**PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE’S**

**TALK TO THE PEOPLE ON CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

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**PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE:** I’d like to greet everybody viewing us, a pleasant morning or evening --- recorded kasi ‘to so it will be played at an appropriate time. It would depend on the management ng RTV[M]. We are here again to make a report and to explain further regarding the circumstances of the acquisition, the procurement of medical supplies sa Pharmally. Napipilitan ho kami --- we are forced to come up with an explanation to the public simply because of the innuendoes and the outright accusation of Gordon, the despot, regarding the how he got hold of the things that we needed to fight COVID.

Now, I’m happy that the House, the Lower House of Congress, the House of Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability hearing --- the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability hearing of the House of Representatives initiated a congressional inquiry into the alleged misuse of funds of certain agencies for the government’s COVID- 19 response. That was the thing that was going in the minds of the people so that it prompted us to come up with how it was bought and how the persons procured them, followed the law and all of these things.

Alam mo we could not get a complete and a thorough answer from the Senate because it is decided over by a despot Gordon, who does the talking. He cannot help but talk and he interrupts the resource persons with questions and cutting them off and providing the answer, so that the answer of the resource person would never have been complete. Hindi kumpleto kasi binabara niya to the point that the witness appears to be following his theory na may corruption. Pabalik-baliktarin niya eh. He does not allow any explanation or this resource person would elaborate on how the different events of the transaction took place.

Mabuti na lang ang House and I was informed that the House conducted the hearing and allowed the witnesses to talk. Kasi si COA --- ang chairman doon sa Senate mismo hindi makapagsalita nang diretso, Gordon cuts him. If the statement is favorable to ‘yung person na inaakusahan niya, he is already in the inquest stage. He is no longer getting answers from the resource persons. Ang hinahanap ni Gordon ‘yung theory that would suit him and it has become an inquest hearing not a Senate hearing. And as if the resource persons or some of them not all, are already guilty. Kung magsalita naman ang COA and even the chairman himself, kina-cut ni Gordon.

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But in the House as I was informed, everybody were given a chance, those who were called to testify were able to complete their story and it was a more sane inquiry because ang mga witnesses nakapagsalita ng kanilang totoong sagot. So that the --- we witnessed this morning was an inquiry devoid of rudeness, bias and partiality perpetrated by Gordon. It was an investigation that was not conclusive and based on facts as provided by the resource person --- wala pa ang ano.

The witnesses will be called. I think those who were already called in the Senate might be called by the House to testify again. So that is good because in the House, they will be given every chance to talk. It was fair, ‘yung kanina daw, the witnesses were heard and not --- and allowed to explain, there was no badgering and no bullying, no one argued with the resource person --- wala si Gordon. Ang lower house walang Gordon eh. Gordon is one of a kind. Kaya sabi ko if the Filipino people nakikinig kayo, dump the guy. He is a fraud. This is how an inquiry should be, far from the witch-hunt being undertaken by the Senate.

You know, I’d like to address myself to the other senators, it might seem that we are egging for a fight with you, we are not. Ang problema diyan ‘yung Blue Ribbon ang chairman is a despot. He does not allow anybody to answer and he cuts the testimony of even the COA. Nakinig man ako, anong klaseng tao ito? And he talks and talks and talks. He cannot help but open his mouth. He is a pathological storyteller, si Gordon --- “and well, just I said, we would like to conduct this inquiry because we need to know the truth and...” Ganoon lang ‘yan siya, pa-Ingles-Ingles. ‘Yung English mo hindi naman naintindihan ng lahat. Kung mag-English ka, Pilipino na English, huwag ‘yung English na slur. It’s slurred para kang lasing.

So what was established in the congressional lower house? We go back to what we have been saying since the very start and I will say this again for the benefit of those who cannot seem to comprehend and those who

refuse to understand, I am addressing this statement to Gordon: There was no overpricing which some senators also desperately trying to establish. Everything was delivered. There was no ghost deliveries as some senators are implying.

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Nakinig naman kayo sa COA wala naman silang sinabi na overpricing. Wala namang sinabing ghost deliveries. But itong theories ng mga ano, ng mga senador, ‘yung iba hindi lahat. Kaya sabi ko we do not want to quarrel with you guys, but kung marendahan ninyo ‘yang si Gordon. Otherwise, we will come to a --- we will come to a head. You know what I mean? Na kung makita ko na sumosobra na and it’s a power that is being used in a very abusive manner, I as the head of the executive department, can also just ignore. I do not want to ignore the Senate but kung ganoon hindi ninyo maano si Gordon, eh talagang we will...

I said it will come to a head and there will be trouble. Because eh tawagin ninyo ulit, paulit-ulit na naman. For example, like... Sabagay naumpisahan na kasi, Secretary Duque, I would allow him to complete his story. Anyway naka-testify naman siya sa House. Just to allow Gordon to show more of his stupidity. Kaya ipabalik ko sila, sabihin lang ninyo just --- just tell the plain truth kay Gordon. Kung putul-putulin kayo, eh ‘di ikonek-konek ninyo ulit. But at least sa House, you’d have a fair chance of getting your story being heard with courtesy and with --- with no pathological legislator bullying you to no end.

There was no overpricing which some senators are so desperately trying to establish. Ayun, everything was delivered. There was no ghost deliveries as some senators are also implying. I hope that the next time they would --- there’s a statement like that, you better make clear kung si --- may kasali kayo dito kasi alam mo iinsultuhin ko kayo eh, kayong mga bobo na walang nalaman kung hindi mag-grandstanding.

Wala naman talaga kayong makuha. Even if we continue to hear this case until kingdom come, I do not think that you will get anything there, except that you want to dance before the par of public opinion so that you will be noticed and maybe try to impress the voters in this coming election that you are an intellectual --- that you are a --- a ghostbuster sa mga katiwalian sa gobyerno.

Mayroon --- mayroon sa gobyerno, hindi ko magsabi hindi wala. I would be lying if I say there is no corruption. In some other offices now, agencies, department, there are. But I’m making you this guarantee, ‘yung Cabinet members ko wala ‘yan, puro malinis ‘yan. Ang mga senador mayroon, Gordon is one.

Pag na... I am writing... I am ordering the SolGen, si Calida, to write Aguinaldo a letter --- to write a letter and ask Aguinaldo to conduct immediately an audit diyan sa Red Cross na ‘yan. Ang hinihintay ko lang --- the next step would be really be the letter to be delivered to the COA by Solicitor General Calida regarding my request to audit the Red Cross. And tingnan mo si Calida, hear --- hear him now and try to come up with your opinion, kayong mga Filipino, kung ano ang nangyayari sa hearing sa lower house.

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COA CHAIRPERSON MICHAEL AGUINALDO:Magandang umaga po, Mr. Chairman and to the members of the committee. Ang masasabi ko lang po is wala po sa COA report ng PS-DBM ang statement na may overpricing po, there’s no statement to that. The observations related more to inventory management than overpricing. So hindi po tama na sabihing ang COA ang nagsabi na may overpriced, kasi wala pong sinabi ‘yun doon sa report.

Anyway, nandito po kami to be able to provide clarification to any of the questions the committee members may ask. Magandang umaga po.

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**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Tama na ‘yun. Ayun, iyun ‘yung si COA, that was the chairman of the Commission on Audit. Ang sinabi niya, ano pa ba ang gusto ninyo? Anong...? Senators, I’m asking you, I said I do not want a fight with you, but what else do you want? Iyung Pharmally? Ah iyung Pharmally bahala kayo. You can slaughter everybody there whatever you want. Kami sa gobyerno, we ordered, there was delivery, then we paid. Tapos na kami. In so far as we are concerned, tapos na kami diyan sa ano. Iyung Pharmally-Pharmally to inquire into the corporate identity of ano...

Sinabi na sa inyo, it was succinctly stated by Senator Villar, sabi ni ma’am, “Ganoon talaga, negosyante sila, they need materials.” Ang nandito lang ‘yan mga ahente lang ‘yan. Ganoon --- that is the way how the Chinese conduct the business. It is not like the foreign... Doon word of honor lang ‘yan, “Oh, kailangan mo nito? Sige, padala ka.” May tao lang sila dito.

But I said that was the reason why I went to China. Iyang si Michael Yang hindi ‘yan fugitive, nagnenegosyo nga ‘yan. Malaki na ang negosyo niyan sa Davao. He has been there for 20 years. Kung ano ang business opportunity niyan nila, ‘yang sila --- kasama niya sa Lincoln, maghanap ng negosyo at magkuha ng deal. Sa kanila, tatawag lang sila doon sa kung saan-saan nila makuha. Natural may --- magsabi kumita ‘yung mga Intsik, akala ko ba tinawag natin sila to invest? At sino namang g\*\*\*, Intsik o Pilipino o Hapon, na magnegosyo ng talo? Naturalmente mayroon talagang profit ‘yan. Iyan ang ipasok sa ulo ni Gordon. Anak ng... Katanda-tanda mo na eh.

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This circus started with some incomprehensible reason the senator thought that there were irregularities in the COA audit report of the Department of Health. Many times the DOH Secretary Duque said they were already addressing the deficiencies in the said COA audit report. That deficiencies pertain to some inventory matters of the supplies, hindi ‘yung mga about a deficiency of pera, pero alam mo na. There’s a saying, “Men judge best when they condemn.” Ang pinakamaano ng tao lalo na kung maghusga siya ng kasamaan ng kapwa niya tao, “Men judge best when they condemn.” Ganoon ‘yan si despot...

Tapos sabi niya --- may narinig pa ako sabi niya na “natatakot na ako?” Susmaryosep Gordon, hindi mo ako --- hindi mo ako matakot, not in a million years, hindi ako kawatan kagaya mo. Wala akong Red Cross na ginagatasan araw-araw. It’s not my style. May mga ano ako sa buhay na you know. Pero pera? I work 35 years ako --- mag-40 years ako sa gobyerno magnakaw pa ako, ngayon lang? G\*\*\* ka ba? Eh ‘di noon pa. Ikaw, mayroon kang naka-parking diyan. Iyang pinarking mo ‘yung milking cow mo, p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* ‘yang Red Cross na ‘yan. Ito, l\*\*\*\* ka, g\*\*\* ka.

