

**PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE'S SPEECH
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Kindly sit down. Thank you for the courtesy.

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I have a two-page speech here. If you want to get rid of me, I'd be glad to step down, it's about two minutes.

But there are so many intervening events in the lives of the Filipino today that would need to mention— be mentioned. Sometimes, I would do away with this— but it's a good piece, actually. In fairness to the guy who prepared for this speech. You know, sinasadya nila talaga ito, because I do not deliver speeches beyond two, three minutes. That has always been my habit since I was mayor for the longest time.

When I make a speech actually, it's a bit boring because you read it from the papers but itong— I usually request for a dialogue with the audience, not a speech because I be— kind of just say the things that would strike the gray matter between the ears, kung ano lang maisip ko.

Ang pinakabago is— you know, I've been trying really to seek peace with everybody when I was just a few days in my office. Actually the back channeling started even before my inauguration with the MI, MNLF of the Muslim insurgency, with the NPAs and the new Democratic Front, and everybody else. And I said, I was ready to talk with all except criminals and terrorists.

There can never be a time or there could never be a moment where I would be even willing to sit down for them for just a few minutes of chat.

It's always for the benefit of all. I deal with crime, I said, harshly, and that was my... I think my word when I was invited during the debates at the La Salle college on how I would deal with the terrorists and criminals. And you know, I've been the prosecutor, I've been a trial fiscal for almost 10 years. It comes

naturally, not the persecution thing that they would love to rant but it's actually a stickler for the rules so that we'd have an orderly society.

And Philippine politics, interference of government, corruption and plain patronage, to a great extent, has been pulling us down. And it places us something like, the way of life that we have now, 40%. Everything else, the other investments but 40 percent of that— from corruption, from patronage and the long hours of following papers until now.

I cannot really fathom how I would— I would like to destroy government itself. If I had my way, I would! And re-invent something more than just not the powers. We can have less powers but more efficient organization. If there's an ideal set-up that would— we can follow, I'd be glad to destroy government and put in place something of a bureaucratic authority that would move by itself automatically without the need of an authority there and an authority here.

And even in Malacañan, I seem to just to— ano mag-pu, mag-p-p na ako eh. It's generating already the— the almost— I am also dissatisfied with government because even in Malacañan, lalo na 'yung mga tao, people who are following up for payments for something they have delivered to the government, something that they have sold to government, something which they have done for the government for a price or for payment, whatever. Ang mga tao doon, pinapabalik-balik, I keep on hearing and even in Malacañan, mabuti't nakikinig iyong (expletive)— mga letse kayo. Talagang asar ako sa inyo.

First, there's a lady. Huwag kayong ma-ano diyan. She is nothing to me but she's just a friend. She kept on following— bukas na iyong tseke. Pagdating hinihingan ninyo ng BIR clearance, then after that, so many things again. Ang publiko, pabalik-balik.

I said, I'd like to destroy government now and if we can have less governmental intervention, less power if you want, no martial law powers, we can do away with it.

Me, if the Congress and everybod— the left would like to have it, I can fight the wars minus the— I'm not enamored with that martial law powers. Hindi ako iyong naa-atat-atat diyan na— you suspect me just like Marcos beginning to— why do you have to refer me Marcos? I don't know, history has judged him little by little throughout the years. You judge me on my own. I've been mayor here for 23 years. I never stole one peso here. I have won all my elections here with a whopping majority, until the presidency. Wala akong ninakaw dito. And why would we—

I am 72 years old, what would I do with the money that I would steal? For example, the equal amount that was lost was 37 billion. What would I do with

it? Wipe it on my ass? How many years do you think I can enjoy life? They say that Duterte is sick with a colostomy, taranta—

Those are the people who cannot really do something for the country except to bombard people with negative things. Eh iyong mga Pilipino naman, torpe. Eh bahala kayo sa sarili ninyo. I only serve the majority. Kaya in an election, you win if you get half of the votes plus one. So if you get 51, you are the President, the 49 can cry until kingdom come. Ganoon 'yan eh, I cannot please everybody.

