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REPORTER: Sa tingin n'yo po ba may kinalaman dito 'yung pag-iikot ikot mo sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa sa pamimigay ng ayuda, 'yung sa PAFF?

PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.: Well, maybe – kasama na iyon, but I think it's the — because it's a trust rating, it is more — ayun na nga nakikita naman na we're really doing our best to alleviate the hardships na dinadaan ng mga tao. So, it's good to have that kind of — that kind of results or statistics behind you and again, every time this happens as far as I am concerned, it seems to be people beginning to understand what we are trying to do, they're beginning to feel the effects of it, and so you must continue to do more and even try to do even better — so, that's always an inspiration for me.

REPORTER: Mr. President, ano po ang masasabi niyo doon po sa mga kritisismo na 'yung nangyayari daw pong police operations sa KOJC compound ay overkill daw po at may mga violation na po ng human rights ayon sa mga kritiko ninyo.

PRESIDENT MARCOS JR.: Specify.

REPORTER: 'Yun daw pong pagde-deploy ng sobrang dami ng pulis, at saka 'yung blockade, na di-disrupt na raw 'yung mga —

PRESIDENT MARCOS JR.: Mayroon bang human rights violation kung maraming pulis?

REPORTER: Yun po ang sabi nila.

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PRESIDENT MARCOS JR.: I don't think so. There is no — anyway, the reason we did this was so that we could maintain the peace. The only way to maintain the peace is to make sure that the area is safe and is secure. And considering this is a 30-hectare compound, kailangan mo talaga ng maraming tao. Hindi mo pwedeng gawin ito na isang dosenang pulis para — hindi ba bale iyong mga lumalaban o iyong mga nagre-resist, o naghaharang, hindi na bale muna iyon para lang iyong pag inspection ng 30 hectares kailangan mo na kaagad ng maraming tao. So, I, I do not see, I think what they are talking about is political na iyan, hindi na totoo iyan.

I can — You go to any human rights advocates, there's nothing that we did — lahat ng pumasok na pulis hindi armado. Walang baril kahit isa, hindi kami gumamit ng tear gas. Wala kaming ginawang ganun. So, anong human rights violation? Marami lang, kung kokonti, mas maraming nasaktan; mas maraming nasaktan na supporters ng Kingdom of Jesus Christ, maraming nasaktan na pulis dahil maglalaban. So, kung marami 'di tapos kaagad ang problema.

So, that's what we've done.

REPORTER: Surrender na lang po?

PRESIDENT MARCOS JR.: Hindi ko nga maintindihan kung bakit dinadamay ni Quiboloy ang mga tauhan niya. Kasi sinasabak niya iyong mga tauhan niya. Eh wala namang kasalanan iyang mga iyan. They just believe, they're looking for an answer — a value system and they think they have found it with Quiboloy. But they did not sign up to be in the frontline of this kind of thing that's happening now that they will protect him from arrest even when he has cases filed against him not only here in the Philippines, but also in the United States.

So, I suppose, I can understand their disagreement with us, even anger. But what we all, that the police are doing is enforcing the warrant of arrest against Apollo Quiboloy. That's all they're doing.

REPORTER: Sir, on Alice Guo mayroon daw pong information si Senator Gatchalian na may mga BI personnel na may alam and they were allegedly kept in the dark daw po, sir.

PRESIDENT MARCOS JR.: Oh yes, definitely. So, DOJ, I was just with the Secretary earlier today. He's almost finished with a very thorough investigation, and we will identify all of those who have, all of those who are involved in this and we will act very quickly.

REPORTER: Sir, pero mayroon na po kayong idea on whose heads will roll?

PRESIDENT MARCOS JR.: Very, very good idea. I have a very good idea.

REPORTER: From BI, sir?

PRESIDENT MARCOS JR.: From BI. Yeah.

REPORTER: How many?

PRESIDENT MARCOS JR.: Ha?

REPORTER: Ilan sila, sir?

PRESIDENT MARCOS JR.: Well, that's not — we'll see — that's what the last part of this — how far, how deep does it go, isa lang bang tao ang involved, or marami sila o sindikato ito. That's what we're looking at now. There are no sacred cows.

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