



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

STATEMENT

I join the entire nation in mourning the passing of **Former President Benigno S. Aquino III**.

I express my deepest sympathies to his siblings, Ballsy, Pinky, Viel and Kris, as well as to all his loved ones, friends and supporters, in this period of sadness.

May you take comfort in the knowledge that he is now in a better place with his Creator.

Let us all take this opportunity to unite in prayer and set aside our differences as we pay respects to a leader who has given his best to serve the Filipino people.

His memory and his family's legacy of offering their lives for the cause of democracy will forever remain etched in our hearts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodrigo Roa Duterte".

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

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