may five billion kami nakataya.’ Wala akong natanggap ha ni… Maniwala kayo, okay lang, kung hindi okay rin.

I never received billion na ano… Pinakamalayo ko was I think 200 billion at grupo ‘yun sa Davao. Marami kasi, it was… Ang ano ko siguro sa palad that most of my ‘yung kababata ko, sila Carlos Dominguez III became rich and famous and ‘yon ‘yung sila ang nagu-udyok.

Sabi ko, ‘di ko talaga kaya’. Eh sabi nila, ‘Gawain mo lang ‘yun ginawa mo dito sa Davao.’ Ba’t alam mo ba ang ginagawa ko dito?

Basta… Davao is hitting now domestic growth rate of about 9, the highest so far. Pero ‘yung may style ako na sarili na hindi ito pwedeng pang-national. Maraming mata eh, maraming mata.

It’s not about money. It never has been an issue sa akin ang pera. Patayan at babae raw. Pabalik-balik babae.

Iyan marinig na naman ako ni Chelsea. I was not joking. You listen to the tape, I was being sarcastic. I said, ‘you behave all of you guys because I get to be blamed for anything’.

Sabi ko, you might be sa dalawa, tatlo — dalawa, tatlo. Pang-tatlo ako na ang masasabit diyan as your Commander-in-Chief.

There has never been a fighting since Vietnam. Ang kalaban ng mga sundalo Amerikano, ’yung mga Pilipina na babae pinagre-rape nila. Kasi diyan ako...

So that’s why I told Chelsea: Why? When your father was screwing Lewinsky and the rest of the young girls there in the office of the President, on the table, on the floor, on the sofa. Did you raise any?

Sabi ko, mahirap na magsalita. I was not joking. Sarcastic ako na pagkatao. Diyan mo ako... Hindi ako tumatawa. I’m... I am fond of hyperbole tapos sarcasm.

Ganon talaga ako magsalita. I’m just warning the soldiers that may ano guys you...

But then balik tayo dito sa ano, they kept on coming back. I cannot now remember the time I decided to run. Iyon una the filing. I did not. Kasi ayaw ko talaga. And so there was a lot of disappointment, nanghinayang.

Well, itong ano, itong grupo na ‘to, I could sense their vim and vigor to campaign. I came to pass na naging Presidente ako.

So I got them into government service. First, I told everybody not to use low-numbered plates. I do not like it. Nakokornihan ako. Sa Bisaya ‘yun, nahihilasan, tumitindig ‘yung balahibo kong makita ng ganon.

Because once upon a time, my father was also a Cabinet member during the first term of Marcos. He was the Secretary of General Services.

And at that time, I could remember the warning of my father to his driver and not to use the number 6 plate number.
Kasi sabi ng tatay ko, kita mo 'yung mga tao kung mag-tingin sa atin, 'di pa masyadong uso 'yung tint noon, you could almost guess what’s in their mind.

Pera nila, gasolina nila, tapos ikaw you sit in comfort, and wallow in. Samantala sila hirap sa traffic, hirap...

That’s the reason why I do not accept invitations local here because every time I use the public streets, akala mo malinis ang daan, parang Biyernes Santo.

But actually, I know na lahat ng kantong daraanan mo and they estimate your — the leaving and arrival. About mga 15 minutes nakabra na ‘yang mga kanto and everybody else goes to the sides.

And you just don’t know how you create the exponential trouble behind those sa kanto na pinara mo. It piles up sa likod.

Kaya hindi ako talaga tumatanggap. I’m sorry but kasi nagtatraffic eh. Nahihiya ako sa mga tao.

But if I can use the chopper, the helicopter, mas mabuti pa. Kwenta mo ‘yung gasolina na magamit ko at kwenta ‘yung sa gasolina ng wasted time and hours of the people, it amounts to nothing.

Eh nung Presidente na ako, I appointed this guy and them in the office. Then the first time I noticed, he was the one to first go out of the country. Washington and brought along some local officials. So tahimik lang ako. Because I told everybody not to use it sparingly, na huwag masyadong... Walang low-numbered and I said, do not expect special treatment, I do not want you to...

Ang tao talaga, I don’t know. But there seems to be an agenda, all in every other people’s mind. They may want to
appear to you as a crusader, as a reformist or whatever. Pero kung kayo ang nandiyan, bantay kayo. There’s always that nakatago.

