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Statement of Sec. Delfin N. Lorenzana on the continued operations in Marawi City

As government security forces continue to defeat and retake positions from ISIS-linked local terrorists, we see the need, now more than ever, for the Filipino people to unite against these forces of evil. We must always remember that terrorism goes against everything that we stand for as Filipinos - it is anti-environment, anti-people, anti-country, and anti-God.

It is therefore our patriotic duty to resist and stop evil from taking root. *Dapat tayong magkaisa laban sa tahasang pagpapalaganap ng maling ideyolohiya at bersyon ng Islam sa ibat-ibang plataporma kabilang na ang social media.* Religion should never be used as a justification to murder and destroy the lives of innocent civilians.

Let us all show our strong rejection of the terrorists and their sympathizers' futile attempts to sway the hearts and minds of our people by ignoring and reporting terrorist-linked and suspicious social media accounts to the proper authorities. We must also be very discerning in sharing any information that may cause undue panic that would further the enemy's agenda.

Magtiwala lang po kayo sa inyong kasundaluhan at pulis at sama-sama nating lagpasan ang mga pagsubok na ating dinaranas.

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