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**SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE OATH-TAKING OF THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KAPISANAN NG MGA BRODKASTER NG PILIPINAS (KBP)**

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In events like these the President is always... Please sit down.

I beg your indulgence for a few minutes. I want to deliver not a speech but rather it --- sana a talk with you. But the problem is every time I do it I ramble on to so many things and you know my speech becomes an hour, then mainis na sila sa akin.

So pero may mga bagay sana ako... And you know what? These are the things that are --- in --- sa ating bayan especially `yung mga may ano ko sa mga ibang networks. But people wala --- walang --- `yung may hinanakit ko lang.

But I will just maybe read the --- what's prepared dito. Eh babasahin ko nakakahiya naman sa mga babaeng gumawa nito. Hindi naman ito akin talaga eh. *[laughter]* I mean if you really want me, you have to allow me to talk extemporaneous and I will... Pero mahirap ngayon, I think it's not time. But we can have coffee if you want and really you know dwell into my heart and malaman ninyo at palagay ko alam na rin ninyo `yan.

Presidential Communications Operations Secretary Jose Ruperto Martin Andanar; Senator Bong Go; Board of Trustees and standards authority directors and members of the 2020 Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas; mga kababayan.

I am pleased to join the media professionals of this country's broadcasting industry today for the induction of the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Kapisanan ng Mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas or KBP.

This occasion reaffirms the important role of the broadcast media in shaping a nation's progress [through] responsible dissemination of news and information to our people.

Throughout [our] history, we have seen how mass media in the Philippines has shown its vital role in promoting awareness on various social issues, disseminating critical information and mobilizing for public action in times of natural disasters and calamities, and in ensuring accountability in government and other social institutions.

I commend the KBP for its commitment to elevate the standards of broadcasting, help promote positive social change, help disseminate information on our development efforts, and foster [improved] business practices within your industry and the stakeholders.

Be assured that this administration will uphold the equal protection of your rights and your safety in the performance of duties.

Let me --- mag-segue ako dito. Alam mo sa totoo lang we in government are really in a fishbowl. And we are or we should not begrudge anything that is publicized or brought out in public in your desire to perform your duties.

Ang sinasabi ko lang marami talaga ang corruption. I have --- I had a talk with somebody, a foreigner, sabi niya corruption is still is very prevalent and pernicious in our country. Alam ninyo if there is one thing that's pulling us down ever since --- na nakita natin there was this flowering of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, they are all in good hands and there is always transparency sa kanilang ginagawa.

So I challenge you today because limitado na ang ano ko eh. I'm --- two years na lang. I can only do so much. You know I fire almost two, three directors everyday or those who cannot be fired because they have the eligibilities and their careers --- ah career certificates, we assign here to Malacañan or to somebody. Ang kata --- wala talagang katapusan ang... Believe me. In every office dito sa bansa na ito, that has to do with an authority or discretion, that table, from one table to another, is corruption.

Kaya lahat hirap. If you have papers, application, clearances, and they sit on it, and then you go back and forth, and you have to deal with corruption. Ako na ang nagsasabi sa inyo na ang Pilipino kasi is not assertive. All you

have to do to help government is just to say p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* mo, nagbabayad ako ng buwis, bakit mo pa ako hinihingan? At sampalin mo.

Maski sino huwag kayong... T\*\*\* i\*\*. Dumating lang `yan sa mga pwesto nila siguro political appointments. Huwag kayong matakot to confront --- to confront graft on its face. Corruption na harap-harapan. Kasi kung hindi niyo gawain `yan, wala talaga mangyari.

In two years I'm leaving. So what I have done? Well, mga undersecretaries, mga directors... There was one lady I fired and sabi nila, to their estimate, she must have gathered billions. And ganito ang mahirap itong mga tao na hindi mo kilala during the campaign. Kilala --- a family of walang ginawa kung hindi mag --- `yung magdikit sa mga politiko. They do not run for public office. Didikit lang `yan at maging mga operator. Kilala ninyo `yan sila. Kaya ang gusto kong...

You know when you --- when you deal with a person in government and you do not like the way you are being treated, all you have to do --- sabihin ninyo sa mga tao --- is just to get the number of the office or what, `yung pangalan, at mayroon naman kaming [8888] and they can post it there.

And I assure you there is no libel there. It is --- if it is addressed to me, then that is in the performance of duty. Sabihin lang ninyo ito si director ang transaction... He's --- inuupuan `yung papel kasi may hingi, outright.