Na itong gobyerno, just give me the whole month of July and for those people who are named publicly in the 8888 bulletin board, I would like to have a talk with you sa— individually if I can, until morning time because my day starts at one. Mag-umpisa tayo ng usap ng hanggang alas-dose rin ng gabi. Because either you resign or get out from your authority, if you cannot get out of government service or I resign. Ako ang mag-give up. But I'll try to make a second— not really a desperate move, but you have to kneel down before the public and you have to promise the people that you are serving, that you have to improve on your service.

One of the ways of corruption is not just really, iyong pabalik-balikin mo lang. There's a certain insane thing that interest even the lowest government worker. Ke ma-pulis ka, ma-mayor ka, you become the governor and you think that you are somebody who can rule the universe with the flip of your finger, just because you are there. Iyan ang mahirap sa mga taga-gobyerno, (expletive) ninyo. Ganoon kayo eh, pabalik-balik, sinabi ko na sa inyo and even the cabinet members.

Noon, you get about 2/3 years in NEDA, Pernia has only 30 days to process everything, otherwise throw your computers away and the volume of people there working for government for nothing. Eh dapat, I thought that we could process this greed. If you have the computers, sige kayo pabili ng computer every now and then, every day there are thousands of computers bought, but it does not respond to the public service that you would like to give to the people.

In the end, I get the blame, okay lang 'yan, that's part of a territory being the president, you answer for everything. But kayong hindi makatulong, not really for me but for the public, I bleed for the public because traffic in Manila is horrendous and you keep on— you know, (expletive), pabalik-balikin ninyo iyong tao. Mabuti itong kung may mga escort, may mga pulis na mag-wang-wang diyan to make way for you. And the reason why I fired one of the cabinet members in the cabinet meeting itself, sinabi ko, I don't—

You know when I was congressman, I did not use the plate '8', I avoided it. Because I understood the stare of the people when you go down from your car. It is really a stare of— it's an odious one. And other people say that they are being admired because people are looking, it depends on how you interpret the

public. But if you know how the people are suffering from the number one oppressor, government, then—

So uli, ito, I'm warning you again and I'll talk to you, if your name gets to be published there. Ang gusto ko naman sa publiko, ang hina naman kasi ninyo, report to me the name. Name the employee publicly, I will protect you. Gusto mo sipain, sampalin ko pa 'yang empleyado sa gobyerno na messing up with you. But you have to do your part.

Now I'm just a government employee for one year, can I have your patience, everybody? Huwag na lang yung left, pati yung sa mga pulitika, those who were displaced, those who were deprived of the power that they really craved for.

I'm just one year, but I'm trying to do my best, the very best. I've been to all places. I have to be with the soldiers yesterday in Marawi, and that was my third attempt to enter the territory. I was able to penetrate, but while we were having the briefing inside in one of the— I almost heard about 16 explosions, and the rata-tat of the rifles. Though, we were guarded, 'cause there were a lot of soldiers and heavy equipments in the periphery.

But I have to do my part, and as always, I sound to be braggadocio when I said that you should not be going there, because the security of the president— And I said, my life is not more important than the life of a soldier.

We are the same, we work for the government. We work in the service of a republic. Life? Everybody dies. So, your life here in the field fighting for this nation is not less important than my life. So I have to come here during the war, because you'd never see me during celebration time. It's better for me to talk to you now, though pretty hard here, almost crowing around, but I said, I feel nice to be with you. Never mind about the dangers, you are here to die.

So when I asked, I'm fan of hyperbole and sarcasm, iyon ang hindi ninyo nakuha eh. So when I was asked why are you here in spite of the danger? I told the reporter, "I came here to die, because they are here to die and I will match their fervor. I would like to die too." Any day is a good day to die. So, what's the big deal?

And itong Communist Party of the Philippines, it's published yesterday that, the NDF branded me as a bully. Correct! Tama ka diyan, 100%! I bully people who try to topple government and all the enemies of the state. That is my job to bully you and to kill you because there is a war going on between us and you. And you are killing my soldiers and policemen, so I bully you. And when the time comes, maybe, I will kill you if I have the chance. I'll give you the pleasure of doing it to me.