Ngayon, gusto ninyong mga senador ang --- if you take offense because of my statement, eh ‘di bahala kayo. The next time na mag, magsu... But gusto ko ito sila Secretary Duque pati si Secretary Galvez to finish their story. Naumpisahan na eh. Hindi naman puwedeng to ano... Kung may tanong pa sila, eh ‘di they should go back there to...

Pero ‘yung iba and in the future, I’m sorry. I will be the one who will say, go to Congress to testify or to the Senate or do not go to Congress. At sabihin mo kinontempt ka, ako ang bahala. I will not allow anybody to arrest you. That is a guarantee. If that does not sit well with the senators, I’m sorry. You started this whole thing, it was not me.

We can be further enlightened by this COA audit report. So makinig na lang tayo so --- sa COA supervising auditor for sa kanilang report sa mga procurement of goods. I would like to --- if there’s a clip regarding --- there’s a clip that contains the COA Supervising Auditor Rhodora Urugay [Ugay]. Kindly show it to the public.

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[video playback]

COA SUPERVISING AUDITOR RHODORA UGAY: Sir, as far as the DOH audit report is concerned, there is --- there are no observations on overpricing in the DOH annual audit report, sir.

SAGIP PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE AND HOUSE DEPUTY SPEAKER RODANTE MARCOLETA: Iyun nga, kaya nagpapasalamat kami, nauunawaan namin. Ang totoo niyan, nasasakyan namin ang paliwanag mula pa kanina. Ganoon lang pala kasimple eh. At ngayon tinindigan na kayo, in-affirm na at kinonfirm na ng COA, o eh bakit nagpapatuloy pa ‘yung Senate Blue Ribbon Committee sa kanilang mga pagdinig? Ang ibig lamang sabihin, Madam Auditor, aminin mo man o hindi, hindi po pinaniniwalaan ng Senate Blue Ribbon Committee ang admissions o ang inyong COA report.

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**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** So ‘yun. Now ito ngayon, let us focus. If you want the story to be complete, makinig tayo sa discussion ni Atty. Warren Liong, former PS-DBM director. So siya ang maka-explain sa atin kung paano ito, ano ang protocol, ano ang requirements, and what are the things that they had to do before they can order or receive goods that are procured by government. Iyung --- may clip ba ‘yung kay Atty. Warren Liong, ‘yung PS-DBM director talaga?

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[video playback]

FORMER PS-DBM DIRECTOR WARREN LIONG: Okay. So first slide, “I call on relevant agencies to ensure speedy delivery of basic medical supplies and equipment to health facilities. From the approval, importation and to the delivery, everything must go smoothly to make sure that we do not waste time.” So that was the marching order of the President. He repeated this in the President’s Talk to the People dated March 24, 2020.

Balikan po natin ang sitwasyon noong mga unang buwan ng pandemya. So these are newspaper clippings. You don’t have --- we presented it here so that you will have better context po. March 31, 2020, CNN Philippines Staff: “Medical group cites protective equipment lack for death of 17 doctors.” “Like wartime --- Philippine doctors overwhelmed by coronavirus deluge.” “COVID-19 cases among healthcare workers now at 1,245; death toll at 27” - April 27, 2020. “We will have nothing: Lung Center of the Philippines pleas for PPE suits and gowns amid depleting supplies,” March 23 po, 2020. “Coronavirus: in the Philippines, health workers without protective equipment fear exposure.”

Kulang ang supply ng mga personal protective equipment sa buong mundo. “Coronavirus sparks a war for masks as accusations fly.” So on this one, there was accusations that other nations are [garbled] the supplies intended for another country. “Protective equipment costs increase over 1,000% amid competition and surge in demand.”

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Kailangan nating makahanap ng supply. So these are some of the pictures. “The Southern Philippines Medical Association is seeking for donations.” “We are asking for masks...” [audio out]

Moderator: Sir Warren, naka-mute po kayo, hindi kayo marinig. Puwedeng unmute? Wala pong audio from Sir Warren.

FORMER PS-DBM DIRECTOR LIONG: Yes, sorry about  
that.

Moderator: Yes, please repeat.

FORMER PS-DBM DIRECTOR LIONG:Issue #1: Overpriced ba talaga ang facemasks at PPEs na binibili ng gobyerno noong 2020?

Hindi po.

Face masks, dahil tumaas ang presyo ng face masks noong umpisa po ng pandemya, naglagay po ang DOH ng price freeze at suggested retail price. So price freeze, it was placed at 28 pesos. Halaga po nang binili ng gobyerno ay 27.72, some were actually lower. So as you can see in the slides, in March 16, 2020, the price freeze was at P28. In August 10, 2020, the price freeze was still at P28.

Totoo bang mayroong facemask na may halagang P13.50 na kayang i- supply ng mga local manufacturers noong Abril 2020?

Wala po. Noong April 2020, nagkakahirapan po tayo sa supply. Iyun pong supply natin sa ating na-awardan --- awardee na si EMS, it was only delivered in June 1. The contract was entered in April 27, 2020 and then the first delivery was supposed to be scheduled in May 25, that’s about more than a month and then the actual delivery was done on June 1, 2020. So as you can see, it was not immediately available and we gave them time to produce.

Presyo ng personal protective equipment. So ito po pinapakita po natin ‘yung mga purchase orders nung presyo ng wala pang pandemya. So September 28, 2015, the price is at P3,500 each. June 2016, the price is at P3,864 each. Noong may pandemya na po at around May 2020, we procured P1,910 each. We are not saying that the P3,500 and P3,800 are overpriced. What we are saying is that this forms part of the historical record --- historical data of DOH and then this was cleared by COA. If this is not overpriced and this was cleared, with more reason po ang P1,910 procured during pandemic, procured using emergency procurement, is reasonable.

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So ang laman po ng bawat PPE set. So noong June 2016, P3,800 po ang presyo, mayroon po tayong 8-piece set. So goggles, gloves, shoe covers, coverall, surgical gown, N95, surgical mask, at head cap. Noong May 8 po, P1,910, 9-piece set po ito: face shield, gloves, shoe cover, coverall gown, N95, surgical mask, head cover, and apron. Ito po ang halimbawa ng mga PPE sets. I’ll go over this quickly lang po since I’m under time constraints.

Issue #2: Dumaan ba sa tamang proseso ng emergency procurement ang pagbili ng masks at PPEs? Opo. Sumunod po ang PS-DBM sa proseso ng Emergency Procurement under Bayanihan 1. So what is Bayanihan 1?

This is the Bayanihan 1. You can Google this. Section 4 provides that undertake the procurement of the following items as the need arises, in the most expeditious manner, as exemptions --- as exemptions from the provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 or the “Government Procurement Reform Act” and other relevant laws.

So these are the goods enumerated. In case of doubt, you go to Section 7. Iyun lang po ang dalawang provisions ni Bayanihan 1 when it comes to procurement of goods. So this one, Section 53 under RA 9184, this is included in the exemption from Bayanihan 1 because it states exemptions from Republic Act 9184 and other relevant laws. So na-exempt na po tayo kahit sa alternative mode of procurement na negotiated procurement under RA 9184. So these are --- this is the issuance of a state of public emergency. I will skip this one.

Paano napili ang mga suppliers? Paano po napili ang mga suppliers under negotiated procurement or under Bayanihan 1?

So sagot: Pinili po natin, under Bayanihan 1, we were allowed to directly negotiate but we still underwant --- underwent market price analysis. So pinili po natin iyung mga kayang makapag-deliver agad for at least at the nearest possible time; pinakamababang presyo base sa mga quotation na nakuha sa mga suppliers na kayang mag-deliver sa tamang oras and dapat po compliant po sa technical specifications ng DOH.

Hindi naman po si PS-DBM ang nagsasabi kung ano ang bibilhin at kung ano ang technical specifications. Nakalagay po ‘yan sa purchase request ng ating end user. So it has to be compliant.

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Ano ang hinihingi ng PS-DBM?

So we are asking for Mayor's permit, ITR, price quotation, omnibus sworn statement and compliance to the technical specifications. Kahit po hindi nakasaad sa Bayanihan 1 na mag-market survey, ang PS-DBM naglagay po talaga ng layer na we do market price analysis.

So the first level for the first --- so for the first level of ensuring that there’s no overpricing, we take into consideration po ‘yung ATR ng ating end user. Si DOH po ito, so nakalagay po sa purchase request ang items na bibilhin, quantity, unit cost and the total cost. Hindi po tayo puwedeng sumobra doon. It presupposes also that our end user already did their canvassing and taken into consideration purchase --- previous purchases.

Si PS-DBM, ang second tier po natin, we will do market price analysis to ensure that the price set is reasonable or if we can find lower price. And then we do the direct negotiation as the third tier. In here, we try to get terms favorable --- more favorable to the government, like, baka puwede pa babaan or --- usually kasi at that time they were asking for immediate cash payment, we said that we cannot do that. So you have to bear with the government.

Price quotations ng PPE na pinadala sa PS-DBM noon. So itong mga ‘yung mga pinadala: P1,975, 9-piece set; P1,910, 9-piece set; mayroon ding P2,873, 8-piece set, we did not procure that. We cannot go above the budget of DOH which is P2,000.

So we have a slide here on the statement of our good chairman, COA Chairman Michael Aguinaldo, on September 7 during the Senate hearing. So “Bayanihan Act po kasi, iyong Bayanihan 1, the President was empowered to actually do away with RA 9184. The only requirement was --- iyung advantageous to the government iyung pag-procure.”

Kailangan bang…?

DIWA PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE AND CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY MICHAEL EDGAR AGLIPAY: Sir, stop muna, sir --- Sir Warren.

Before we continue, I would like the COA... Can you put the previous slide? Itong COA. Ah COA Chairman Michael Aguinaldo, are you present, sir?

