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Binay unfazed by LP backing of Mar in 2016

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MANILA, Philippines - Vice President Jejomar Binay is unfazed by the administration Liberal Party (LP)'s declaration that it is fielding Interior Secretary Manuel Roxas II as its presidential candidate in the 2016 elections.

Binay pointed out that the presidential race is still three years away and the people are busy preparing for the midterm elections on May 13.

"Let us just take it as a statement coming from them, period," Binay said on the sidelines of the 15th Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (Gopac) conference yesterday in Pasay City.

President Aquino, who delivered the keynote speech in the kickoff ceremonies at the Gopac event, exchanged pleasantries with Binay, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. during the conference that was attended by about 400 lawmakers from various countries.

"Everybody has a right to be a candidate," Binay added.

Sen. Franklin Drilon, LP campaign manager, had declared the other day that Roxas will be the party's standard-bearer in 2016.

Sen. Edgardo Angara, newly elected chairman and chief executive officer of the Gopac, expects the 2016 presidential elections to be a contest between two dominant political parties – the opposition and the administration.



But Angara said it is too early to identify other prospective bets.

Binay, who has declared his intention to run for president in 2016, also defended the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) from criticisms hurled by LP allies that they are riding on the popularity of President Aquino to retain their popularity ratings in surveys.

"But my survey ratings are also high. Much more when you put together the ratings of (former) President (Joseph) Estrada and Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile," Binay added, referring to his UNA co-founders who have been described as pillars of the opposition.

New opposition

Reacting to insinuations that UNA should show its true colors, Binay said in jest that "my amulet is brown, my political color," apparently referring to his skin color.

Binay said he is also not so concerned with the plan of Lakas to field Sen. Ramon Revilla as presidential candidate.

The vice president also took potshots at critics who are saying that the political opposition should draw the line from the administration.

Binay said he respects the statement of presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda on his opinion about UNA.

"There are no efforts to make President Aquino a lame duck president," he added.

Binay said UNA is the "new opposition" that is supportive of President Aquino's projects and programs.

"We will help him if we need to provide more suggestions on certain matters, but we will not hesitate in exposing or letting the public know what is really happening," Binay said.

Unlike in the past when the political opposition engages the administration in black propaganda and personal attacks, Binay said the new opposition that he and UNA want to present is one that would be supportive of the President when necessary and critical if needed.

Binay reiterated yesterday that he has maintained a good working relationship with Aquino despite intrigues sowed by some groups.

"I even congratulated the President since the Philippines is now recognized internationally, because even beleaguered Syrian President Bashar Assad has turned to the Philippines for help," Binay said.

Binay said that no less than the President has made it clear that they do not have any reason to sow intrigues against each other.

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I knew it a long time ago.

I knew it a long time ago. You almost have to be a member of the party to get their support so I do not get the expectations. At least before the campaigning, it is normal. Mar was their vice-president now capable of moving up.

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BOO SIT NG LP NA YAN!

Certainly Binay doesn't need to get worried about LP's backing of Mar for Presidency in 2016.. Mar lost in 2010 for Vice-President even as LP candidate, so, why should anyone expect his victory in 2016 as President? NOY2 won the presidential election in 2010 because he had the sympathy of the voters for the only son of the former President who had just then died of colon cancer. If cory had been alive during last election, definitely Noy2 would not have won the election.. SO, JUST KEEP COOL, MR. BINAY! Ika talaga'ng next Presidente ng pilipinas.. I have some intuition that even before 2016 you could taqke over th eOffice of the President in your capacity as vice-President by OPERATION OF LAW! I am waiting for it to happen very soon! Still then, you could also run in 2016 because of 'less than 4 years of the unexpired term' of Noy2. Congrats in advancelt

