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Governor, maayong gabii nimo ug (good evening to you and) kasama ko sa gobyerno. Nia man siguro tanan (I think everyone is present.) Iyong... *[Madungog ko diha?]* (Can you hear me over there?) *[Senator Go: Pakilakasan lang...]* 'Di tamang-tama lang 'yung...

I have been going around for the past four days, five and I'm really too --- too even tired to think about solutions to our present problem. Just my ano ko, experience ko sa gobyerno, having been a mayor, and almost all kinds of disasters nadaanan ko na rin. And this time, una kong talagang serious ang losses natin, both lives and properties.

While flying everywhere, I was thinking of how best that we can expedite the situation. Iyong ano, I have to call in --- I called for this meeting with you because gusto ko ano na kaagad, mai-transmit ko na sa inyo 'yung plano ko.

The military and the police must come into the picture. I don't know how bad it is here. I've heard, whether true or not, it does --- sometimes comes from the rumor grid --- pero 'yung hindi na masyadong nakakatuwa ng ano --- mga tao na talagang...

In some areas and even maybe in the Province of Cebu, hrap tayo sa mobility pati sa in the --- the structure of distribution sa assistance sa mga tao. Now ang --- the military and the police and all the, well, the good planners must come in.

Ang --- my plan is to --- all assets of the government must be utilized kasi alam mo, minsan makikita ng mga tao we display the --- our military might some --- every now and then sa TV makita ng mga tao, magaganda 'yung eroplano dadating. At maybe some would also see the situation in a

different way na bakit karaming assets ng both air and sea sa gobyerno mahina ang movement ng --- the effort itself is a bit...

So mag-shortcut na lang ako. The money will be distributed by the military. Si General Año will supervise the 'yung areas na kagaya dito, highly urbanized, ano naman lahat, direktso na sa... Tatala from the military, it would go to the LGUs.

But 'yung lugar na medyo wala masyadong presence ang gobyerno, again, it will be the military. They would be there to say that they have the money. Not --- not... I'm not having about... Wala akong ano na suspicion about somebody absconding. But the military, as I have always said, may structure kasi.

In some areas na talagang wala, hindi masyadong maganda ang setup, the military should be the one... Well, at least pagbigay ng mga local executives, ibigay doon, o paano ninyo gawin, ibigay ko na 'yung problema sa inyo. Kayo na ang mag-think of how to see to it that the money is really... Not because of anything, but that the money is as --- this will be given as fast as we can. Hinahabol ko 'yung Pasko but hindi na, hindi na madala eh.

Now, alam mo 'yung mga critics na "*may pera pala*." Wala mang pera but 'yung ibang mga --- kinaltasan natin 'yung lahat ng agencies para makabuo lang. The money na sabi ko nandiyan, wala kaagad. It's not there.

The money mayroon pero hindi 'yung para --- intended for this kind of situation na bigla. We have to --- nagwalis muna tayo. Kuha ako dito, kuha ako doon para mabuo lang ang 10 billion. Now, I think that we have already gathered that much and it's a matter of distribution.

Sa mga lugar na napuntahan ko, o kung ano, walang ano, wala masyadong order, you know, 'yung mga tropa sa baba sila na ang mag-assist. Just see to it that everything is distributed correctly as we would expect that to happen.

Ang sa --- itong crisis dito sa itaas eh. But in other tasks, the regional commanders of the PNP, sila ang mag-manage talaga sa situation. Not everything but just to see ang paano, ano --- how to handle the situation. Kayo na ang mag-isip dito because you are there, nearer on the ground and to the people.

Hindi sabihin na --- do not think that I am not --- I do not trust the local officials. But in times of disorder, kailangan talaga even in the matter of 'yang pag-escort ng mga truck na nagdadala ng ano, nagkakagulo kaagad ang tao eh. So the police must be there and the military to see to it that the intention and the expectations of government are realized. Iyon lang.

Tinawag ko kayong lahat because we need... May lugar kasi sa dito sa --- lahat in... Iyong hindi maabot because marami pang obstacles, the fallen trees and everything, movement is slowed down considerably and it is always a --- how fast we can reach the people to save the situation.

Paano tayo madali? And it is only the military who.... Kagaya ng eroplano, the sea assets of the Navy and Coast Guard, 'yung nakikita ko dito na ano, pinapakita kasi every time, makita ko 'yung maliliit na ano... Iyon ang kailangan to deliver.

Kung hindi madala ng ano, kung hindi madala ng mga sa ---- along the coastal, eh Coast Guard na lang or the smaller craft of the Navy can do it kasi may lugar pa doon, may places that are really badly in need of food, walang kain. Noong pagdating namin kahapon, 'yun ang... Ngayon, itong sa...

Governor, ang tubig problema pa rin?

CEBU GOVERNOR GWENDOLYN GARCIA: Mr. President, if I may comment.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes, go ahead.

GOV. GARCIA: In the Province of Cebu, we are already... We are already, in fact, being assisted by the PNP, the 53rd Engineering Brigade, and the ARESCOM. They are helping us in the clearing operations of all of our major thoroughfares and the PNP is there to help also in traffic, in controlling traffic especially in one-way streets that still are not being cleared.

