

## **Office of the Press Secretary**

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#### **SITUATION BRIEFING PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR. ON THE EFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKE IN ABRA (PART I)**

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**PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.:** Well, let's start. Good morning, everyone.

I just like to start by clarifying some of the parts of the report. Number one, power has been restored everywhere? Wala ng area na nawalan ng power na hindi pa bumalik ang power o mayroon pa rin? Iyong mga isolated na bayan yata dito sa Abra, the seven towns in the mountains 'no?

#### **OCD ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERNARDO RAFAELITO ALEJANDRO**

**IV:** Yes, sir. Not all towns have power already, sir. Hindi pa po lahat.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** When do we anticipate na bumalik na? Ayan tamang-tama ang ating... Yes, I wanted — I saw them that's why I wanted to ask.

#### **ABRA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (ABRECO) GENERAL MANAGER**

**LORETO SEARES JR.:** Good morning, Mr. President. My name is Loreto Seares Jr. I'm the General Manager of ABRECO. Please allow our technical assist to give you a brief report regarding po sa ano, sa extent ng damages ng ABRECO.

**ABRECO TECHNICAL ASSISTANT EDWARD DOMINGO:** Magandang umaga po, Mr. President. As of this early morning, sir, all 26 towns ng Abra may power na po. Although there are some laterals po na wala. Katulad po halimbawa po 'yung isang transformer nasira, definitely po wala po. Pero 'yung backbone line po buong Abra mayroon na po, sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** So 'yung ano... Iyong capability ninyo, 'yung capacity ninyo bago ng lindol ano nasa 95 percent na kayo parang ganoon? Naibalik na ninyo?

**MR. DOMINGO:** Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** It's about in the ano — so that's significant.

The next area I wanted to ask about dahil hindi masyadong maliwanag was the communication. Hindi pa ba... Ang pagkaintindi ko from the DICT is that the Globe is fully functioning. Who can we...? Is Globe fully functioning and Smart is also almost fully functioning?

All right? Okay na for the Province of Abra? Talagang hinahantay lang niyan ang power.

Of course, so Sec. Erwin what are the outstanding issues yet para sa assistance doon sa ating mga naging biktima who are...? That's another question I wanted to ask. Usually in the disaster reports there are — there is one area where you give the number of totally destroyed houses and partially destroyed. Do we have that number? Those numbers?

**DSWD SEC. ERWIN TULFO:** *[off mic] [inaudible]*

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Yes, please para alam natin what we are dealing with.

**DSWD-CAR DIRECTOR ARNEL GARCIA:** Mr. President, at this point, we are continuing the assessment and right now as per 6 o'clock a.m., we have 28 totally damaged houses and 2,362 partially pero tataas pa 'to sir as the reports sa ano kasi ire-reach out pa natin 'yung mga outlying barrios, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Usec. Solidum, are we allowing them already? Are we allowing them already to go back into their homes — at the least the engineers — to inspect if they are safe? Is it already safe for people to — at least hindi pa muna 'yung resident kundi 'yung mga mag-iinspeksyon to declare safe the structure.

**DOST UNDERSECRETARY AND PHIVOLCS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE RENATO SOLIDUM JR.:** Yes po. Kung declared talagang structure is safe po 'yung mga building, puwede na. But people should be ready how to

respond properly during aftershocks kasi malakas pa po ang posibleng aftershock.

And just to brief po ang mga local government units, we expect aftershocks to continue for several weeks. Pero the first three days po ang marami and hopefully pababa na siya.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** For example the hospital, when — ayaw pa nilang pumasok ngayon because it might still be unsafe and baka magka-aftershock. When is it safe for our people to go in to make the inspection and then start the repairs?

**USEC. SOLIDUM:** Iyong inspection po can be done right away.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** It can be done right away.

**USEC. SOLIDUM:** Yes po.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** O sige. Who will perform the...?

**USEC. SOLIDUM:** Engineer po, Public Works and engineers.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Ah iyong sa Public Works, oo, ang Public Works ang gagawa. They will do the inspections. All right, the other...

I think, Sec. Erwin, I think doon sa human victims, 'yung mga homeless, how many people have been rendered homeless?

**SEC. TULFO:** *[inaudible]*

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Ah yes, director, oo. Ano 'yung statistic for homeless?

