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## Statement of Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana on the Congressional approval to extend Martial Law in Mindanao

With the overwhelming vote of confidence from our legislature and the ardent support of the Filipino people, your defense department will strive even more to deal with the rebellion decisively and expeditiously.

Makaaasa ang sambayanan na hindi namin sasayangin ang tiwalang ito. Gagampanan ng ating Hukbong Sandatahan ang pagtatanggol sa bayan at mga mamamayan nang buong katapatan.

Sa mga patuloy na nalilihis ang landas, magbalik loob na kayo. Handa kayong tanggapin ng inyong gobyerno anumang oras na gustuhin ninyo nang walang hinihinging kondisyon. Ang oportunidad para tayong lahat ay umunlad sa marangal na paraan ay ibinibigay ng pamahalaang ito.

But if you persist in your crooked ways, the armed forces and the police will come after you without let up.

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