But even as I speak, there are eight teams now that have been deployed under the joint supervision of both the 53rd Engineering Brigade, and our own provincial government.

I think I can safely say that in Cebu, we don't have that disorder that you may have seen in other places. People here are waiting patiently. There is

no chaos, there are no riots because they see that something is being done.

In fact, we have already partially lighted up 11 LGUs --- 13 LGUs, all to the north; the western side right now is about 80 percent lighted up --- I'm talking of the province. We are now focusing on the southern part where you went po, Mr. President, that was Argao. We have 20 --- about 22 local government units that have been affected. But by tomorrow, three of them might already have electricity also.

Although, I met with all of the mayors yesterday and we have been constantly delivering truckloads with the help... We are getting all of the trucks coming from our contractors and even the Army has lent us five trucks. So this is really a cooperative effort here.

What we might need, really, is the `yung mga C-130 na makadala dito ng --- makadala diri sa mga supplies o ang mga donations nga ilang gustong ihatag gikan sa uban ug duna puy --- labi na ang tubig, Mr. President, tinood na. Pero sa pagkakaran, nagtinabangay sad. Ang atong mga northern mayors, gipadala ang ilang mga water trucks diri sa south. Nagtinabangay tanan.

(TRANSLATION: What we might need, really, is the C-130 planes that can transport supplies and donations from other cities and especially water, Mr. President, that's true. But for now, people are helping each other. Our northern mayors sent their water trucks to the south. Everyone is really helping each other.)

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Correct. That was unsa (what) --- `yun ang plano?

GOV. GARCIA: Yes.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I'm ordering `yung... Sir, maayong --- magandang gabi po. Just sit down, sir.

Iyong lahat ng mga bumbero sa munisipyo na walang ano, they have to help in transporting especially water. Iyon ang ano. Kung kulang pa, well, it's the Air Force. Wala namang... In places where hindi natin --- kagaya

ng Mindanao, bilihin lahat 'yung tubig, ikarga ng sa ating air assets, cargo planes para...

Iyon ang plano ko kanina kung kulang pa, bilihin lahat ng tubig sa areas na hindi tinamaan kagaya ng Luzon and especially those places where there is a waterworks system. The waterwork, mga district, sila na 'yung magtingin talaga sa --- see to it that makatulong sila sa contribute sa tubig. Ah 'yung ano, 'yung...

GOV. GARCIA: Kung --- if I may, Mr. President, ang dako gyud kaayong tabang, water --- ang kaning atong mga fire trucks gani sa Cebu City lang, MCWD, gitugtan na man nila nga suyopan ang kaning mga fire hydrants.

(TRANSLATION: Kung --- if I may, Mr. President, what would really help a lot, water --- our fire trucks only in Cebu City, MCWD, already allowed us to draw water from the fire hydrants.)

Gahapon, nakig-meeting ko sa BFP ni --- or the other day --- nihatag sila'g napulo ka trucks nga tag-1,000 gallons. Nagpatabang Cebu City kay aron makatubig ang siyam ka barangay karon nga nagkinahanglan og kuryente kay kinahanglan 24-hour ang pumping station nila diha sa MCWD.

(TRANSLATION: Yesterday, I had a meeting with the BFP --- or the other day --- they sent 10 trucks carrying 1,000 gallons of water each. Cebu City asked for help to provide water to nine barangays that have no power until now. The pumping station of the MCWD needs to operate for 24 hours.)

Pero sa atong mga lungsod, gi-deploy na sa BFP. Nitabang ang BFP, ang Bureau of Fire Protection ron, nagtinabangay ug sa atong mga mayors unya ang mga fire trucks didto, maoy gigamit ron nga mao sad ang nag-distribute og mga --- og tubig sa mga tao didto sa kalungsuran.

(TRANSLATION: But in our towns, the BFP already deployed some fire trucks. The BFP has helped us. The Bureau of Fire Protection is coordinating with our mayors to deploy fire trucks to their respective municipalities. The trucks are being used to distribute water to the people there.)

So tinabangay lang gyud. Pero kung kanang imong suggestion nga kung katong sa pikas nga wa maigo, makuhaan, mapalitan nato'g mainom, nindot gyud kaayo na unya makarga og C-130, Mr. President.

(TRANSLATION: So everyone of us is really helping each other. But your suggestion to buy drinking water from the areas spared by the typhoon is also a very good suggestion, Mr. President, and have it transported by the C-130.)

Ug if we can have generators --- we have been looking for generators para mapaandar nato ang katong mga bomba ug ang mga refilling stations. Gamay ra among need, kanang tag 5kVA, okay ra kaayo na, Mr. President. Kay kung mapaandar nato ang refilling stations didto sa mga kalungsuran, di na kaayo maglisod sila sa immunon.

(TRANSLATION: And if we can have generators --- we have been looking for generators so the pumping stations and refilling stations can operate again. We just need the small kind of generator. The 5kVA would suffice, Mr. President. Because if the refilling stations in the municipalities will work again, it will alleviate the problem on drinking water.)