**DIR. GARCIA:** Bale ang... Actually ang nakalagay ho dito natin is totally is 28 pero ang partially — so ia-assess pa natin 'yan — is 2,362.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Saan ngayon 'yung mga resident na 'yan?

**DIR. GARCIA:** Ito po ay covered po ito, 'yung mga marami rito po sa Abra tapos mayroon din tayo sa Kalinga, sa Benguet.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Hindi pagka homeless sila, saan sila tinakbo? Saan sila dinala? Where did you evacuate them to?

**DIR. GARCIA:** Dalawa po 'yan: evacuation centers o mayroon silang napuntahan na mga kamag-anak sa ibang lugar.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Yes, Vice Joy.

**ABRA VICE GOVERNOR MARIA JOCELYN BERNOS:** Mr. President, we opted to accommodate all our evacuees sa open area like 'yung ganitong structure. All of the LGUs in the province po, we have evacuation centers but it's not advisable to accommodate inside the evacuation center since mayroon pa pong mga aftershock. Kaya 'yung mga mayroong mga basketball courts, we set up — through DSWD — we set up modular tents for everyone.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** All right, how many now are in those evacuation centers?

**DIR. GARCIA:** Actually sir we are — we have 1,000 modular tents coming in, dumating na ito, and another 1,000 coming from Region II, interoperability.

So parating ho ito mga modular tents pero mayroon na ho kaming na-set up dito sa Bangued.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** I'm looking for the number so that DSWD knows how to prepare. Ilan ang aalagaan? Ilan 'yung papakainin? That's yung basic. How long we will have to be keeping them in the evacuation center? All of this... Para alam ng DSWD kung ano 'yung trabaho nila. Yes...

**DND OFFICER-IN-CHARGE JOSE FAUSTINO JR.:** Yes, sir, if I may, sir. OIC Faustino, sir. Sir, we have a figure here. The reports coming in from the affected regions. We have a total of [4,969] families or 20,000 persons more or less that are affected in 110 barangays in Region I and Cordillera Administrative Region.

Inside evacuation centers, 31 evacuation centers ang nabilang natin, sir. We have around 2,312 families in Regions I and Cordillera Administrative Region. Then outside evacuation centers, 'yung mga tao na temporarily staying sa relatives nila or friends or naglagay ng mga tents sa labas ng bahay, we have around 413 families or 1,637 persons, sir. The whole ano sir regions CAR and Region I na ito, sir. So these are the numbers, sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** All right, thank you Sec.

**SEC. TULFO:** Sir, let me add to that, 'yung affected families po basing — as of 6 a.m. kanina sir is around 4,969 dito po. Persons — to translate that in individuals like 20,091. Nasa evacuation centers po natin na families is 2,312 and persons 'yung bawat tao, sir, is 8,314. Outside evacuation centers, sir, 'yung wala po sa mga evac centers nila pero nandiyan po sa tabi ng bahay nila sa labas po 'yung iba opted to return home, 413 families po, persons po is 1,657, Mr. President.

Damaged houses po partially is 9, totally damaged po nasa 349 so far but it might still go up, sir, according to the LGU.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** All right. Mabuti na lang you don't see any of this from the air. All right, so that is going to be at the very least kasi as you say, tataas pa 'yang number niyan eh 'pag makatanggap na tayo ng report lalo na 'yung mga malalayo. So I think we are prepared for that kind of number.

**SEC. TULFO:** We are, sir. Basing on your instruction po kasi during the SONA, sir, morning pa lamang, we have already deployed all these food packs, 'yung prepositioning. Hindi lang po food packs pati po non-food items have been prepositioned already, sir, sa mga provinces kagaya po dito sa Abra, sir, nag-preposition na po kami noong morning pa lang po ng SONA ninyo, pinadala na ho lahat dito. Ang anticipation namin sir was flood and landslide, hindi po earthquake. Pero we have already distributed, sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Yeah, that's what we were worried about in the very beginning na umulan. That will make the situation worse.

So we do what we usually do. Work together with the local government so that we can make sure na walang nangangailangan na hindi natin nabigyan ng tulong.

The LGUs are always the ones — the municipal mayors, the governors, the vice governors ay kayo ang nakakaalam kung ano what the situation is on the ground.