Hindi ko naman idiin kasi lahat naman tayo dito mahirap eh kung mayaman kayo, ‘di bakit tayo magkikita-kita dito para trabaho kasi trabaho sa gobyerno, talagang patayan ito sa oras.

Iyon, ang sabi ko, doon sa pangalawa, then the third trip, he went to a country who offered to sell to us or offered something bumbero but that it could have cost you 18 million a piece.

It was a contract perfected during the Aquino administration. I think four of that 18 million a piece truck, four or five or 14, I’m not sure about it, na-deliver na dito ginagamit na. So there was no bidding and it was grossly overpriced by our standards.

Eh ako, ‘yung 911 ko sa Davao I bought the Isuzu six million ‘yan, bidding at matibay. And if you have been to Davao, you should visit the 911 and it’s all there for you to see.

Ito ngayong kanya, he went there to sign the second tranche. Though there was already a pending case and the office memo written by the Legal Office advised him to suspend muna in the meantime.

Ewan ko kung anong... He just went ahead to sign the second tranche, the second delivery. Doon ako nagalit. Despite the advice of his legal officer, when I asked him diyan sa Cabinet, sabi ko, ‘Bakit mo pinirmahan ‘yung ano? Did you not read the office memo?’ Sabi niya, ‘I was never furnished a copy.’

‘Yung kabalastugan. Legal Office mo, hindi mo nabasa ‘yung memo? But Dominguez was right beside me, he was showing the, sa tablet niya, the wherewithal.
Kaya I lost my patience. A very few times in my life that I would show an emotional outburst in public. Ayaw na ninyo.

But one time sa Davao, there was this regional meeting of the municipal mayors of Mindanao doon pati dito, all governors pati city mayors all over. Ibang araw lang.

Sinabihan ko talaga sila, ‘P***** i** niyo, pagpapatayin ko talaga kayo. Huwag kayong magkumpyansa sa akin na mayor ka. P****** i** mo, ipa-ambush kita.’ Because the drug industry, which is a public copy now, contains about 11 barangay — 11,000 barangay captains, the most basic unit of our government.

Mayors mga almost 40 something. Hindi ko na — lahat, pati governor sinabi ko, ‘Huwag ka talagang magkamali sa akin. I will only pass through this once. ‘Pag sinabi kong huwag, huwag. Kasi yayariin talaga kita.’ That was my warning so ‘yung malaman mo lang kung ano ang nasa isip ko.

Ngayon, itong buang na ito, one time pinatawag ko ‘yung mga mayors. He was also there. Sabay kami baba. When he passed by, because he was ahead, nag-siren. Eh hindi na nga pinapagamit ‘yung — you know, there are really people who want their presence felt in a crowd. ‘Yung ano ba.

But he was this guy, he was never elected but he was appointed OIC during Cory’s time. I will not name him publicly. Parang kulang sa pansin. Eh ako mismong Presidente hindi ako nagagamit ng — blinker lang ako. Iyon lang ang maasahan mo sa akin. Eh hindi ko naman mapigil itong mga...

Baka kung ako maglinya ako, okay lang. I’ve been used to it in Davao. I do not...For the life of me, I never used except emergencies — putok ng airport, putok ng pantalan. But on ordinary day, I simply... And my daughter does not allow it also.
Kaya ‘yung mga town mayors magpasok diyan sa kung saan-saan, pagdating sa Davao, they refrain.

Eh itong kamoteng ito, nag-siren tapos surrounded by 10 policemen with Armalites. Sabi ko, ‘P**** i**, sinong papatay sa iyo?’ Kung hindi ako nanalo, hindi ka makilala kung sino ka. That was what was going on in my mind. Kaya ‘yan.


Pinahiya ko na talaga kasi ‘yun man ang totoo lalo na ‘yang too lavish ang... Sabi ko, walang magsakay dito ng Mercedes-Benz ha. P**** i**.

You use the ordinary... You buy the car that an ordinary manager — kasi manager, nandiyan ka naman sa gobyerno — ‘yan ang bilhin mo.

Ako may Mercedes-Benz diyan o, ibinigay sa akin. State-of-the-art, hindi ka na talaga mamatay kasi armored daw. Maski 50 caliber hindi lulusot eh p**** i** eh ‘di hindi na ako mamamatay niyan.