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COA CHAIRPERSON AGUINALDO: Yes sir. Yes Mr. Chairman.

REP. AGLIPAY: Do you confirm the slide in front of you that did you say that, this quote --- September 07 quote?

COA CHAIRPERSON AGUINALDO: Yes po Mr. Chairman, that I think it’s a faithful reproduction of the statement I made.

REP. AGLIPAY: Okay thank you. Thank you sir.

Please proceed Warren.

FORMER PS-DBM DIRECTOR LIONG: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

So there was a question raised kung kailangan bang mag-submit sa PS-DBM ng dokumentong nagpapakita ng financial capacity, SEC-GIS, General Information Sheet at malinis na record ng directors at incorporators sa isang Emergency Procurement?

Hindi po. Even under Negotiated Procurement Emergency Cases po, the only documents asked are the Mayor’s permit, ITR, omnibus sworn statement and then compliance to technical specifications. And I must add po, even in regular competitive bidding, which can take as long as 136 days, the General Information Sheet is not required po. Tapos ‘yun pong pupuntahan po ang official address ng mga corporation, wala rin po ‘yun kahit po sa ating regular competitive bidding requirements under Republic Act 9184.

Issue #3: Naprotektahan ba ng PS-DBM ang interes ng gobyerno at ng bayan sa pagbili ng face mask at PPE?

Opo. Dahil nagbayad lang po tayo sa suppliers pagkatapos po madeli-ver, ma-inspect at ma-accept ang mga items. So actually this is what then Usec. Lloyd Lao was saying this is the pinaka-safeguard po natin.

Under emergency cases po kasi, the factor is you have to address the emergency, procure immediately and then --- so that we can address po ‘yung pangangailangan, ‘yung emergency. If they cannot --- if they cannot deliver, then we do not pay. So that’s how we protect the government’s money po.

So surgical mask suppliers. So dito po pinapakita po ‘yung various po natin na suppliers at kung magkano po nabili at pinapakita po na delivered po talaga sila, wala pong ghost purchases. So as you can see, iba-iba po ‘yung presyo noong simula po ng pandemya. May nabili po tayong mura, may nabili po tayong mahal. Depende po ‘yan sa supplier but we cannot afford not to buy because we are trying to save lives. So we cannot say na just because it’s nearer to P28, we will not procure that and just let you get exposed to the virus. Hindi po puwede ‘yun. Ang atin pong ginagawa is to address the emergency and save lives.

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So as you can see, EMS, it began delivering in June 1, 2020 po. Iyan po ‘yung ating P13.50, complete deliveries po. This is still EMS, ito po ‘yung mga deliveries niya, quantity and date delivered. So this is again an online article, “1st batch of complete PPE sets from China arrives,” April 1, 2020. “PH carriers add wings to PPE deliveries, to get 170,000 sets China.” So tinap natin kahit ang Philippine Airlines and Cebu Pacific.

“OCD distributes additional DOH procured PPEs to hospitals.”

So this data came from, I think the OCD, it shows how the PPEs were distributed. I think they can better answer these questions. Total distributed PPEs as of August 25, 2020 source OCD. So as you can see on the right side of the screen, those are the quantities distributed to the different regions.

Thank you very...

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**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Atty. Liong, if you are listening to us, thank you for your... Allow me to define further the persona of Gordon.

Itong si Gordon, in 2017, he was sa Senate Blue Ribbon Committee who filed a resolution to investigate this P6.4 billion worth of shabu shipment from China wherein Eduardo Acierto was involved. Siya mismo sa Senate niya sa Blue Ribbon. Then in 2018, the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee recommended for the DOJ and Ombudsman to further investigate Eduardo Acierto for multiple law violations.

Ito ang sinasabi ko si Acierto was connected with a unit that had something to do with drugs. Ito ‘yung sinasabi ko na pino-program nila ‘yung mga foreigners, karamihan diyan Chinese. Tapos hulihin kunyari nila, sabi nila in possession or connected with a syndicate in the trafficking of drugs.

Ito ang style nila tapos hulihin, hingian ng pera, i-release. Pero marami ring mga biktima noon, there were a lot of victims that were invited for questioning who never re-appeared again, ibig sabihin, namatay. And Acierto was one of the players there kagaya noong Korean na sinaksak sa loob ng Crame mismo, iyun sila --- laro nila ‘yun. Kanila ‘yun and Acierto was a player in that.

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Ngayon, dalawang beses nila in-investigate si Acierto. Ngayon tinawag niya as a witness for the Senate Committee noong sa drugs ni Michael Yang pati ‘yung si Allan Lim. You know why? Because noon pino-program --- hindi man alam ni Gordon. Eh si Gordon bugok eh, walang nalaman. Basta kung ano lang ang papel na nasa harap niya, ‘yun na ‘yun and that’s it. He does not have any connections at all. Wala ‘yang... Sabagay ako mayor tapos naging Presidente, mas marami akong briefing being present when these things were sorted out in the past.

Iyung si Yang pati si Allan, pino-program man nila ‘yun. Kaya nag-reklamo kasi may tinatanong na raw siya and invited, hindi siya sumama. Tapos sabi ko sige tignan ko. Kinalkal ko ‘yung ano report to justify why he was being invited at nakita ko doon lahat ng derogatory evidence or proof, galing lahat kay Acierto, siya lang. Walang report galing NICA, galing report sa... Dapat mag-ano ‘yan eh, mag... At sometime, mag-ano talaga ‘yan, mag-abot ‘yan in one --- makita mo one picture of how trafficking is being done.

Pero itong si Acierto, siya lang. Kaya nagsuspetsya na ako. Sabi ko, “Michael pati ikaw, pino-program kayo. Be careful.” Sabi ko, “Pino- program lang kayo ng...” Hindi ko sinabi ‘yung pangalan niya. Sinabi ko lang may mga pulis diyan na g\*\*\*. Ito ‘yung mga pulis na kinidnap ‘yung Korean tapos...

You know, when I was in Korea, I had --- I was asked. Hindi ko malaman kung anong isagot ko talaga sa hiya ko na itong kalokohan nila, ang kalokohan nila. Alam mo, ang sabi nga ni ano... Ito, mga graduate ito ng PMA. Pero ito may mga --- ito ‘yung mga may factory defect. Ito ‘yung mga iyung PMA, that is one big organization eh. Diyan natin kinukuha ‘yung the finest and the brightest na mga sundalo natin opisyal. Parang factory ‘yan pero p\*\*\*... May pumasok kagaya nitong mga Acierto at ‘yung ibang mga g\*\*\*\*\* police officer, ito ‘yang mga factory defect. Eh nakalusot eh kaya puro kriminal. Itong mga tao na ito, I suppose wala itong ginawa noon pa in their civilian life ano na talaga ito, they were not imbued with the sense of patriotism by being there sa Academy. Ito ‘yung naghahanap ng...

Ganito ‘yan eh, noon --- noon, ewan ko ngayon. Sabagay nandiyan si Sir Año. Ang tanong ‘yan, “Saan ba magkapera dito? Saang assignment?” The most lucrative assignment is the one where they can get the money. Tulad nitong pulis, kaya tandaan ninyo ha, pagka iniimbestigahan na kayo tapos niyayaya kayo ng ano, huwag kayong sumama. Paalamin ninyo na you are being invited there and you want your lawyer to be present. Huwag kayong basta-bastang sumama kasi you will... Ang mangyari sa iyo --- what will happen to you would be the same fate that the others ‘yung kagaya noong Koreano that was kidnapped, he was killed. Tapos dinala doon sa punerarya, binuhusan ng asido kaya nawala.

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Pero by and large, ang pulis natin --- it’s a big huge organization --- ang karamihan diyan okay. Kagaya ‘yung mga --- mga nasa ano ngayon, nasa puwesto, at one time or another --- they are not from Davao actually. They were assigned in Davao City kaya nakilala ko ‘yang mga ‘yan. Iyung iba, talagang... Kagaya si Bato. True-blue, full-blooded ano ‘yan Visayan.

So itong ulitin ko, 2017 pati 2018, iniimbestigahan nila ito si Eduardo Acierto, Blue Ribbon Committee si Gordon. Ngayon present time, fast forward tayo, ginagawa ng g\*\*\*\*\* Gordon na ito si Acierto na isang g\*\*\* rin na pulis --- kaya diyan hindi ko maintindihan kung bakit ganoon si Gordon --- using a perjured witness itong si [Acierto]. Senator Gordon, it is a crime when you present a perjured --- use a perjured witness in an official proceedings in Congress or in government. Alam mo ‘yan, abugado ka.

So much about Gordon. Itong si Acierto, p\*\*\*\*\* --- nag-testify diyan sa ano, iyan ‘yung sa YouTube ba ‘yun? Ang masakit sa akin, u\*\*\* kang p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* l\*\*\*\* ka, nag-smuggle ka ng 1,000 AK-47 at ibinigay mo doon sa NPA. So it comes late but okay lang.

And the [COVID-19] concerns, si Secretary Duque, Secretary Galvez, Secretary Año, I think they have something to report to the people. Itong atin ito, ang ating audience is the nation. Iyung audience nila sa

Congress, ‘yung mga tao doon. Ang aking audience ang Pilipino. So makinig kayo mabuti kasi sinabi ko foremost is malaman ninyo kung saan ang pera ng gobyerno napunta at anong ginastusan. Iyan ang ano. Kay kung maniwala kayo kay Gordon, eh ‘di bahala na.

Ayan, noong Olongapo pa ‘yan. Yumaman nang husto ‘yan. He was the king of... Kaya noong pinaalis siya ni Ramos, hinahabol niya si Ramos kasi gusto niyang pa-reinstate. Fixed term kasi ang kuwan --- ang sa... Talagang there was a footage doon na hinahabol niyan si --- tumatakbo sa --- he was trying to catch the attention of the President. I think the President was at the time mobiling and he was standing diyan sa in one of the corners there. He tried to chase the Presidential entourage kasi gusto niya noon magpa-retain sa --- gusto niyang hawakan ang Subic. Ngayon, wala na ang Subic sa kanya pero may Red Cross naman siya. Alam mo itong...

