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SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE OATH-TAKING OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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I'm... Late ho ako kasi ang barge ko, mahina pala. Hindi kaya 'yang bagyo na tubig. *[laughter]* 'Yung ... So nag-ikot ako. I had to go around the other gate. Malayo 'yun, traffic. So I had to... Pang --- pangatlo kayo ngayon.

This is your oath of office. I also --- may sore throat ako. Kindly stretch your... Raise your right hands and repeat after me.

[oath-taking]

Thank you.

I have a very good crowd today. Some of you would be joining government and you just swore yourself before God and country.

I have a prepared speech. I will just read the first two paragraphs because I have something to say to you.

Today, we welcome our newly appointed government officials in the crucial but fulfilling task of public service. I congratulate you for this milestone in your careers and I also thank you for accepting the challenge to serve --- I repeat to serve our people through our --- your... Through your respective offices.

Restoring our people's trust in government remains a priority agenda for this administration. That is why halfway through my term, we still continue to pursue meaningful and lasting change in all levels of bureaucracy.

May ikwento ako sa inyo. Nandito si General del Rosario, a Cabinet member. Makinig kayo mabuti ha. At the outset, sabihin ko na sa inyo. Itong bagay na ito, I am ready --- ready to go down anytime.

Alam mo, kailangan natin ng tubig. May bagyo nga eh. But we need water because even in the early and primitive times, people congregate in rivers and waters to survive.

Water is survival for this nation. Kung walang tubig, patay tayo. We can survive about five days without eating but three days of thirst and dehydration, you're a goner.

Now, itong tubig is a natural resource. It is God-given to the Filipinos. It's found in so many places. A number of times, we have had this specter of water. Not there but by the grace of God, we have survived.

Ito ngayon, I'll bring out something na gusto kong tapusin talaga. I said kung ako ang matatapos because of their money, okay lang. Pero tandaan ninyo mga Pilipino, at least ipinaglaban ko ang tao.

Remember that. Baka babagsak ako, babagsak talaga. Money is very corrosive. Given to a frail mind, it can as --- be a robot and direct him where to go and where to turn and when to go back.

Itong tubig sa Maynila, I remember na may crisis for so many days. Tapos nandoon ako sa Davao. Wala man akong narinig na law on... Well of course, our resources --- our --- naka-deposito. The catch basins or whatever, be it a tank or a pond, hindi pa naman critical. As I was in Davao, then I heard that there was no water for three days.

So tinawagan ko 'yung Maynila. Sabi ko, "Ano bang nangyari niyang p***** i***** 'yan?" Eh galit na ako eh. Sabi na walang tubig. Tapos may tinawagan ako.

May tubig --- sa gobyerno. Sabi ko, "Uuwi ako diyan. If by tomorrow wala pang tubig, pagsasampalin ko kayo lahat sa publiko." Totoo 'yan. At ginagawa ko talaga 'yan. At gagawin ko 'yan masira man ako.

If I go down, so be it. I like it. Gusto ko.

Ganito 'yan, ang tubig atin. Maraming tubig. Ang problema, binigay natin sa mga torpeng hindi nga Pilipino halos o Pilipino man, walang kaluluwa. 'Yang Manila Water pati Maynilad, kay Pangilinan pati kay Ayala.

Matagal na ito. Wala lang pumipiyak kasi nga takot sa pera ni Ayala pati ni Pangilinan, especially during the elections. Kailangan mo eh. Kaya walang nagsasalita talaga.

But when I saw the contract, sabi ko, p***** i***** 'to. They are screwing us and they're screwing us all the way. Sila ang distributor, atin ang tubig.

In the contract, the water is categorized not as a natural resource but as a commodity. At sa contract, hindi Republic of the Philippines. It's just being mentioned there's an entity na may kontrata sa Ayala pati kay Pangilinan.

At ang masakit diyan, we cannot interfere because if we do, they will sue us and they would be awarded millions kasi ang napili nila is arbitration. Ang arbitration sa Singapore, miyembro rin sila niyan.

It is an interlocking ng mga mayaman dito sa Southeast Asia. Nag-form sila ng isang parang korporasyon. Itong korporasyon ni --- kasali diyan. Parang brotherhood of corporation sila Pangilinan, 'yung Salim? Indonesia.

Arbitration, natalo na tayo. Three million. Ngayon, there's come --- there's one coming up. Six million because we interfered. We cannot raise or lower the price of water in this country.

If we do that, they will sue us and for interference and with --- they go to --- to file the arbitration. Talo talaga tayo. Eh puro sila 'yun eh. Kita mo ang kawalang hiyaan ng tao.