So if I get to live 120 years old, who’s gonna feed me? Sino ‘yung mag-oxygen sa akin? Why do you have to? Tama na ‘yan. When you are no longer useful, then you should rest.

Ako, I’m 72. By the time I would leave this office, I’d be glad to collapse there and totally — iuwi ako sa Davao cargo na lang. Totoo ‘yan ha.

And my... I can show you my last will and testament that I will be cremated within 24 hours. No ceremony of any kind.
My wake should strictly be private. And I just enumerated — excluded kayo lahat, the few people that I want to go there to visit me if you so wish.

Maraming kuan sa... Hindi ako nagpapabilib sa inyo pero ganon naman talaga ako. Magtanong kayo ng taga-Davao. That’s how I... I’m full of sarcasm and ‘yung storytelling na, ‘Sige, umaganon.’ ‘Yung morbid. Pero ‘yan talaga ang totoo.


“Here is a man who lies and lived his life to the fullest. He was a President and he governed his country. The son of a b***.”


‘Yan ang utang na loob mo sa tao, nagtatrabaho ka. I do not collect — no, nothing... Wala akong... Ang akin ano diyan is just to be simple so that hindi tayo...

Eh kayo, pero ako. They can always, itong media, they can accuse me of anything except ‘yang corruption.

Ito ngayong... If you care to listen, is there any other... Ano yun? Ah ‘yung oath-taking na ng AFP? Kasama mo mag-oath-taking, na promote. Daliin ko na lang baka mag-coup d’état itong mga buang na ito.

Kaya nandiyan sa Cabinet ko si Cimatu who was also assigned in Davao. So we became friends in the area where I was also Mayor. Si Galvante, he was the regional... Most of the Cabinet, halos lahat na mga military na.
Alam mo kasi, pati ako si Gloria, si PNoy, alam mo bakit — bakit kinukuha namin ang mga military? Sa sensitive, ‘yan lang ang mautusan mong matino.


Tamad at hindi na nagre-report ng opisina. Half a day, the other half nandoon sa mall. Sige tingin, wala naman pera.

Kaya ganon. Well anyway, let me just run you through what’s really happening. Alam mo ‘yang rebellion ngayon sa Mindanao, it’s not Maute, it’s purely ISIS with different branch kasi sila ‘yung nag-umpisa.

Actually, ‘yang Maute brothers went to Libya and the other one I think to... They went there. Itong Marawi na ito has long been planned. It could not be just a decision na ‘let’s go to Mindanao’. Plano na ito lahat.

And it’s a long time. So ako naman, as a student of you know what, history and maybe, noong si Hapilon na ipinadala sa Central Mindanao and he was anointed as the emir, doon na ako nakaamoy na something terribly wrong is going to happen.

Kasi dala-dala niya ‘yang ISIS eh. Iyong Maute is just the family name of two brothers. They started and I warned you before, I’m warning you now na ang ISIS walang pera.

And I said by the time that they are pushed back and they lose the land mass, they will scamper to everywhere. Dito ang nagfu-fuel sa insurrection, ang drugs.

Sinadya talaga nila ‘yan na luto nang luto. Dito naman mga Chinese and then Taiwanese dito hinuhulog nila diyan sa
boundaries, a territorial waters. They placed a GPS and the idiots would just go around and collect the…

Kaya makita mo maraming mga drum na lumulutang diyan sa coastal areas.

Itong Maute, sinadya talaga nila ‘yan. Hindi nakuha ng Pilipino pati itong mga good boy na media.

Pero hindi ko na lang din sinabi muna because I was not then in a position to say it publicly. So ginagamit nila, pati Mindanao, ang droga nila was almost like a rice mill, mas malaki pa.

It was really a factory, ‘yung sa pampang sa… It was really a factory. From end to end, about dalawang basketball court. And all the equipment and the machines there were really intended to manufacture shabu.


Dito naman sa Western side, kaya ako nagtaka, nagpunta ako sa Bohol, and then I looked at the figures and facts.

Nagtataka ako, itong mga Bol-anon, it’s a very pacific tribe. Alam mo ‘tong mga Bol-anon — I’m not trying to be funny — halos every family ‘yan may contribution ‘yan sa Roman Catholic na madre or pari. And even itong si Evasco, he was a priest, he went to Mindanao to wage war.