So our communications is back, 'yung kuryente is back. Wala namang nasira na water supply? Yes, Sen. Imee.

**SENATOR IMEE MARCOS:** Yes, with all due respect, Region I is not completely back in terms of power. And even in Batac there was no power

this morning in certain barangays, such as Quiling Sur, and those beside and surrounding MMSU. The same goes for certain close two towns, they're still in the dark.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** As I understand it, even in Ilocos Sur mayroon pa rin yata, La Union mayroon pa rin yatang...

**SEN. MARCOS:** Yes, that's correct.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** May mga lugar pang wala eh.

**SEN. MARCOS:** We're having some problems in Cagayan as well due to all sorts of electrical issues at may mga transformer na bulok na pumutok na rin eh.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Well, unfortunately, 'yung pag-iinspeksyon ng linya will take time. But I think we can — we will just have to do as much as we can as quickly as possible.

Of course, that's going to be the key for our relief efforts lahat ng gagawin natin, we have to be able to communicate and we have to be able to operate. So we need... That's why inuna ko 'yung dalawang 'yun to find out what our capabilities are.

So the next since we've taken — we have paid attention already to the human aspect of it... Well there's one more question I have in terms of service, wala namang nagkakaproblema, naputulan ng water supply? Mayroon din.

That's something that we have to... Where? Here in Bangued? Oh, anong nangyari?

**VICE GOVERNOR BERNOS:** Dahil siguro sa movement ng soil or whatever kaya 'yung mga lines ng water system po nagkakaproblema.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Well, that again is actually even a more of a priority than communications and power. That's something that has to be restored immediately. So we have a representative from Public Works here or from the water authority?

**OCD-CAR REGIONAL DIRECTOR ALBERT MOGOL:** Sir, from the Office of Civil Defense. Regarding the water supply, if I may sir.

The whole province of Abra needs 300,000 bottles of water, drinking water, yes. So initially I coordinated with the Office of Civil Defense Central Office, so may parating na po na initial na 500 boxes of distilled water.

Ang kailangan talaga, sir, is 6,250 boxes for a total of 300,000 bottles, initial po. So we are doing an initial... Naglo-loading na po sa central office ang Office of Civil Defense. It will be coming anytime this day.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Are the systems that were damaged, are they undergoing repair? Because we cannot be providing bottles of water for too long.

**DPWH-CAR REGIONAL DIRECTOR KHADAFFY TANGGOL:** Sir, good morning. I am Director Khadaffy Tanggol from DPWH-CAR. Sir...

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Ah there you are, okay.

**DIR. TANGGOL:** Sir, with regard to the water system, sir, the maintenance and the operation were delegated to the local water works now. So they have the responsibility for the maintenance, sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** You cannot provide assistance to the local government para maging mas mabilis?

**DIR. TANGGOL:** Sir, the first instruction of Secretary Bonoan for us is to make all our national roads and bridges passable.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Correct, yes.

**DIR. TANGGOL:** So we started doon sa — we have 22 road closures and then for CAR, we still have three na road closure. So after which, we will assist also the local government units in clearing their local roads. Iyon ang instruction ni Secretary Bonoan which we are doing now.

And nagpalabas din sir ng assessment team si Secretary Bonoan both from the central office and from the regional office to assess the situation of our infra and other buildings kasama na 'yung sa school buildings, hospitals and other government facilities.

So this assessment sir is ongoing na since yesterday and we will submit the report tomorrow, Friday, iyon ang binigay sa amin na deadline, sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** All right, but we have to put together a plan to restore the actual water systems as quickly as possible. Yes, senator.

**SEN. MARCOS:** Mr. President, if I may. I'm sending up a solar purifier and we've found in Ilocos Norte that those are very helpful. You don't have the disposal of plastic and all the other issues that surround distilled water.

So perhaps the national government can begin to procure solar purifiers for these disasters. In the meantime, I'm sending one to Abra. *[applause]*

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Very well. One of the things that we have found useful in all of the disasters pagka water supply ang nagiging problema are the water purifying systems that are very simple. You've seen them before 'yung nasa balde and then they have a filter.

We should procure more of those because immediately water is always going to be a problem para hindi — you know, things like cholera, diphtheria will come into play.