Kontrolado... 'Di ba sinabi ko sa inyo nung kampanya. Hindi lang kayo makinig kasi ako naman, mahinang tao lang. Taga-Davao, probinsyano. Sabi ko, ang korapsyon sa Pilipinas, maliit 'yang Custom-Customs. Pero bibirahin ko rin kayo.

Sabi ko ang corruption na pinakamaliit, billion nandito sa itaas. Ang tax exemption, ito si Ongpin, lahat 'yan sila. 'Yung mga crony noon, 'yung mga crony ngayon, anak ka ng p***** i** ninyo.

Ayan. Nationwide man 'yan. Ikaw, ABS-CBN, you're a mouthpiece of... Ang inyong franchise, mag-end next year. If you are expecting na ma-renew 'yan, I'm sorry. You're out. I will see to it that you're out.

Ilan kaming mga kandidato na kinuha ninyo ang pera namin but never aired our propaganda. Ako, Chiz Escudero, lahat kami.

Pero 'yung propaganda ni Trillanes portraying children and which was really a prohibited act under the rules of the Election Code in spite of the fact na may TRO na huwag ninyong ipalabas, pinalabas ninyo.

Ngayon, you come to me begging. Eh 'yung mga ang --- ang kawawa kayong second generation na walang ka among-among mag --- diyan sa akin parang hindi na malaman kung ano ang body language nila.

Kayong mga p***** i***** kayo... Mga Inquirer, 'yung four billion ninyo. Alam mo ginawa ni Henares kasi kaibigan kayo ni Aquino? Pinabayad lang eight billion.

Dito sa kontrata na ito, Maynilad, we must not do anything to jeopardize their operation because kung at any given period or if during the lifetime of the contact, 'pag nalugi sila, you --- you have to pay for the losses. Billion 'yan.

Ako, wala akong ano kay Drilon pero I distinctly recall that Drilon said something, "O, Presidente Duterte do not tinker with that contract because we will end up paying so many billions of pesos." Secre --- Senator Drilon, are you one of those who crafted the contract? I'm asking you.

Ako, I said, I'm ready to go down. Hindi kita tinatakot. Pero 'pag bumagsak ako, dadalhin talaga kita. I will --- I will... I'm not --- I'm not --- nagtakot-takot. I'm not challenging you. You just tell the people the truth. You read the contract aloud and say if it is good for the people.

But do not f*** with me --- takutin mo ako billions of pesos. If I go down, you go down. I am ready anytime. I'm ready to be destroyed anytime. But I will also destroy because you destroyed my country. 'Yan ang kap***** ng mga mayaman. 'Yan ang...

Assured income. You lose, we pay. If for any reason it is attributable to us, sabihin na --- or we interfere in the pricing, kaso kaagad 'yan, interference.

Kayo, kayong Pilipino, how many years have you been paying? Nandiyan sa ano ninyo. Bayad para sa water treatment. Ilang taon na kayo nagbayad ng water treatment? Ang p***** i** niya hanggang ngayon mabaho pa rin 'yung lumalabas doon sa Manila Bay.

L**** kayo. Walang water treatment, sige kayo kubra. Anong tingin ninyo sa amin? P*****... Kaya sabihin ko sa --- hindi ako matakot, makita ko kayo. Just make sure hindi tayo magtagpo. Kumuton ko nang nawong nimo diha. O kaya ko 'yan, ilang beses na.

Dito, ilang mga g*** dito. Kumuton gyud nako ang nawong. May bodyguard ka? Ah 'di magbarilan tayo. P***** i** niyo. If it is time to die, we die. Ganon lang ang buhay. Pero I will not --- I will go down with --- not without a bang.

Gusto ko lang malaman ng Pilipino bago ko matapos, kailan man 'yan, bukas or I may or I may not complete my term. It could be tomorrow, it could be day after. 'Pag gusto ko lang malaman ng mga Pilipino that may dumaan na Presidente who really loves his countrymen, kayo. *[applause]*

Kaya ako, masama lang bunganga ko pero magturo kayo ng anong bagay na hindi ko ginawa. Corruption, I'm still at it. I have fired five Cabinet members, all of them are my friends --- for corruption. I gave you free education. Meron ng hospitalization, may Malasakit na.

Farmers, when I went their --- kayong mga --- nakaharap ko mga NPA, sabi ko walain ko 'yang irrigation. Binigay ko. Ganun ko kayo kamahal. Wala man akong ano. 'Yang oposisyon na sige na wala akong ginawa.