Nahuli ‘yan ng military, ako ang inquest fiscal noon. And I was handling the trial against him. But Cory called for a revolutionary government and decided to free all political prisoner.
Kaya pumunta ‘yan sa akin because I was appointed vice mayor, naghingi ng trabaho. Eh ‘di binigyan ko, technical assistant. And he coasted along with me until I became mayor.


Kaya remember, when you are not sure of where to go or how to decide, although ganyan lang ‘yan siya, but he’s a very smart aleck, si Estrada.

Huwag ninyong kalimutan ‘yang, “ang buhay ay weather-weather lang”. Totoo talaga. For me and for you and for everybody.

So ngayon, we are fighting, really, it was funded by…

Ang... Marami akong patay. I’m very sad. Marami akong sundalong patay, marami akong pulis na patay. Hindi lang nila nire-record kung ilan. Wala akong nakita na newspaper na, “the following died today.”

I lose about three, four. It keeps on increasing everyday for as long as that war rages on. I am one of those who are really hurrying it up.

The earlier we attain the equanimity of the community, the stability, I’d be the first to clamor for the lifting of martial law.

But here is the catch, sabi nila I did not consult the military. You can hardly talk to the fools and to the stupid, they will never understand.
You do not declare martial law without asking the soldiers and the policemen. *Kaya nga nila nasabi na nag-declare ako na walang permiso sa military pati pulis.*

With more reason ngayon, *tanungin ko ang military at pulis,* ‘Are we okay? Because if we are, then let’s lift it immediately.’

But for as long as the military says, ‘Sir, *hindi pa talaga kaya.*’ And it’s beyond 60 days, Congress must understand that I may need more time.

There’s Jolo, which is also bursting. And on top of that, I am facing three fronts. I have terrorism in Mindanao; I have the drug problem; and *itong mga* ordinary, kidnap-for-ransom and everything.

*Kaya kung patayin ‘yan sila, huwag kayong magtaka.* I am... And my orders are, since this is war, I did not ask for it. The people, *hindi naman nila hiningi.* If it’s war, my orders really are to wipe them out, everyone.

When I say, wipe them out, better. If you shoot him in the head, shoot it again in the heart *para sigurado.* Otherwise, *kung maka-eskapo ‘yan at ikaw ang mahuli.*

*Kaya sabi ko sa... Kasi itong mga sundalo, ang pulis lang ang may side arms.* So I’m spending billions. I’m acquiring now the short... I’m giving it to the Army.

*Kasi itong Army, palagay-lagoy kasi eh. ‘Pag maglabas ng kampo akala mo namamasal sa Luneta. Kaya kini-kidnap, paminsan binabaril na lang ng NPA kaya ngayong nawala ‘yung peace talks.*

No more talks. And I have been saying it time and again, we have been fighting this war for 50 years. I’m asking now, the communists, are you ready to fight another 50 wars? Kayo ang nag-umpisa eh.

Because if you are, then wala akong choice except to prepare for the next 50 wars. I’ll just have to arm the government properly.

So ‘yan ang ano. Sabihin mo, anong order ko? Giyera ‘to, patayan ‘to. Nobody asked for it. Bakit kita bubuhayin kung kaharap ka ng... Eh kung barilin mo sa ulo, shoot him again in the heart.

Then I am assured with two bullets, wala na akong... Papakain ko pa ‘yang p**** i**** ‘yan? Mag-gasto pa. Patayan kaya ang gusto mo, eh ‘di sige.

I’ve been trying to warn them. How many times did you hear me? Do not force my hand into it. Please. When they started to place IED, improvised explosive device sa Zamboanga High School, sa Marawi, ‘yung granada diyan sa library. Do not do that because you’ll force my hand, if you start to harm innocent civilian especially children. Inatake talaga ‘yung ano...

So it’s just an information for everybody. At ‘yung istorya ko naman kalimutan niyo. If you are not... If you are not into it, palusutin niyo sa tenga.

But for those who are really vain, meron eh. In this room siguro mga dalawa lang ang matino, lahat siguro medyo vain.

