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Thank you. Kindly sit down.

Teka muna... Na... Tinamaan ng make-up ni [laughter] Ms. Girlie Balaba. We used to be. Ngayon, ayaw na magbeso-beso kaya pinalo ko siya sa... Ikaw ha. Noon, you can make a beso-beso with me forever. Ngayon --- guilty siguro pero okay sige --- okay na lang.

You know, I'd like to talk to you. I will not deliver a speech. But let me narrate to you or relate to you an incident when I was mayor. And this particular narrative is not the only one --- is not only one event that happened in my city and in the rest of the country.

Meron noong --- there were three mothers and fathers who went to my house very early and I could hear the wailing --- the cry of the mothers. And so my partner, si Honeylet, went out to investigate. At she found out that --- well she was being begged by the three mothers na tulungan sila because their children were recruited for the Middle East or somewhere. We really do not know.

And they want whether blessings because they were there to look for a job. 'Yang mahirap nga kasi ang Pilipinas hanggang ngayon. And there are so many related incidents. I hope you'd be patient to listen to me.

And they came back the following day. I met them outside. So finally Honeylet allowed them to be inside the house at --- eh umagang-umaga eh. So one morning I invited them for breakfast and just to listen to their story.

Sabi nila nga 'yung anak nila naghahanap ng trabaho and they were recruited. Hindi naman sinabi, hindi alam. And they have not returned home or heard of for the longest time.

Well, of course hanggang ngayon. And at that time, they were already missing. At least nobody heard from them for siguro for five years, four years. I'm not sure.

So pag-alis nila, sabi ng --- ni Honeylet, "Gumawa ka naman ng paraan, tatal kaya mo naman pagpunta doon. Bakit --- why don't you...?" But this is a different story. This would be the third trip that I went to --- in behalf of my countrymen.

So pagpunta ko I went not via Saudi but dito kami sa --- it was still a very fractured country, Yemen. Ngayon, nagtanong-tanong ako. Wala talaga. But people, some, would say that they remembered the three Filipinas passing by. And until now, hindi na mahanap kung saan.

You know, what I'm talking is slavery. And to think that there are three Filipinas aged 16, 17 --- dalawang 17, isang 16 --- went there, falsified document, falsified birth certificate tapos hindi na alam kung saan.

And not all, I am not talking of Muslims. Let me be very clear. I'm talking about some of the Arab practices and their culture. Ngayon, sa hanap-hanap ko, I was talking to a military man and he said: You might want to put on notice and tell it to your countrymen that slavery is still allowed here. And you know a slave is a slave.

And there are some Arab tribes there that --- 'yung naririnig ninyo. That they work to death everyday, that hindi naman lahat --- I said some but not all. I cannot make any sweeping statement because there are good Arabs also, educated ones.

Alam mo pagka slave ka, maglinis ka ng bahay. Ang problema doon, pagkatapos ng linis ng bahay ng amo mo, you go to another house to clean the house of a daughter-in-law. And then another daughter or son-in-law. And so you hear that many stories coming out that they have only four or five or six na --- swerte na 'yang six. Sa --- on the average, three. And the food is the leftovers of the family.

Kaya sinabi niya, might also be good for you to know that there are some Arab tribes who practice this queer thing that if you are a slave or if you are paid to do the work, you are a slave and sexual abuse is always part of the territory. It could --- every day...

And that's the reason why some of our countrymen just jump out of the window. The highest rate of foreign workers works nagsu-suicide. They cannot just endure maybe the human degradation.

And so I'd like to address him, General Joselito Bautista, he used to wear the Philippine Army; Senator Francis Tolentino; the honorable members of the House of Representatives; Council for the Welfare of Children Executive Director Mary Mitzi Cajayon-Uy; the 2018 awardees of child-friendly cities and municipalities; and other distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen.

I used the word general because I am sending him a message now that you have to do more. Since you are a military man then I hope that you can come up with a structure --- a bigger one to go after itong recruitment. And so goes for the Department of Labor and everybody.

My orders are really to get them. You should know where to fish for them. And return them to the water because they are fish.

You know, ang illegal recruitment is non-bailable. So... Well, sometimes it's a very sad thing to be here knowing that there are still aplenty of Filipinos going abroad at may isa pang... P***** i**.

You know, this shallow strait of Aden near Angola and Aden. There's a narrow strait where you pass before you can reach the Middle East countries. Dadaan ka diyan. And it is not the first, the second, or the third. But 'yung mga Filipino sailors, whenever they are hijacked in the high seas, ang kinukuha nila 'yung mga Pilipino --- about six now, seven.