Kaya tinatakot lang kasi ninyo, we'll go to war, salubungin mo iyong— you meet the soldiers in the fields and kill them. And my convoy was to go there, because it's more dangerous to go in by air, because matamaan ka ng 50-caliber at kung matamaan 'yan sa— which hits the tank, it explodes and it's— do not be offended, it's party time for the yellow to go to the streets and shout.

That's always— you are ruled by destiny. This is your time, so slow down a bit. Nobody believe in you. It's my time to be president, but tomorrow, that's destiny. That's why, so many things about foretelling in the future. It's always destiny.

I became president because of destiny. Nobody but nobody supported me. I could only count one or two congressmen. Well, one is Nograles who happens to be the congressman of the first district, and besides, he is my— I don't like his father, but he is my nephew. The mother is my cousin. We talk, I mellowed down a little. In the days passed, I said, I will slap you when I see you. Now I'll just— if you will invite me for coffee down there sa lobby, I will accommodate him.

Itong yellow— itong komunista, wala talaga kaming ginawa na maganda. So, kung ganoon, remain in that state of mind then, do it for about five years. If I do not die in the— in the fullness of God's time, If I get to live, you suffer about five years. It's not too much really. But I have to do something which I believe is good for my country. And sabi ko sa komunista, talking during an event like martial law would be—would render the talks unnecessary.

I believe you, Mr. Sison. You are right, we stop talking. We're wasting our time. This war that you are fighting, I was listening to you when I'm a student. That was 50 years ago. Let us renew the fighting for another 50 years. This is what you want. Anyway, all of us will not see the light of day, of this revolution of yours. That is too far away, 50 years.

Let the Filipino sacrifice, karamihan ng mga sundalo mo, mahirap taga-bukid; and the Lumads; and the indigenous people. Let them die. May I have an— I have an Armed Forces and Navy and Police. I can fight for another 50 years. Let us agree on that. And let us be ferocious at each other. No quarters given, no quarters ask. That is how it should be. Binu-bully ko kayo? Talagang binu-bully ko kayo. Huwag, hindi ka nagkamali. Sabi mo, kung may martial law. It becomes like ano na, well, let us stop talking, I'm tired! It's a great expense of sending people there for nothing. So I might as well just use the money, whatever. Let's stop fighting— let's start fighting. Stop talking.

Itong terrorism, there is no compromise there. I will not talk. I will not talk. I will not even whisper. Let it be there. I have the soldiers of the Republic. They know that if they join the Armed Forces, the security forces, they will die. They know that. They are right, my soldiers and policemen are ready to die, so be ready. But

itong MI, the revolutionary fronts of the original entities that fought government for an issue of nationalism.

For those who do not know their history. In 1521, Magellan landed in Leyte. He brought with him his cannons, gun powder, his swords and the muskets, at the time the rifles which could hit a person from a distance. And that was your advantage and you brought along religion.

It was an imposed religion on the people of the natives at that time. It was not a choice actually. Garrote ka and even the Filipino friars, the priests at that time were even executed for being nationalist, for just the love of country because they hated the imperialist. So, you conquered Visayas and Luzon but not Mindanao completely.

The most was that Fort del Pilar in Zamboanga, to stop the inroads of commerce and trade, to stop the entry of Islam. But 100 years before, the say but I would put it at something like 70. When I was a Congressman, I toured Malaysia and did some archive sa reading, I'd place it about 60, 70. Islam was already here firmly planted. Most of the tribes here were already Islam.

And Spain with a little amount of force but not so much when the time of the Americans came for 50 years. Massacre after massacre and what's very ironic in life that tayo, we did not— we didn't have that instant cameras and all. And not even the one that when you click it, the pictures goes out automatically. It was the American Armed Forces, Army who were taking pictures of the people there, of the Moro piling up, dead! And those archives came from the American archives. And it was— it is now in the hands of everybody and you could see the pile of bodies there and with the— his one leg was placed on the body of a woman there, on top of the breast.

Kaya ganon ang away dito. There's so much hatred. And they perceived this government as an extension of the first imperial government of Spain. And a series of succession: from Spain to America to the one on the 1935 and the 1946 Republic.