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May I remind the good Senator that alam mo ‘yung corruption mo diyan sa Red Cross, buhay ang nilalaro mo diyan. As a matter ang capital mo nga dugo. Hindi --- hindi ka na nahiya diyan sa p\*\*\*? Ang laro mo diyan buhay. Ang kapital mo dugo. Iyung mga contributions diyan were just a long way really to buy... Alam mo mahilig kayong magpa-bloodletting. Isang battalion na pulis, isang battalion na army. Tapos ang mga tao diyan kung kailangan, bumili. Ang mahirap diyan o mayaman gusto ng dugo sa Red Cross, nagbabayad.

Nasaan naman ‘yung mga dugo na kinuha mo diyan sa mga sundalo, pati pulis, pati ‘yung mga civilian? I’m just trying to reconcile. What’s the...? Magbayad ka maski mahirap ka. Eh ang purpose nga magpa-bloodletting ka is may maibigay kang tulong sa kapwa mo Pilipino. And yet, when somebody is sick, whether rich and poor, if he wants blood...

Kaya ako lang kung makausap ko si Dracula, ipakagat kita natutulog, kunin lahat dugo mo. Marami kang dugo, ang katawan mo bilog na bilog puro dugo ‘yan. Ako galit ako sa iyo Gordon, talaga sa totoo lang. Alam mo bakit? Kilala mo ako all these years, hindi mo ako nakita nagbabastos ng tao. Nakikita man ninyo the way I behave, I defer to you. Pero pag na --- pag nawala ang respeto ko sa tao, anak ka ng p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* bantay ka, bababuyin talaga kita hanggang mamatay ka o hanggang harapin mo ako, tapos papiliin kita kung ano ang gusto mo.

Iyan, nawala na ang respeto ko sa iyo kaya sabi ko sa taong Pilipino, huwag ninyong iboto ‘yang buang na ‘yan kay ‘yan lang ang... Umalis na ‘yung Amerikano, naiwan ‘yan siya.

We now go... Secretary Duque, let us proceed with the reporting…

DOH SECRETARY FRANCISCO DUQUE III: Yes sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** …to the --- para sa Pilipino ito ha, makinig kayo.

SEC. DUQUE: Magandang gabi po, Mr. President; at Senator Bong Go; at ang mga kasama ko po sa Gabinete; at higit po sa lahat sa atin pong mga kababayan.

At muli magbibigay po kami ng pinakahuling ulat patungkol sa ating COVID-19 situationer. Pangalawa po ay ‘yung maiksing ulat ko naman patungkol sa bagong alert level system para po sa COVID-19 response na ito pong sistemang ito ay ipa-pilot test po natin sa National Capital Region beginning tomorrow, September 16 up to the 30th. Ang pangatlo naman pong ulat ko ay patungkol naman sa latest whole genome sequencing results at ang pang-apat po ang healthcare worker benefits. At ang pinakahuli naman po ang maiksing updates patungkol naman po sa ating vaccination. Ang detalye naman po noon ay ang mag-uulat si Secretary Galvez --- next slide please.

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Ngayon naman pong ika-15 ng Setyembre ngayong taon, ang atin pong pangkalahatan caseload ay umabot sa 2,283,011 cases kasama na po rito ang bagong naitalang 16,989. At sa loob ng caseload na ito, ang active cases po natin ay nasa 170,446. Ang katumbas po nito ay 7.47 percent kasama na po rito ang 16,761 new cases. At ito pong mga aktibong kaso ay sa kasalukuyan either naka-admit po sa mga ospital or naka-isolate po sa mga facilities. Out of this, iyun pong 166,876 equivalent to 97.91 percent ay mga asymptomatic, mild and moderate.

Samantalang ang kabuuang severe and critical cases ay nasa humigit-kumulang 3,550, mga ganoon ho at ang katumbas po nito ay ang halos mataas ng kaunti sa dalawang porsyento, severe and critical. Sa punto naman ng recoveries nasa 90.97 percent tayo at ito po ay nasa 2,076,823 kasama na po dito ‘yung bagong mga gumaling na 24,123.

Samantalang ang atin pong mga pumanaw, case fatality rate ay nasa 1.57 percent. Bumaba po ito nang bahagya mula sa 1.66 percent noong mga nakaraang linggo. At ang pangkalahatan bilang ng atin pong mga pumanaw ay umabot na 35,742 at mayroon po tayong bagong naitalang mga pumanaw na 214.

At ang mga pangunahin na rehiyon na nakapag-ambag sa atin pong mga bagong kaso: ang NCR, nag-ambag ng 4,391 new cases; sunod ang Region IV-A, nasa 3,681; samantalang ang Region III ay nasa 1,681. At ang mga pangunahing lugar naman na mga lalawigan at mga siyudad na nakapag-ambag sa atin pong kasalukuyang caseload: ang Cavite ang nangunguna sa 1,674; ang Quezon City nasa 1,261; at Laguna naman po nasa 658.

So bibigyan-diin ko lamang po na ang mga Pilipinong may edad na 50 taong gulang hanggang mahigit 80 taong gulang, ang kanila pong case fatality rate ay napakamataas, 4.9 percent. At kung ikukumpara natin ito doon sa mga pumanaw na mababa sa isang taon hanggang sa 49 na taong gulang na kung saan ang case fatality rate ay nasa napakamaba-bang porsyento, .39 lang po compared to 4.9 dito po sa elderly population. Kanya binibigyang-diin po natin na sa bakunahan ay lagi natin bibigyan prayoridad ang atin pong mga A2 or the senior citizens.

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Patungkol naman po ito Mr. President, ay sa ating healthcare worker benefits. Mayroon ng P15.1 billion benepisyong naipamahagi ang atin pong gobyerno sa atin pong mga healthcare workers mula September 2020 hanggang sa kasalukuyan. Kabilang po rito ang higit 13 billion na special risk allowance at active hazard duty pay. Halos one billion para sa meals, accommodation, and transportation, and life insurance. Nakapagbigay na rin tayo ng abot sa 500 million na sickness and death benefits para po sa ating mga healthcare workers na nagkaroon po ng COVID infection.

Nagpapasalamat kami Mr. President sa inyo at sa DBM sa mabilis na pag-aksyon sa aming request para sa Batch 3 and 4 ng SRA payments. Sila po ay nagbigay ng 888 million, itong pinakahuli. At mula rito nai- download na po natin sa mga Centers for Health Development or regional offices at health facilities ang P882 million at ongoing ang sub-allotment ng balanseng six million.

At patuloy na nangangalap ng pondo ang inyo pong DOH para maka-pagbigay ng dagdag na benepisyo para sa ating healthcare workers. At sa ngayon, mayroon tayong karagdagang request na pondo sa DBM upang mabigyan ng SRA ang ika-limang batch or grupo ng atin pong mga mapagsakripisyong healthcare workers.

And lastly, Mr. President --- next slide --- ang atin pong mga pagbubuod ay ang mga sumusunod: Patuloy na tumataas ang mga kaso sa bansa kung saan nananatiling nasa high risk level ang 92 percent ng atin pong mga lokalidad. Ito po, 111 out of 121 provinces, highly urbanized cities and independent component cities. Sa unang dalawang linggo ng Septyembre, tayo ay nakapagtala ng 83 COVID-19 deaths kada araw on the average.

At dahil sa patuloy na tumataas na healthcare at ICU utilization rate, amin pong paulit-ulit na hinihikayat o inuudyok ang mga ospital at lokal na pamahalaan na maglaan ng sapat na COVID-19 beds, ICUs at mechanical ventilators upang magkaroon ng sapat na kapasidad para sa ating moderate, severe and critical cases.

Kinakailangan din natin gamitin --- napakamahalaga po ito para hindi mabilaukan ang atin pong mga ospital --- ang temporary treatment and monitoring facilities. Ito po ay ang mga quarantine facilities para po sa ating mga asymptomatic and mild cases na dapat dito po at hindi sa mga ospital magpupuntahan. Makatutulong po sa ating pag-decongest ang atin pong mga ospital sa ganito pong pamamaraan at malaking tulong po ang atin One COVID Referral Center. Ito po ‘yung ating patient navigation and referral center at itinuturo, ginagabayan ang mga pasyente depende po sa kanilang clinical manifestation kung saan maaangkop na pasilidad na dapat po silang ma-admit.

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So Mr. President, ito na lamang po ang aking huling bahagi ng pag-uulat at handa na po akong sumagot sa inyo pong mga katanungan. Salamat po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Thank you. Thank you, Secretary Duque. Let me just also give my own take.

Simply the COVID cases are rising all throughout the country, tumataas po. Tumataas, maraming nahahawa, a lot of them are afflicted all over the country na. At it used to be that the children were not affected by the contamination noon, pero ngayon pati bata. So just be careful. We are put on notice that ang mga ospital natin punong-puno at saka maraming namatay na sa atin, it’s 30,000 plus. It’s going to increase as we travel this journey through the COVID pandemic.

Let me just ask you to again, exercise the cautionary measures of washing, then distancing and wearing the mask. And of course I said, if you will the --- itong face shield will provide an added premium of --- well of course, prevention. It might not really be a big percentage but even if it’s just a five percent more protected because you have the shield, eh mas maganda na ‘yan. Ano ba naman ‘yang inconvenience to the fact of getting sick and probably dying? Lalo na itong COVID [Delta] ngayon, it has affected the children also.

Ang sunod ho na magsalita ay si Secretary Galvez, then after that Secretary Año, then the panel there, diyan sa inyo.

NTF COVID-19 CHIEF IMPLEMENTER AND VACCINE CZAR CARLITO GALVEZ JR.: Mr. President, Senator Bong Go, my fellow Cabinet members, to our panel members in the web, magandang gabi po.

