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SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE AWARDING OF MADAYAW RESIDENCES UNITS

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Kindly sit down.

Kumain kasi ako ng durian kaya naga-Chiclet ako. Hindi tayo makakain — hindi makasalita.

Officials and employees of the National Housing Authority led by General Manager Marcelino Escalada Jr.; Senator Bong Go, Vice Chairperson, Senate Committee on Urban Planning Housing and Resettlement; Senator-elect Joseph Victor Ejercito, Senator welcome *[applause]*; AFP Eastern Mindanao Commander Lieutenant General Greg Almerol *[applause]* — General Almerol is from Davao; fellow workers in government; other invited guests; ladies and gentlemen.

My warmest greetings to my fellow Davaoeños and to the people who made this momentous event possible. I am pleased to join you all as we officially award the units of the Madayaw Residences here in Bangkal, Davao City.

I proudly congratulate the NHA and its private partners for completing this housing project despite the many challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Madayaw Residences is only one of the many housing projects pursued by the administration to realize its commitment to providing adequate, safe, secure, habitable, sustainable, resilient, and affordable homes to the Filipino people.

Nag-segue lang ako. Ako gyung — ako gyung gipaningkamutan nga matagaan. Galing di man gyud nato mahimong matagaan tanan, pero nga naay tanang sektor sa atong katilingban.

(TRANSLATION: Nag-segue lang ako. I really tried my best to give this. Even though it's impossible for us to provide a house for everyone, at least there are beneficiaries from all sectors of society.)

Hasta ning mga p***** j***** NPA, tagaan nako'g lote ug balay para lang to, you know, pacification drive, para mahibaw lang sila kay maminaw man pud sila, og gusto pud mo'g balay. Ang problema kay nahutdan na ta sa panahon. Dili na ako.

(TRANSLATION: Even the NPAs, these sons of b*****, I will give them house and lot para lang to, you know, pacification drive, just so that they'll know because I know they're going to listen, and I know they want a house. The problem is we've run out of time. I'm no longer the President.)

But I hope that the next administration will also continue the things that would make our people happy. Although not all but may makita sila that we are doing something with the money of the people. Napakaganda naman ng — hindi pa ako pumasok pero mag-ikot ako ngayon and I'll try to inspect the units.

Iyong sa ibang lugar, I have yet to go to — 'yung isa 'yung sa Lanao del Norte. Maganda ang ginawa ng NHA doon. Hindi 'yung ano tapos na 'yung sa Marawi. This time it's really for the soldiers there.

Lanao del Norte is a nice place, it's peaceful. It's not part of the vortex of violence in the Lanao peninsula because we have leaders there that are truly, truly human beings.

So pasalamat ta sa mga opisyal pud didto. (So we should thank the officials there too.)

The low-cost housing program is our way of giving back to the country's hardworking uniformed personnel and civil servants.

Ibig kong sabihin bumabawi lang rin ang gobyerno sa sakripisyo ninyo. Kaya ako alam ko kasi matagal akong mayor, 23 years, so nakapa ko na lahat ang — lahat, lahat ng sektor nakapa ko na.

And these are the things that we would like to continue sana but hindi ko na panahon. So I hope that the program — nandito man si Senator — 'yung dalawa, sana sila na ang mag-udyok sa administrasyon na hindi kalimutan 'yung mga proyektong naumpisahan na napakaganda.

[Senator Bong Go: Mayor, si Senator JV is the incoming Housing Chair sa Senate.]

Masuwerte kayo kasi incoming chair pala si *[Senator Go: JV Ejercito]* — si JV. Housing Committee? *[Senator JV Ejercito: Housing po, sir.]* Housing Committee sa Senate, mabigat 'yan. *[applause]* Kaya niya. Kaya niya ang — kaya niyang i-sway 'yung — i-drift towards the continuance of the program.

They have played crucial roles in nation-building and fulfilling the administration's priorities and advocacies. With their outstanding display of perseverance and diligence in their duty, they have helped advance our goals to ensure a comfortable life for every Filipino.

As the agency transitions under a new leadership in a few days, I urge the NHA to intensify its mandate of addressing the housing needs of our countrymen, especially the homeless, marginalized, and low-income families. I am confident that your steadfast efforts in the succeeding administration will redound to a more active, participative and productive society.

I want to take this opportunity — pardon my eyes — to thank you all who have stood by me all these years. Your tireless support will be forever ingrained in my memory even as I finally step down from public office.

