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GAT ANDRES BONIFACIO**

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Salamat po. Magsiupo. Sit down.

I think it would be first time for me to grace an occasion like this. I'd like to thank the organizers, of course the Mayor, the people of Caloocan for inviting me here.

May I just acknowledge our guests? It is... Excellencies of the diplomatic corps; Social Welfare and Development Secretary General Rolando Bautista and the other Cabinet members; National Historical Commission Chairman Rene Escalante; AFP Chief of Staff General Noel Clement; the officials and employees of the city of Caloocan led by Mayor Oscar Malapitan *[applause]*; other guests; ladies and gentlemen.

I join the Filipino people in commemorating the 156th Birth Anniversary of one of our great heroes, Gat Andres Bonifacio. I also thank the National Historical Commission of the Philippines and its partners for spearheading the annual day of remembrance to honor the life, the works, and the example of Gat Andres Bonifacio, the Supremo of the Katipunan and Hero of the Masses.

Bonifacio was a humble beginning --- was of humble beginnings, born and raised in Tondo, the eldest in a brood of five, he assumed, at the age of 14, the responsibility of raising his siblings when they were orphaned. He stopped attending school to support their needs, making and selling paper fans and other wooden [canes], and working as a messenger and a warehouse man.

These early hardships did not deter him, Andres Bonifacio, from realizing his dreams and aspirations for our country. Truly, his courage to face insurmountable odds continues to inspire us in the pursuit of a truly independent Philippines.

Through his effective leadership, bravery and patriotism, he organized and inspired his fellow Katipuneros to a noble cause and offered their lives willingly for our liberation and self-determination as a nation.

We owe Bonifacio today and other unsung Filipino heroes the awakening of the Filipino nationalism, conscious to fight for our rights, to build an entire nation and to enjoy the various freedoms that we enjoy today.

In this day and age --- the other unsung Filipino heroes the awakening of the Filipino nationalist consciousness to fight for our rights, build an entire nation and to enjoy the various freedoms that we enjoy today.

In this day and age, we look again [to] the Supremo for the inspiration to face the many adversities that befall us. Now, we are challenged [to] overcome [the] oppressors of the present day, time: illegal drugs, criminality, corruption, terrorism, poverty, environmental degradation and other societal [ills] that continue to hinder our progress.

May I just veer a little from my privilege speech?

We are being punished. We are being imposed at binubugbog tayo ng droga na hindi naman natin kasalanan. Drug lords and then the young and all. And tonight, if we look at the televisions on any --- on any network, you'd find in the crawlers --- dumadaan sa harap ninyo, you call it a crawlers kaya mabilis. Ayun, droga. At it is an everyday occurrence and it is an everyday fight for the Filipino.

So that kung ako ang bibigay, kung ang mga pulis hihina, at kung pulis ninyo corrupt, ang mangyari babagsak talaga tayo as a nation. Believe me. Makita mo naman araw-araw, 26 billion, 200 million and it has not stopped.

You know what, the trawlers, 'yung maluluma na mga barko ng mga Chinese, they ply the international seas. And there is nobody but nobody who can stop them because there is no authority in the high seas.

But if you commit piracy or piracy if you may, then that gives any nation the right to blow you --- to blow you to the high heavens. And we are beset with piracy in the Celebes, Sulu Sea, and the Indonesian waters.

I just had a talk with President Widodo and Mahathir. And I said it's high time that we form a task force, not really intruding into the waters of other countries but just patrol your areas incessantly and accurately. And I will do my share in the Sulu Sea and the sea in here, Jolo.

And my orders to the Navy. I repeat, my orders to the Navy, is that if they are positive that they are pirates, you blow them to kingdom come. Patayin mo na lahat at matapos na ang problema ko at ng Pilipino.

And so with the drugs. I had an occasion to say and I will repeat it. Wala akong ano. I do not have the [shame?]. I do not have the patience. At wala akong awa-awa diyan sa ano. I said that if you will destroy my country, I will have just to kill you. That was my battle cry in Davao. *[applause]*

And during the campaign here, I remember I was there. Kasagsagan ng droga noon. Sisirain mo ang bayan ko. You know, we have this sacred duty that we see to it that kung tayo mamatay na... I'm 74, two more years, I get out. Then maybe look at this drug problem within the five years that I will be out.