Sa ngayon pong araw ay may mga significant updates po tayo sa mga delivery --- next slide please. Sir, nagkaroon na po ng official pronouncement ang WHO for additional delivery of 10 million doses of Pfizer. At natutuwa po kami dahil kasi maganda po ang naging pagbisita po ni Secretary Delfin Lorenzana at saka po ni Secretary Locsin doon po sa US. At doon po nakapag-usap po sila ng State Department at nagka-roon po sila ng ano na talagang nagpasalamat sila sa pagdating po ng six million vaccines noong nagbigay po ang US.

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At bago nga po umalis si Chargé d’Affaires John Law nangako po siya na dadagdagan. At ito na nga po na nagdagdag po sila ng additional Pfizer na more or less 4.5 million para maging --- mabuo po ‘yung 10 million. So nagpapasalamat din po kami sa WHO sa kanilang masusing pag-ano po, pagfa-follow up sa ating mga donors.

And then kami po, nag-usap po kami ni Ambassador Romualdez dahil noong nagkaroon din po noong nagbisita po sila Secretary Lorenzana at saka Secretary Locsin ay kinausap din po nila ‘yung ano, ‘yung USAID at ‘yung pinakapinuno po ng USAID ay classmate niya pala ‘yung ano ng Moderna. So nangako ang Moderna po na nagkaroon po sila ng slippage na 1.8 million last month, ay pupunuan po ng five million po ang ide-deliver this ano --- this month. So magsisimula po sila bukas at saka sa Sunday baka magkaroon po tayo ng mga deliveries from Moderna.

And then magandang balita rin po ay magkakaroon po tayo ng --- baka ma-breach na po natin ‘yung 40 million na administered this ano, this week. Baka kung lalabas po ang result bukas po ng ating vaccination ay maka-40 million na po tayong naa-administer na vaccine. Malaki pong ano po ‘yun na 40 million na po tayo. And then ang isa pang magandang balita po Mr. President, assured po tayo na more than 30 million po ang darating na bakuna this September. Ipakikita ko po sa inyo ang mga deliveries --- next slide please.

Sir, ito po ‘yung total vaccines na nag-arrive na po sa atin. Unang-una po ‘yung 57.5 million na po ang total vaccines that arrived, kasama na po ‘yung dumating po ngayon na Pfizer ngayong gabi. And then naka 39 million na po tayo, 39.5 million na po total vaccines administered. At 22 million na po ang nakatanggap po ng first dose and 17.3 million ang second dose, fully vaccinated.

Kung titingnan po natin ito po ay nagre-represent ng 22.5 percent ng 70 percent ng total eligible populations or 15.7 percent ng total population po natin. So mayroon pa po tayong hinihintay na kabuuan na more or less hundred ano po, 130.6 million na vaccines na darating pa po ngayong --- ngayong ano, ngayong taon.

Sir, nagkaroon po kami ng parang dialogue with the Philippine Medical Association at saka Philippine College of Surgeon, at saka ‘yung ating mga volunteers na sa mga regional. At nandito po si ano si Sir Benny Atienza, ito po sa --- si Sir Gap Legaspi sa PGH at ang --- si Anna Ong-Lim. Ito po ‘yung mga ano natin, mga kasama po natin, mga more than 100 na ano po, na mga professionals na mga doctors.

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Kasi Mr. President, nakita po natin na ‘yung mga doktor po natin almost matagal na po nakaano, nakababad sa COVID-19 different waves. And ‘yung sinasabi niyo po sa akin na tingnan ang kalagayan ng ating mga doktor at ako po ay pinautusan rin po ni Secretary Duque dahil kasi medyo busy nga po tayo sa Senate hearing ay gina --- minarapat po natin na kahit na Sunday kausapin po natin sila at tingnan ‘yung kalagayan ng ating mga doktor.

At ako po’y natutuwa Mr. President, I was inspired that they are committed even though they are tired and talagang mararamdaman mo, sir, ‘yung hirap nila, nakita niyo ‘yung mga mata maiitim dahil puyat at saka stress. Nakita po natin iyong ating mga Filipino doctors talagang very dedicated po Mr. President. At sabi po nila, ipinapaabot po nila sa inyo na hindi po sila bibitiw sa atin. Talagang --- talagang tutulungan po talaga ang ating IATF na talagang...

Iyung PMA may mga regional ano sila, tutulong po sila sa atin, magvo- volunteer po sila para kung ano po ‘yung maitutulong nila sa mga nao- overwhelm na mga ospital ay tutulong po sila. Sa ngayon po, tumu-tulong po sila sa Butuan dahil marami pong namatay doon, sa Cagayan tumutulong din po sila, sa Batangas at saka po doon sa Pangasinan, sa lugar po ni Secretary Duque. So lahat po ng mga volunteers nagtutulong-tulong sila para at least mapagtulungan po nila ‘yung mga tinatawag natin na mga napakatataas po ng waiting doon po sa ER.

So ito po ‘yung ano, ‘yung isang mga --- pinakaimportanteng ano po na talagang gusto nilang ma-resolve. Kanina po tinawagan ko po si Sir idol Dante Gierran at sinabi ko po sa kanya ‘yung lahat ng ospital na referral COVID natin, ‘yun ang unahin na ma-reimburse. Iyun po ‘yung ano, ‘yung Philippine General Hospital, NKTI, East Avenue, ‘yung Tala at saka po ‘yung ano at saka po ‘yung --- ito pong Lung Center. At naging affirmative naman po ‘yung sagot niya na talagang titingnan niya ito ‘yung limang ospital na ito kasi marami pong mga reimbursable po na sa PhilHealth.

Kasi ang sinabi po ng mga director, once na nabigyan sila ng ano, they can ano, they can buy a lot of medicines and also supplies and also they can give additional benefits to the ano, to the healthcare workers. And then, ito po talaga, ito ang problema po natin, ito po talaga kahit na kay Senator Bong Go, marami pong humihingi talaga ng Tocilizumab.

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Actually po nag-prepare po tayo, kinausap po namin ‘yung ambassador ng ano, ambassador ng --- ng Switzerland noong last --- two months ago.

Ang kahirapan pala sir nito sir, ‘yung Roche, ‘yung gumagawa nito, ang dami pong --- iisa lang ang gumagawa pero mayroon na lang silang allocated na mga supply. For example sa atin, 5,000 lang ang allocation before, dinouble po nila na 10,000 every month. At ‘yun po, pagka kunwari po naka-allocate na po ‘yun at ang mahirap po dito ‘yung 10 --- ‘yung kunwari 10,000 or 15,000 na Tocilizumab, may naka-allocate na po kaagad. Kaya tumatawag --- tinatawagan ko rin ‘yung Zuellig at saka ano kung paano makakapag-produce, talagang wala po tayong makukuha kasi it is a global ano sir, global supply ano sir natin.

Kaya ‘yung mga iba sinasabi nga bakit hindi tayo nakapag-prepare?

Wala tayo talagang magawa sir. Actually, kinausap na namin sir ‘yung buong Roche at saka ‘yung Swiss ambassador, wala talagang ano, medyo nahihirapan po tayo sa production. So ito po ang medyo critical dahil kasi very ano po tayo sa Tocilizumab, talagang wala na po tayo at ang ano lang po natin ay ‘yung tinatawag nilang monoclonal medicine na puwedeng pang-alternate po sa Toci.

Pero ano po, kung puwede nating makausap din po ‘yung Swiss ambassador para maano po natin, para makapag-ano po tayo ng at least magkaroon tayo ng priority, considering tayo ang pinakamalakas na surge dito sa ano sa Southeast Asia.

Sir, ito po talaga sir ‘yung ano, ‘yung perennial ano po sir natin Mr. President, kailangan po talaga nating ma-solve ito dahil kasi ito po ang talagang lahat ng ospital talagang ina --- kanila pong ano, kanila pong

dinadaing ay talagang kulang po sila ng doktor, nurses and other related healthcare workers.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Mag-recruit tayo ng ano. Marami niyan ‘yung --- because the pay is good actually. Kaya baka we can convince more people to join us in this fight because I think the --- the lure of a good salary is there, medyo mataas na ngayon.

Iyung the starting for just an ordinary soldier is something like 30? Oh, 32. Kaya nga marami ‘yung mga nurses lumipat eh. And we will see what we can do. We will try to look for the money to have more recruits joining this fight against COVID.

SEC. GALVEZ: Sir, ‘yung next na ano sir nila sir ‘yung ensuring ‘yung enough oxygen cylinders kasi ‘yun palang ano sir ‘yun pa lang marami kunwari --- for example, ‘yung pagka naghalo pala sir ‘yung high-flow cannula at saka po ‘yung ventilators, ‘yung high-flow cannula is ‘yung isang cylinder po sir one hour lang po nila nagagamit. So kailangan palit-palit po ang mga cylinders ng ano ng oxygen.

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I believe ang kailangang-kailangan po ‘yung sa Lung Center kasi more than 41 po ‘yung ventilators nila na nagagamit at saka sa East Avenue.

Kaya po humingi po ako ng tulong kay Senator Bong Go para magkaroon na po ng tinatawag nating ano, ‘yung expedite approval of the establish-ment of the oxygen production plant in major hospitals. Kasi po pagka katulad nung sa SPMC, ang pagkakaalam ko po mayroon po siyang ano eh, ‘yung tinatawag nating ‘yung oxygen production plant.

Kasi pagka naghalo daw po ‘yung ano maraming pong pasyente gumamit ‘yung high- flow cannula at saka po ‘yung ventilator, pagka po nagka-sabay-sabay po ‘yan, ‘yung kumbaga sa ano po ‘yung pressure po humihina. So kailangan po talaga mayroon siyang self-sustaining na ano oxygen plant ang isang hospital para makaano po siya. At saka kung just in case na talagang magkaroon po ng tinatawag nating maraming ano po marami pong mga pasyente, ‘yun po napakaano po, pagka nagkaroon po ng tinatawag nating disruption sa oxygen, malaki po ang probability na mamatay ‘yung tao.