Alam mo kung mangyari `yan, mas --- we can tone down corruption considerably. But the problem again is `yung mga tao matakot kay sabihin nila `pag wala na ako baka sila ang resbakan.

Sa totoo lang nandito `yung mga tao sa Malacanang, nananampal talaga ako ng empleyado. There was an undersecretary, sinipa ko talaga. Literally dito. `Yung --- ayaw ko na. `Yung iba na mahilig sa pera pinapakain ko talaga ng pera. Pero wala rin. Talagang literally sinusubo ko `yung...

Ganon pa rin. Pasig Commission. Wala namang trabaho, at saka `yung sa FDA. `Yung mga ganon na ano, report to the public because you owe it to the republic to inform them.

Ako ang aking hinihingi is simply the truth. If the truth will destroy me, so be it. Huwag kayong mag ano, na magdala --- mag-isip-isip pa kung ano. If the truth will --- masisira ako, that's the price of being in public service.

But I assure you it could be something else except money. Kaya sabi ko dito sa administrasyon ko, wala akong papel na transaksyon sa gobyerno na

dumadaan sa opisina ko. MRT kung anong mga plano nila diyan, natapos na lang `yan, walang papel ng negosyo na pinipirmahan ko. Wala.

Those papers are not allowed. Ayaw ko. Ayaw ko kasi `pag gusto kong bumira, bira talaga ako. Now, you might not agree with me. I can accept that. Hindi naman tayo magkaisang isip eh. But `yung election sinabi ko lang... I was in a hurry because of no money. You have to save time.

Pero hindi naman ako ---- I'm not trying to dramatize it. But ganito `yan. Sabi ko corruption, drugs, sabi ko then I will allow business ---- protect businessmen. `Yan tapos `yung agriculture talaga sana kay `yan ang ano --- that's the poorest link sa ating ano `yan. `Yun ang inulit-ulit ko talaga.

Drugs, wala akong sinabi. Ito, ito prangkahan `to. Human rights, and for all, sinasabi ko talaga: if you destroy my country, I will really kill you. Make no mistake about it. Pagka sinira mo ang bayan ko, papatayin talaga kita. `Yun ang...

If you want a good narrative, `yan `yan. Ngayon sabi `yung namatay doon. I don't know but I said if you destroy my country, I will kill you. Let them worry about their death because I have to protect. My sworn duty is not to protect the people who are into drugs. My sworn duty is to protect the people and preserve the Republic of the Philippines. Iyan ang trabaho ko.

Kaya magsabi sila magpatayan eh... Pero huwag kayong ma --- initially `yung patayan sila `yun. Sila `yung mga generals na pinagtatadtad na nila `yung --- para hindi mahalata. `Yung marami diyan mga runners sila na `yung naglinis. `Yung mga generals pati `yung ninja cops. And they are still around but are reduced to about apat na lang. And they will all die because may kasalanan sila sa bayan. `Yan ang ano.

Ngayon kung hindi ko sila maabutan, `pag hindi na ako mayor, babarilin ko pa rin sila `pag nakita ko. Same, whether I'm President or an ordinary --- `pag nagkita tayo at alam ko galit ka sa akin dahil sa droga, eh magbabarilan talaga tayo. `Yan ang punto diyan. Kaya ngayon...

Alam mo kasi itong mga p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\*\* human rights, they are just worried about a dead carcass there. They do not even know kung talagang pinatay `yan ng pulis o ano. Basta `pag may naki --- well of course there are exceptions. Pero karamihan `yan ng mga namatay diyan `pag walang ano sabihin nila extrajudicial killing.

Ako I will admit na `yung sa pulis has a semblance of truth. I go by government records. Kung sinabi pulis --- "Duterte ang napatay natin

5,000." O 'di so be it. We admit it, 5,000. Pero huwag naman 'yang 70,000. Saan ko ilibing 'yan? Hindi lang pagpatay. Ang libing ang problema kung saan ko ilagay eh. 'Yang may sumo --- 'yung sumusobra.

Kaya ito ngayon... Sabi ko graft and corruption. Sabi ko na sa inyo noon pa na ang corruption nasa itaas. Diyan, 'yang mga BIR, mga collector, of course, konti lang 'yan. Sabi ko sa taas niluluto. Tax exemption ng Donut, tax exemption ng --- reduced from 4 billion to 8 million. Anong klase.

Pero wala eh. Ginawa talaga. Ngayon itong sabi ko itong ibang naiwan talagang magbabayad sila. Sabihin ko you have been looking for the... "Where's the big fish? Saan 'yung hinahanap namin na big fish?" O I'm giving you Ayala and Pangilinan. They are the big fishes.