Hindi, biro lang. Let’s have the picture for posterity.
Security, Peace & Justice: Fighting a Principled War for the Republic Against Rebellion and Terrorism WhileMaintaining Loyalty to the Constitution
(Visit to the 102nd Infantry Brigade in Brgy. Igsoon, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay, June 2, 2017)

I’d be going back via Cagayan to visit the wounded soldiers then I will proceed to ‘yung mga sundalo kong namatay.

You know, we’re having really hindi naman rebellion of a large scale. But we have pockets of rebellion everywhere. And, ang away natin sa NPA, I don’t know what will be the developments kasi sumulat sa akin si Agcaoili and ipinakita ko sa ating mga officers.

They have offered to fight alongside with us against terrorism. Maybe they realized na kung manalo ang... We are overwhelmed at manalo — the ISIS will prevail in Mindanao or even a part of Mindanao, wala silang kasali sa gobyerno.

The ISIS will never allow anybody to have in their company a group of persons which have di — iba ‘yung ideolohiya.

And, I don’t know but I’m not so keen about it. Anyway, it’s a show of goodwill. Kasi ako mag-pranka naman sa kanila ngayon, it’s either we continue to talk about peace but we have to stop fighting.

I will not allow any talks on my behalf or ako kasi ang nandoon si Dureza pati si Bello. I will not allow them or
authorize to go back to the negotiating table without them signing a document, unilateral *kanila*, they say that they would stop fighting.

Because *ako, tapos na ako. Ako ang nauna*. And I even released... I conceded so many things. *Ini-release ko ‘yung mga rebelde na komunista nasa Muntinlupa.*

*Sabagay if it's a consolation to you, huwag naman kayong magalit because ang ni-release ko ‘yung matatanda na. May TB, may diabetes, may lahat about — basta 70 years old sabi ko.*

It’s more of a humanitarian... *Wala na ‘yan. Maski bigyan mo ng baril ‘yan, ‘di na abot ng — makalakad ng isang kilometro.*

But I did concede to that. And in many times in groups, *kaya ako sabi ko*, it no longer behooves upon me to do anything to *makipag-usap sa kanila* until there is peace.

*Dito naman sa extremism, mananalo tayo. But we will have losses, ganon lang talaga ang buhay. That is how life is governed in this universe. You would never know when.*

*Pero sabihin mo matalo tayo, impossible ‘yan. It will just take a longer period *kasi alam mo kung tayo*, we are not concerned of civilians *kagaya sa kanila na p*** matamaan mo diyan, ke ma-civilian, okay ‘yung kalaban mo, okay lang.*

But no we are a government and we are bound by rules and even treaties, ‘*yung mga Geneva Convention. That’s their favorite sanctuary. They also refer the Geneva Convention ‘pag pabor nila. ‘Pag nadehado sila, wala silang ingay sa Geneva Convention. And that is always the problem because the government can never ignore treaties and the laws of the land.*

*Kasi kung wala lang talaga tayong... Kung terorista lang din tayo, madali na natapos ‘yan. Bombahan mo lang lahat,
tapos na isang araw. Eh marami na akong jet planes ngayon, sampu na ‘yan.

But you know, this is a rebellion where we fight parang — civilized way of dealing with the problems of the country.

But there’s always a limit to that. Sige lang. Hanggang kaya ng — kaya tanggapin. ‘Pag hindi tanggapin, then we raise the fighting to a higher degree — raise it one bar.

Eh kung gamitin mo lahat na ‘yung jet pulugin mo na buong — isang munisipyo eh ‘di tapos na ang giyera. That’s... Ang terorista ganon eh.

But we cannot... Hindi naman tayo pwede sabihin sundin natin sila.

We are a civilized nation and we have a military well-disciplined and we also value human life even if we have to destroy sometime but alam natin na siyempre, lalo na ang kalaban natin Pilipino rin. Sometimes, you are in a quandary.


By the time I’ll be out of... Kung buhayin pa ako ng Panginoon Diyos, you will have about 24 jet planes. Mag-acquire pa ako ng 12. Subukan ko.

You have the best equipments, ‘yung — ang sources natin sa baril ninyo is just two nations. I will not mention the names. Pero hindi ako nag... At saka hindi ako nagbibili...

During my time, wala na akong secondhand mga barko, barko. It has to be brand new.
Hindi na ako tatanggap ng mga equipments ng military na secondhand. Iyong inibigay ng Amerikano, ayaw ko na ‘yan. Even I have to spend double the money.