I just hope that my successor --- o ayaw niya talagang strong reaction, maybe you can temper it a little but he should not forget about drugs. Drugs is destroying our country.

Alam mo, *[unclear]* if the father goes down because of drugs, it will be a dysfunctional family for all. There is no more food on the table, there is no more discipline for the children, and the wife and husband invariably will separate.

And the easiest way for now to get an employment is there are so many vultures, the illegal recruitment. And one of these days I will raise you to the level of a drug problem and I will take care of you. Sinasabi ko na sa inyong mga recruiter, huwag kayong pumasok diyan. 'Pag ako'y naubusan ng pasensya, patayin ko kayo. Simple lang. *[applause]*

You know, the repercussions. The wife goes down because of drugs. Itong babae, lalayas na 'to. Bubugbugin 'yan, away. Itong dalawa, the eldest girl, 14, 15, does not know what to do, she does not know where to go. So she begins to make the round on the streets. Eventually, she becomes a prostitute.

And itong mga lalaki, with no discipline, walang pagkain, they are drawn into the business of drugs. Ang problema nito, there are plenty of them every day recruiting, because itong tinamaan ng droga will look for a victim to support his habit. And ito, again he will --- maybe his own wife or his children will contaminate him to support his own. When the monkey rides on the back then he has to have the fix and then he gets it [everywhere?].

He will encourage the other sons just to go because there is no more money. That's the problem with drugs. Itong babae, the easiest way to earn a living is she's very susceptible na magpunta sa Middle East.

Pagdating sa Middle East, kalbaryo ng Pilipina. Nakikita mo naman lumu --- tumatalon na lang sa bintana. 'Di mo maintindihan bakit. Why? Why? Because in the Middle East, there --- I'm not making any sweeping accusation.

But I was there at one time to help two Filipinas from Davao who were caught by the police, religious police, and were prosecuted. And their mothers who were there at the gate of my house night and day, rain or shine. Eventually, my partner allowed them inside the house, fed them, and told me, "Ano ka ba? Kita mo na hirap 'yung tao. Tulungan mo naman."

So I went to Villar, my speaker. Sabi ko, "Chief, I have to make a journey to the Middle East because I have to help my countrymen."

So naswertehan ako. 'Yung aide ni Fahd, he was a bit in dementia na. But he could still make something during his lucid intervals. And he agreed. And the minister who helped me, my counterpart, parang parliament nila, congress, sabi niya: You know, congressman, it would do you well to tell your countrymen that in the Middle East, in some provinces not in Riyadh, but if you are taken to a province to the tribes of the idiots, you will work as slave. Linisan mo ang bahay ng amo mo tapos linisan niya ang bahay ng son-in-law niya, lilinisan niya 'yung bahay ng daughter-in-law niya at pinsan niya.

That explains the reason why there is a uniformity of statements when they come back that they have only three hours of sleep. And they eat garbage.

Kaya hindi madali magpunta. Kaya sabi ko itong asawa mapilitan. Then she works breaking her back, para magpadala dito sa mga pera sa mga anak niya. Only to find out, that after five years of working in the Middle East, almost paralyzed, she comes home and her family was broken as ever.

Walang nagtapos, nag-p\*\*\* 'yung anak, papunta na naman ng --- nag-recruit na naman kung saan mapunta ng... You know and it's being repeated almost every day and at --- maybe thousands.

You know, Bato, when he was --- you know he was in TV, announcing that the surrender of... Why? Why were those addicts went skinny and looking dead like a [unclear] overnight? They were the drug addicts of the previous administrations. I do not know where it started. But it was just like a dirt, you just put it under the rug.

In Aquino's time, there was no... Tapos sabihin nitong mga p\*\*... Wala daw mga drug lord. Kaya ito sa...

Alam mo ba 'yun si Pangilinan? Kayo, kayo lahat, kayong lahat. Bumilib kayo sa gunggong na 'yan? 'Yan ang nag --- nag-ano ng batas na hindi mo mahuli 15 years old.

They go in and out of prison because of the Pangilinan law. And they go in and out. You ask your police and social workers. Because they have with them the copy of their birth certificate. And below five, they just go in and out. They steal, they kill, they rape and kill. Whatever the crime is. They are scot-free.