Unya kanang mga bomba, dunay ubang mayor, paandaron ang bomba sa maski kanang usa ka balay aron mapuno iyang tanke unya iya nang ingnon nga pahurmon ang genset. Unya iya nang ingnon nga, *"Sige, inig kapuno sa imong tanke, tabangi imong mga silingan,"* so generators.

(TRANSLATION: Some mayors allow one household to operate their water pump to fill up all their tanks and after which the mayor instructs them to lend the genset to their neighbors. And then tell them, *"Go ahead, if your water tank is full, help your neighbors,"* so generators.)

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Naa pa bay --(are there still...?) You're still --- you still have the water tanks for the needs of the people?

GOV. GARCIA: Naay daghan, naa tay mabut --- masudlan kung like for... Kami gani sa provincial government, naa na koy gipahuwam para sa city government nga 20 ka tag-1,000 liters nga drums para adto didto ibu-bo sa mga water trucks gikan sa BFP ang ilang gisuyop nga tubig gikan sa fire hydrants dinhi sa Cebu City. So we can gather all of that, Mr. President.

(TRANSLATION: We have plenty that we can fill up like for... From us in the provincial government, I lent 20 water drums with 1,000-liter capacity

to the city government so when the BFP gets water from the fire hydrants in Cebu City, they can pour it directly into the water drums.)

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: So wala kayong problema. It's more of the far-flung areas didto sa bukid. Naa man guy (there's) pareho sa... You know, it's really funny. Sa Kabankalan, 'yun ang unang lumalabas sa ano na --- sa media, lahat, pati 'yung mga text, 'yung Kabankalan was really teetering into ---

GOV. GARCIA: Chaos?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: --- a complete disorder. So 'yun ang unang pinuntahan namin. But alam mo, sa totoo lang, pagpunta namin doon, Kabankalan was really operating normally. It was in the... Ang ano pala doon, punta kami sa Sipalay City. Nakita namin na there was this ano pero wala naman sa taas hindi mo malaman. Kaya importante 'yung sa baba eh that there is an accurate feedback sa atin. Iyon ang...

Pagdating namin doon sa ground, I met all the mayors and the mayor of Sipalay was there. Pero siguro he was so haggard na. Baka hindi nila alam na 'yung pa down sa ano, pababa o paakyat doon sa Sipalay, farther, doon pala 'yung people 'yung mga Pilipino na --- manood 'yung alam mo na.

Eh 'di ang pinakamatatayuan ng mga bahay 'yung mga riverbanks, and it's because nobody would evict them. Government-owned man 'yang... So nandiyan sila lahat. Iyong 'yung easement kinuha na nila lahat 'yan. Hindi nila alam na pag-abot (arrive) sa ano pala, na-wash out lahat.

So I do not --- we do not have the correct figure. But the losses sa karami, sabi nila they're still validating it. Kawawa ang... Iyong maski anywhere, anywhere, iyong mga tao talaga nasa 'yung daplin og suba (beside the river) just like in Davao.

Davao is so big that in one place sa Davao, there was no rain at all. But 'yung buhos ng precipitation, 'yung sa lugar ni --- ng isang... So 'yung mayor noon sige siya hukay tapos may --- dito may report na may eviction doon pina-squatter, kaya sabi niya three hours.

Alam mo kasi itong ibang ano, sa judiciary 'yan eh. There was the... Nag-request ang mayor na three hours kasi may hinuhukay pa sila so she was

there helping. Alam mo ang --- 'yung sheriff, despite of the request of the highest civilian officer doon, went --- just went ahead to --- started the eviction. So nagtawag na 'yung mga pulis na may gulo at tinawagan 'yung mayor.

Ngayon pagdating doon nagbabatuhan, iyon nabugbog 'yung sheriff. Iyon ang isang ano. So 'yung mga nasa riverbank, kawawa talaga.

GOV. GARCIA: Diri sa Cebu, Mr. President, nag-preemptive evacuation ang tanang mga mayors sa atong mga --- sa province, especially katong high risk, kanang naa sa riverbanks, naa sa daplin sa dagat.

(TRANSLATION: Here in Cebu, Mr. President, all the mayors had a preemptive evacuation especially in the high-risk areas near the riverbanks and near the coastline.)

So relatively, mubo kaayo ang atong death rate. Katong mga nangamatay, didto na to sila sa mga low-risk areas nga ang ilang balay natabunan og kani bang --- nanglupad man hasta ang mga manggang dagko kaayo or kanang mga lubi. So ang deaths were caused because of impossible na gyud to kuan na ba, to avoid kay grabe na kaayo ang hangin unya nang --- nangabunalan na sa mga lubi ug mga kahoy.

(TRANSLATION: So relatively, as a result, we have a low death rate. The casualties are from low-risk areas because trees and debris fell on some of the houses, even the big mango trees and coconut trees. So the deaths were caused because of --- it was really impossible to avoid because the wind was very strong and some trees fell on them.)