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Binay vs. Erap 2016

Kala mo ba di sasali si Erap sa election ABANGAN mo!! Gustong bumalik si Erap sa malacaniang para makapaghiganti siya ni Gloria (your cohorts and idol) malaki naman ang rating niya sa mga survey . 1 term lang magmayor si Erap sa Maynila yan pinangako niya ni Esko Moreno. Gustong niyang makaganti lang ni Mayor Lim dahil sa nangyari sa tauhan ni Erap na pinasera ni Lim ang abattoir at saka madagdagan ang kanyang popularity para sa pagtakbo sa 2016 election . Si Binay naman ang susunod na paghigantihan ni Erap dahil hindi siya ang binoboto nito last election kundi si Noynoy naitala yan sa pahayagan. Kaya concern si Binay ngayun sa LP dahil kung ilaglag siya sa Puwersa na MAsamang Pilipino nila Erap at Enrile (gusto corrupt kayu para happy tayo) lilipat siya agad sa LP at maki coalice ang kanyang PDP-Laban nandyang sa tabi niya palagi si Pepeng Cojuangco kapatid ni Cory . PDP Laban Liberal Party at LDP ay pareho ang dugo at paninindigan anti Marcos at anti corruption kaya madali ang pagsanib nila. Tandaan mu yan Erap vs. Binay 2016 election

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VP Binay Must File Divorce To Win 2016 Presidential Race

Binay must file divorce againts unreliable and undesirable party mates. Divorce Enrile, divorce Erap, divorce many more undesirables in th e UNA and VP Binay will sure to win the election. Do not bring these undesirables to election rallies. Filipinos this time are more smarter and would filter out the undesirables. What the

Filipinos are looking this time is not about Dynasty namesake. Dynasties are obsolete in this time of iphone and ipad cultures. What the Filipinos will vote this time is a Filipino character with proven significant accomplishments especially in the business sector. If Binay made billions of pesos from hardwork and risky bets in real state ventures and many more, then he is deserving to become president. We do not need a showbiz character. A showbiz character is fake and only exists in the dreamland of the wind. I am even wondering why NoyNoy even won the election. A Harvard educated like GMA is still undesirable because education is only a tool for success; GMA may have a good tool but she did not use her tool to achieve success. The ultimate success is when one gets to profit billions of pesos like VP Binay. If VP Binay proclaims that he will receive zero pesos for his pay as president, then it is guaranteed he will win the election in 2016

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Transparency & Accountability versus Corruption & Impunity

Pres. Benigno Aquino III, DILG Sec Mar Roxas and Speaker Belmonte (Liberal Party) VERSUS VP Binay, xPres Estrada and Senate Pres. Enrile (UNA Party). The Present and Future VERSUS The Past. The CHOICE for the continuance of a BETTER Philippines in 2013 & 2016 is Crystal Clear. There should be NO DOUBT about it. "Dapat Pasulong at Hindi Pa-urong".

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Nognog? Mr. Palengke? Si

Nognog? Mr. Palengke? Si Agimat? Ala na bang iba? Yung kayang sugo daw siya ang diyos? o yung Sultan nang Sulu na nag mamay-ari nang Sabah? Ang nakakatakot ay ang pag babalik ni Erap the ex-Convict. OMG..what is wrong with this country. Wala..basta trip lang. For VP ..Jingoy or Jayvee for UNA and kris or vice ganda or boy abunda for LP . OMG...Noy is now dancing the gangnam style PNoy version for his exit ceremony by 2016..practice makes perfect ika nga..

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Nognog?

Ganyan tayong mga Noypi. Mahilig mag-bansag ng mga pangalan. Walang iniwan yan sa crime wave dito sa atin. What about: Akyat bahay gang? Donut Gang? Martilyo Gang? Actually I call them Liave Tubo Gang. Bahala na Gang? Sige Sige Gang? Tutok Kalawit Gang? Budol Budol Gang? Ipig Gang? Kotong Gang? Ipig Taxi Gang? Laslas Balsa Gang? Dura Gang? Dugo dugo Gang? Atbp. Susmaryosep napakarami pang gang diyan sa tabi-tabi. By the way I would like to add this one: Kongreso at Senado Gang (Ito ang mga kumukorot ng ating pera. Yoong sobra, pina mumud-mud sa kapwa nila senador at congressman) Itong mga ito ang gumawa ng sarili nilang batas para walang recibo yoong mga liquidation ng .inayupak na mga mambabatas! Go figure!

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Binay

He said that our country is now recognized internationally? What do you mean by that? Does that mean we were not recognized before?

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