

**PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE'S SPEECH DURING HIS VISIT TO CAMP  
GENERAL TEODULFO BAUTISTA**

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Wala kayong upuan? The Commanding Officer or the highest there, give the order of tikas pahinga.

Thank you for the courtesy.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana; Presidential Adviser for Military Affairs Arthur Tabaquero; General Rey Leonardo Guerrero, Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines; Director General Ronald dela Rosa, Philippine National Police; Lieutenant General Carlito Galvez Commander, Western Mindanao Command; Lieutenant General Rolando Bautista, Commanding General, Philippine Army; Brigadier General Cirilito Sobejana, Commander, Joint Task Force Sulu; my good friend Steven Seagal. [applause] Sumama talaga dito. Sabi niya, "Sama ako. Bigyan mo lang ako ng M4 at okay na." At talagang true to life; officers and enlisted personnel of the Joint Task Force Sulu; mga kababayan.

Alam mo gusto ko ring marinig ang mga boses nito. Nagkita kami pero sandali lang. So I'd like to invite Mr. Steven Seagal to give us about a few words of your thoughts about the Filipinos and the sacrifices that my soldiers have to do and maybe some inspiring words. You can take the lectern over there.

[Mr. Seagal's remarks]

Thank you, Steven. And 'wag ko na lang basahin ang report na 'to. I'm running out of time. I have something more substantial sa puso ko.

Unang-una nagpapasalamat ako sa inyo mga sundalo ng Republika ng Pilipinas sa sacrifice, sa pagtiis, sa lahat ng bagay, harapin ang kahirapan, kamatayan. Just like what my friend Steven said. Sundalo 'to eh, so halos magka-pareho ang wave length ninyo kung mag-salita. Ako naman, I tried to do the best that I could in the... 'yung dumaang mga buwan. We had this crisis in Marawi. And I know that the Filipino soldiers fought valiantly at tsaka we prevailed.

It is a war that we do not like. As a matter of fact, I would say that nobody wins in a civil strife. Pagka communal wars kasi, sa loob lang ng isang bayan 'yan. And we would like to seek peace. 'Wag ho sana kayong mag-misinterpret sa aking mga diskarte. Kasi po I am a President for peace. I am not an authoritarian, aristocratic na, [inaudible] a despot. Hindi ho 'yan eh. Tayo, may limitado sa Constitution. At ikaw at ako, you

know, we swore to protect the people and defend the Republic in its integrity and territorial bounds.

So dumaan tayo ng hirap. At true ako sa pangako ko, I am really very sorry it came late. It was not because I promised you without the money. When I promised you na magbigay ako, ang pera ko nandoon na. The suppliers were the ones who could not keep up with the demand. Imagine, I was arming --- I'd be arming about 130 na ang pera ko nireserba ko na.

Problem is, you know how things are. Dumaan ng mga bureaucratic, including all of these things would pass by America. And there's a lot of paperwork to do. But it is pursued all in the name of control of crimes... sa sinabi, human trafficking. But number 1 is terrorism, human trafficking. And you should read --- Umaabot ba ang CNN dito? Hindi 'no? But you have the satellite here para makuha ninyo? O 'pag wala... Wala silang ano CNN o baka makuha ninyo ng satellite. So that you'll be posted everyday what is happening to the world.

It's a crazy world. Lahat dito, putok dito, putok doon and even the mosques, the holy shrines. And you must understand that also initially, it took us too long to decide. I was the one holding back the --- Sabi ko, "Wag kayong ma-ano kasi I had to often times really insist na we do not destroy the shrines and the mosques and everything." Because foremost in my mind actually was the life of 2,500,000 Filipinos all deployed as helpers working there, as... in the oil industry. There are about doctors, nurses. Eh pagka hinayaan ko lang. Sabi ko, "Medyo dahan-dahan lang so that we do not inflame passions."