Kung hindi Hapon, Pilipino, Indonesians. They are the favorite in the [menu?] of the pirates. Ang isip-isip ko, I'm kind of telling the United Nations. Napaka-inutil naman ninyo diyan. I mean... It has been an inutile body actually. But the United Nations has failed to establish order in this planet.

And that is why everybody is just you know, to each his own. Wala naman... It has not established order. It has not prevented wars. It has not take any punitive, strong action against the pirates.

At one time, hinamon ko ang Seoul sa South Korea kasi na-kidnap sabay sa mga Pilipino. Sabi ko, kung pumayag ka, I will send my Navy ships there at patrol the areas. And whenever you see the idiots there, fire your cannons and blast them to kingdom come. Do not give them a chance to live and to kidnap again.

Kaya itong na... Napipikon na kasi ako. So that's why I'm --- address para malaman ninyo that 'yung DSW army man 'yan. At baka talaga na he will coordinate with the Navy and I will send the Navy there. And 'pag nakita nila 'yung mga p***** i**, patayin na lang nila. Tabla-tabla na lang.

Alam mo 'pag ganito, can you... Itong human rights? Does it really apply there also? And the victims, can they have the human rights even to cry before being beheaded or... Kaya hindi ko maintindihan ang buhay. That's what I do not... 'Yung disparity between the importance of the criminals and the attention given to the victims.

Wala eh. Kaya napipilitan akong --- o ayaw ninyo? Ayaw ninyong gumalaw? Ah ako. Ganun. Ayaw mang gumalaw. Inutil na gobyerno. O 'di ako. Sige. Ga --- ganon ang ugali ko.

And kayong mga taga-Davao, what made your city the richest now? What made it beautiful? Eh kung walang past mayors, ganon rin, past presidents. You allowed [unclear] Wala akong ano. I am not apologizing for anything. That's g***** s***. Wala akong...

I've been very emphatic. You destroy my country, I will kill you. You destroy my city, I will kill you. What does that mean? How do you destroy a city? You destroy people. Abstract naman 'yang city eh, in theory.

'Pag hinayaan ko 'yang ganon nung past administrations sa city, pati sa Pilipinas, ah wala. Sabi nila o, itong mga idiotong mga kolumnista, wala daw nakuha na... Hindi lang ninyo alam. Baka hindi niyo alam ilan tinapon ko diyan sa Manila Bay. Mga y*** kayo. Baka gusto ninyo pati kayo.

Bakit? Naga-announce ba kami na 'yang drug lord si ano tinapon ko sa ano --- Laguna de Bay? 'Yung isa hinulog ko doon sa Mountain Province doon sa ravine? Do I have to advertise that? Ulol pala kayo eh. 'Yan ang ano.

Now, drugs. It's so --- it has destroyed so many families and it has reached the level of causing a social dysfunction of the majority of our countrymen. Hindi lang nila na... Tingnan mo nga sa gabi-gabi. You look at the --- all networks. 'Yung --- 'yung newspaper ngayon. Napaka-torpe mo naman kung hindi mo maintindihan. Look at the drugs being confiscated and seized. Gabi-gabi 'yan meron. Ang sabi pinapatay ko.

Look at the 8888. It contains all what is in my briefer every day submitted by the whole country. Nakita man ninyo A, A, A --- A, A, A is arrested, N is patay, neutralized. Tingnan ninyong listahan ngayon. Ngayong gabi. May nakita ba kayo na wholesale pinatay lima, anim? It's one or two if they decide to fight it out with the law enforcement.

Sinabi ko naman sa mga army na bakit kayo magpakamatay? Ah 'pag naabutan ko diyan gina --- nagpabaril ka ng kriminal, ay ta --- tatapusin kita. Why do you allow the criminals to kill you and why would I allow it as a President?

'Yun ang hindi ko maintindihan sa ating society ngayon. It's fashionable, it's the vogue or vogue if you want to pronounce it that way. It's the fad to be on the other side against the establishment. Ganon 'yan eh. And itong mga babae na...

Well, ganyan... 'Pag kayo ang na-rape diyan at... You know, if you count the victims and if you count the really --- the many --- well it's more than mga 5,000. 'Yun lang ang amin.

Alam mo kasi itong droga 'pag nahuli isang pulis, pipiyak talaga 'to. "Magsabi ka o hindi?" Ako ang style ko dadalhin ko sa bukid. Ipatingin ko doon sa... Magsakay ka ng helicopter. "Magsabi ka ng totoo o hindi? Saan 'yung biktima ninyo tinago?" So a kidnapping. So a desperate running against time. "P***** i** mo ihulog kita dito. Nasaan ninyo tinago?" "Sir, nandoon sa ano."

