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ROCKY IGNACIO/PTV4: Good morning, Malacañang Press Corps. Welcome sa Task Force Bangon Marawi Briefing. Today we have Assistant Secretary Toby Purisima.

ASEC. PURISIMA: Thank you, Rocky. Ladies and gentlemen of the Malacañang Press Corps, good morning.

Joining us today for another edition of Task Force Bangon Marawi Press Briefing are DSWD Region XII Director Bai Zorahayda Taha, and AFP Spokesperson Brig. Gen. Bienvenido Datuin.

Here are the updates from your Task Force: The Department of Trade and Industry turned over eleven Bongo trucks and five rice mills to the various cooperatives in the province of Lanao Del Sur, to help agricultural farmers from the conflict-affected communities.

The beneficiaries of said Bongo trucks and rice mills include, the United Marawian Agri Product Marketing Cooperative; Lumbaca Toros Marawi Livelihood Producer Cooperative and Putad Multi-sectoral Marketing Cooperative. For more details, please watch this short video: [VIDEO PRESENTATION]

On the transfer of IDPs from Iligan evacuation centers to Marawi City – Through the collaborative efforts of the City Government of Marawi, the Department of Social Welfare and Development and Task Force Bangon Marawi, around 128 displaced families sheltered in 4 evacuation centers in Iligan City have been relocated to the Sarimanok evacuation site located in Barangay Poblacion, Marawi City last 14 April 2018. DSWD will continue to provide relief goods in Marawi evacuation sites through the local government unit.

On the Balik Probinsiya Program – DSWD continues to conduct the Balik Probinsiya Program for Marawi renters and sharers staying in evacuation centers. According to DSWD’s baseline data, 424 families staying in 25 evacuation centers in Northern Mindanao, Region X are renters or sharers. As of the latest report, 205 families have availed of the Balik Probinsiya Program with the total travel assistance of P1,064,500. The Balik Probinsiya Program includes, P5,000 worth of transportation assistance, 4 family food packs, a family kit, hygiene kit, kitchen kit and sleeping kit.

On Strategic and Crisis Communications Training for our Information Officers – To further facilitate a healthy information environment during the rehabilitation phase, more than 50 Information Officers or IOs from the member-agencies of Task Force Bangon Marawi have undergone a Strategic and Crisis Communications Training last 16-17 April in Iligan City. Knowledge on civil military operations, and preventing and countering violent extremism were also among the topics discussed. A refresher on writing, photography and social media management were also given. This activity aims to capacitate the communications officers of the Task Force in delivering much needed information to the public, most especially affected communities.

On Strategic and Crisis Communications Training for our barangay captains – Also recognizing the role of local government officials in fostering good communications between the grassroots and the Task Force, the PIA convened the barangay chairpersons and community leaders of Marawi City on April 18 in their city hall. The speakers and participants discussed the importance of communications in times of crisis and the collective responsibility in countering violent extremism.

On ICRC’s ceremonial turnover of generator sets for Marawi – The International Committee of the Red Cross turned over two generator sets to the Marawi City Water District on April 17, to ensure that the residents will have access to water when unexpected power outages occur. The generator sets will be placed in Barangay Bangon and Bubonga to support in the continued operations of the pumping stations.

On TESDA livelihood trainings – For the business and livelihood subcommittee, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority or TESDA administers an 18 and 21-day training for Marawi residents focusing on motorcycle engine wiring, servicing and overhauling. The ongoing trainings started on 10 April, and are just outside the Marawi City Hall. The training programs help create job opportunities for the participants, giving them a source of income.

On consultations being conducted with our stakeholders – The Task Force is leading a conversation series with residents of the most affected area in Marawi City to foster informed and honest discussions between government and the people of Marawi on the rehabilitation of the 24 severely damaged barangays. For these consultations, the Task Force partners with the World Bank, International Alert Community and Family Services International, The Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy, and the Philippine Institute for Environmental Planning. The results of the discussions will inform the finalization of the plans for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the most affected areas.

Key issues being discussed include, timeline for the return of our IDPs; competing land claims; locations of proposed public infrastructure; specifications; and for certain structures, the need to construct or the need not to construct. In addition, the discussions are being used to identify and confirm areas in the most affected area with high cultural and religious value, including sacred sites. A total of 34 clans in 13 clusters are being consulted.