So tingnan natin nang mabuti 'yun. I think in fact I know already of a source where we can immediately get them. It is actually an aid agency and iyon lang ang trabaho nila. Nagpo-provide sila nung — ginamit natin sa Yolanda, oo.

**SEN. MARCOS:** I think that's the NGO called Spring. That was very present in Yolanda in Tacloban.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Oo, 'yung maliliit. Maganda niyan it's sufficient to supply 100 people per day. So if the barangay has four, five, six of them at least may tubig na.

**SEN. MARCOS:** We also have an indigenous technology using the burnay to filter by layer the impure water into potable.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Well, we have to try everything basta pakuluan lang nang kaunti just to be sure that everything is safe. Yes, Sec. Benhur?

**DILG SECRETARY BENJAMIN "BENHUR" ABALOS JR.:** Mr. President, iyon hong sinabi ni Senator Imee tama po 'yun. In fact, MMDA is now here with 10 water purifiers. Ginamit po namin ito noong huling Odette sa Bohol at sa Samar. So naka-standby na po sila.

Siguro solar powered din po sila. Ilalagay lang ito sa isang poso o kung saan at it could really — puwedeng mag-supply sa isang barangay. Nandiyan na po the 10 teams.



**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Ang isang barangay? How many...?

**SEC. ABALOS:** Ito po ay sampung makina po ang dala po nila.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Ano 'yan nakasakay sa truck?

**SEC. ABALOS:** Ano po ito portable po ito, sir, very portable.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Ah maliit lang, 'yung portable na ganoon.

**SEC. ABALOS:** Yes, sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Ah okay.

**SEC. ABALOS:** Na-test na po, nagamit na po namin ito and magdadala — and they're now here at the Capitol, the MMDA Search and Rescue.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Kailangan natin lahat 'yan but I'm particularly interested doon sa that simple purification system because we don't know how long it's going to take.

So mabuti 'yung mayroon silang water supply. Iiwanan na namin sa inyo diyan kasi ito when more or less there is a supply. But we cannot depend only on water bottles after a while and then makikita ninyo ang daming plastic bigla sa barangay ninyo. Maglilinis kayo nang husto.

So all right. So yes, those are the critical parts I think to support the bene — not beneficiaries — the victims in the meantime hanggang sila'y makabalik.

All right, so I would like to see a report on the infrastructure damage. In the roads, bridges, then also from the irrigation, kung tinamaan 'yung mga irrigation system natin and what the damage is. So maybe the Public Works can give us a report on the...

**DIR. TANGGOL:** Good morning, sir. We will start with Cordillera and the next reporting will be by RD Tan of Region I.

So for this particular incident, we were able to deploy 408 equipment and 2,228 manpower, that for CAR and Region I. *[next slide please.]*

And then, sir, these are series of picture of the landslides that happened in Cordillera. This is under the Benguet Province. *[next slide please.]*

This one is in Marcos Highway, sir. And as of this writing, it's already passable, two-lane passable. *[next slide]* Iyan sir 'yung sa Marcos Highway it's now passable. *[next slide]* That's still in Marcos Highway the same — one section lang 'yan, sir. *[next slide]* This one sir is in Nueva Vizcaya Road. As you can see in the slide, 'yung portion na may intervention walang nangyaring slides but dito sa section na malapit sa cameraman, wala pang intervention na nagawa so there's a slide. *[next please]*

This is the same section sir in Nueva Vizcaya Road, which is now open two lane. *[next slide]* Another section in Nueva Vizcaya Road, again this section sir is open na rin as of now. *[next slide]* Another section sir in Andres Acop Cosalan Road, this one sir is open lang siya ng one lane. We need more intervention for this one. *[next slide]* Iyan, so passable na po siya sir for one lane lang. *[next slide]* So this one sir again is in Andres Acop Cosalan Road, it's now passable. *[next slide, next slide, please.]*

This one sir is in Governor Bado Dangwa National Road in Kapangan, it's now passable din sir. *[next slide]* This one another section in Governor Bado Dangwa National Road, it's now passable sir. *[next slide]* This one sir is again in Governor Bado Dangwa National Road, it's now passable. *[next slide]* Again sir in Governor Bado Dangwa National Road at Kibungan, it's now passable. *[next slide]* Another section of the Governor Bado Dangwa National Road in Ampusongan, Bakun, Benguet, it's now passable sir. *[next slide]*