That's how the history of— so that I know deep in my heart that the Muslims only want because they do not want to fight, to dismember the country, they just want a set up like federalism. Let me warn you here and now and remember me this for all time when things would go wrong. There will never be peace in Mindanao or even in the Philippines if we do not shift to another structure.

Ang hinihingi lang nila is a strong regional governments and a federal structure. My take is that, you can hav the models everywhere, anywhere. It's for the picking but choose a parliament with the President, but with a limited but powerful powers.

In the early gestation of a federal set up, you would need somebody strong. Because if not, it will become the City States like Balkan, the Balkan States: Croatia, Serbia, ganoon ang mangyari diyan. Remember that, talagang puputok ito. That's why, I am ready to talk. We are talking now. Nur has reserve his right to talk later, I will respect that. But we have to continue talking because their demands are legitimate. It's a correct— it's to correct an injustice.

Ayan ang importante diyan, malaman ninyo iyan. We have to correct an injustice. Jolo was never occupied by anybody. That's only up to Zamboanga. No American, no Spaniard ever, pumunta, entered the place there to claim anything sovereignty or otherwise. Iyon ang ano.

So to— the enemies of the State. Number 1 is the Communist Party of the Philippines. No more talk. Let us fight. I'll save enough money for the arms, I'll buy the new ones, the precision guided missiles. And there's too much of us, 110 million. We can sacrifice about 20, it becomes 80. Hindi na over populated, so we can urge the priests, we'll have a good time banning everything. Good! Continue your production every night.

Wala man problema 'yan. But you know, I find it really silly. You threaten us with what? Who are you threatening? We are Filipinos. You are Filipinos. You want to destroy this country? We will join you in destroying this country, God damn it. Huwag mo akong takutin. Bully? I am a bully. I really— itong classmate ko man, si Tugade. You ask him how I shot a fellow in San Beda. Talagang bully ako. You can ask him. May binaril ako sa loob ng San Beda, diyan sa corridor. Why? Because I'm a bully. But he was our valedictorian. I was just— but I was part of the ten. Hindi first ten, last ten. (laughter) Wala tayong utak diyan. I'm just good for 75.

So, we are trying to save money. Iyong iba, sabi, the stocks are going down. Wala akong pakialam diyan. Until I see the fellow there working in the factory, and the lands dito sa Mindanao, green.

Now, I will— maunahan ko na kayo. This is a policy.

I will call all the stakeholders in the mining industry. The militants and the communists and all, the poor people who are under the influence of the left, they will be marching tomorrow and mag-SONA. I am— kung gusto ninyo, I am inviting the left to do just the talking and I'll just sit there and hear you out. Tatal, alam man namin sa gobyerno what's wrong and what ails the system, alam namin iyan.

So, okay lang. You can demonstrate there until— do not ask for a permit for two days only. I'm giving you one month. Stay there, one month! Wala akong— you

want to mess up with the traffic? Then, create a horrendous traffic. If it's flagellation for the Filipino time, sigel! Go ahead! Be my guests. No problem with me. Tatal, alam man ng tao.

But itong sa mining, medyo hindi tayo nagkakaintindihan dito. I've always supported Gina because she was— she was really an environmentalist. Medyo sumobra lang. But you know, I'd like to tell you frankly. We would come up a new legislation, because Bebot Alvarez, the Speaker, hates mining. And he comes from a mining town.

We have to go into— not even a compromise. We have to rearrange everything here. I will call all the mining people and Gina Lopez and company, and the militants on the other side, but only those who behave, in Malacañang.

You know, I was viewing Ted Failon's exposé sa mining. And of course, added to that was the clips that were shown to me by Gina in the last few months.

Ganito iyan eh, nakikita ninyo iyong tailings, nakikita ninyo how the siltation has affected the waters and the seas, I do not have to convince you. You were there operating and you know that the rivers are already heavily— not a river anymore, but an egress for some of the waters coming in from the mountain. It's not a river.

You want to cry? Well, I'll tell you, tell me because I will arrange— just approach me after this. I'll bring you to Diwalwal. It's a mining town, started with a few policemen who are— the three of them are very, very rich now. Then iyong small-time na naging big-time. And, power, iyong mga mayor doon, municipal mayor, pinagpapatay. They were quarrelling because of gold, the lure of gold. I'll bring you there. I was there because I was sent by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to fix the things there because there were, ano, almost a daily encounter.