So I said, I have to worry about the other Filipinos outside. 'Yun ang iniisip ko rin eh kaya medyo natagalan. But ultimately, sabi ko na there was a time --- But I called every significant leader in the East. Sinabi ko sa kanila 'yung problema. President of UAE was the first. You know, we cannot stand long there, the stalemate and impasse that has to be solved.

So naintindihan nila 'yun at in the end sabi ko kay Defense Secretary Lorenzana pati kay General Año na wala na tayong magawa so we have to take the offensive. So there was much destruction but there was no other way to do it. Ayaw kong maraming patay but I have lost so many soldiers and policemen along the way. And it saddens me to just even think that another strife is coming because I really don't want to kill Filipinos. But of late, ang mga NPA's have become brazen at tayo pa ang tinatakot, ako pa 'yung g\*\*\*.

Well, anyway, sabi ko, kung hindi tayo magkaintindihan. I've been trying to fix these things for 50 years. So you want another 50 years of war. Eh sabi ko, "Yun ang gusto --- Ayaw ko pero 'yun ang gusto ninyo. Wala tayong magawa. I'll just have to react on what is your behavior." Eh ayaw talaga nung --- peace talks pa si Bello, Secretary Bello and Secretary Dureza. Matagal naman 'yan. And this has been long --- almost 50 years of talking for nothing.

So many presidents tried it. I did because sabi ko, “Wag mo sabihin balang araw na I did not try to reach to them out.” ‘Wag sabihin na ako mismo, hindi ako nag --- Wala akong initiative. I was the first to do it by releasing political prisoners and conceded to the communists too much too soon. Eh ganun pa rin sila. But the working papers that were sent to me sa usapan nila. May kopya ako eh, electronic copies. Tinitingnan ko, ang suma total, gusto nila ang coalition government. So I told them, “I can not give you what I do not own.” Sovereignty is always placed in the hands of the elected people, ‘yung gusto ng tao. And it cannot be given by extension na mag-coalition kayo, bigyan kayo at that that peace even isang kuting sa sovereignty.

We serve there for a time then we go out. Sovereignty is only transferred to the elected leader. ‘Yan pinili ng tao. He might be a son of a b\*\*\*\*, basta pinili ng tao, ‘yun ‘yun siya. That is what the Constitution provides and that is the rule of a democracy. Kaya sabi ko, “Hindi ko maibigay sa inyo. Giyera na lang.”

So we are back to square one. I would just like to say to you now that matagal man, long time in coming but I complied with my promise na bigyan ang lahat ng sundalo ng -- Kayong mga awardees, congratulations, saludo ako sa inyo. And most of you are awardees. Dalawa ‘yang baril ninyo na ibinigay ko. ‘Yung isa ‘yung covered. ‘Yung nabigyan na, ‘yung issued, ‘yung ngayon personal na ‘yan. So ‘yung dalawa, meron diyan dalawa. Kung gusto mong dalhin ‘yang dalawa, eh ‘di pagawan. Pagpunta mo sa bahay nila, mag-bili ka ‘yung dalawang holster. Tingnan natin. Mag-practice ka dito sa... ‘Yung bang-bang-bang-bang ganun. Parehas sa sine. But you know, do not be offended. Eh kasi alam ninyo nangyayari rin ‘yan eh. Pwede ba kung isangla ninyo, dito na lang sa akin. ‘Wag sa ibang tao ha? Padala mo na lang doon. Sabihin mo na, kay CO mo dito na, “Sir, iprenda ko muna ito kay...”

But I have told you if you have a problem. I give you my number. If you cannot solve your problem here or hindi kaya solbarin, just call me. Maybe, just maybe kaya kong solbarin. Kasi ako bilib ako sa serbisyo ninyo. Saludo ako. Never was a time na walang ibang --- Hindi ako nagyayabang. Walang ibang presidente, dalawa lang, ang pagbigay na atensyon na kinakailangan para sa isang sundalo. Ako lang pati si Marcos.