And then ‘yung magandang recommendation po nila, which I will recommend this to the IATF, ‘yung tinatawag na implementation of quadrant/sectoring concept of referral hospital. Kasi mayroon po tayo sa ano po, sa ating contingency plan sa ating earthquake, mayroon po tayong quadrant sa Metro Manila, mayroon po tayong quadrant ng ano po, ng tinatawag nating north --- northwest, northeast, southwest, southeast.

Iyun po ginawa po natin ‘yan ni Secretary Duque na ‘yung ating mga referral hospital nasa quadrant po na ‘yun. Ngayon, ire-revisit po namin kasi para mas maganda magtulungan po ‘yung mga cities na nandoon sa quadrants para po ‘yung ano ‘yung katulad ng kunwari --- for example ‘yung PGH, panay COVID ang kukunin niya, katulad din po ng Tala hospital, panay COVID lang ang kukunin niya and then ‘yung the other non-COVID will be taken care by the ano, by the other hospitals. So para so ang mangyayari po made-decongest po ‘yung ating One Hospital Command. Para ang ano po natin, bibiyakin po natin sa apat na grupo ‘yung One Hospital Command.

So ‘yun lang po, Mr. President, at sir inuulit ko po ‘yung ating mga healthcare workers, talagang nakita natin ‘yung tibay ng loob nila and we are recommending na talagang in the near future, we will recognize them as our heroes kasi nakita po natin Mr. President, talagang they are holding on even though --- despite na talagang nakita natin na overwhelmed na po ‘yung mga hospital.

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**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** I’m happy to hear it.

Secretary Año?

DILG SECRETARY EDUARDO AÑO:Magandang gabi po, Mr. President; Senator Bong Go; fellow public servants and workers in the government --- please next slide.

Sisimulan ko po ang aking report ngayong gabi sa pagbabahagi sa inyo ng updates ng ayuda sa National Capital Region, sa Laguna at sa Bataan. Tapos na po ang pamamahagi ng ayuda sa National Capital Region. Ang kabuuang halagang naipamahagi ay umabot na sa P11.22 billion kung saan mahigit 11 milyong benepisyaryo ng NCR ang nakatanggap na ng ayuda mula sa pamahalaan --- next slide please.

Narito naman ang breakdown kung saan mapapansin natin na may natitirang 29.4 milyong piso sa alokasyon ng Makati City na hindi pa naipamimigay. Ayon sa lokal na pamahalaan ng Makati, nabigyan na ng LGU ang lahat ng benepisyaryong nakatala sa kanilang inisyal na listahan pati na ang mga kwalipikadong indibidwal na nagsumite ng kanilang aplikasyon sa Grievance and Appeals Committee. At dahil wala ng karagdagang claimants ay ibabalik nila ang natitirang halaga sa Bureau of Treasury.

So dito po nakita natin ay 100 percent accomplished na po tayo. Naipamigay na po natin ang P11.22 billion sa lahat ng benepisyaryo ng National Capital Region --- next slide. Sa probinsiya naman po ng Laguna, nasa 87.02 percent ang pamamahagi ng ayuda sa 2.362 million Laguna residents na siyang nakatanggap ng tulong pinansyal mula sa pamahalaan na may kabuuang halagang P2.362 billion --- next slide. Ito po ang distribution sa probinsiya ng Laguna. Out of 30 municipalities, 19 na po ang nakapag-distribute ng 100 percent accomplishment --- next.

Sa probinsiya naman po ng Bataan, 431,054,000 beneficiaries na ng probinsiya ng Bataan ang nakatanggap ng financial assistance. Sa kabuuan ay nasa 61.73 percent o P431.05 million ang kabuuang alokasyon mula sa P698 million ang naipamahagi sa lahat ng LGUs ng Bataan --- next slide. Sir, ito po ang distribution ng ating ayuda sa iba’t ibang municipalities ng ating probinsiya ng Bataan --- next slide.

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Ito naman po Mr. President, isa-summarize ko lang po ang mga naganap sa loob ng 10 araw. Karamihan po dito ay inyong ini-report, ‘yung mga malalaking operasyon na kung saan ay nakakuha tayo ng halos daang- daang kilo ng shabu.

So sa loob po ng 10 araw ay mayroong 18 na nag-surrender. At nakapag-conduct po ang PNP, PDEA, AFP at NICA ng 1,119 operations kung saan 1,659 persons ang naaresto at ikinasawi ng siyam na tao during police operations. Dito po makikita Mr. President, na 818 kilo-grams ng shabu; 13.22 kilograms ng marijuana. Sa loob po ng 10 araw ay P5.58 billion ang na-recover na halaga ng shabu ang na-recover ng ating mga law enforcement units. Pinakamalaking score po ‘to sa isang maliit na period ng 10 araw.

Tutulong din po kami Mr. President, sa pag-recruit ng mga nurses. Uutusan po natin ang PNP, Bureau of Fire Protection at BJMP na magbigay ng allocation sa quota ng mga nurses simula po ngayong taon na ito --- next slide please.

Ang atin pong nalalapit na pilot testing para sa bagong alert levels system sa NCR ay magsisimula na po bukas, September 16 at masasabi po natin na handa na ang DILG, ang LGUs ng National Capital Region, ang Philippine National Police sa implementasyon. Malinaw na po at pulido na rin ang ating mga guidelines sa ngayon at natapos na rin ang mga coordination sa iba’t ibang ahensyang katulong natin sa pagpapatupad nito.

Ang National Capital Region po ay isasailalim sa Alert Level No. 4 na kung saan din po ang mga critical zones or areas ay ilalagay sa granular lockdown. At atin pong pinapaalalahanan ang ating mga kababayan na dapat ay susunod tayo sa minimum public health standard sa lahat ng oras.

Iyan lamang po Mr. President. Maraming salamat po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Thank you Secretary Año.

May we hear first from si ano, si Food and Drug, Atty. Domingo? You have something to say? Wala na?

FDA DIRECTOR GENERAL ROLANDO ENRIQUE DOMINGO: Yes sir, opo.

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Good evening po, Mr. President; kay Senator Bong at saka sa lahat po ng mga Cabinet members.

Ito po, bigyan ko lang po kayo ng kaunting update sa mga bakuna natin at saka ‘yung mga nakikita po natin na epekto niyan ‘no sa ating population. Nabanggit niyo po Mr. President, kanina na kahit sa mga bata nagkakaroon na po ng COVID. So pag po dumating ‘yung panahon na enough na po ang supply natin --- next slide please --- at saka po mayroon na po tayong regular supply at magbabakuna na po tayo ng mga bata, mayroon naman po tayong mga option na bakunang maaaring gamitin.

Iyung next slide --- unang-una po sir, ‘yung Pfizer na vaccine nabigyan na po ‘yan natin ng EUA for use sa mga bata na 12 years old to 17 years old. So ito po ‘yung first option natin. Na-check na po ng ating mga experts at ‘yun pong data nila to show safety at efficacy po sa mga bata, 12 to 17 ay nakita naman ‘no. Mayroon lang pong mga very rare na instances of myocarditis or parang inflammation ng puso na madali naman pong gamutin at very rare nangyayari --- next slide.

Doon sa next slide po natin, makikita ‘yung second option po natin Mr. President, ‘yun pong Moderna na vaccine, another mRNA vaccine. Iyan po ‘yung second na bakuna na tiningnan ng ating mga vaccine experts at binigyan na po natin ‘yan ng EUA for 12 years old to 17 years old. So ito po ‘yung unang dalawang bakuna natin na maaaring gamitin sa mga bata.

Doon naman po sa ating mga other vaccines, ‘yun pong Sinopharm mayroon na po ‘yang dalawang EUA ngayon ‘no. Dalawa po kasi ang factory niya sa Wuhan, mayroon pong isang private na company na kumuha po ng EUA niyan. Tapos doon naman po sa Beijing, na-grant na rin po namin ng EUA ang Department of Health. So ang Department of Health can also act as the ano procurer po ‘no ng vaccine kung bibili po tayo ng Sinopharm from the Beijing plant. Puwede po silang diretso na government-to-government po ang procurement with the DOH as the importer --- next slide please.

At ito po huli na atin pong bagong in-approve Mr. President, ay ‘yung EUA po nung Sputnik Light. Iyung Sputnik Light po ay single dose na bakuna, para po siyang ‘yung Janssen. So kapag po ang tao ay naturukan ng isang bakuna, fully vaccinated na po ang bilang natin sa kanya. So ito po ay maaari pong gamitin natin kapag binili po halim-bawa nila Secretary Charlie itong Sputnik Light sa mga lugar na mahi-hirap abutin, ‘yun pong mahirap magbigay ng dalawang doses at ‘yun pong cold chain natin ay two degrees to eight degrees, ito po ‘yung mga ano ‘no mga populasyon na maaari pong gamitan ng bakuna na ‘to. Medyo madali po ‘yung kanyang logistics at ‘yun nga po at single dose lamang po siya.

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So ‘yun po ang ating makikita dito sa atin pong real world data sa Pilipinas that definitely po the benefit of vaccination outweighs the risk and that the vaccines are really an effective and critical tool to control the pandemic. Kahit po makikita natin sa data po natin sa NCR kung saan napakarami na po nating nabakunahan, more than 50 percent, ang mortality rate po ng COVID ay mas mababa po ngayon na ang dami-daming kaso kaysa po noong early part of the year ‘no na kaunti pa po ang nabakunahan. Kaya it is important to complete the recommended doses.

Talaga pong bumababa po after the first dose ang incidence of COVID. Pero after the second dose, talaga pong malaki pa po ang binabagsak ng incidence nito. Breakthrough infections can still occur. Wala pong 100 percent na efficacy na vaccine. But it ano po, it happens in a very small percentage of fully vaccinated individuals and most of them would get mild disease. Very rare na po ‘yung severe COVID kapag po fully vaccinated.

Eh kaya po talagang importante lamang --- at katulad po nang sinabi niyo kanina, kahit po vaccinated na tayo, observe health protocols. And ‘yun nga po, nananawagan kami sa ating mga vaccinators, sa healthcare workers natin at saka vaccine recipients, na pag may maramdaman po sila sa bakuna, i-report po nila sa amin sa FDA para po matuloy natin ang monitoring and it will help us make decisions in the future.