Pero along the coast ug along the other high-risk areas, gi-evacuate gyud na sa mga mayors. Preemptive permero unya katong dili manuo, nagpatabang na sa pulis para ma-forcible evacuation gyud. So they were forced to evacuate.

(TRANSLATION: But along the coast and along the other high-risk areas, the mayors really forced them to evacuate. Initially, it was preemptive evacuation but for those who refused, the police were called in to implement forced evacuation. So they were forced to evacuate.)

And that is why in many of our municipalities, even Sibonga --- tapad to sa Argao, Mr. President, imong giadto --- eye of the storm pud to pero zero casualties. Daghan ta'g mga municipalities nga walay fatalities.

(TRANSLATION: And that is why in many of our municipalities, even Sibonga --- it's right next to Argao, Mr. President, which you visited --- it's in the eye of the storm but they had zero casualties. We have many municipalities with no fatalities.)

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Mao ni tong initial report, about 70 then it climbed to 100 tapos naging 200.

(TRANSLATION: The initial report was about 70, then it climbed to 100, then it became 200.)

GOV. GARCIA: Central Visayas, siguro, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Iyon 'yung ano, 'yung talagang... Ewan ko paano itong sitwasyon. Pero ganoon eh, paakyat nang paakyat. Pero saan 'yung natumba daghang lubi? (Which province has the most number of fallen coconut trees?) [Sec. Año: Dinagat --- Siargao, Dinagat...] Siargao. May isa pa. [Sec. Año: Dinagat, sir, Dinagat.] Oo, Dina... Kay sa doon na tanang --- katong tanang lubi natumba? Siargao ba? (There was one place where all of their coconut trees toppled. Was it in Siargao?)

DILG SECRETARY EDUARDO AÑO: Dinagat po, sa Dinagat. Tanang lubi (all the coconut trees) at saka 'yung mga...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Tanang lubi natumba gyud. Nagpatong-patong gud ang ano. (All the coconut trees were really knocked down and fell on top of each other.) So alam mo, if you think of the ferocity of a storm, and how strong or how weak it is, it's a matter of just looking the surroundings.

'Pag ang mismong coconut tree, it can... Well, it's the strongest among the living ano diyan, plants. 'Pag ang coconut tree na ang natumba --- doon tumba na talaga lahat. Nandoon man... Kaya malakas talaga.

Ang akin lang ngayon, the purpose really is to request the PNP and the military to use their assets in reaching out itong hindi pa.

So it's the job of si Director Jalad ug (and) ang RD. Saan si RD dito? Is he here? [Official: He was in the second engagement, sir, but he is already (inaudible)...] [Official: RD Vega.] Oo, 'yun. Hindi ko siya kilala but I have --- maybe I met him some... Kaya... Yes, sir? Secretary Año.

SEC. AÑO: Sir, since Day 1, even before Day 1, sir, ang AFP, PNP, Bureau of Fire talagang nandiyan na po sila, sir. They started clearing the --- the roads, the fallen trees together with the LGUs.

Sa protocol po natin, aside from these uniformed troops, it should be the LGUs who will take the first response and we are very much really

appreciating the actions of our LGUs, sir. Like for example, Cebu Province under Governor Gwen, talagang mabilis po.

Sometimes `yung mga critics po talagang pinipili nila `yung mga lugar na may mga taong nakapila tapos `yun po `yung ipo-post nila sa social media. Pero ngayon po, wala nang halos makikitang critics because napakabilis na po ng recovery.

Our Bureau of Fire po, may order na tayo na even from other regions po pupunta doon sa mga affected regions to deliver water and to conduct rescue operations. Pati po sa Siargao and Dinagat, additional five trucks na po `yung pinapadala natin until mag-normalize.

Iba po sa Dinagat, wala ng water [inaudible] tayo doon pero they find out marami pong mga natural water spring. So sabi ko nga na nasanay lang kayo sa gripo pero marami talagang water spring diyan, hindi niyo lang ginagamit because naging comfortable na. So `yun po `yung mga susuyupin ng fire truck to deliver to our people.

And then nag-usap po kami ni Secretary Del Rosario, `yun pong batas na dapat 40 meters easement from the shoreline, wala po talagang dapat nakatira diyan. Lesson natin `yan sa Yolanda. We will strictly implement po together with the court na 40 meters easement from the shoreline dapat wala pong nakatira para wala nang ma --- madidisgrasya and we will work DHSUD and NHA. Ang iba po diyan may bahay na talaga, ginawa ng NHA, ayaw nilang lumipat. So we have to implement that, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Summary --- summary eviction. Hindi na maghintay ng korte-korte, maniwala ka diyan sa korte. Basta may mag-enter diyan --- about intervention, usually `yung mga writ of injunction ganoon. Eh `di sabihin lang natin, *"You know, Judge, this is what the government wants to protect its citizens."*

Iyong isa pa. Wala ako masyadong --- kami naman lahat... [*Si General Vega, sir.*] Ay, sir. Kindly. Thank you, sir. Laha... Maupo ho kayo. Lahat naman ng RD in all affected areas. But I'm almost gratified by the response of the different department. Ang Housing you --- tag-100 million per `yung project ninyo.