Tingnan ninyo ang kontrata. May isang former senator nagsabi wala man raw siyang nakita na mali. You know because he is an a\*\*h\*\*\*. He just to be --- want to be fashionable on the other side. Kaya papaano ma-correct natin 'yan?

How can the Ayalas and the Pangilinan now compensate? 'Yung bill sa tubig tingnan mo. Meron diyan enhancement. Ano 'yang enhancement? Water treatment facility. They were collecting that fee in 1957 until now. P\*\*\*\*\* j\*\* until now walang...

Sige pa rin koleta, wala pa rin 'yung water treatment. Not the clean, potable water that we envisioned when they entered the business. Tapos 'yung... Kaya gusto kong... Malayo 'to eh.

Kaya lang kailangan ko rin... I'm pressed for time because I have to produce water for you. Gusto ko lang malaman sino 'tong mga abugado ng republic na ang kanilang corporate tax will be passed on to the consumers.

Ang corporate income tax nila, ibibigay nila sa consumers, pagdating doon ang consumers naman ide-deduct doon 'yan kasi pang-house, water bill... Eh 'di wala rin ang gobyerno. At saka 'yung magbayad tayo kung sila malugi.

That is why nung una, three billion. It was the increase was suspended because the right to increase is solely given to them. Kanila 'yan. Wala tayong pakialam. And in that... In that act, pagbigay nila, we lost the sovereignty. Because in that contract, if you have a copy of that contract, it says: "For purposes of interpreting this contract, water shall be a commodity." It's our natural resource. Hindi mo pwedeng i-commodity lang.

Iyan ang sabi ko na... Iyan ang masakit sa akin. Kaya paano ito aregluhin? You can... Parang ano man kayo? You echo the sentiments of... Paano ko ito aregluhin? How can I...?

How can I now proceed with a new contract acceptable to them with the entry of new businessmen? Okay 'yan. Paano 'yung ginawa ninyo? It is a contract with the --- infused with the entry of new businessmen. It is the same contract that is really a copy of the Anti-Graft Law. Kung ano 'yung nasa Anti-Graft Law, nandiyan sa kanila. Tayo na ang magbayad.

Kung malugi sila, if we do not act --- itong regulator, if they will not act to give the approval of the increase sa rates, we pay for the so many months that they don't earn. So how much? We pay 3 bill --- 3 million.

Sa panahon ko dumating. Ewan ko siguro pinutol kasi taxes but not me. Pinutol 'yung --- ay hindi, pinigilan 'yung rates magpataas. So I was billed 7 billion for the loss, 7 billion. Saan ka nakakita ng ganitong negosyo na ito? Kaya sabi ko noong nakita ko, sinabi ni Secretary sa Finance, "We owe them 7 billion." Sabi ko, "Sonny, b\*\*\*s\*\*\*. Sabihin mo sa kanila hindi ako babayad. Ikukulong ko pa sila." Totoo. Ikukulong ko talaga.

It's a vio --- lahat violation ng contract. But I have to include the government lawyers who did that. Now, kung sino 'yung nagturo sa mga abugado sa gobyerno... Kasi ngayon 'yung maliliit na lang nagsabi na "nag-retire naman kami", ganun, ganun.

But sino nagplano niyan? Ang nagplano niyan mga abugado. Ang nagplano niyan malaking opisina na law firm. They are the only ones who could do that. Government lawyers would never attempt even to...

And ang gusto ko lang malaman, bakit ginawa ito ng mga p\*\*\*\*\* j\*\*. That is why until now, I do not want to face them. Baka masampal ko talaga sila. Hindi ako matapang pero pilitin ko na lang sarili ko magtapang-tapangan sa ginawa mo. Binaboy mo ang bayan ko eh. That is the... That is the --- that's the sad part.

In October 2016, I signed Administrative Order No.1, which created the Presidential Task Force on Media Security. Wala man ako nakita 'yung malaking ano, 'yung mga pi... Alam mo kung bakit?

'Yung mag-AC-DC. Mag-atake dito, mamaya bawiin na naman 'pag ayaw --- ayaw magpadagdag. Kaya 'yang sa mga probinsya 'yan ganun, maghinggi. Member ng media, sige magbigay; pulis, bigay; media, bigay. Tapos kung magpa-increase, hindi na kaya, hindi na makabigay, ayun. Nabigyan na.

