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**Crisis of Sovereignty Series (Part Four)**

As early as March 2009, I issued a public statement that my personal vote would go to Dick Gordon for President of the Philippines.

This is why when I read an ABS-CBN article on Father's Day, I was so disappointed. (The said article is reproduced by way of a review at end of this commentary.)

But I am not yet giving up on Dick Gordon.

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After being abducted, raped and returned without honor or integrity, "The 2010 Automated Election Law" has been left without any defense from its principal author, Sen. Dick Gordon.

Dick Gordon knows what evil has befallen this law. Even before the voting and the counting began, the Comelec had already mangled it, in violation of the Constitution, our e-commerce laws and the ruling of the Supreme Court on the motion of Harry Roque. The Comelec removed all the safeguards for clean-and-honest elections.

Let me say it even directly, the Comelec illegally amended and interpreted Philippine laws and eliminated the election safeguards, foremost of which are the legal requirements on digital signature and the voter's ability to verify his vote. All of these happened in order to facilitate the hacking of the automated system.

If Comelec conducted illegal elections, then there was no election in the first place. There are no winners and the only and biggest losers are the Filipino people.

I appeal to Dick Gordon to defend his brainchild and avert a looming constitutional crisis because if the 2010 elections were null and void *ab initio*, then we have no President on July 1, 2010, no Vice President, no legislature and no local officials.

I appeal to Dick Gordon to go beyond where no-lawyer Teddy Boy Locsin has failed miserably and see that – in the very violation of our laws by the Comelec – stands common-sensically the proof and probity itself that a crime against the people has been committed. The dictum is that everything that proceeds from a crime is equally void. I appeal to Dick Gordon not to look the other way and bite the bullet to defend the law.

I appeal to Dick Gordon to reconsider collaborating with an electronically-determined President and stand by his landmark legislation – the 2010 Automated Election Law, which together with our e-commerce laws, had been grossly violated.

I appeal to Dick Gordon to prevent himself from graduating into being a transactional politician, and be the champion for the Constitution and the rule of law that I have known him to be all these years.

I appeal to Dick Gordon to revoke his concession in the 2010 election, and not surrender the sovereignty of this nation to Smartmatic and its hackers, and its "palakpak" gallery of foreign ambassadors, legislators and vicious collaborators in the executive arm of government, and especially the Comelec.

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I appeal to Dick Gordon not to remain acquiescent even in the face of a mainstream-media lockout that after the pre-election trending and the electronic fraud, have not stopped from hacking our minds.

Dick Gordon, if in the very choosing of our people of its leaders we cannot rest, what kind of democracy do we have? We have defaulted sovereignty to a few vested interests that – since Lapu-lapu – have managed to arrogate the patrimony of our nation only to their kind.

The present situation is indicative of the anarchy and lawlessness in our midst. It finally gives us the genuine opportunity to radically transform our nation. In a very-real sense the ever-aching problem itself has delivered to our doorsteps, the very solution.

Dick Gordon, renew your oath to uphold, protect and preserve the sovereignty of the Filipino people and pick up your armor onto its defense and subsequent victory.

(To be continued . . .)

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## **Gordon won't retire, vows to support Noy**

By Karen Galarpe, abs-cbnNEWS.com

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MANILA, Philippines - After losing in the presidential elections, Senator Richard "Dick" Gordon said he is not retiring from public life. He is still going to pursue "transformation" by serving through the Red Cross and supporting the incoming government of President-elect Benigno Aquino III.

"Hopefully, he [Aquino] will fix up the country and we'll support him," Gordon told reporters on Wednesday morning at Maestranza in Intramuros, Manila, after President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Tourism Secretary Ace Durano, Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim, and Gordon inspected the ongoing construction work in the area.

Gordon is the chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC).

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{xtypo\_quote} Magpapagawa kami ng bahay para sa mga nasalanta ng typhoons Ondoy at Pepeng. A total of 18,000 homes will be built. In Antipolo, we're building 1,000 homes. We're also looking for land in Zambales for this project.—Dick Gordon {/xtypo\_quote}

He added that they are pursuing modernization at PNRC. "Nagdadagdag kami ng mga amphibian pang-rescue."

After the presidential polls, Gordon said he has been spending time with his family, particularly his daughter who helped handle his campaign. "I'm also enjoying time with my grandchildren," he said.

"My priorities are country, family and the Lord," said the former tourism secretary.

Asked if he met up with running mate Bayani Fernando, former chairman of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), after the election, Gordon said, "Yes. We threw a party."

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Gordon and Fernando projected themselves as the "Transformers" during the campaign as they advocated "transformational leadership" which is proactive and motivational.

"The transformation will still be there. I'm not going to be retired, and I'm not going to have to be paid for it," Gordon added. # # #

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