These discussions are face-to-face with the Task Force and facilitated by a third independent party acceptable to both the Task Force and the clans. In parallel, focused group discussions are also taking place with key stakeholders including women and youth, children, the private sector, the academe, the ulama, civil society organizations, people's organizations, barangay chairpersons from the most affected area, IDP leaders, health and education professionals from the private sectors, and IDPs from evacuation centers and home-based IDPs in 6 locations.

Overall, the stakeholders participating in the discussions expressed their appreciation for being informed and consulted on the proposed plans for the rehabilitation of the most affected area which directly affects them and the larger community. The discussions allowed for sharing of correct information, discussing concerns of stakeholders, as well as potential solutions.

The Task Force would like to thank all participants in the discussions for their feedback, openness, and sharing of concerns. The most affected area residents were also reassured that the results of the consultations will be used to finalize the plans for the rehabilitation of the most affected area. The Task Force in close collaboration with the LGUs, will setup a system that will enable citizens to engage and provide regular feedback during the implementation of the rehabilitation of Marawi and surrounding areas.

Lastly, on the status of negotiations with the Bagong Marawi Consortium - The Bangon Marawi Selection Committee and the Bagong Marawi Consortium are currently in the negotiations phase. Specifically, the Selection Committee through its technical team is in the process of reviewing and assessing in detail the proposed infrastructure to be constructed as part of the overall development plan submitted by the consortium.

This process will ensure that the infrastructure to be constructed will be compliant with existing standards and set at prices in keeping with industry standards. We would like to emphasize that negotiations will only be completed upon the integration of the recommendations, comments and suggestions arising from our parallel activity of consulting our state holders for this project and which I mentioned earlier, by integrating the recommendations from the grassroots level. The Task force ensures that the final development plan is responsive and in line with the desire, dreams and aspirations of the people of Marawi City.

That's all for my updates. I will now give the floor to Director Bai Zorahayda Taha of DSWD region 12 for her updates.

DIRECTOR TAHA: Thank you sir. Good morning. I am going to present status of services and interventions for the internally displaced persons of Marawi City.

Status of displaced families as of today, we have now 48,444 and we have returned number of families, we have 28,6726. The target before was 77, 170. For our current displaced families inside evacuations centers, we have now total of 910 evacuations centers throughout region 10 and Lanao Del Sur. Number of families inside evacuations centers, we have now only 3,259. And then home-based, ito ang medyo bigger figures, we have total of 45,185. So, we have a total of 48,444.

For the summary of services and interventions that we have extended, we have extended relief assistance with the total amount of 582,680,826. For Ramadan packs that was given last June of last year, we have a total of 43,336,288.000, is total of 48,922 packs.

For our financial assistance, we have extended the cost of 2,448,829.00. And then for our cash for works, this is a temporary employment given to the IDPs, we have total of 59,245 families, extended cash for work with a cost of 118, 419,000. For the livelihood assistance of which we started only for our social preparation and this is in partnership also with TESDA, who were all trained by the TESDA, we have number of 3,266 families only with the cost of 20,330,000.

These our summary of interventions and services that we have also extended. This is covering region 10 and region 12, because we are working as one DSWD.

So for our Kambalingan sa Marawi, the Kambalingan is the IDPs from our evacuation centers in Iligan City who were returned to their barangays. So, we have already number of families for the Kambalingan. We have already 49,341 families and we have extended and basic and support assistance in the form of food, non-food items which was mentioned by Sir, the sleeping kits, the hygiene kits, the sleeping kits and the family kits. And also have the financial assistance, this in the form of 5,000.

But last year of June we have started, because that was Ramadan, we have started to pay some IDPS in the amount of 1,000 some were given only 4,000. And now, we are given the complete P5,000 financial assistance. And we have number of families: well this we have 43, 876, total amount extended: 179,374,000.00.

For the transpo assistance – this covers those balik-probinsya – we only have reached for now, 215 and to the total is 1,000,076. So, we have total of cash for work for 49,341 families with the total cost of 101,792,000. So total cost extended is 1,266,113,046. Total number of families we already have 75,566 families.