But the urgent, the immediate and urgent thing now is really how to feed the typhoon victims and mga pagkain lang nila. The money, well, maski

nandiyan wala naman silang mabili doon sa mga lugar nila. At 'yung ano - -- 'yung evacuation centers, 'yun ang pinakadelikado because they contaminate with each other.

You only need one cough --- coughing person there, mag-ano na 'yan, magkalat na 'yan because you crowd people and congregate them in one place. Iyon ang kay kuwan Secretary of Health na 'yan.

But i-manage lang ninyo ang ano, sir, you manage this. Iyong parang manager ka lang naman eh. Ituro nimo (mo) the --- transmit the message down. Dito just try to do something if there's a problem that would crop up and would need the immediate intervention of government, kayo na ang magbigay ng order, all over.

So hindi --- kung lahat sanang ano, pero hindi 'yung ibang resources... We cannot blame them because they do not have the things that other cities have. So ano na 'yan to maybe --- to ano, Secretary Año, mag-ano ka na lang kung how to --- how to buy.

Ang nakalimutan ko is places na gaya ng Davao. Well, in the past we really had to --- Davao was puro water tank, water tanks 'yan eh noon. Ganoon ang ano namin for so many years.

Now the --- mayroon na tayong mga water district, ganoon. And one thing good is that it is the tap is potable water talaga. Kaya lang nasanay na ang mga tao sa ano, bottled water, so halos lahat.

Pero 'yung mga siyudad na maganda 'yung system nila, 'yun na lang ang kunan ng... If 'yung sabihin ko if you are --- do not believe in the system, you can always boil the water, 'yung mga taga-Davao, kunin muna natin 'yung lahat ng ano, lahat ng --- lahat ng lugar na --- even Manila, sa tubig lang. It's quite circuitous 'yan but pulis na ang mag-ano sa --- they can call the station commanders to make the rounds and make an inventory of the available --- makuha natin, mapadala.

Usually, ang experience ko as a worker of government, 'yung --- basta itong emergency, tubig talaga 'yan, tubig pati pagkain. Iyan talaga ang hingiin ng tao, "*Mayor, tubig at saka pagkain.*"

So itong what's in our hands now, actually, are looking for the solutions of hunger, the health issues and itong --- that the order does not go into spin of mga --- it could really start from... Alam mo kung tao ang gutom ganito 'yan, it will start with a crowd control for the police, but it could also spiral into a mob rule. Iyan ang iniwasan ko kaya kailangan papasok talaga ang police with stricter, well, supervision amongst the people.

But ang akin ang --- my caveat there is mag --- medyo mag --- mag-ano lang tayo ng kaunti, let's go easy kasi alam mo ang tao 'pag gutom, lalo na 'yung mga anak niya umiiyak ganoon, he can go crazy. Sometimes, magdating 'yung pagkain, sinasalubong nila, pinapara nila, let us --- well, we can instill the discipline by invoking public order, pero hindi masyado tayo ano kasi kawawa eh.

Iyong mga --- itong lugar ngadto sa taas, may mga settlements kasi, may mga settlements diyan sa bukid na maliliit tapos isang pamilya doon, walang problema 'yan. Pero 'yung malaking nasa bukid na ano, 'yun ang humihingi ng tulong talaga ngayon.

And maybe, 'yung coastal settlements could be reached by the Coast Guard, 'yung maliliit lang na mga fastcraft eh. Let us show to the people that this is not for display only. That this is --- these things are good not only for war but for the good of the nation.

Secretary, si Del.

DND SECRETARY DELFIN LORENZANA: Mr. President, nandito po ngayon si Chief of Staff General Centino; si CGPA; si General for ano --- si GPAF Canlas; Chief PNP nandito din si General Carlos; 'yung in-charge ano 'to, commander ng Air Force? VisCom nandito na pala, nandito na pala si Robert Daus. Siya 'yung talagang commander dito, Mayor. Iyong ano naman, 'yung naval --- Naval Forces Central nandito.

So halos lahat ng mga commander na kuwan dito, nandito sila, Mayor. Ngayon, ang tao natin dito ngayon, mga military is about umaabot ng 1,500 kasama na doon 'yung 53rd Engineer Brigade na binanggit ni Governor kanina.

Ngayon, Mayor, mayroon diyang lulutang-lutang na barko ng Navy na hindi maka-dock kanina, pero magda-dock ngayong 11 o'clock ng gabi. Ang dala po niya, Mayor, ay marami. Mayroon siyang dalang 253 tons of relief goods; mayroon siyang 56 tons na tubig; mayroon din siyang dalang generators, solar lights; medicine, 1.5 tons; family tents, 7.5 tons; water station, ito 'yung mga truck na puwedeng panghakot ng tubig, mayroon din silang dala no'n.

Ngayon, 'yung Maynilad at saka MERALCO, nagpadala rin ng trucks, Mayor, nandiyan sila ngayon sa barko, bababa sila ngayong gabi. Iyong -- - mayroon din tayo ditong 'yung Marines, 'yung Marines na dagdag ito galing sa Manila. They will be here, one battalion of them, and they will be detrucked tonight --- ang kalahati nandito na. Then mayroon ding Bank on Wheels na pinadala 'yung mga bangko para puwede silang mag-ano ng --- ng ano, ng pera.