And itong left, what they did was to place the coffins of the dead miners there because there was a collapsed mine there. And to show their protest, they lined up the coffins on the highway, across the highway, and so traffic was building up until almost on the boundaries of Agusan del Sur.

So, I had to fly there and talk to the people and to the communists. Kasi, kaibigan tayo noon. But unfortunately— then, when I was mayor, you come to me, I'll go to you, and we can talk, we can arrange, because I was just a mayor. Ngayon, pasensiya na lang. I'm really very sorry to break the friendship because I now handle the affairs of the nation.

And, just to remind you, itong mga walang utak, mga duwag, "Martial law, martial law. It will create dictatorship."

You know, if I want to be a dictator, all I have to do is to be in good graces with the military and the police. All I have to do is to promote them all to general, and I can have an army. When I have the backing of the army and the police, that sheet of paper called “martial law powers” is really nothing.

That’s what happened to us with Marcos. All I have to follow here. May template na ako. All— you know— and even— even in good faith, sabihin ko that I have to stay as President for 30 years also, it’s not in the martial law provisions of the Constitution.

That’s a paper intended to the wastebasket if you have a son of a bitch, because that is really in our oath of office. In not so many words, it says, “I, Rodrigo Duterte, under oath, in front of God and the people, tell you that I will be responsible in protecting and defending the Filipino nation,” Period. Hanggang diyan lang ako.

And it has something to do with my country, wala na ‘yang martial law, martial law, suspension of the writ. I will do everything that I have to do to preserve my country. Do not give me that Constitution na puro ‘yung Congress na— do you think that I would have to go to Congress? Of course not. Huwag tayong magbolahan dito.

A determined despot would do it even with or without your blessings, you are dreaming. Pero I am telling you, I am not. I am in a hurry to end my term. If you ask me if I’m happy being President now? No! “Bakit?” I am old and I realized that maybe, sabi ninyo, nagpa-hair transplant ako. Hindi naman ako balding. Alam mo, hair transplant, nakikita mo ito. Minsan puti. Kasi ang bulyo ko, dalawa. Toto iyan. O ayan ang isa o. Pag umikot iyan, nakikita iyong— kayong mga loko-loko, the speculators of— hindi doon, iyong sa Securities and Exchange Commission. Alam mo, pag nagputi iyan, hindi man—dito ma-cover mo. Eh ihinapay mo lang ganoon, ma-cover iyong bagong tubo. Dito hindi kasi nandiyan iyong puyo kong dalawa.

So ang hair transplant ko, mura. Ang ginagamit ko iyong parang sa— iyong sa parang pencil na i-ganoon mo lang, tapos sabihin mo doon sa helper, o— hair transplant. Wala na o. (laughter). O tingnan mo kahapon iyong footage sa Marawi, di ba puti? O ngayon, may nakita ka ba? (laughter) Bugokski. Kaya mga ganoon. (applause). Sino man pabilib, paguwapuhan ko? May magsasagot kaya sa akin 72? (laughter). Ah lalo na iyang mga babae, alam na nila iyan, 72 is the age of the— not even the diminishing return. (laughter) It’s the age of flat line down there. Stupid. Ba’t magpa-guwapo-guwapo ka pa? Siyempre, maligo ka lang. Ngayon, wala nga akong medyas o. (laughter). Mabuti iyan, mag-prangkahan tayo. So that’s a— tawagin ko kayo, tawagan ko kayo. Sabihin ko sa inyo, ganito. “O, ito, nakita ninyo. Look at the slides about good practices of mining.”

Then, I will ask everybody to focus on that. Then, tignan natin iyong slides ng mining gone awry. Tignan natin. Kung makita mo iyong siltation. So people are deprived now, iyong basic livelihood nila. Alam mo, ang pinakamura, isda eh. They can grow in the river, may fish pen sila ng ano, haluan, mudfish.