O so tawag na ako radyo. Ayon. Maya-maya, "Sir, nandito." Nahuli 'yung isa. "O, totoo wala ng iba?" "Wala na." "Ano pa? 'Pag hindi ka nagsabi ng totoo, ihulog kita. Ilan pa kayo?" "Sir 'yung isa --- 'yung isa pulis." "O sige 'yan na ba ang lahat?" "Wala na." "O sige ihulog mo." [laughter]

So what will be the point in allowing the guy to live just to kidnap again? Kagaya ng mga itong pumapatay. They go... Alam mo shabu causes the shrink of the brain of the child.

When it is shrunk, lahat ng ka-p***** ng mundo papasok na diyan sa utak na 'yan. Sira ang ulo na 'yan.

So if the --- if the --- if they would crave for the fix walang pera, 'yun. Una magnakaw sa pamilya. 'Yung mga bagay-bagay. Maya magnakaw sa kapitbahay. Then magnakaw na sa iba. He becomes... There are aplenty. Marami 'yan sila tinata...

Ganito 'yan eh. 'Pag tinamaan ito, maghanap ito ng another victim to support his craving. 'Pag ito naman ang tinamaan, maghanap na naman ito ng iba. You just don't know how many of those drug addicts are roaming everywhere. And you know when the brain is destroyed, they are just like zombies.

They just sit in the house and stare. And when the --- the monkey is on his back riding, scratching his... 'Yan, maghanap na. Wala akong ano sa... Wala akong sabihin 'yang mga human rights. Ako ayaw ko. Sino bang gustong pumatay?

Pero hindi ko matanggap 'yan. And if I --- and even if I get hanged or face a musketry, okay lang sa akin. Tapos na ako sa mundo. Tapos na. Tapos na.

Lahat ng magagandang babae, magagandang lugar, magagandang pagkain, babae. 'Yan si Girlie. Ayaw magpabeso-beso kasi baka galit. Ganon 'yan. Well, siguro hindi na ako kilala. Kayong mga, taga --- the rest of the nation kung ganon kayo, eh ibahin ninyo ako. Hindi ko matanggap talaga 'yun.

You know, when a father goes down because of drugs, the entire family becomes dysfunctional. Itong asawa, ay either mag-away-away or kill each other, itong mga anak wala na 'to. Socially dysfunction. Hindi na makapag-aral. There's no more food on the table, tapos 'yung... Kaya maglaroy-laroy na sa gabi. Mabuntis, katorse, kinse. Compounding the problem of society.

Ito, mag holdaper na ito. So you in... It's not only dysfunctional, it is the entire community now who is put to risk. That is the reason why I am extra cruel. Talaga. If you want to --- sabihin mo cruel ako, totoo 'yan. I never made any pretentions. I never made any lies. Ako masasabi ko.

And sa --- ayan sa Cabinet. Sabi ko if you are out to destroy my country, what happens now if this contamination will go on and on? What will happen to the next generation? Let it not be said that during my time there was a mass... Ibang presidente.

When they write the figures --- I am not after for fame --- but when they write history, do it correctly because sa panahon ko talaga kung hindi ko ma-control, tatapusin talaga kita. And if you're a drug lord, patay ka talaga. Huwag na tayong, "Walang drug lord namatay."

Anong tingin mo kay Parojinog? Mayor Parojinog. Anong tingin mo kay Espinosa ng Leyte? Hindi --- hindi... Ano ba tingin mo sa mayor?

And that is why I said I remember we were called here. I was a mayor and Alunan --- in this room, kaming lahat --- sabi niya he just went back from the United States and there he was told by the DEA, Drug Enforcement Agency, that the Philippines is one of the hotspots and is in danger of narco-politics.

Hindi nga nagtagal. Eleven thousand barangay captains already in government and mayors, pati si Mabilog, 'yung Mayor ng Iloilo. Pinsan ni Drilon 'yun. Kaya siguro siya galit sa akin eh.

Eh wala akong magawa p***** j**. So nagtanong siya kay Bong, sabi niya, "Bong, galit ba si Mayor sa akin?" Sabi ni Bong, "Sabi ni Duterte ikaw raw 'yung masunod." Totoo talaga. P***** j** mo isusunod talaga kita.

I am letting you in the rage that's inside me. Maski noong piskal pa ako, wala akong patawad sa criminal. I was a prosecutor for eight years. Kung criminal ka mahuli ka tapos next week --- because you are paid, nobody will...