Sa Bohol naman, mayroong tayong mga assorted relief goods na pupunta doon, solar lights at saka portable generator. Dito sa --- dito sa Cebu, mayroon din tayong generators na dala-dala para ipamigay sa mga gagamitin, Mayor. So sa Surigao naman relief goods, water station, at saka alcohol.

And 'yun po. Mr. President, since the --- immediately after the typhoon ay nandiyan na 'yung ating mga assets na gumagawa niyan. In fact, all our assets now are dedicated to the relief goods.
Barko natin. Kung mayroon pa diyan, mayroon pa tayong barko sa Manila, maglo-load lang, dadalhin dito. Kasi mostly ng ating donations or relief goods are coming from Manila, Mr. President, so we need the ships to bring them here.

So everything is dedicated for the relief goods, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Basta ganito lang 'yan, the guidance is, to all the military and the police, to use all available assets as the need would --- to surmount the challenges that we are trying to --- well, fix while nandito pa itong pandemic.

Ang ano --- ang isang concern ko 'yung health, wala man --- wala man si --- araw-araw man sana nandiyan. Ang ano --- 'yung making the rounds

in sa evacuation areas --- evacuation areas para ma-ano 'yung mga tao, that they can be attended to with their medical needs.

Sa bukid marami 'yan, 'yan ang uminom ng --- ng tubig, sabi ko nga minsan magtanong ka, "*Saan 'yung source ng tubig ninyo? Bakit kayo nagkaano dito nagka dysentery pati amoeba?*"

Iyon ang next sa ano na sana... Well, I said, mayroon man, kung hindi maabot ng mga tao dahil they can always request the police and the military, lalo na military, 'yung may mga fastcraft, magamit, ma-utilize kaagad. I said, there's a big huge task ahead.

Para sana naman medyo --- it would require people to work even Christmas time. Tayo, ako, I am at the call of my --- of the needs of my country. And I would spend Christmas working. Pati puntahan ko talaga 'yung mga lugar na sabi nila na tinamaan ng --- na-wallop.

Hindi --- hindi naman natin akalain ganoon ka-ferocious 'yung typhoon. We thought that it's just another typhoon. We never expected that it would be a huge thing that would affect the country, especially --- ang problema Christmas time, may mga tao na suffering.

Kaya 'yung mayroon ng nag --- si --- by tomorrow full swing na 'yung devolution ng pera. I hope that it could reach everybody. Kung maaari lang --- if it's humanly possible na we can utilize government --- Land Bank, to --- magdala ng pera saan. 'Yung magpapa-escort ng --- either the military and the police, sila na ang pupunta doon at mamigay.

Bahala na 'yung local official, 'yung mayor doon na siya na ang mag-distribute. But most important thing is that the money... I have requested Secretary Año to oversee 'yung pagtakbo naman sa pera, because the DILG has a lot to say in the affairs of the local governments at tingnan niya na talagang 'yung pera dumating. And he can... Galing man --- he's a general before. It will be easy for him to ask the information from the military.

Iyon namang ano RD, manager ka lang, 'yung parang you manage kailangan sa --- saan ang kulang dito, kulang doon. Iyong maabot pa ninyo. Pero dito sa Cebu, it's highly urbanized. It's a creeping urbanization na eh. So walang problema dito. As I have said that --- kung may mayor ka lang kagaya mo Governor, walang --- wala talagang problema

ang... But 'yung iba, lalo na pagka 'yung tinamaan, wala 'yun. It's a debilitating experience there, pati sila tulala.

Iyon lang ang ano ko, pinuntahan ko dito. Galing akong Palawan. Ang Palawan hindi masyado umikot 'yung --- wala, walang ano. Mayroon pero hindi mo makita gaya sa Siargao, wala, tumba lahat, walang atip lahat. Susmaryosep.

Iyon ang problema ko, paano --- how to provide immediately 'yung shelter ng tao. Makikita mo --- makita mo 'yung nagpunta tayo, 'yung plastic lang ginawang parang tent.

Mapapaiyak ka eh. Kasi gusto ko ring umiyak. Umiiyak sila kahapon sa harap mo, eh alang-alang, madala ka sa emotions kasi talagang the tears of agony and suffering. Iyon ang nakikita ko sa mukha ng Pilipino kaya maloloko ako mag-isip kung how to deal with the problem with equanimity. Madadala ka eh.

But I --- I strongly believe that we have the --- a working force and we have the fervor to work, tayong lahat sa gobyerno. No doubt about it. And the military and the police are ready to help. Sanay naman sila. Kaya ganoon 'yan eh. Basta disaster, it's always the police and the military.

'Pag may landslide ka, ang kukotkot diyan sa ano, police, military. 'Pag may baha ka, police, military. 'Pag --- lahat halos. Iyan ang trabaho ng military eh. Mabuti't na lang wala pang gulo dito sa South China Sea.