And that's protein to them already. Iyong tanim nila, iyong palay nila, nagtuyo and the soil has cracked. And so, what am I supposed to do? Just leave it that way because the mining industry pays government something like 70 billion a year? Five percent lang ang tax ko. Dp papaano iyan? Papaano iyong mga tao na hindi kasali sa corporate world? Not connected with your business? What will happen to them?

Inadequate food. Cannot grow anything anymore at they are suffering. So if you want, if it's really— it's a good business because if it is not, then, why are you there? Napakababa iyong taxes, why don't you compensate the people that are deprived now of the things that they need and not there because of mining.

Fair is fair, either I collect taxes, increase the tax para I can think of something to replace what they have lost iyong mga tao or you agree with the people there affected or hard hit by mining.

Alam ko, it is not an intentional thing. Let us not kid each other. When you begin to scrape the soil an open pit, there is already degradation even during that time.

Now, ito lang ang hingin ko sa inyo. Come up with an arrangement where it is fair for everybody. We cannot stop mining because there is a mining law that regulates the industry. If we want mining to stop, we'll have to abrogate or scrap totally the law. But we just cannot sit there on our ass and just watch this evolving before our eyes and there are people suffering.

Good mining means no people are really in pain. So that should be the equation. Good mining equals there is no agony on the people. Otherwise, I will have to think about something. Kaya kayong nakikinig diyan buong Pilipinas, just give us time. It is not easy to adjust, isang taon lang.

Anyway, I have five years. Give me the years that are allotted to me by the Constitution to craft the things that you need. Hindi iyong basta yung left na ora-ora.

Contractualization. I told you it is good that at the beginning of the project, there must be a clear understanding of what's going to happen. If it's really something permanent, then, we will see to it that it's going to be permanent. Pagka naman iyong project, if you are contracted by a private company to build a bridge there, tapos natapos na iyong bridge, the project has been done and you want still the

company to pay you when as a matter of fact, he is waiting for some event or some luck there that he can be awarded with a bid or something like that.

Anyway, you should not pay for— you must be fair. Do not use poverty and hunger as— otherwise, we'll all go hungry. If you are not in a hurry and you push for something like the—

Kayong mga taga— kayong mga Lumad. Ilang taon na kayo nag-aaway ng gobyerno? Ni hindi naman lang kayo nakauwi ng bahay to see your children, grow up without a father. What you do is that your father goes to your house secretly, 'sub rosa' just to have a one night, two nights with the wife, and then she gets pregnant. And the child grows up not even seeing you 'pag namatay ka. Tapos, singkuwenta anyos na, bilib pa rin kayo sa komunista?

Anong ginawa diyan kundi magpataba, all talking? They're all ideas which you, kayong mga taong naloko got enamored with just like us when we were young. That's why, I used to listen to Maria Sison. Kasi mga idealist kami. I wanted things to be done right away. Gusto ko ganito, ganito.

But at— you know, life is not like that. And you cannot— sa totoo lang, and you cannot even call God to help you. That's the strangest thing in this universe na gusto ninyong madalian, ni ang Diyos nga, hindi mo matawag na sabihin mo, "Diyos ko, ikaw man iyong pinaka— bigay mo sa akin— namin ito lahat."

Tapos, ang gobyerno pa. And here is an ISIS. It's an ideology of a vacuum which has nothing to give to its fellowmen except to kill and to destroy. I'm pointing out the radical ideas because if you go into— extremism na iyan dito sa atin kung magrebolusyon ka eh.

Hindi man mamatay si Sison. Sison is dying because he has got trouble in his stomach and the Norwegian government, ayaw na magbayad sa hospital niya. At saka iyang mga iyan, hindi na magtagal iyan. Sinong maiwan, kayo?

Dito, lumipat kayo sa gobyerno. Punta kayo sa pulis. I will make you soldiers tomorrow. Just like the soldiers here. Gawin ko kayong sundalo. I'll give you a place to stay. Right away. Just give me about two months. Bigyan ko kayong trabaho. Dalhin ninyo iyong baril dito. Walang mangyayari. Patayin mo lang iyan. Wala. Ilang taon na? Ilang Presidente ba? Kung ayaw ninyong maniwala sa akin, then prepare for another 50 years. Ako lang ang Presidente na pumapasok sa teritoryo ninyo. That's why, we are friends. That's why, I can ask you to release a hostage. And kayo naman, pag may nahuli dito at sabi ninyo na, "Importante iyan, he's one of the senior leaders of the party." I call the ISAFP, the Intel— "I-release mo iyan." "Sir, wala ito. Big catch na." "Walang big catch dito." Ang big catch dito is the peace that we will work to hammer out, hammer out something

which is— iyon ang big fish. Kaya ako, noong ilang nahuli na— i-release mo iyan. Wala namang kwenta iyan.