This one sir is in Baguio-Bontoc Road. There are series of slides that happened in that road section. *[next slide]* The same road section sir in Baguio-Bontoc Road, cleared na ito sir, it's passable. *[next slide]* Again, in Baguio-Bontoc Road sir, sir ganyan kalalaki 'yung mga nahuhulog na bato dito sa Cordillera. So you can just imagine the danger that... Ito 'yung kinatatakutan ng mga taga-Cordillera pagka dumadaan sila sa ating kalsada, sir. *[next slide]*

This one is in Alab section in Bontoc, Mountain Province. *[next slide]* This one is in Bun-ayan section, passable na rin ito sir. *[next slide, next slide]* Again in Baguio-Bontoc Road, Lukib section, Mountain Province, sir, now it's passable. *[next slide please]*

And this one sir the next slide *[next slide]* again in Baguio-Bontoc Road, sir, this is Mt. Data Cliff, Bauko, ito sir 'yung hindi pa passable, ongoing pa 'yung clearing at this section. *[next slide]*

Again katabi lang ito nung isa sir pero this part doon sa Mt. Data Cliff is open na. *[next slide]*

This one is the Mountain Province to Ilocos Sur Road. *[next slide]* Passable na rin siya sir. *[next slide]* This one sir again in Mountain Province to Cagayan via Tabuk-Enrile Road and Makutiti section, passable na rin siya sir. *[next slide]*

So those are series of pictures sir that we were able to collect. And as of this morning sir, 7 a.m., we still have three remaining closed na road section. This is the Ifugao, sa Ifugao sir, the Kiangan-Tinoc-Buguias Road which we expect to be opened bukas ng 5 p.m.; and one in Kalinga sir, the Lubuagan-Batang Buhay to Abra Road, again we expect this to be opened tomorrow at 5 p.m.; and then the one 'yung nasa picture sir na closed pa rin, the Baguio-Bontoc Road. Our target is July 30 namin ma-open 'yun sir.

And sir with your instruction, in fact may mga 'yung kasama pala sir sa assessment team natin na dinispatch (dispatch) ni Secretary Bonoan, kasama 'yung mga consultants ng — foreign consultants. So I'd like to inform our local governments here in Abra 'yung [Katahira and Sons?] They have a team that went here this morning also to help us in the assessment of the extent of the damage.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Mayroon kayong report sa mga tulay? The Vice Governor was showing me pictures of damaged bridges.

**DIR. TANGGOL:** Yes, sir. Iyong mga na-report na damage sir mostly on the approach sir so madali na lang 'yung intervention. Structurally stable naman 'yung mga bridges natin along our national roads.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Hindi Joy 'yung pinakita mo sa akin may malaking crack na ganito — o half a meter wide na crack?

**VICE GOVERNOR BERNOS:** It's located in the Baay Bridge in Abra, Kalinga Road sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** At saka 'yung what was the other bridge 'yung umurong sa approach? Hindi na parehong level.

**DIR. TANGGOL:** We are waiting for the 'yung result ng assessment ng ating structural engineer sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** All right, well, again, of course that's very important, you get all those bridges back into service. I think you are doing as well as can be done dito sa pag-clearing ng mga kalsada, malalaki 'yung mga bato na nakita natin.

All right, so we have to organize also I guess local government kasi 'yung mga staff ninyo ang gagamitin. Kung hindi naman injured 'yung mga evacuees, paano natin as soon as possible maibalik? Kaya tinanong ko kung kailangan tayo puwedeng pumasok sa mga bahay para maibalik sila sa bahay nila.

And for those that have damage, do we need to provide usually at least for temporarily hinihingi niyan mga trapal, mga GI sheet, plywood, mga dos por dos, 'yang ang para mayroon lang sila... Kagaya ng mga bubong na nasira at least ma-cover-an nila habang nire-repair para puwede na silang makatira doon.

But the first part is going to be really kung it's safe. We have to determine that it's safe.

**VICE GOVERNOR BERNOS:** Until when po kaya, Mr. President, kasi most of the families are on the streets or they use the camping tents outside their houses. So they are waiting for our advisory kung kailan ulit sila papasok sa bahay nila.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Usec. Solidum, maybe you can guide us.