Iyan lang po Mr. President. Maraming salamat.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Thank you Atty. Domingo.

Now let us hear from the MMDA.

MMDA CHAIRMAN BENJAMIN “BENHUR” ABALOS JR.:

Thank you Mr. President.

Magandang gabi po, Mr. President; Senator Bong Go; ES Medialdea; sa lahat po ng mga Cabinet members.

Gusto ko lang pong sabihin Mr. President, na bago po tayo mag-Talk to the People ngayon, kaninang 6 o’clock po ay nakipagpulong po ako sa lahat ng mga mayors ng Metro Manila, at gusto ko pong sabihin sa inyo na handang-handa na po sila.

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Kasama po namin sa pagpupulong kanina ang kapulisyahan, si General Dickson at si General Danao nang sa ganoon ay bukas po talagang hihigpitan namin sa Metro Manila. Talagang huhulihin po namin ‘yung mga talagang hindi ho sumusunod ‘no sa mga protocols.

At si Usec. Densing po ng DILG kasama rin namin, klinaro ang mga mayors sa ibang provision ng mga bagong alert level and of course, si Usec. Tomas po ng DSWD to make sure po itong tinatawag nating mga lockdowns na may mga binibigay pong mga grocery ay inayos din po namin para maghahatian po ng resource sharing.

At gusto ko rin pong pasabi Mr. President, na nagpasa po ng resolusyon na ang curfew ay ia-adjust namin. From 8 o’clock, gagawin na pong 10 o’clock, 10 to 4 a.m. At habang pong may pilot ‘no ay kami po ay tuloy- tuloy pa ring magpapabakuna dahil sa ngayon po ang nabakunado sa Metro Manila ay 61.85 percent. In one month, posibleng maging 80 percent na po ang dalawang dose na may bakuna sa Metro Manila. And by December 13, the rate we are going, pinakamaliit po ay 88 percent or 88.62 percent ng Metro Manilans ay dalawa na po ang bakuna.

Iyon lang po Mr. President. Maraming salamat po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Thank you Chairman.

Let me see the faces of the ‘yung panel. Well, I’d like to call Secretary Lorenzana.

DND SECRETARY DELFIN LORENZANA: Magandang gabi Mr. President; Senator Bong Go; mga kapwa kong lingkod-bayan; at mga kababayan.

Narito ang mga nagawa --- can I have my slide please --- narito ang mga nagawa ng response cluster sa ika-pitong linggo nang pagpapatupad sa ating Crisis Action Plan Against COVID-19 --- slide two.

Ito po ang status ng mga returning Filipinos. Mayroon pong dumating na [garbled] milyon na mga tao, 1.4 million total, isang milyong mga overseas at saka [garbled] overseas... [garbled] --- next slide.

Ituloy ko lang po itong aking ulat. Ang communities sub-cluster ay magsisimulang ipatupad ang bagong guidelines sa pagsasailalim sa NCR at NCR Plus sa alert levels simula bukas, ika-16 ng Setyembre. Ito po ‘yung naiulat kanina ni Secretary Año. Nagpatupad ng granular lockdown simula ika-8 ng Setyembre sa ilang lugar sa NCR, Central Luzon, CALABARZON, at MIMAROPA. Natitiyak na sapat na bilang ng contact tracers sa buong bansa na umabot na sa 128,845 katao.

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Weather outlook po, ito po ‘yung outlook natin ng weather sa mga susunod na araw. Wala na po tayong inaasahang bagyo sa mga darating na panahon. Nakalipas na po ‘yung si Kiko, ‘yun na po ang huli nating nakita ngayon --- next slide, next slide.

Ah ‘yan po Mr. President, ang huli ko pong ulat. Maraming salamat po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Salamat Secretary Lorenzana.

Secretary Panelo?

CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL LEGAL COUNSEL SALVADOR PANELO:

Gusto ko lang pong magbigay ng pagsusuri at magbigay ng aking analysis doon po sa nagaganap na kontrobersya na napaloob po doon sa inyong pahayag kung saan ay sinabihan niyo po si Secretary Duque and for that matter any member of the Cabinet. Na bago pumunta sa hearing sa Senado ngayon, pag sila’y nakatanggap ng subpoena, eh kailangan munang pumunta sa inyo at kunin ang inyong pahintulot.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Correct.

SEC. PANELO: At ang mga kritiko ay nagsimula na naman pong punahin at pulaan ang inyong direktiba. At sina-cite po nila ang isang kaso, ‘yun pong Senate v. Ermita G.R No. 169777. Ito po ay dinesi-syunan ng Korte Suprema noong Abril 20, 2006. At ang atin pong ponente rito ay ‘yung kaibigan nating si Justice Conchita Carpio-Morales.

Iyun pong mga kritiko sinasabi nila na ‘yung direktiba ninyo na humingi muna ng pahintulot sa inyo ang isang Cabinet member bago um-attend ng Senate hearing diyan sa Blue Ribbon, eh hindi sang-ayon doon sa desisyon ng Senate v. Ermita. Ang nakikita po natin, mukhang ‘yung mga kritiko kasama na po ‘yung mga ibang senadores diyan na binasa ‘yung Senate v. Ermita, mukhang hindi po nila fully appreciated kung hindi nila naunawaan ‘yung sinasabi ng Korte Suprema sapagkat ang paksain po doon ay ‘yung Executive Order No. 464 na in-issue po ito ni Presidente Arroyo kaugnay naman po ito doon sa pagbabawal niya ng sinumang Cabinet member o mga military officers na um-attend sa isang congressional hearing ng walang pahintulot sa kanya.

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Kaya nagpunta po sila sa Korte Suprema at kinukuwestiyon nila ‘yung Executive Order 464. Parang pinalalabas po ng mga kritiko pati na ‘yung mga senador na ‘yung Executive Order 464 ay in-invalidate ng Korte Suprema. Subalit hindi po totoo ‘yun sapagkat mayroong in-invalidate at mayroong in-uphold. At ang in-uphold nga po doon ‘yung karapatan ng Presidente na huwag pahintulutan ang isang Cabinet member na um-attend. Sapagkat alam po ninyo, para sa impormasyon ng mga nakikinig po sa atin, mayroon pong provision sa Saligang Batas particularly Article 6, Section 21 and Section 22.

Kasi parang pinalalabas po nila kayo ay nakikialam at bakit daw pinagbabawalan ninyo ang imbestigasyon at ayaw niyong payagan ang mga miyembro ng Gabinete na na-subpoena na umattend. So in effect, sinasabi nila na wala kayong karapatan na pigilan. Eh unang-una, hindi naman niyo pinipigilan. Sinasabi niyo nga eh ‘di ituloy niyo ang imbestigasyon. Kung mayroon kayong ebidensya, maghain na kayo.

Ang ayaw niyo nga sinasabi niyo, maliwanag na maliwanag naman sinasabi niyo, ang kinukuwestiyon niyo eh ‘yung pamamaraan ng pagpa-patupad nila ng isang inquiry o imbestigasyon kung saan, unang-una, gaya na nga ng sinabi niyo, binubusalsalan ninyo ‘yung bibig ng mga tinatawag niyong testigo diyan at hindi niyo pinapatapos ang kanilang mga pahayag. Kung saan kayo na ang nagtatanong, kayo pa ang sumasagot at hindi niyo pinapatapos at nagbibigay na kayo ng konklusyon.

Pangalawa, sabi niyo nga po, tatawagin niyo ‘yung mga Cabinet members pero nakatengga lang sila doon, natanong na naman sila, araw-araw may hearing hindi naman sila natatanong at nasasayang lang ang panahon nila doon sa hearing at hindi nila magampanan ang kanilang mga trabaho.

Balikan po natin ‘yung kung bakit nagkakaroon ng Senate investigation? Kagaya ng sinabi ko, mayroong Section 21 at Section 22 Article 6 of the Constitution. Iyun pong Section 21, may kapangyarihan ang Kongreso na tumawag ng imbestigasyon o inquiry in aid of legislation. So sabi ng Korte Suprema talagang mayroon silang karapatan. Pero iyun pong nangyayari ngayon, kung titingnan natin, gaya nga nang nabanggit niyo, mukha namang hindi in aid of legislation ‘yan.

Sapagkat unang-una, ano bang panukalang batas na pupuwede na ngang isulong kaugnay dito sa imbestigasyon sa pagbibili ng PPE, ng facemask, ng face shield? Sapagkat maliwanag naman, wala namang nagkukuwestiyon na ‘yung proseso sa pagbili, pagkakaroon ng bidding --- medyo wini-waive pa nga ‘yung bidding eh --- eh maliwanag naman parang walang maayos, maliwanag na sinasabi ang Kongreso o ‘yung committee na kaya nila ginagawa iyon dahil mayroon silang panukalang batas na gusto nilang isulong kaugnay dito sa imbestigasyon.

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So papasok po sila doon sa Section 22 kung saan sinasabi po ng Saligang Batas, ito ay question hour kung saan ang isang miyembro ng Gabinete at his own initiative with the consent of the President eh maaari pong magpunta sa committee hearing at pakinggan siya kaugnay doon sa kanyang departamento. Puwede pong --- ang sabi ng Saligang Batas, magbibigay siya ng advance questions tatlong araw bago maganap ang hearing, o kaya naman ito pong mga tanong na written questions ay hindi lang po puwedeng hanggang doon lang. It can cover other matters related to the subject of inquiry.

Sa madaling sabi, sa tingin po natin ‘yung ginagawa nila ngayon eh hindi ho in aid of legislation sapagkat wala tayong nakikitang panukalang batas na puwedeng isulong nila. This will fall under Section 22 na question hour na sinasabi ng Korte Suprema na mayroong karapatan ang Presidente na huwag pahintulutan ang isang Gabinete, miyembro, na um-attend. Sapagkat unang-una, may dalawa pong instances: kung ito’y involves national security, kung ito’y involves public interest, eh kailangan.