For the status of our Kambalingan families: As I said, these are the families that we have returned. We have different batches, as scheduled in coordination with Task Force Bangon Marawi, with the LGU. So, we already have 9 clusters. Number of Barangays: we already have 56 barangays; total that returned we already have 39,845 and then returned 32,862. We still have families who have not yet returned, total of 6,983 for the reason that is more of personal and some of them must still are doing social preparation for the families. Some of them, the children are enrolled already and very few have already started a little business while in Iligan.

For our mostly affected barangays, this is we have the 24 mostly affected barangays of which as of now, they are already happy because they were allowed already to do the Kambisita. That means to say, they have schedules to visit all the respective houses in the most affected areas, we call ground zero.

And we also have started to release also some support and we have targeted 338 as of now and the total cost of assistance given is 4,316,318.00. We already have discussed with the Task Force Bangon Marawi, because in the first target, we only have 9,000 IDPs from the ground zero, but for now, it reach to almost 27,000. And we are doing already the validation of these families and we have already some job order staff in coordination with the local government and Marawi to do some validation of this, because we are distinguishing the homeowners of the Maas and the house renters.

But we are very optimistic that we will be able to respond to the needs of these families coming from the mostly affected families.

So, for our continuing steps, we still have to continue the provision of relief assistance in evacuation sites under the Kambalingan sa Marawi. We also have to sustain the management of operational evacuation centers. For now, we have tents located at Sarimanok tents in Bubuan, Marawi and we already have started putting them in place. And we also have started to give them cash for work for them to you know, do some little canal digging within their tents so that if ever it rains, their tents will not be affected by rains.

And then of course, we will also do the continuing service delivery for the displaced families from the most affected areas, Dema'a. And also we also have the implementation of the Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program under there we have conditionality's for calendar year 2018.

In Marawi we have a total of 12,000 4Ps and we already have started the kumustahan within the department, because some of them were scattered in the different municipalities. And it's ongoing pour validation and find them where are these 4Ps, because we wanted to bring them back all.

And then we will also—we'll have the implementation of the sustainable livelihood program. For now we already started our social preparation. We have assigned some staff, our regular provincial project development officers from the region whom we temporarily assigned in Marawi to do the assessment, validation and coming up of project proposals in coordination with the local government of Marawi and of course in close coordination with the barangay officials and of course the affected families.

And then we are going also to institutionalize the convergence of cash for work implementation. When I say convergence: we have there the LGU Marawi; we have the DC; we have the DA; the TESDA. All other line agencies! So in fact last week, they had a meeting, the convergence team, to come up with a plan but we already have started it but for a plan for 2018.

And of course we have also to continue to enhance grievance and our redress management because we have been receiving some grievances sir na: we have not yet returned, we have not

received the fact, the access card and so on and we are addressing this, but of course everything is subject for validation and assessment, sir. Marami pong salamat and thank you sir! Thank you po...

ASEC. PURISIMA: Thank you, Director Taha. We are also joined by DTI Undersecretary Zenaida Maglaya, who will now give the updates from the DTI.

USEC. MAGLAYA: Thank you very much to our friends in media. We would like to give an update on the livelihood component for Bangon Marawi and we would like to report that after last year's over a thousand of starter kits given including sewing machines, cooking utensils even for carpentry tools. Right now as of end of March, we were able to gather and to add an additional over 4,000 of assistance or provision of starter kits as well, additional sewing machines of 500 sewing machines.

We also have additional starter kits that includes sari-sari stores, carinderias, opening up of bakeries as well and—so that they can already go back to what they actually have been doing and we also—we're able to provide loans in the amount of 6 million pesos for our soldiers as well, who were wounded as well as those killed in the encounter in Marawi. So also, this was provided through our P3 funds. This is the Pondo sa Pagbabago at Pag-assenso.

So this is a—actually the fund was—is a non-interest bearing fund for the first three months just to allow them to be able to start of restart their business after three months, then they will already start paying their loans, so it was like a giving them a grace period. And we still in the process of gathering more applicants for loans because according to a lot of our IDPs, what they were really saying is, they are not really just after grants but they are really just want that they be provided assistance to start, be given the capital and that they will be able to also repay.

The other thing that we are looking at is also providing tricycles to—there are I think 6,000 in need of tricycles there so we are now talking to the tricycle owners and drivers association the TODA to be able to find out how they can borrow money through groups or through their associations.