You know, I was bruted to be, hindi naman number one, number two, siguro mga number 15, 16 na may ginawa sa siyudad nila at na ganito na ito ngayon. Simple lang man noon sinabi ko noong na-mayor ako, I will build a comfortable city for all of you and I will control crime, especially drugs.

At sinabi ko sa NPA noon nandito na kung nandito kayo, magkaibigan man kami talaga pero magpatayan tayo because iba na ang gina — ginakarga ko sa likod ko: ang Bayang Pilipinas. Iyong mga kriminal, 'yung mga drug addict, sinabi ko sa inyo umalis kayo or if you want a peaceful Davao, drop the drugs; and the NPAs, drop the guns; and tomorrow it will be heaven for all of us.

Pero kung nandiyan pa rin ang droga, you continue to destroy the young people and create dysfunctional families sa marami... Alam mo ang droga, maglagay ka lang ng isang adik diyan sa pamilya na 'yan, that family becomes dysfunctional, mapobre man ug madato (whether poor or rich).

Kay kanang anaka problema na na. Mangawat sa ilang balay, sa ilang silingan, sa ubang balay. Ug pagkahuman, mugamit na'g armas para lang makakuha.

(TRANSLATION: The child will become a problem. He will steal from their own home, their neighbors, and other houses. Then eventually, he will use firearms just so he can steal.)

Kani pung mga human rights di mutuo (And these human rights refuse to believe) that when the addiction is there in the system sa body, it's like a monkey riding on your back. Og kinahanglan na nila ang (If they need their) fix, then they will go and get it whatever the means they employ.

Kaya sabi ko 'pag ginawa ninyo 'yan at ayaw ninyong huminto, p***** i** papatayin ko talaga kayo.

Ang ICC, nakikinig man kayo, huwag na kayong mag-drama ng idemanda-idemanda niyo. Ayan, sinabi ko na sa mga kriminal lalo na 'yang adik, mag-rape ng bata tapos patayin. Ay p***** i**, ilista mo 'yan sa notebook ninyo. 'Di talaga tayo magkaintindihan diyan kung anong klaseng tao tayo, whether I am a Christian or what is my religious predilection.

Kaya tulong-tulong pulis, Coast Guard, BJMP, lahat sa uniformed, continue the fight. Hindi na kailangan gayahin ninyo ako. Akin 'yun eh. But sinabi ko noon noong ako ay Presidente, "*Go out and crush the drug syndicates.*" Fight them. And if in the course of the fight, gunfight, you are on the verge of losing your life, you shoot the idiot dead. Mas gusto kong makita 'yang mga p***** i***** mga g*** diyan mga gangs and...

And even if I'm no longer a mayor or a President, basta if it is done in the performance of duty, tutulungan ko kayo maski saan, abugado ako. Ilulusot ko kayo. *[applause]* Just do it in the performance of duty. Wala kayong...

Makapatay kayo ng lima, anim diyan. You know, one burst of the Armalite, brttt, iba-iba ang matamaan, pati inosente. Do not worry. That is part of the territory of fighting. I will be there to support you.

Paalamin lang ninyo ako, paalamin ninyo si Bong Go and I will go there. Kung may pera pa ako na kaunti, I will appear sa fiscal. Basta performance of duty, buo talaga ang loob natin diyan, wala tayong talo.

Ngayon kung 'yang babae tapos magpaputok, may matamaan, ah na-leche na. Iyan ang mahirap. You are, you know, you are there in the service of the people to protect everybody. Ang paputok diyan — what goes up must come down. The speed in going up is the same velocity in coming down, 'yang bullet. Baka akala ninyo na...

Gaano 'yan siya kabilis pataas even with the gun powder, pag-ikot niyan, 'yan sinasabi 'yung indiscriminate firing na lalo na... Kung sa trabaho, okay lang. Eh maski makapatay ka ng 10 diyan basta you are on the act of arresting or fighting it out with the criminals and the NPAs, do not worry. Istorya lang 'yang kanila.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have stood by me all these years. Usbon nako (I repeat), 'yung...

Alam mo sabi nga nila ako daw maganda ang pagkadala ko. Hindi ako number one, number 15 or 20 lang ako. But without the support of the police and the military in the early days of my mayorship, I could not have succeeded. Davao would not be this beautiful, industrial buildings that would make our people happy.

Ayaw kabalaka kay mag-uban gihapon ta sa pagtabang sa atong katawhan. Daghang salamat ug maayong hapon kaninyong tanan. *[applause]*

(TRANSLATION: Don't worry because we will still help our people together. Thank you and good afternoon to you all.)

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