Pero kung sabihin nila na maggulo sila tapos gamitin, eh... I would never allow that for as long as I sit President. Hindi na tayo magsali diyan sa... How can we match the firepower of China? Tapos sabihin, you know, kailan lang nagyayabang 'yan sila na that they are giving us this and that.

It's not --- it's there not because they have to --- we --- itong military pati pulis to protect the people. They are not geared for war. Bakit ako sasali diyan na makita mo naman kung what's happening?

Itong issue ng Taiwan. If it goes south, one simple mistake, miscalculation diyan, pagka tumama 'yan sa --- 'yung mga missiles nila ulanin 'yung Taiwan, then there is really war.

And ako, much as I said, I would not want to kuwan... I said that miniscule lang tayo diyan sa power play nila. It does not concern us. We do not have the --- except 'yung South China Sea issue, which we'll

have to handle with the utmost diplomatic talent because we are not ready to confront China. Not at this time.

Pero not --- nandiyan 'yung --- we have the problem and it does not give us any reason to rise up in arms against China. That would be the most foolish thing that can ever happen there. We stay neutral. Bahala sila. So iyan lang, salamat.

Gusto ko lang kasi ma --- maano ninyo na gusto ko ma --- galing sa akin na guidance is really to use every available government asset, air, sea, and mga vehicles natin.

It should be at the disposal of the moment and that is to deal with the problem. Iyan lang man ang pinuntahan ko dito, Governor. At I said, people dito masuwerte kay proactive ang ano mo, ang paradigm mo, ang tingin mo sa gobyerno.

Si ano, General Jalad. Hindi ko talaga alam ang titulo mo, makalimutan ko pati 'yung opisina mo. Palitan mo 'yang pangalan ng NRRDC [NDRRMC], hindi ko ma-memorize. I cannot even --- I don't know his title...

NDRRMC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CIVIL DEFENSE

ADMINISTRATOR RICARDO JALAD: Sir, bahin sa tubig sir, kami nag-facilitate sa transportation sa mga mobile treatment equipment sa LWUA ug Manila Water, ang uban ana mao na tong naa sa Navy ship nga naka-dock na.

(TRANSLATION: Sir, with regard to water, sir, we are facilitating the transportation of mobile treatment equipment from LWUA and Manila Water, and the rest are those in the docked Navy ship.)

Ngayon aside from that, kay kana, sir, puwede man na gamiton magkuha'g tubig sa --- bisag dagat ilang i-process, potable water na ang ano ang mugawas.

(TRANSLATION: Aside from that, you can use that, sir, if you get water from the sea, it will be processed, then you can produce potable water.)

And aside from that, I initiated the procurement of bottled water --- bottled water sa mga big bottling company, kuhaon sa gawas sa areas nga apektado (to be purchased outside for the affected areas). And transportation na lang among gi-arrange (arranging). I think, initially, naka-deliver ganiha sa kuan (earlier), of about 30,000 bottles na 500 or half liter. So I have allocated 20 million in our budget for delivery and may allocation diri sa Cebu Province and even the highly-urbanized cities.

So alam na ni RD Salazar, Governor, ang transportation na lang among gi-arrange karon (we are currently arranging) via boat and even aircraft. Mao lang to, Mr. President. (That's all, Mr. President.)

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: It's really a matter of management. Maski anong sitwasyon, it could be a big organization such as the military, the police, management talaga 'yan. And the --- the organs that are really prepared to deliver that --- kadtong mga panghitabo (incidence) --- the military.

But ito namang military wala namang [inaudible] a community so they have to go to the mayor or the barangay captains. Pero kailangan pabilisan eh because ours is a highly centralized government. Kaya for a country that is beset with numerous typhoons, almost three to four, five, some serious, some are not. It is high time for the Philippines to...

I am going out of --- of my office in a few months. It's up for us, everybody, to realize that we are facing the Pacific. Ang pinakauna talaga is Samar. So the window of the storm basta papasok diyan banda, the wind currents are historical na 'yan eh. What is a brewing here in the Pacific, ang ikot talaga ng hangin is almost just above the country or the country itself, never down.

Ang Mindanao wala. So we have to realize that the preparation is very important, na mayroon na tayong mga generators... Not many but hindi naman, not also a minimal response but naka-on deck na 'yung ano. Lalo na Samar, Leyte, paakyat --- paakyat talaga 'yang wind current sa --- so they can... Bihira ang Mindanao. Because kung ang ma --- ang bagyo magdaan ng Mindanao, ah patay.

Makita mo naman the --- 'yung sa coastal. It starts in the City of Davao and beyond, south. Then 'yung bahay nandoon 'yan sa tabing dagat hanggang towards sa another province. Isip mo lang kung may ganoon na klaseng bagyo magdaan.

Basta 'yung preparation... Iyan nga 'yang ano eh, department... [inaudible] I-shortcut ko na lang Gov kay kahibaw ko nga (because I know) --- sig paminaw og problema (you know the problems already). Tatal, alam naman nila ang ano. The... Ako, kung ano ako, kunin lang ninyo kay Bong 'yung --- wala akong... I need to know. Every three hours man 'yung reporting.