So ‘yan ang maasahan ninyo. At may... Sometime... But I have already a part of the funds that will guarantee na ‘yung anak ninyo, edukasyon will continue even if you are somewhere.

May nakita na ako. It’s a 20 billion initial. If I could have reached 50, sobra-sobra na ‘yan.

If I can have a 50 billion trust fund para lang sa edukasyon ng mga anak ninyo, even if you fight or you are somewhere else in this universe, sagot na ang edukasyon lang ha, sagot na ang edukasyon.

So wala kayong problema. I have already 50 — the 50 — the 20 of the 50 billion. Maski interes na ‘yan.

And you have the best equipments now maski sa Jolo, Cagayan, kinumpleto ko na.

You have a new building sa AFP Medical — MRI, baric to fight ‘yang infection. You have all the equipments now and you will have the best of everything.

Fighting is a — it’s always a risk. But as I have said, there is always a time for everything. A time to fight and a time to rest, a time to retire, eh hindi naman — or a time to die.

There is always a panahon sa buhay natin. We choose to be in government so we are always in jeopardy.

But that’s beside the point. The point is we are fighting for a principle and that is what it is — what is the most important things.
Huwag kayong matakot na ano... In this martial law, you just do your job. Pagka sinabi ng commander ‘gawain mo,’ gawain mo ‘yan. I will, I said, I will take full responsibility, legal and everything else, ako ang sasagot.

Kaya ‘yung kasalanan, sabi ko nga noon, nagbibiro ako, hindi ako nagbibiro ng rape-rape noon. Sabi ko, lahat ng kasalanan ninyo kung mapatawad ka, sabi ko rape mapatawad kita siguro pero kung tatlong beses, baka ako na ang makulong.

That was just being sarcastic. Alam mo kung bakit? Iyong Amerikano, wala man silang kalaban. ‘Pag nandito sa Pilipinas, ang kalaban nila ‘yung mga babae natin, eh sila ‘yung nagre-rape eh. It was really an indirect...

Hindi ako nagpapatawa ‘yung rape-rape-rape. It was just to stress the point. Hindi ako nagpapatawa ng sundalo. Ang sundalo hindi naman tumatawa.

So para maklaro lang sa media na it was not intended to be a joke. It was intended to be a sarcastic or sarcasm.

It was not intended to my soldiers, it was intended to somebody else’s... Patayin pa ‘yun minsan. Rape-in tapos bigyan ng visa, bigyan ng hanapbuhay ang pamilya, tapos na. Walang problema, no liability.


Well anyway, let me go back again to my guarantee, protektado ko kayo. I will answer for everything. You just fight and fight. Huwag kayong matakot na ano...

Minsan may pagkakamali talaga pati ‘yan, sagutin ko lahat. For all of the consequences of the proclamation of martial law.
I am not appealing for a personal loyalty. *Hindi ko* type ‘yung ganon. I just want you to fight for the Republic and maintain your loyalty to the Constitution. Period.

During my time, as your President, I can give you only the inspiration and the protection that you would need. And I will attend to your needs and during my time, you will have the best.

*Maraming salamat po.*
EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Executive Order No. 24  
*May 16, 2017*

Reorganizing the Cabinet Clusters System by integrating Good Governance and Anti-Corruption in the policy frameworks of all clusters and creating the Infrastructure Cluster and Participatory Governance Cluster.

Executive Order No. 25  
*May 16, 2017*

Changing the name of “Benham Rise” to “Philippine Rise” and for other purposes.

Executive Order No. 26  
*May 16, 2017*

Providing for the establishment of smoke-free environments in public and enclosed places.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation No. 204  
*May 2, 2017*

Declaring Friday, 05 May 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Santiago.

Proclamation No. 205  
*May 10, 2017*

Declaring Friday, 19 May 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Butuan.
Proclamation No. 206  
*May 10, 2017*
Declaring Wednesday, 02 August 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Butuan.

Proclamation No. 207  
*May 10, 2017*
Declaring Monday, 15 May 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of Gumaca, Province of Quezon.

Proclamation No. 208  
*May 19, 2017*
Declaring Saturday, 24 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Manila.

Proclamation No. 209  
*May 19, 2017*
Declaring Friday, 16 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of Molave, Zamboanga del Sur.