**USEC. SOLIDUM:** Ang pinakaimportante po Vice Gov is ma-inspect ng mga engineers kung structurally sound 'yun. Kung walang sira, mas candidate na bumalik kaagad basta masigurado na structurally safe. Kasi 'yung ibang may sira baka matuluyan sa aftershock.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** But the fear Usec is that baka simulan nila 'yung pag-inspeksyon abutan naman sila ng aftershock baka masaktan pa sila.

**USEC. SOLIDUM:** Usually po sa labas muna sila. Usually sa labas muna tinitingnan muna. From the outside, that's the first phase.

May mga visual inspection po ang mga engineers ng Public Works at kung may candidate na delikado, siyempre hindi na muna pababalikin 'yun.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** All right, ganoon talaga ang tendency ayaw iwanan 'yung bahay eh as much as possible. So we must do everything to bring them back sa... Who will do the inspection? Will it be the local government or the DPWH? Sino ang mag-i-inspect nitong mga residences na ito? Kayo sa Public Works o sa local ang usually na ano?

**DIR. TANGGOL:** For the residence sir, local na 'yun sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Maybe you can...

**DIR. TANGGOL:** But of course sir DPWH is always... We are here — we can assist naman.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** There's nothing wrong if the national government can provide some technical assistance.

**DIR. TANGGOL:** Sige, sir.

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Oo kasi ilan ang engineer mo sa ano, sa Kapitolyo?

**SEN. MARCOS:** If I may...

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Yes, Sen. Imee.

**SEN. MARCOS:** Yes, regarding inspection and structural integrity and soundness, since Region I is present here — I just came from Ilocos Sur, Manong Chavit is here — the destruction among the heritage churches, for example, is overwhelming. We inspected Bantay, the Vigan Cathedral, as well as Caunayan Church. They are or should be condemned shortly.

However, it is known to us that the Public Works, for example, is hardly competent to assess the integrity of these centuries-old churches.

May I encourage, the Speaker being here, that a budget be put aside for proper structural integrity that is non-destructive. I have done this — at least I've got a bill for it for Paoay Church before. Medyo mahirap-hirap siya at highly technical: may rebound hammer test, ultrasonic pulse velocity, electromagnetic cover meter test, Windsor probe, and on and on and on. You have to contract specialist for this. But clearly for heritage churches this is necessary.

Secondly, I'd also like to pitch here that much of the infrastructure really in Region I, CAR and Region II is over 50 years old, which by international standards is ancient and should be replaced.

**DPWH REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR REGION I RONNEL TAN:** Sir, may I...

**PRESIDENT MARCOS:** Yes, please go ahead.

**DIR. TAN:** Good morning, sir, Mr. President. RD Ronnel Tan po from Region I. Actually ang instruction nga po ni Secretary tulungan namin 'yung local. Actually kino-conduct na po namin sa mga national buildings 'yung assessment sa lahat including bridges. Isusunod na po namin na tulungan 'yung local na mga residences na iano 'yung kanilang structural integrity nung kanilang buildings.

Actually kahapon pa po nag-start na kami lahat ng national buildings ini-start na namin. With regards po doon sa mga — dito naman po sa Region I, minimal lang 'yung damage. At least 'yun pong as reported na for the infrastructure mga 35 million lang po 'yung ano. At 'yun pong nabanggit na tulay, 'yung Calumbuyan, Anduyan, at mga ano lang po 'yan sir mga slope protection lang and may mga papalitan lang parts 'yung tulay para ma-restore na po sa dati.

And with regard also to Region I, doon sa roads na sarado, tatlong road sections lang po sa Region I ang sarado itong Tagudin- Cervantes na bahagi ng Suyo na dahil sa dami ng rockslides mga next week pa ho namin matatapos. Pero po 'yung dalawang road section na kadugtong nito 'yung papuntang Aluling and papunta ng Bontoc, mao-open ho namin hanggang bukas. Matitira lang po 'yung isa. Pero may mga blasting po kasi kaming ginagawa kaya medyo may backup na rin pong mga equipment na dinala ang regional office para ma-backup-an 'yung district engineering office.

Wala naman hong reported pagdating sa water supply na damage sa bahagi... Wala hong nire-report sa amin although ang sa akin pong sa...

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