I just need itong mga --- hindi naman araw-araw but mga the next few weeks, I need to be informed of para maka-formulate ako ng guidance for everybody. Iyong aking ano naman sa inyo is simple lang. It's not an imposition actually. Simple lang ang gawain. Just maybe a reminder of our duty to our country.

Kaya nga masama tingnan 'yung nandiyan ako na Duterte Administration tapos pinapakita 'yung small craft na tumatakbo diyan sa ano. At ngayon na may ganitong sitwasyon, wala silang makita doon sa ground. So baka sabihin ng mga tao for display lang 'yan. With more reason that you should be there because you should be there for the people.

Wa na siguroy... Unsa pa may akong --- ? Gwen, naa ka pay iistorya? Wa na?

(TRANSLATION: I think that's all... Do you have any --- ? Gwen, do you have any other concerns? None?)

GOV. GARCIA: Magpasalamat lang ko, Mr. President, sa concern. Kahibaw --- gikan man gud ka sa local government mao ng nakasabot gyud ka og unsa among gipaminaw.

(TRANSLATION: I just want to thank you, Mr. President, for your concern. You came from the local government that's why you know how to listen.)

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Pareho ta.

GOV. GARCIA: Unya salamat lang gyud kaayo. Naningkamot lang gyud mi diri sa Cebu, Mr. President.

(TRANSLATION: Thank you very much. We are trying to do our best here in Cebu, Mr. President.)

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Alam mo, sa totoo lang, ang pinakamabuting presidente 'yung galing sa baba. Iyong naging... Kasi although in a smaller scale, we have to deal in our lifetime as a politician, we have to deal with sunog, we have to deal with flood, landslide, lahat 'yan.

So alam natin ang ano. So in my experience, in times of crisis and in times of emergency, you have to call in the military and the police. And if it is ungovernable na, then it's for the --- it's for them to restore order. Wala namang Constitutional and we cannot declare anything there, emergency.

Iyong ano na 'yung bakit nga natagalan itong declaration ng calamity proclamation. It's because ang aking proclamation must --- ang backbone niyan is the report of the --- kung sino. Si --- parang kay General Jalad, sa kanya 'yan. And I have to wait for the report before... Kaya it's a stupid thing eh. Maghintay ako ng report, ng assessment before I can act on a proclamation. That's the law so wala akong magawa.

You know there are rules imposed. And when you start to make shortcuts, iyan ang nagkakaproblema lalo na itong sitwasyon ng politika ng Pilipinas, p***** i**. Kung ano-ano na lang kap***** ang lumalabas sa utak ng...

So I cannot sign anything because the law says so. Ngayon, nag-meeting ako. Sabi ko, *"if that is a requirement, that is a stupid requirement. I will not follow it."* Sabi ko, *"You call si Aguinaldo sa COA."* Alam mo, sabi ko, bakit --- kagaya ng damage ng itong sa agriculture. If you make it as a requirement in addition to itong present situation, p***, patay ang tao. Sabi ko, *"I will not follow it."*

Sabi ko kay Aguinaldo, *"I'm going ahead and use the money."* Sabi ko iyong report mo, 'yung parang basis na ano, would come later. Walang sistema dito. Alam mo puputok ka na talaga, mga sistema dito na puro b***s*** talaga.

So we --- I had somebody to call the COA. Sabihin mo hindi ako susunod diyan. Gamitin ko 'yung pera without the report. Because the report or the assessment always comes after the emergency or the thing has --- a conflagration has died down. Pero kung maghintay ka ng ganoon --- kaya kung ikaw, kung ma-presidente ka, huwag kang maniwala diyan.

Sabihin mo hindi ako maniwala. Lalo na 'yung mga iba diyan sa judiciary, may project ang gobyerno tapos may magdemanda. Kagaya nitong mga bakit napabilis 'yang Manila, because 'yung easement kinakaso. Kaya sabi ko, *"Kayong mga judge, do not issue any injunction because I will not obey it."*

So I'm telling the Supreme Court now, hindi ako susunod. Kasi kung ganoon, walang progress akong magawa. So sabi ko, *"Go ahead and demolish it."* [inaudible] The law requires you to expropriate diyan mag-

deposit ka ng 20 percent of the amount. Eh 'di 'yun na. You can take over the property.

Hindi magawa-gawa kasi may mga congressman, may mga mayor. Ah sabi ko, kung ganito hindi tayo magpapatali diyan. Magtakbo ng --- kaya sabi ko do not do it to me. I will not... Kasuhin ninyo ako after but I will not do it. Follow your stupid --- iyang mga batas na 'yan.

Iyong bakit na inabot 'yung proclamation ng three days. Iyon pag-ano mo, lahat ng national pati local can already utilize 'yung calamity funds. But without that, walang proclamation, hindi mo magamit ang... And the calamity is there eating you in front of you.

So iyan ang... Wala na man siguro? Unsa man ng saba? [*What is that noise?*] Sige, maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat. [*applause*]

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