

Press Statement

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## MBC STATEMENT ON THE DAVAO CITY BOMBING

The Makati Business Club strongly condemns the horrific act of terror that took place yesterday evening at the Roxas Night Market in Davao City. This act of cowardice, which targeted the lives of innocent civilians and sought to foster fear in people, has no place in any society.

We also express our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims of this senseless act. We are one with them in their time of grief and we pray for the speedy recovery of all those still healing from their injuries.

It is during these dark times that the compassion and courage of the Filipino shine through. Hate, violence, and fear must not be allowed to reign in the country. We urge our countrymen to remain calm, but vigilant; and we call on the government to bring the perpetrators to justice and restore peace and order in a swift, but humane manner.

The Filipino has demonstrated time and time again that unity and bravery in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds are the most effective responses to adversity. Let our firm but sober response to these threats show that we are not afraid and we will fight for a peaceful, free, and safe country.

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