They will also be in easy terms and we hope that eventually we will also be looking at the possibility of coming up with the e-trikes or green tricycles for Marawi eventually, but of course the challenge there is the terrain. We have to first find out if the train in Marawi would really be suitable for e-trikes because of the hilly slopes in Marawi. But as it is now, it's the traditional tricycles that they would like to also ask for funding so far.

The Department of Agriculture are continuously also been giving a lot of seedlings for vegetables because as we have now markets that where they can sell. We have to make sure that they also have the produce that they can really sell the vegetables and they can also have—in fact they also giving some animals like goats for animal raising so that they can also sell this in the markets. We are looking forward to more markets to be opened in specific areas in partnership with, of course the DPWH to find out exactly where they can be located or situated and that hopefully funds will also be made available for this. Thank you very much.

ASEC. PURISIMA: Thank you very much, Undersecretary Maglaya. May I know call on AFP Spokesperson Brigadier General Bienvenido Datuin.

BRIG. GEN. DATUIN: Good morning. As head of the AFP coordinating team working with the Task Force Bangon Marawi, we are a member of three sub-committees: one is on reconstruction which is headed by the Department of Public Works and Highways and which is being remand of course by joint Engineer Task Group Builder that we asked is practically the main effort right now in the clearing operations; we are also a member of the peace and order sub-committee which is headed by the Department of Interior and Local Government. Of course the joint task force Lanao is actively involve right now specifically the 103rd brigade; and of course the land resource management sub-committee headed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources which is participated doon as a member by the AFP real estate office and of course the Army real estate office which is involve of course in the acquisition of a Camp for/in Marawi. But we will be manned of course by units there.

And as an update in our Marawi rehabilitation, on the clearing of the most affected areas as of this date, we have 75 percent of the 9 sectors cleared or 7 out of the 9 sectors, 10 percent still ongoing and 15 percent on-hold. Primarily for the reason on-hold, is we consider sector 1D because the unexploded ordnance and improvise explosive devices that are yet to be recovered are situated under collapsed structures and which will need concrete breakers and crushers and which are needed and which are expected to be provided to us to expedite the work in the said on-hold sector which is 1D.

However, the sector 7, out of 9 are already cleared and only one is ongoing which is the 10 percent ongoing work in one of the sectors, which is one in the outskirts.

Again, still on the clearing of the most affected areas, the Philippine Army will be transporting the following additional equipment for the clearing and rehabilitation of Marawi City: we are expecting a tractor head with flat-bed trailer, 5; Truck excavator, 5; a diesel generator set 250 KBA; a diesel generator also of 25 KBA, 4, of which will be delivered; 15 KBA diesel generator set at 9. And dump trucks, 30 dump trucks will be included; scope loader of 8 and backhoe loader of 5. These will be delivered anytime now to help in the clearing operations in the said most affected areas.

In addition we have two backhoes with excavators that were already provided to joint task group builder and two concrete breaker attachments are on the pipeline. This has definitely helped us to expedite the work in the so-called most affected areas.

On the status of the recovered unexploded ordnance and improvise explosive devices in the area: as of 17 April, we have 1,187 unexploded ordnance recover; On the IEDs or improvise explosive devices we have 323 recovered and the general propose munitions, 17.

Other accomplishments by the Joint Engineer Task Group Builder includes: completion and the clearing of more or less 20 kilometers primary and secondary roads within the most affected areas; one school and three places of worship; we also have participated in the completion of 50 units temporarily shelters at Barangay Itowa, Marawi City; completed a ground development of

more or less one hectare for temporarily resettlement areas at Barangay Sagonsongan; supported the housing authority and HUDCC in the construction of 570 units temporarily shelters for the IDPs at Barangay Sagonsongan. And completed 60 units of temporary shelters or Bahay Pag-asa for the IDPs at Barangay Mipaga. And that is for sub-committee on reconstruction of which we are a member.

Another sub-committee, as I mentioned earlier which we are a member, the security peace and order. As mentioned earlier on the different IEDs and explosive devices that were recovered - we have remaining 53 bombs suspected to be located underground of the damage/collapsed structures. And three backhoes are currently being used, total of three backhoes including the two that were recently added, to clear debris on possible locations, and as mentioned earlier, on the recovered unexploded ... the figures that were shown earlier.