Proclamation No. 210  
*May 19, 2017*
Declaring Friday, 16 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Bogo, Province of Cebu.

Proclamation No. 211  
*May 19, 2017*
Declaring Wednesday, 21 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of Laurel, Province of Batangas.

Proclamation No. 212  
*May 19, 2017*
Declaring Saturday, 17 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Province of Agusan del Sur.
Proclamation No. 213  
May 19, 2017  
Declaring Monday, 19 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Province of Ifugao.

Proclamation No. 214  
May 19, 2017  
Declaring Wednesday, 21 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of Maasim, Province of Sarangani.

Proclamation No. 215  
May 19, 2017  
Declaring Wednesday, 21 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of Rosario, Province of Agusan del Sur.

Proclamation No. 216  
May 23, 2017  
Declaring a state of Martial Law and suspending the privilege of the Writ of *Habeas Corpus* in the whole of Mindanao.

Proclamation No. 217  
May 26, 2017  
Creating and designating a building which stands on several parcels of land located within Valdez Center, Barangay 1, San Francisco, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte as an Information Technology Center pursuant to Republic Act No. 7916, as amended by Republic Act No. 8748.

Proclamation No. 218  
May 26, 2017  
Declaring Saturday, 24 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Tabaco, Province of Albay.
**Proclamation No. 219**  
*May 30, 2017*
Declaring Tuesday, 20 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Dagupan.

**Proclamation No. 220**  
*May 30, 2017*
Declaring Friday, 23 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Batac, Province of Ilocos Norte.

**Proclamation No. 221**  
*June 1, 2017*
Declaring Tuesday, 06 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

**Proclamation No. 222**  
*June 1, 2017*
Declaring Monday, 19 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Province of Laguna.

**Proclamation No. 223**  
*June 1, 2017*
Declaring Monday, 19 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Calamba.

**Proclamation No. 224**  
*June 1, 2017*
Declaring Tuesday, 20 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Lipa.

**Proclamation No. 225**  
*June 1, 2017*
Declaring Thursday, 29 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Koronadal, Province of South Cotabato.
Proclamation No. 226  
June 5, 2017
Declaring Monday, 19 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte.

Proclamation No. 227  
June 5, 2017
Declaring Wednesday, 21 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Bayugan, Province of Agusan del Sur.

Proclamation No. 228  
June 5, 2017
Declaring Thursday, 22 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Pagadian, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

Proclamation No. 229  
June 5, 2017
Declaring Friday, 23 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Tandag, Province of Surigao del Sur.

Proclamation No. 230  
June 6, 2017
Declaring Friday, 09 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of Rosario, Batangas.

Proclamation No. 231  
June 7, 2017
Declaring Friday, 16 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of Pamplona, Negros Oriental.

Proclamation No. 232  
June 13, 2017
Declaring 13 to 16 June 2017 as “Days of National Mourning.”
Proclamation No. 233
June 13, 2017
Declaring Thursday, 15 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Angeles, Pampanga.

Proclamation No. 234
June 14, 2017
Declaring Friday, 16 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality La Trinidad, Province of Benguet.

Proclamation No. 235
June 16, 2017
Declaring Monday, 26 June 2017, as a regular holiday throughout the country in observance of Eid’l Fitr (Feast of Ramadhan).

Proclamation No. 236
June 16, 2017
Declaring Saturday, 17 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Lapu-Lapu.

Proclamation No. 237
June 16, 2017
Creating and designating a building which stands on several parcels of land located along Indo-China Drive, Filinvest Northgate Business District, Alabang, Muntinlupa City as an Information Technology Center pursuant to Republic Act No. 7916, as amended by Republic Act No. 8748.

Proclamation No. 238
June 16, 2017
Declaring Monday, 19 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in Municipality of Carmen, Province of Davao del Norte.
Proclamation No. 239  
*June 19, 2017*

Declaring Thursday, 22 June 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of Socorro, Oriental Mindoro.

Proclamation No. 240  
*June 19, 2017*

Declaring Saturday, 01 July 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the City of Dipolog.

Proclamation No. 241  
*June 19, 2017*

Declaring Saturday, 01 July 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of Moncada, Province of Tarlac.

Proclamation No. 242  
*June 19, 2017*

Declaring Saturday, 01 July 2017, as a special (non-working) day in the Municipality of Maramag, Province of Bukidnon.