Ganito 'yan eh. Kung ikaw ang pulis ha, ikaw ang NBI. Kaya 'yung nangyari dito eh. Pakitaan ka ng picture ng asawa mo bumaba sa kotse o sa jeep o pakitaan ka ng picture ng anak mo, galing sa eskwela nagdadala ng libro. Anong gawin mo? You?

Kaya nagsabi sila sa akin, "Mayor." Kayong mga human rights, kung padalhan ko kayong picture ng anak ninyo? Ganun talaga sabihin na, "Mayor buti 'yung iba kasi napapadala nila 'yung pamilya nila sa Amerika o ibang countries for that matter, Australia. Pero, mahirap lang kami mayor eh."

Tawag kasi nila sa akin "Mayor." They call me mayor, they do not call me "president." Tawagin mo akong "presidente" hindi kita pansinin. Papaano 'yan kung tawagan ka sa telepono? Sabihan ka 'yung asawa mo nandiyan ngayon sa ano. Anong gawin mo?

O talagang papatayin ka? Kasi ito, 'pag nahuli ito, pipiyak talaga ito kung sino kasama niya. So pagka piyak nito, the group will know. Hit --- hihiritan ito. Tapos 'yung iba, 'yung itatakbo 'yung pera. Hindi nag-remit. May --- marami 'yang patay.

Pero itong p***** j**** human rights na ito --- charged human rights. Baka human rights violation pero not the government. Meron kami naka-lista. I purposely placed it at the [8888], every morning you see it.

Araw-araw 'yan. All the drug cases pati 'yung mga pulis kong namatay. So, mabuti 'yung magkaintindihan tayo. Just... Ito --- ito nga... I'm waiting for this crowd because ang mga anak natin. Hindi ako nagyayabang na ano --- it's not something to brag about. Sabi nila evil? Oh well. I will explain to God when I reach there.

Sabihin ko, bakit ba God? Noong panahon naghirap ang Pilipinas sa droga, bumaba ka ba dun?

Mahi --- madali lang mag-sige simba-simba. Without reason, mag-Semana Santa mag -- magpalo-palo ka pa sarili mo. Sabihin na, "You will go to hell." Really? I will go to hell --- to hell? I will jump there with passion. Ganito 'yan. I do not serve...

I believe in God. But my belief is the --- in universal ano 'yan eh --- connected with my identity as a human being who once passed planet Earth. Hanggang diyan lang ako. Pero niyang magsabi ka na punta ka God --- hell. Kailan pa ba?

When we were massacred so many times, our countrymen in the war and in the so many places, was there God? Mahirap 'yang sabihin mo "Kasi si Duterte walang takot sa Diyos."

Natatakot ako sa Diyos. Ang problema, sometimes maybe because of the vastness --- the huge universe. Sabi kasi nila, the planets there running around are just a few of what you can count the sands of the earth.

Eh kung ganun karami ang sand diyan sa dagat, in the seashore, mas marami pa ang planet, paano ka marinig ng Diyos ngayon? She has --- she has to take care of all of these problem. That's why I said I will answer God when I meet him.

Did you ever have time to solve the problem of the universe? Kasi marami kami doon. You were a bit late. Now let me read the speech prepared by the staff kasi ano lang ito... Dito ano ito... Just like me. I really do not read speeches. Kung anong nakalagay diyan, onwards to ganun, tingnan ko lang 'yan tapos mag...

But you have to have a little bit of everything to survive that kind of --- diretso ka na lang. O kung hindi, kwentuhan mo na lang ng ano --- kwentuhan mo na lang ng iba total makinig man.

Ngayon, ang problema nito itong matagal. I see here a lady parang exasperated na sa speech ko. I mean, maybe she is... I will not look at her kasi [laughter] ayaw ko siya. Pero nag --- parang nagmamadali, may appointment ata sa... So after the speech, I read it then you can go home. [laughter]

I express my most heartfelt congratulations to our awardees and finalists for your success in upholding child-friendly governance in your localities.

Alam mo, ang Davao lang ang the first to... Kopyahin na lang ninyo 'yung anti-discrimination law ko. Kopyahin ninyo ang Child and Women Welfare Code. Hindi na kayo mag-debate diyan sa... Kopyahin na lang ninyo. "Ito, senator."

Alam mo, [unclear] ako. 'Yan mga taga-Davao, ito alam nila. There was a time na 'yung pag-boom ng Davao. Itong mga g***** may-ari ng mga condo pati 'yung mga subdivision, ayaw nilang pabilihan ang Moro.

Ayaw nilang papasukin, ayaw nilang mag... Kaya ako nagalit. So I told the Congress, "Pass this..." Well, I crafted it, actually. I crafted the law and sabi ko sa city council... Pati sa babae, Women's Protection Code, meron kami.