On the Kambisita Program that we are having right now as mentioned earlier, of course, also, we are now on the sector five for the 3-day visit of the residents to visit and recover personal belongings that are still usable. So we have finished four groups – sector one to sector four. And now, we are on the fifth group which are ongoing; and then six, seven, eight, nine which are expected to be finished by May 10 or a week o May 10.

That's all, sir.

ASEC. PURISIMA: Thank you very much. We are now open for your questions.

ACE ROMERO/PHIL. STAR: Asec. Toby, when do we expect to complete again the negotiations with the consortium?

ASEC. PURISIMA: Well, we expect to complete the negotiations by the end of this month or early May, because then we will begin the process for the Swiss Challenge. We will publish the terms—once the negotiations are completed, we will publish the terms of the Challenge, and then other intended proponents may then challenge those terms and we will determine the developer by the end of May.

ACE ROMERO/PHIL. STAR: Iyong the timeline you set a few weeks ago, are we still on track doon sa timeline?

ASEC. PURISIMA: On track pa naman tayo. We will be—our goal is to have the groundbreaking by early June. So we will complete the selection process for the developer by the end of May.

ACE ROMERO/PHIL. STAR: Okay. Magkano uli iyong proposal, Asec?

ASEC. PURISIMA: As of last information, the initial proposal is around 17.2 billion. That is the proposal of Bagong Marawi Consortium, that is not yet (unclear). We keep on repeating this: we're still on the negotiation phase. Iyon po ang proposal nila, na itatayo nila ang most affected areas sa halagang P17.2 billion. This will be challenged by other prospective proponents during

the Swiss Challenge phase. And we will determine the developer, the final developer by end of May.

LEILA SALAVERRIA/PDI: For Asec. Purisima. Sir, have you updated your plans on what to do with the structures in Marawi, particularly the Grand Mosque? Because there were earlier reports that a group of Maranaos are complaining of insensitivity on the part of the Task Force because the mosque will supposedly be among those flattened in the rehabilitation of the city.

ASEC. PURISIMA: Kasama iyan sa consultations natin ngayon. Tulad ng nabanggit kanina, these past few weeks—these past few days, nagkakaroon ng consultations on the ground. Sabay-sabay itong mga consultations na ito at mayroon tayong mga partners na binanggit ko kanina dahil gusto talaga natin malaman ang mga sentiments ng ating mga kapatid sa Marawi City dahil sila naman talaga ang natamaan nitong violent extremism na ito ‘no.

Kaya’t kukunin natin iyong inputs na iyan, kukunin natin iyan, nang Task Force ‘no, para ma-finalize iyong plano. Iyong initial plan kasi ng consortium nung initial proponent - ng Bagong Marawi Consortium - puwede pa iyang mabago. Iyong 17.2 billion na binanggit ko kanina, puwede pa iyang mabago kung mayroon pa tayong ipapadagdag dito sa consortium na ito, dito sa developer na ito dahil dito pa lang natin kukunin iyong mga sentiments ng ating mga kapatid diyan ‘no.

So in terms of what we will do with the actual structures, kung ano talaga iyong ile-level off, kung ano talaga iyong ipi-preserve as memorials perhaps, kasama naman iyan sa specifications, there will be a final determination on that during the negotiation phase which we hope to complete by the end of this month.

LEILA SALAVERRIA/PDI: Sir, so iyong sa Grand Mosque, wala pang ano ... talagang set up?

ASEC. PURISIMA: Wala pang final. Wala pang final. So lahat ng plano, mayroon ng proposal pero tinatapos pa natin ang konsultasyon para alam talaga natin ang sentimyento ng ating mga kapatid sa most affected area.

LEILA SALAVERRIA/PDI: Sir, kasi earlier, may complaints din about the plans to build the military camp in the city. Based on your consultation, sir, what has been the feedback of the people about it?

ASEC. PURISIMA: Sa consultations na nakukuha natin at sa feedback na nakukuha natin mula sa ating mga kapatid, pabor sila sa building nitong military camp dahil tandaan natin, kailangan din naman natin ng security measures para sa most affected area. Dahil sa mga nangyari in the past, dahil sa ... dito nga sa insidente na ito na nagdulot nitong kasiraan ng most affected area, kailangan talaga natin ng security measures dito sa area. At based sa ating feedback, sa ating mga consultations, ang mga residente ng most affected area ay pabor dito sa kampo na ito.