At itong may mga kolumnista na ulol, isa pa 'yan. They try to speculate about what I'm supposed to... Hindi ko talaga pat --- patakbuhan 'yang anak ko. I'm telling Sara now, again, for the nth time. Do not run. Reason ko, maawa ako sa iyo anak kita. Except for your patriotism, for your love of country, wala kang makuha dito sa Presidente na ito unless you go corrupt.

Pero kung magtinarong ka... Ano bang tinarong sa Tagalog? Kung mag --- matino ka, wala kang makuha dito. Kapoy lang. The endless travel. You go there, you go there. Tomorrow you go to the policeman who's lying...

Tapos magtanong pa 'yang mga g***. "Ah si Duterte takot sa military kaya dinoble ang sweldo. Kaya maraming Cabinet." P***** i**. Ulol pala kayo. I

was elected by the people. I was not elected by the army or police. *[applause]*

Bakit man ako takot-takutin? Malinis man 'yung election ko. I never terrorized.

You know, last night, General Del Rosario was one of them. Siya 'yung sa housing eh. I asked all the military men there, "Are you with me?"

Wala 'yang coup d'état-coup d'état. Baho 'yan doon sa... Are you with me in this fight? Because, p*** I will see this to the end kung ano mang mangyari within the framework of...

That's to me, economic sabotage. So I want a rich guy who has been wallowing in its filthy house with all the mga --- ang tawag pa pala sa kanila sa bahay señoṛita, señoṛa, señoṛ. Kahilas ng p***** i**. Hoy, hindi na panahon ng Katsila, l***** kayo. *[laughter]*

Tapos na 'yan sila. Señoṛita, señoṛa. Buang. Sa sine lang 'yan sa Maalaala Mo Kaya. *[laughter]*

So kaya mabuti... I had a very --- I'm lucky. This --- this must be my lucky day. Lahat ng ano ko, 'yung talagang representative of the society, klase-klaseng tao nandiyan.

So malaman ninyo. Ito magulo 'to. Talagang magulo 'to. I hope it would not be bloody. I do not want it. I do not want to shed any, even a drop of blood.

But this is gonna --- this is gonna be really a bloody one. Not really in its --- figure of speech lang. Kasi yayariin ko talaga kayo. I will see to it na gusto kong makita na 'yung mga mayaman --- 'yung magpasok naman sa kulungan maski...

Hahabulin ko talaga kayo. And do not make it hard for me to do it. Kayong mga telecommunications? Dinemanda ninyo --- ilan palagi 'yung mga taga-

gobyerno na walang kamuwang-muwang. Or either because they really wanted to be sued because you were paid to be sued.

Nagdududa na ako tuloy sa mga tao diyan na humahawak ng ano. Kaya the vetting of candidates would be... Kaya ako lahat halos puro military na ang -- ang kaharap ko kagabi, including Del Rosario. I know him. He worked for me when I was in the --- the mayor of Davao. He was the commander of Task Force Davao doon.

Lahat 'yan sila kilala ko. All the military men working there are all honest. I can vouch for them. Pero itong better sa... Ako ha, istrikto talaga ako. Istrikto as a --- magsabi sa iyo na --- 'pagka nagkamali ka, basta corruption out ka talaga.

Especialy if you are an appointee by the President. Meron lang akong marinig. Alam mo 'yang papel na mag-abot sa iyo ng isang taon, hingi 'yan. Sige hingi, sige balik. Kaya ngayon sa opisina ninyo, [if you were the one?] -- write out what you want from the guy, from the applicant.

Do not add or take out anything there. Ibigay mo sa kanya. Look at your calendar, give him a day to come back and that's it. If he goes back --- back and forth four times. That's corruption.

Or you are really an indolent, so you do not belong to the government. But kung nasa tama ka and you are accused, kagaya nitong mga mayaman, they have --- take solace because I will defend you to death.

In the same manner na... Ayan o, mga sundalo, bakit hindi doblehin ang sweldo?

Tingnan mo ngayon ang bagyo, sino ang kargador doon? 'Di pulis pati sundalo. 'Pag may naipit, nag-landslide sino 'yung digger ko? Sino 'yung magpala [24?]? 'Di sundalo. 'Pag naputol 'yung tulay, sino lalangoy doon para magpakamatay? 'Di sundalo.

Hindi niyo naiintindihan eh. O ngayon, naghingi ako ng tulong sa sundalo --- hindi ako nanghingi ng tulong sundalo para mabuhay. At that, you go by destiny. If it's your time, it's your time. Tulong ako for a cause just to show to the people that we are there for you. So, make that a motto.

Sabihin mo sa tao, "Nandito kami para magsilbi sa inyo." If you cannot do that, you resign. But if you can, I'd be happy. I'm grateful and I think I made the right decision in appointing you.

Maraming salamat po. *[applause]*

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