Marcos was also a lover of soldiers. Kaya kita mo ‘yang increases ninyo malapit naman ang Disyembre. Pero ‘yung iba gipagbili na siguro ninyo, ‘no? ‘Yung sweldo. Nandun na sa 5-6, utang. ‘Wag mong ibigay doon. ‘Di ko man ibigay ‘yan sa --- Hindi ko ihulog ‘yan sa ano.

[Bong, maghanap ka ng paraan. Ta kikitain ng Pasko nito ang yayaman ang 5-6.] Sabihin mo ‘yan sa [unclear] “Yun ang bayad mo sa akin. Nandito ka nag-negosyo ka. ‘Wag mo akong piliting magbayad. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*. Dalawa itong baril ko mamili ka kung saan mo gusto. [laughter]

Eh natural, para sa pamilya 'yan. So kayong mga walang pamilya, ibigay mo 'yan sa nanay, mga kapatid. That money is not intended for somebody else's pocket. So ibigay ko 'yan sa inyo. Hindi diyan sa ano... 'kay nakasangla na 'yan doon sa ATM, ATM. Kalokohan 'yan. Diretso. Doble na ang... halos doble na ang sweldo ninyo.

So, ang pinakamayaman diyan mga generals. Eh sigurado. Alam mo ang sweldo ko ha? Totoo 'yan. You can check it out. My salary when I... nung naging Presidente ako was 57,000. Kaya ako nagdadaldal noon kasi totohanan 'yun from the heart. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*. Ang pamilya ko dalawa. Paano na ito ngayon? May pamilya ako na mayor na matapang baka barilin ako noon kung hindi ako mag-remit. 'Yung isa naman, alang-alang --- So mabuti't 'yan. Ang sweldo ko is just about 107 something. Pero kayong mga generals ngayon. [laughter] Kung 116,000? O doblado na. Totoo. Mas malaking sweldo ang general. [applause] Kaya sabi nila, "Sige, sir. Salamat. Kami na mismo ang mag-assault diyan sa kung saan-saan." [laughter]

Pero ganitong usapan ha. 'Di ba sinabi ko sa inyo noon. Do you remember that, nandito ako? Sabi ko sa inyo, "Unlike the policemen, you do not have side arms. So when you walk out, you are sitting ducks." Ang ayaw ko diyan sa NPA kaya ako galit. Talagang galit ako sa kanila. Kasi hindi pa natapos 'yung ceasefire pinagbabaril na nila 'yung mga sundalo ko pati pulis. 'Yung sa Midsayap ba 'yun? Bandang Midsayap. Binaril nila unarmed, naglalakad lang. Naghintay ng sasakyan. And when I asked the forensics, sabi ko, "Ilan ang tama ng sundalo?" 73 gunshot wounds. Kaya pumutok talaga ako.

Tinawagan ko si General Año. Na-bypass ko na nga si Secretary Lorenzana eh. Sabi ko, "Let's go offensive." Ngayon 'wag na kayong mag-hintay na mag-ano pa. But I will be buying something. Lahat ng kailangan ninyo to succeed in your mandate ibibigay ko sa inyo. Sigurado 'yan. [applause] Magtayo ako ng night club dito sa [laughter] para galing away. Walang ano. 'Yung sayaw-sayaw lang. Kailangan kung galawin mo, pakasalan mo. 'Wag mong... Mag-ano ako dito. But really, if you do not have the satellite connections, you ask the 'yung pinaka-laking makuha because the world is too dynamic, everyday there's another new development.

So that kayo dito ma --- Na kung bakit nandito ako ngayon. Sinabi ko, we were fixing my calendar. Sinabi ko unahin ko ang Jolo kasi 'yun ang pinaka-malayo. I came here to just give you the guns. There's about 100,000 there. Some 2,000. And another --- [Pila Bong? 50 million kada usa?] Ah hindi mo maubos 'yan. P\*\*\*\* [50 million kada sobre? Ah 2,000] [Speaks Bisaya] Pero... tsaka 'yung ano, 'yung malaki 'yung wounded... may 100,000 kayong wounded. Seriously wounded.