NORDS MAGUINDANAO/SALAAM RADIO: Doon lang po sa first phase ng rehabilitation, iyon po sa debris management. Tanong ko lang po: Saan po ilalagay iyong mga debris?

ASEC. PURISIMA: Kasama rin iyan sa discussions natin ‘no dahil itong debris management ay malaking bagay. Tandaan natin, hindi natin maku-construct ang most affected area hangga’t hindi matapos itong debris clearing, at napakalaking area nitong most affected area – 250 hectares, so 24 barangays ang nasa sa loob niyan. So kasama iyan sa diskusyon, kung ano iyong gagawin dito sa mga debris na makukuha from that area.

Kung kaya pa itong gamitin ulit o i-recycle in whatever way, we will, of course, do that. Kasama iyan sa mga discussions ng sub-committees.

NORDS MAGUINDANAO/SALAAM RADIO: May panawagan po kasi ang ilang mga environmentalists coming from Lanao area that the debris should not be dumped sa Lake Lanao because as the Lake Lanao is one of the ancient lake and it’s a Class A lake.

So pangalawang question lang po. Because hindi po nakuha iyong, I mean, hindi nasali sa 2018 GAA (General Appropriations) iyong budget, saan po kukunin for the rehabilitation iyong budget?

ASEC. PURISIMA: Mayroong portions ng rehabilitation plan na mapopondohan from the 2018 budget. Mayroon tayong ten billion sa GAA for this. At mayroon din at awtorisado rin ang mga member agencies ng Task Force na gamitin ang kani-kanilang mga pondo, at ginagamit na actually ng ating mga departments ang kanilang mga sari-sariling pondo upang punuin iyong kakulangan doon sa kailangan pang PPAs natin.

Maski ang local government units ng Marawi, ng probinsiya ng Lanao del Sur at ng regional government ng ARMM ay magpu-provide din sila ng fundings sa kani-kanilang mga line budgets para tumulong sa rehabilitation. Kaya gusto na rin nating tapusin ang konsultasyon at ang selection ng ating developer para malaman na rin natin ang final amount at maiprograma na rin natin ito sa future budgets.

NORDS MAGUINDANAO/SALAAM RADIO: Paglilinaw lamang po: Bale, it would be possible na manggagaling ito sa surpluses from the departments, sa fund nila?

ASEC. PURISIMA: Existing budgets. Existing budgets, not necessarily the surpluses. Kasi kung naipasok, kung may naiprograma rin ang mga departamento para makatulong dito sa rehabilitation at rebuilding ng Marawi, maaari nilang gamitin iyon sa mga line budgets nila. At malamang para sa next year’s budget, sa budget natin next year, may naiprograma na rin ang ating mga member agencies sa budget proposal nila this year for the 2019 GAA.

MODERATOR: Questions? Okay. Maraming salamat, Assistant Secretary Toby Purisima. Yes, ma’am, go ahead.

USEC. MAGLAYA: Idadagdag ko lang po ‘no kasi mahalaga ito. Last week lang po mayroon kaming binigay na mga rice mills, mobile rice mills po. Lima po ito at 11 Bongo side trucks. Iyon pong mga side trucks na iyon ay puwedeng gamitin para doon sa mobile rice mill at baka puwede rin po sa clearing operations. Actually, ito po ay kasama sa ating mga livelihood na gustong ibigay sa kanila, to use this.

At nagpapasalamat kami dahil last year sa pondo na naibigay, nagkaroon po ng capital outlay. Hopefully po magkaroon din ng ganoon para ho sa taong ngayon ay makadagdag ho tayo ng mga ganoong klaseng mga equipment. So iyon po, just added good news lang po na may mga dagdag po tayo dahil hiningi po talaga ng ating mga farmers, mga rice farmers na bigyan sila ng mobile rice mills. Dahil iyong mga rice mills na ginagamit po nila noon ay talaga hong naapektuhan sa Marawi, doon ho mismo sa ground zero kaya ngayon mobile rice mills po sila. Iyon ang hiningi at iyon po ang lumalapit ngayon sa mismong ... kung nasaan po ang ating mga rice fields or plantations. Iyon lang po. Thank you.

MODERATOR: Okay, maraming salamat, Usec. Maglaya. Salamat din po kay Brigadier General Datuin, kay Assistant Secretary Toby Purisima. Salamat, Malacañang Press Corps.

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