



WINNING THE PEACE THROUGH BAYANIHAN

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NATION'S CHALLENGES

- Underdevelopment
- Poverty
- **Peace and Security**
- Too much Politicking
- Divisiveness



CHALLENGES TO PEACE AND SECURITY

- Lingering communist insurgency
- Muslim secessionist movement - Terrorism
- Defense of Philippine territory
- Environmental degradation and Climate change

LINGERING COMMUNIST INSURGENCY

STATUS

- Persisted for almost five decades
- Communism has lost its relevance, but is still being used to rationalize nefarious activities

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

- Peace talks (localized?) to end hostilities
- Address core issues that motivate dissent

MUSLIM SECESSIONIST MOVEMENT

STATUS

- Peace Agreement with MNLF and MILF
- Evolution of more extremist groups (ASG, BIFF, KIM, Maute Group)
- Influence of ISIS

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

- Strategy for addressing violent extremism
- Legislation of Peace Agreement (BBL)

DEFENSE OF PHILIPPINE TERRITORY

STATUS

- Sovereignty and sovereign rights being threatened by China
- PCA ruling in favor of the Philippines, but disregarded by China

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

- Uphold sovereignty and sovereign rights but avoid conflict

ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

STATUS

- Philippines has experienced calamities of unprecedented magnitude
- Remains vulnerable to natural disasters

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

- Develop national resilience and preparedness



BAYANIHAN – A WHOLE-OF-NATION APPROACH

- Need for national cohesiveness to address challenges
- AFP implemented IPSP Bayanihan from 2011-2016

IPSP BAYANIHAN

Salient Features

- Paradigm: “winning the peace and not just defeating the enemy”
- Adopts a more comprehensive approach
- Considers the long-term effects of military operations
- Underpinned by two Strategic Approaches:
 - Whole-of-Nation Approach
 - People-Centered Approach

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Whole-of-Nation Approach

- Active participation and involvement of all stakeholders
- Promotes a shared concept of security
- Ordinary citizens are essential contributors
- Redefines AFP's role vis-à-vis other stakeholders

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People-Centered Approach

- Situates the people's welfare at the center of military operations
- Gives primacy to human rights
- Explores ways for promoting security and safety based on the needs and realities at the grass-roots level
- Protection of civilians is an end goal



ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF BAYANIHAN

- Preparation of Security Forces
 - Adopt a new role under a new paradigm
 - Need to achieve moral high ground

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF BAYANIHAN

- Stakeholder involvement
 - Shared concept of security to shared responsibilities
 - Mobilization of a cohesive national effort
 - Stakeholder's roles and responsibilities:
 - Business and industry to create jobs
 - Academe to deliver quality education
 - Church to provide spiritual guidance
 - Strong communities and families
 - Responsible citizenship



ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF BAYANIHAN

- Sustained implementation of national plans
 - Continuity in policy and strategy over a long period of time
 - Transcends leadership changes

“PEACE AND SECURITY CAN BE FULLY ACHIEVED THROUGH
THE CONCERTED AND UNITED EFFORTS OF ALL OF US.”

- THE FILIPINO SPIRIT OF BAYANIHAN