The only problem with it, itong si Kiko. Pupunta-punta kasi sa p\*\*\*. Punta-punta ng mga Harvard, ganun, [unclear] pa-English-English. Pagdating dito galing Harvard, ang ginawa nagpa-appoint Agriculture. Para lang nandiyan sa pwesto. Just so to be... Pinapaalis na nga ng asawa niya sa bahay niya, ayaw kay wala ibang matirahan. Totoo. Tanungin mo.

At kung sabihin mo nagsisinungaling ako, I will resign. Ang sinasabi ko totoo 'yan. Alam mo, 'yung 15-year-old, 'yun --- 'yun 'yun ang nagbigay ng problema sa atin because 'yung 15-year-old for so many years... When was the law passed?

They were in and out, in and out of prison. And not even a lecture for one minute about social responsibility and your duty to your country. Wala, wala 'yan. Pagdating ng nanay, pagdating ng barangay captain, labas 'yan.

Alam ninyo 'yan. 'Di ba alam ninyo? Kayo diyan, hindi niyo alam? Eh sunugin ko 'yang mga bahay ninyo buti pa. *[laughter]*

Ganyan 'yan. Kaya lumabas ito ngayon mga kriminal, mga bata, they are so daring and so bold that they do not --- wala na 'yung maskara. That --- that is passé. Bahaw na.

Ngayon, punta ka doon pag hold-up. Because they were the young boys, in and out, in and out without even a lecture of what you should --- what you should ought to be.

So, they do not realize whenever they commit a wrong, they do not realize at all that you have a responsibility to your country. Wala. Wala lahat. And these, mga human rights that ought to have been the target. They should have collected these boys and fed them, quarter them with the --- if they would apply for a thing like that --- the halfway house. The court can always grant it.

Instead of counting the carcass of the criminals, they begin to shout extrajudicial killing. Oh, how about the innocent? How many innocents were killed by these drug addict criminals?

Sabihin ko sa iyo, mas marami. And more brutal and more totally, totally unacceptable to the people and to me. I will admit that. Hindi ko kaya. That's why itong adik, kayong mga pulis, p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* ninyo, lumabas kayo diyan. *[cheers and applause]*

I love the police. I will die for the police. In Marawi, there was trouble, I was with them. Tinamaan pa ang helicopter ko ng bala, nabutas. I was there with you. But you start to screw the Filipino tapos nagtutulong kayo mga generals.

Tapos ito --- ito naman si Leni. She made an a\*\*\*\*\* of herself. The day I appointed her, what did she do? She went to the embassy of the United Nation. Then she told us that she wanted to talk to the UN, EU, UN.

And she was inviting personalities. She was not solving any problem at all. Mind you. "What are you afraid of me?" Ah, me afraid of you? No, I'm afraid that if you stay long there, you will just... You know, that office does not require you to fight criminals. Pero kung gusto niya, okay man. Siya ang mag-lead para tapos na ang problema ko.

Siya lang ang mag-lead at magbigay ng direction. But she was not allowed to just talk and talk and talk. You know, we have repudiated the

International Criminal Court. And I said, you cannot prosecute me for a thousand years.

Lumabas tayo through me, I admit. Hindi nila ako maku... Mas bright ako sa kanila. Pinapakinggan ko 'yung mga abogado noon. Nagpa-parade pa pati left. Extrajudicial, extrajudicial.

Sabi ko, sige lang. And to beli... I was waiting for a lawyer in town --- everyone in Manila and in the provinces --- to tell me the procedure how and why I cannot be prosecuted --- prosecuted even for a million year.

Wala eh. Puro bobo. Eh itong Pangilinan, ayan, the loudest. I said, you know guys, naghintay ako ng abogado 'yung mga constitu --- constitutionalist kuno, 'yung expert sa criminal law. Ay, I\*\*\*\* ninyo. *[laughter]*

You know, they wanted us to be a part of the Rome Agreement. In that Rome Agreement, you append your papel mo --- your country to be a member. But that is a law. It has to pass Congress, as with Congress concur in treaties. Kasi its concurrence then ipasa mo sa presidente.

And Erap signed it. But the problem is eager masyado sila. Pagka-sign ni Erap sa papel they went to --- the Rome is just a characterization of the... Actually it was signed in Rome but the document I think it's [signed?] in UN.