Ano ba ang ideology niyan, si Karl Marx? Ideology lang iyan na hingi. They are into revolutionary tax. Ayaw ninyong mag-give up. Once, I said, “Stop fighting, stop revolutionary tax,” ayaw ninyo, eh ‘di wala.

What is— you are funding your revolution with what? With the blood money of the people. Kung sabihin ninyo, iyong mga rich. Eh bakit doon sa probinsya, pati iyong mga bahay-bahay binibigyan— hinihingian ninyo ng por ganta. (expletive) bolahin pa ninyo ako. Huwag na tayo magbolahan.

Ultimo mahirap diyan, hinihingian niyo, inaakyat ninyo sa bahay. Tapos, sinasabi ninyo iyong revolutionary tax lang para sa mayaman. Tinatamaan ninyo lahat, ang totoo lang. Huwag tayo magbolahan. And you are living the fat of the land of the other people’s property. That’s what you do.

So, I think, I’d like to now address myself to the businessmen and the stakeholders here, whatever endeavor you are in. Fundamentally it’s peaceful. The fight in Marawi would soon be over. I— the one thing that’s stopping us now is iyong sa mosque, it’s a big one, it has underground tunnels but not so much about that. But may 300 na hostages sila.

At sabi ko, we’ll just have to weigh it out. Sabi ko sa kanila, “Do not attack.” Baril-barilan lang kayo diyan pero huwag iyong— (expletive) Lusubin ninyo, tapos, i-behead iyong— they would begin to behead people there. It’s not important to me kung Moro ba o Kristiyanos o Vietnamese. What’s important is we do not want to kill people.

So even if it’s expensive, iyong makikita lang ninyo, tumatakbo diyan, ‘di paputukan na ninyo but no, no assault there. Three hundred people, that’s 300 hundred lives. If we have to wait there for one year, let us wait for one year. But I said, give them food, because there are people hungry there. Huwag lang bala, pagkain lang.

Anyway, there are there as prisoners also of the other side. So it’s our duty to— it’s our moral duty to see to it that they live and that they are fed.

Communist Party, sus, bumaba na kayo. Wala iyang— galing ako diyan, estudyante ako. Iyong lahat ng nabasa nila, they translated it into overt acts. Look what happened. Iyong sa libro binasa nila, kay Karl Marx, si ano—They put it into practice dito sa Pilipinas, ating— iyong ating bayan pa.

So pinahirapan tayo in the name of revolutionary to improve the people kung anu-anong pinagdadala. Bully? I am a bully. Lalo na enemies of the state. I am really a bully. Estudyante pa, bully na rin talaga ako.

Eh, magka-diperensiya lang kami ng konti diyan sa klase, hinahamon ko agad ng barilan, “Barilan lang tayo, gusto mo?” Ganoon talaga ako. I’ve been known for that. And even when I was a— pero sabi niyo na ako— na ako mag-ambush ng— that I do ambushes there. That’s not my practice.

Ako, nagpatay kay Pala? You know, when I do not like you, you know, all of Davaoños know, I go to you and challenge you directly. Whether you are the Secretary of DILG, kagaya kay Santos noon. Hinamon ko iyan diyan sa Apo View, with all his marines, sinabi ko “(expletive) ka, bumunot ka.” And all others, ganoon ako.

Hindi ako iyong mag-ambush-ambush. Style duwag iyan. And even some military and policemen, eh karamihan ito, pulis eh. When I do not like them, they talk back as if they are talking to— sabi ko, “(expletive), gusto mo?” Hindi ako nagyayabang kasi drama lang iyan eh. Ang problema, kung bumunot, naloko na. (laughter).

Salamat po. (applause)

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