So pumunta ako dito to greet you, well in advance, a very Merry Christmas. And to my Muslim brothers and sisters, celebrate with us the holidays. We would be glad to have you join us and we will be proud with your presence. It's all for humankind that time, kung maari lang. Wala naman tayong talagang hatred for each other to the point that we cannot talk together. We can celebrate Christmas together. So nandito ako to say

Merry Christmas. And for those who'd be left behind during the holidays, skeletal man 'yun siguro maiwan 'no?

Uuwi ba halos kayong lahat? Kasi 'yung magpaiwan, tiis lang kayo. Hong Kong ang prize ninyo basta magpa-iwan dito. [applause] Hindi pwedeng magdala ng asawa. Kabit lang. [laughter] Para mas maganda ang labanan. Ang asawa, away pa 'yan. Asawa? Pagdating niyo sa kwarto mga isang oras, mag-sisigawan na 'yan. Pero kung uyab, honeymoon talaga. [laughter] Sige 'yung maiwan lang dito sa kampo hindi ko naman kayo mapadalang lahat. Maybe one or two or three or four. Magandang collection, 'di lahat. Ang... Wala kayong uyab kasi busy kayo sa fighting, mag-ano ako doon sa Maynila, mamili na lang kayo. Ligawan ninyo. Mahal. Walang babae na papayag na ano --- Ligawan mo na 'yan. Tapos you have about three days to convince the woman to be with you in Hong Kong. [Speaks Bisaya] Pero ligawan ninyo 'yan 'ha? 'Wag ninyong pabuntisan. Ma-discharge kayo. [laughter] Pero 'yung dalawa magsabay buntis, ah bilib, promotion 'yan. [laughter and applause] Biro mo magkasabay ka. Kani? Sus ginoo ko, hindi hihinto 'to.

So, I hope that you'll still be very careful. Sana kahit na papano man nabawi ko 'yung kahirapan ninyo. You know, I was there all the time to be with you because I wanted to be with my soldiers na mapakita ko sa inyo na talagang mahal ko ang sundalo. And I said at any other time [applause] na ibigay ko sa inyo 'yung kailangan, the tools na kailangan ninyo sa --- Tsaka 'yung mga ano... [Bong, ang uniporme, Bong] [Speaks Bisaya] So, I said some of you will be left behind but somehow at least may --- [Bong...]

Okay. Meron akong iwan sa inyo, nandito ngayon konti. But sa Christmas party, ako na ang magsagot sa Christmas party sa lahat ng --- dito sa... [applause] [Bong, baka...] Maraming sundalo dito na Moro. Marami ba tayong sundalo na Moro dito? Kasi... Baka, baka rin. [Speaks Bisaya] Ako na ang mag-blowout sa inyo na Christmas party. [applause]

Soldiers, word of honor, sinong nagbi-birthday ngayon araw na 'to? One, two --- One, two, three. Three? Pinaka-senior? Pinaka-senior? Halika muna dito. Pinaka-senior sa nag-birthday? Seniority muna. Eh military ito eh. Lahat ng nag-birthday ngayong araw na 'to dito. Unahin ko 'yung pinaka-senior. Sino? Seniority. Who's the most senior? Halika. [applause] Kita mo? Wala ngang relo. [unclear] 'yan, matibay 'yan. [Ikaw na maglagay]. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*. [applause] Mahuli na lahat. Mahuli na, pati mahuli. [Bilib ako sa iyo, sir. Happy birthday]. Sunod? Ito, mag-retire ka na lang, 'wag mo lang ihampas sa p\*\*\*\*\* ng babae. Matibay 'yan. Happy birthday. Happy birthday. May asawa ka? [Dela Cerna?] [Birthday mo ngayon? Ilang taon ka na? May asawa ka na? O, 'wag masyadong...]

Eh binubulungan ako dito sa likod. Wala na raw daylight time, sunset time ako, limitado ako. I want to talk to --- more about you but some other time.

Maraming salamat at... [applause]

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