Kaya 'yung iba diyan, hindi ka makabiro kagaya nitong kay Girlie. Pagdating sa kanila, kita mo 'yung babae hinampas pa niya. Eh hinampas nga. Hampas, lambing man 'yun. Siguro may iba ka na. [laughter] Iba na siya ngayon. [laughter] Sige na. Good luck na lang sa iyo, Girl. [laughter]

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank you for your hard work, dedication and strong commitment in promote --- in promoting and protecting the rights of Filipino children.

Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the Council [for] the Welfare of Children and its partners in carrying out the Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities since 1999 up to this day.

Through your continuing partnership and collaboration with our local government units, you have created an environment where we can achieve the full realization of our vision for the Filipino children.

Our cooperation is indeed key [in] our goal to help ---Makinig ka dito. Sige ka man salita diyan, ma'am --- to grow to their fullest potential and become productive and responsible citizens.

We as adults must therefore understand the important role that we play in promoting their well-being and ensuring their success as the next generation of leaders and future bearers of our nation's patrimony.

'Yan ang sinasabi ko. What will happen now if we allow drugs to destroy not only a few but many? Palagay natin sabihin mo kalahati lang. Then you have a generation --- a fractured generation, and a problem to be solved by the next generation.

Think of your grandchild and think of your young son or daughter. Isipin lang ninyo 'yan. Wala na 'yang... Huwag mong isipin 'yang human rights. Hindi makatulong 'yan. Human rights will not be there forever. But government and the Filipino people will last --- will be here until kingdom come.

Do you know why? Do you understand really the play of biology and 'yung ano? Ganito 'yan eh. Ako, tayong mga lalaki, we always hanker for --- when our ---- while buntis na. Nagdadasal tayo. I really do not know what --- what is --- what is the reason for this stupid longing.

Ba't gusto natin ng lalaki? And we are kind of disappointed kung babae. But you know, that is a primal... I don't know if you have --- basta ako 'yan ang intindi ko. It's a primal longing na... Ganito 'yan Girlie eh.

Kung may anak ako... May anak ako si --- dalawa 'yung lalaki ko. Nung nanganak ako ng marami na, then grandchildren. I have 13 grandchildren and apat 'yung anak ko. Sa first, tatlo. Sa second asawa ko, isa. Dalawa man asawa ko.

Malapit pa ma... Mapangatlo pa sana. [laughter] Buti't na lang fast... Well, anyway love is a many splendored thing. It does not count. [laughter] Really. Ang pag-ibig, hindi 'yan eh. When you are in love, you do not count. 'Yan ang problema. One, two, wala 'yan. Tsk tsk tsk.

Saan na ba ako? P***** i**. [laughter] Where was I? I'm 74 years old. I can... Well, 'yan ang ano ko. It's a primal thing. You know why? Our children is the key to our eternity. Na tayo 'pag may anak na ako, lalaki, I don't know what really... With that faulty thought. Or babae. Sigurado ako that 'yung anak ko carries my gene.

You know, ang anak niya, kukunin niya doon sa kanyang tatay who carries also my gene. And so on and so forth and so on. So I am assured of eternal life. 'Di ba? Kung isipin mo kasi bakit ka masyadong --- kung anak mo?

Not only because of the emotional and physical attachment to the child but because of that na I want to live forever. You can live forever. And you and that woman that I am looking at, glancing from here to here --- 100 years from now, her genes and my genes will meet. Kung hindi tayo magkakilala, if I don't have the chance to know you, total wala naman itong si ano... Ayaw naman niya, o 'di baka --- baka bago.

That is --- is the primal thing that drives us to protect our children and to think of the next generation.

I hope that today's gathering will encourage all stakeholders to further strengthen our ties and build new alliances as we work together --- and build new alliances --- in creating a safe, empowering and child-friendly environment where children can fully enjoy their rights.

I therefore assure you that this administration remains relentless in its war against illegal drugs, criminality, corruption, terrorism and environmental degradation. We will continue to persevere in this aspiration because we are committed in fostering a better and brighter future for the Filipino children.

Let us all remain united in attaining sustainable peace and development that will last beyond this lifetime. With your help, I am confident that we can secure these gains for the younger generations to enjoy.

Again, I thank you for your contributions in achieving our shared hopes for Filipino children. May this recognition inspire you to surpass your achievements even as we overcome the challenges we face as a nation.

With renewed fervor, let us build a legacy of a strong and progressive Philippines for the generations to come.

Congratulations at mabuhay kayong lahat. [applause]

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