Wala man nagpapatayan diyan sa `yung high profile na --- a critic about government. Wala akong nakitang newsman na ganun. 'Yung nasa mga sugal.

It is worth noting that in December last year, the Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 221, after 10 years, promulgated the decision on the Maguindanao massacre, where 32 media workers were killed. The decision found 31 of the accused, including the principal suspects, guilty of 57 counts of murder and sentenced them to reclusion perpetua or up to 40 years imprisonment.

Alam mo, this is because until now, outside Manila, the government is still feudal. Kaya ganun. `Pag anong sabihin ng amo nila, gawa. Maski `yung mga... Alam mo sa probinsya `yung mga pulis, ang mga pulis nare-recruit doon `yung mga tao ng mga politiko. Pagkatapos naging pulis `yon, kukunin nila. So he becomes a warlord.

Ganun ang reality. That is the reality of our times. Ngayon, kung anuhin mo lang, medyo istriktuhin mo lang nang kaunti. Hindi ko naman na --- hindi ko naman nag --- pinagyayabang pero --- at least we are able to tame a little bit and there's a cool temperature in Mindanao. But in Jolo, wala `yon. Eh ano `yan eh --- pinasok tayo ng IS, tapos given the...

Such [a] decision, which is currently under appeal, was considered as an unprecedented accomplishment in the history of the worldwide campaign against impunity.

Well, if it is on appeal, there is no finality in it. And it does not really change the color of the environment doon. Kasi nga lahat ka basta politiko ka... Ganito `yan eh, kung politiko ka, barangay captain ka, mayor ka na --- `pag ikaw ang na-elected, "Mayor, tubig namin." "Mayor, ang daan namin." Mayor, ang doktor namin." "Mayor, ang eskuwelahan namin."

So talagang magpunta doon, it becomes a feudal system. We are... Mata --- matagal pa tayo. Matagal pa tayo sa ating environment. In some places medyo ano, but in Mindanao, malayo pa tayo and in some places.

Such a decision, which is currently under appeal... As we ensure your safety and protection, I trust that the Philippine media will continue to stand by the

principles of truth, responsibility and fairness, even as you [seek] to redefine and strengthen your relevance in this rapidly changing [age] of information.

While our Constitution upholds the freedom of the press, the function to broadcast is a privilege granted by the government. It is imbued with the best interest of the nation and our people. We will not tolerate any abuse of [this] privilege.

To the new Board of Trustees and Officers of the KBP, I invite you to lead the Philippine broadcasting industry with a stronger dedication of your shared task of nation-building. I trust that you will use the power of media to inform, entertain, educate and persuade to promote the welfare of the people.

Together, let us work towards a stronger and a brighter future for all Filipinos.

Sinasabi ko nga malayo pa tayo unless we stop corruption. Madali lang man eh. Alam mo, alam ninyo, I'm sure that you know this. Gaya ng BIR. Ano ba ang problema ng BIR? I-gross mo. If you go gross, wala ng corruption. Ano mang --- ano pa mang tignan nilang resibo?

If you really --- if Congress is really sincere in stopping corruption sa BIR o saan, i-gross mo. So wala nang maglapit na may... Patay na ang mga examiners diyan kasi wala namang deduction. Gross eh, resibo lang. Kung gusto ninyo talaga na walang ano...

Tapos `yung... Well, so many things but I can only do within my... Ang akin lang is itong sa... I don't know if you will agree with me, I am not sure. But for you really who understand what I am expressing, I --- hindi `yung pinipilit, huwag ninyo itong bitawan. Huwag ninyo ito bitawan itong sa water because maraming ano diyan. It's not a ma...

We need water so nandoon ka sa deep blue sea kung saan ka kasi kailangan natin ng tubig. So somehow you must come up with a compromise there. Pero ang akin lang is huwag ninyong bitawan itong pangyayaring ito because I am sure as a former prosecuting lawyer, graft and corruption ito. Sigurado ako. I-ganun mo...



Just by agreeing that the water will not be treated as a natural resource, it is already a serious crime against sovereignty. At kung `yung ikolekta nila since 1957, trillion na `yan. So where is the money of the people? Trillion na `yan. Nasaan na ang pera ng tao?

Of course may bagong mga negosyante, they will infuse... I do not know for what reason. Well, I am ready --- not me but `yung economic managers ko na lang. I refuse to talk to them.

Pero if I do not make it to the finish line, kindly remember my words: Huwag ninyong bitawan ito kasi dugo ito ng Pilipino.

Maraming salamat po. [*applause*]

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