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has been used in so many other loan agreements. So, I guess we are just really worrying too much."

"I don't think we even have to think about that problem in the future because the intention of the government is to honor all of its loan obligations," Guevarra added, following government critics sounding the alarm of a possible takeover of the gas-rich Reed Bank (Recto Bank) in case the Philippines defaulted on its PHP3.69-billion loan for the Chico River Project.

Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, citing provisions of the loan agree-

ment, claims the contract for the Chico River project "is expected to be the template for all other Chinese loans to the Philippines."

Under paragraph 8.1 of the loan agreement, the Philippines expressly waived immunity over all its assets except those used for properties of Philippine embassies and missions; those under Philippine military control; and those assets for "public or governmental use as distinguished from patrimonial assets and assets dedicated to commercial use".

Guevarra explained that

the seizure of the Reed Bank is "far-fetched" because even if, "assuming for the sake of argument" there will be a default, there are mechanisms in place to be followed such as restructuring of the loan or the arbitration.

Under the agreement, the arbitration will be held in Beijing and will be governed by the rules of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC).

"An arbitral ruling will have to be validated by a Philippine court. So, hindiyun direktong enforcement

**MANILA** -- Senator Panfilo Lacson on Wednesday called on the Philippine National Police (PNP) to implement stricter gun control measures following the killing of a police officer along Edsa (Epifanio delos Santos Avenue) in San Juan City.

In a radio interview, Lacson stressed the need for the PNP to tighten the issuance of Permits to Carry Firearms Outside Residences (PTCFORs).

Lacson said limiting its issuance would ensure that only uniformed police and military personnel who are

on duty can carry firearms outside their homes.

"Firearms are for self-defense against intruders and should be kept at home. Once one brings it outside your house, chances are the owner's mindset can change and he or she can use it for offense," Lacson said.

The lawmaker also pushed for stronger gun control legislation to prevent mass shootings similar to other countries.

"We cannot allow a situation that allows mass shootings like in other countries. Neither can we afford

the present situation where the country becomes the Wild, Wild West," he said.

Aside from imposing tighter gun control, he also challenged the PNP to prove that they are capable of protecting the public from criminals.

"Some gun owners' groups have argued they have no choice but to bring their guns outside their houses because the police cannot protect them. This should be a challenge to the PNP, to show they can protect the public," he said.

Police Senior Master

**MANILA** – President Rodrigo R. Duterte said that he is “in a hurry” to strike a deal with Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) founding chairman Nur Misuari to finally end the long-drawn Moro rebellion and achieve lasting peace in Mindanao.

“I am in a hurry to strike a deal with Nur Misuari,” Duterte said during the PDP-Laban campaign rally in Koronadal City on Tuesday (March 26).

Duterte bared this, a week after meeting with Misuari in Malacañang to discuss the shift to federalism, which the MNLF founder was pushing for.

While the government has “come to terms” with Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) chair Al Haj Murad Ebrahim in terms of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), Duterte said he wanted to do the same with Misuari.

Ebrahim now heads the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) and acts as interim minister of the Bangsam-

oro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).  
 “The BOL is satisfactory according to Murad, as it is. So long as it is implemented correctly. Kay (With) Misuari naman, medyo (maybe) we have to deal with him again,” Duterte said.  
 “And I hope that we could find the space, the time, and the issues that would be more acceptable to everybody, to both the Lumads, the Christian, and the Moro,” he added.  
 Last week, Duterte said he asked Misuari to form a negotiating panel to address his group's concerns.  
 This, after the MNLF leader told the President that he will go to war if the proposed shift to a federal system will not happen.  
 Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo said Misuari “was very happy” with the President's response to form a negotiating panel. (PNA)

**JESUS**, may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will.

Amen.

O BLOOD AND WATER WHICH FLOWED OUT FROM THE HEART OF JESUS AS A FOUNTAIN OF MERCY FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU!



*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy  
Immortal One, Have Mercy on us  
and on the whole world. Amen.*

“You died Jesus, but the source of life flowed out for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fountain of Life immeasurable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.”

“O Blood and Water which flowed out from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!”

“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (3x)  
Amen.

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

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