Sabi nga ng Saligang Batas eh diyan ilagay mo ‘yan sa executive session, kaya lang wala naman akong narinig niyan, mga [unclear]. And doon po sa desisyon niyo na ‘yun sinasabi ng Korte Suprema na kung dito papasok ‘yan sa question hour eh walang karapatan na pilitin ng Kongreso na um-attend ang isang Cabinet member. And logic will tell us kung wala silang karapatan na pilitin ang isang miyembro ng Gabinete na um-attend, necessarily wala silang karapatan na mag-impose ng citation ng contempt of Congress dahil hindi um-attend.

Well, wala nga silang karapatan eh. So maliwanag po kinikilala ng Korte Suprema na mayroon kayong kapangyarihan, karapatan na mag-inquire on a subject matter in aid of legislation. Pero sabi dito ng Korte Suprema, habang mayroon kayong kapangyarihan at karapatan, itong kapangyarihan na ito ay bukas sa paglabag. In other words, this is susceptible to abuse.

Bakit? Unang-una, puwedeng mag-conduct sila ng imbestigasyon kunwari in aid of legislation pero actually niyu-usurp nila, inaagawan nila ang function ng judiciary upang hanapin ang katotohanan.

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Pangalawa, eh gaya nga ho ng mga pagsusuri ng mga iba, eh mukhang ito’y in aid of election. Sapagkat paulit-ulit iniimbitahan mo, ang tanong ay klarong-klaro naman. Pati na ‘yung Commission on Audit sinasabi nila na walang overpriced. Pagkatapos, maliwanag din na may delivery sa ayos naman. Wala, walang nagrereklamo doon. So bakit pa ipinag-papatuloy ang imbestigasyon?

Kaya nga mayroon po kayong kapangyarihan, karapatan Ginoong Pangulo, na hingin muna ang inyong kapahintulutan bago pupunta ang isang Cabinet member doon. And that is pursuant precisely to the case of Senate v. [Ermita] na sina-cite nila labag sa inyo, kontra sa inyo, na mali ang intindi nila.

At mayroon din po akong gustong sabihin dito sapagkat nagpahayag po si --- narinig ko mismo na siya’y ini-interview doon sa isang programa --- na kayo mismo raw Presidente eh inaakusahan ka nila ng inciting to sedition. Ano ba ang inciting to sedition? Eh under the Revised Penal Code, specifically Article 14 --- ah 139, iyun pong crime na sedition sinasabi doon pag ang isang tao eh gumawa ng karahasan at isa sa mga hakbangin niya ang layunin ay to prevent the national government or alinman sa mga public officer na malayang mag-exercise ng kanilang function, oh iyan ay sedition.

Ngayon iyung inciting to sedition naman, pag kayo --- ng walang karahasan, without violence --- eh magsalita kayo na para bagang ibig niyong istorbohin o labagin o hadlangan ang isang public official na mag- execute ng function ng kanyang opisina, that is inciting to sedition. Iyan ang sinasabi ni Gordon sa inyo. You are trying to prevent him or his committee from exercising their functions, kaya inciting to sedition.

Eh ang sabi ko nga po sa statement na pinalabas ko sa media kanina, eh baka naman pag sinabi niyang inciting to sedition, he is referring to his committee. It is the one inciting to sedition. Bakit? Sapagkat siya ho ang humahadlang doon po sa mandate ng mga Cabinet members na mag-perform ng kanilang trabaho. Sapagkat pag ‘yan ay pinapunta mo roon ng walong oras, pitong oras, nandoon siya hindi naman siya tinatanong dahil natanong na, hindi ngayon siya makatrabaho. Hindi nga...

Eh alam naman po natin napakaselan ngayon ng panahon. Kailangan ang lahat ng mga Cabinet members ngayon nagtatrabaho upang tugunan ang pandemic, oh pagkatapos nandoon ka. Kaya tama nga ‘yung sinasabi niyo. Kaya ang katotohanan, it’s not you committing inciting to sedition. It’s the committee, the Blue Ribbon Committee headed by Gordon who and which --- he is the one committing inciting to sedition Ginoong Pangulo.

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Iyan lamang po.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sal, whatever is the stand of Gordon, this is my message: Do your worst and I’ll do mine. Idemanda mo ako ng sedition at idemanda rin kita at ako mismo ang maghuli sa iyo.

Thank you for the --- digressing on the finer points of law. Binasa ko na rin ‘yun Sal. May nabasa pa ako ‘yung mga reference point, if it becomes a --- almost like a --- a sham na you are there to persecute the people, it can be an exercise of exceeding the authority and then it becomes no authority at all. That is what --- well, may --- nagbasa ako ng ano... It’s not an absolute thing, you g\*\*d\*\*\*\*\*. Just because you are given the power to summon, you think now that you are the --- you have the say in all of this --- even to the extent of insulting and detaining person for so long a time.

Who are you Gordon? You are nothing but a corrupt official. We will --- we will reach to a point na ano, ipapa-audit ko ka talaga. I will force the issue. You receive money from government, it becomes a government property. To that extent, the Red Cross is not exclusively an international body. Kasi tumanggap ka ng pera, then you must be amenable to an audit because that is the money of the Filipino people.

May I call on the next...? Justice Medialdea, you want to say something, sir? Si Bingbong.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SALVADOR MEDIALDEA: Wala na po sir. Isang bagay lang po, ang pinagtatakahan ko lang ‘yung pinagpa-pahalagahan nila na ebidensya na si Acierto na walang credibility na tao, na nag-smuggle ng mga baril, nasa droga pa, iyun ang pinapaniwalaan kaysa doon sa Pharmally na niyurakan na, nakapagtulong na nang malaki sa bayan eh ‘yun pa ang --- ‘yun pa ang niraratsada ngayon.

Iyun lang po mahal na Pangulo.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Let's hear Karlo Nograles.

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CABINET SECRETARY KARLO ALEXEI NOGRALES: Ipagpatuloy ko lang ‘yung report sa mga accomplishments ng mga agencies under the Office of the President.

For this report, ang focus natin is the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, ang Freeport Area of Bataan at ang Cagayan Economic Zone Authority Mr. President.

So as of July 15, latest report sa SBMA positive po ‘yung growth ng SBMA kahit na may kinakaharap tayo na --- tayong pandemya. Posted sila ng positive records sa kanilang operating revenue at 1.66 billion operating revenue, surpassing ‘yung equivalent ng 2020 first half by 8.62 percent. Their operating revenue at 1.53 billion in the first six months ng 2020, naging 1.66 billion sa first six months ng 2021. Mula ‘yan sa mga collections nila from leases, from port operations, from regulatory fees and from miscellaneous sources.

And patuloy pa rin ‘yung growth din sa imports at exports ‘no. From US$842.29 million worth of imports, which is 40 percent higher than last year and mas malaki po ‘yung sa exports at US$636.8 million in export value, 86 percent naman po higher than last year.

So this just goes to show Mr. President, na kahit na may pandemya tayong hinaharap eh patuloy pa rin ‘yung mga economic activities natin in other parts of the country. And of course, more importantly ‘yung workforce ng Freeport. From a total of 134,268 workforce in 2019, tumaas po kahit na may pandemya to 138,110 in 2020, and 138,964 first half pa lang ng 2021.

Sa services sector alone, that’s already comprising 73 percent ng total workforce sa SBMA. Iyung port revenues ng SBMA 645.8 million --- next slide --- in the first semester, which is 17 percent higher than last year’s figures. Kung titingnan natin ‘yung mga 20-foot equivalent unit ng containerized cargo, tumaas din po ng 14 percent from 107,740 to 122,862. Of course, the SBMA attributes all of this growth to sound economic policies, best practices sa mga anti-COVID measures and the renewed growth under new normal circumstances.

Sa Bataan naman po --- next slide --- Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan, ‘yung transactions din po doon, a total of 8,849 transactions amounting to US$425,340,000 for export transactions. While for 8,114 transactions amounting to US$206,968,000 for import transactions naman po. And then sa workforce, tumaas din po ang workforce nila --- next slide. In 2020, naka --- ang workforce nila is 34,000 workers, increased by almost 5,500 workers for the first half lamang ng 2021 at a total of 40,485 workers.

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And lastly, sa Cagayan Economic Zone Authority or CEZA --- next  
slide --- ‘yung revenues nila reached P104.17 million mainly from licensing fees, rent, lease, seaport system fees, processing fees, passport, visa and application fees, other business incomes. And even despite the pandemic, patuloy pa rin ‘yung mga infrastructure projects nila in the CEZA kasama diyan ‘yung retrofitting of aging piers and four units of new warehouses sa Port Irene, now nearing completion totaling 30,000 square meters; loose cargo port face-lifting and the mini container yard; and newly completed road and bridge section of the port para sa turnaround ng mga routes for trucks and hauling of cargo.

And sa Port San Vicente Causeway and Wharf including the construction of the CEZA corporate and commercial centers, the CEZA Global City and Smart City projects. And in the San Vicente Port, they plan to open its new extended wharf para sa inter-island ships, RORO operations and fishermen using the facility --- next slide.

Locators din nila, kahit na may pandemya ay moderate ang growth ng nga locators. And despite the pandemic, mayroon din pong moderate growth in their tourist arrivals. Although, talagang tinamaan ang tourism dito sa area na ‘yan. And then for employment --- next slide --- 2,598 workers directly employed under the CEZA, mostly from Cagayan Valley and Cagayan Province.

Iyun lang po Mr. President, maraming salamat.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** So the --- that was the --- the last part of the program was really the one given by Secretary Nograles.

With that, I would like to ask the nation to give me a little bit of allowance sa language ko. Pagpatawa... Mga kababayan ko, pagpatawarin mo na ‘yan si Gordon. Huwag na lang ninyong iboto ‘yang buang na ‘yan. Walang silbi ‘yan. Iyang English-English niya, ‘yan lang. Hanggang diyan lang ‘yang buang na ‘yan.

Maraming salamat.

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