Dapat 'yun, 'pag sinauli na, na-sign na nila sa --- na-concur na nila sa Congress, they should have returned it to Erap. Then Erap should give it to the Bureau of Printing and the Bureau of Printing would now publish it in the Official Gazette.

After 30 days or what period is there, then it is by fiction of law, it is now a constructive notice to all Filipinos na... Na-publish na sa Official Gazette eh. There is a law which prohibit blah blah blah, blah blah bloh.

Pero ang problema, 'yung kayong mga abogado, wala man kayong makitang extrajudicial killing. There's no such a crime as extrajudicial killing. They will individually count the dead and charge it to you. O 'di sige tingnan natin.

But I said if you can bring me to be indicted there in... It's not a law. It was not published. It was not forward... It was not given back to Erap. After signing then Erap should send it. Wala.

Supreme Court said, in the absence of a publication, especially a criminal law, a punitive, it has to be published to make it binding." Otherwise, there is no law at all. Hindi nila pinublish (publish) eh.

Alam ko 'yun. Pinapakinggan ko lahat ng abogado dito sa Maynila kasi nga wala talagang nag-isip ng ganun. It was only me. At bakit? Hindi ako bright. Seventy-five lang ako kindergarten hanggang college of law. Seventy-five lang rin ang grado ko sa Bar.

Pero alam mo na fiscal ako for eight years. Whenever I sit down on the table and I reviewed the cases, the first thing that I would look is, "May jurisdiction ba ako dito?" Because kung wala akong jurisdiction, para akong buang.

Sabihin ng korte, "You are trying a case which is not actionable in this court. It goes to the lower court." 'Yan. 'Yan ang mali nila. Swerte ko mali nila, pero t\*\*\*\*\* pa rin sila. Huwag kayong maniwala niyang mga puti na mga p\*\* --- na bright?

Ako 75 lang pero I'd love to have a debate with these idiots. I hope someday. Ipakita ko sa kanila kung paano sila naging bobo. Totoo. Kaya huwag kayong matakot diyan sa mga kaso-kaso. Hindi 'yan marunong.

Pagdating niyan sa korte, sayaw-sayawan ko pa ng Pandanggo 'yan.

Well anyway, people of Caloocan, I really love you. Despite of odds *[applause]* pinapanalo ninyo ako dito. *[applause]*

Alam ko man, naghahanap kayo ng killer, mga buang. *[laughter]* No, because --- you know, you might have liked me. Dito ako. Nobody was... Except for a few. But they were not public officials. You carried me to the day.

So okay lang. 'Yung... Hintayin na lang ninyo itong mga ganung train. They will... Sabi niya, "Ito si Duterte, he said that ano sa Cubao, Marikina, in five minutes, hanggang ngayon, wala." Eh p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*, sinong nag-delay ng budget for three months? Congress.

So where do I get the money to build the... Ano man kayo? "Duterte sige salita na ganun-ganun." Oh well, that was my schedule. But Congress delayed action for three months. So three months, walang government spending. If there is no government spending, ang private mahihina rin 'yan.



It's important that the government... Paikot ng pera. Kaya marami 'yan. Sweldo, 'yung mga side, mga welders, 'yung tiga-lagay ng bato, tiga-lagay ng riles. Those are employment. Kaya maraming employment ngayon and they have... Sila Pangilinan. Lahat ng ano big builders have went to Russia. Why? Wala tayong workers. Maraming trabaho.

Kaya mga workers kasi --- magkuha ko diyan, hindi naman ako pwede magkuha dito na gawain mo 'tong electric dito. You must have an architect and a planner, a planner then mark --- master electrician, master plumber, master carpenter, wala tayo. Nagpuntahan sa...

Kaya 'yang TESDA,... Kung wala naman kayong magawa, hintuan na muna ninyo 'yang shabu, wala naman talagang idulot na maganda 'yan, magtulong ka na lang para sa bayan. Tatal, ang ipapasa nito, inyo man ring mga anak.

Make sure that we give to the next generation a little bit comfort, less crime, and [we strive?] to make them happy.

Now here is a note that says: "Sir, we only have 10 minutes before estimated time of departure for the SEA Games."

I have to go there and tingnan ko anong kulang. Baka hindi tayo makainom ng tubig. *[laughter]*

Salamat po. *[applause]*

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