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Malacañang calls on Chief Justice Sereno to resign

RAPPLER, by Pia Ranada

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SEEK TRUTH AND REPORT IT: Provide context. Take special care not to misrepresent or oversimplify in promoting, previewing or summarizing a story.

The article was able to show that this issue is the latest in a series of attempts, both explicit and implied, to unseat current Supreme Court Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno, who has been critical of the actions taken by the Duterte administration. Passages which show this include:

“Last October 1, Duterte challenged both Sereno and Ombudsman Conchita Carpio-Morales to resign with him due to allegations of corruption they all face. Days after, the House justice committee declared that the impeachment complaint against Sereno by lawyer Larry Gadon has "sufficient grounds." (READ: How Sereno answered her impeachment complaint)”

SEEK TRUTH AND REPORT IT: Identify sources clearly. The public is entitled to as much information as possible to judge the reliability and motivations of sources.

The source of the article was identified as Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque, giving it credibility. Furthermore, Rappler was also able to distinguish the Spokesperson’s remarks as not being explicitly from Duterte. Rather, it merely reported that Roque says Duterte shares these views (of wanting Chief Justice Sereno to resign) as shown in:

“The spokesman said Duterte shares his views. He denied that his remarks should be taken as interference by the executive branch into affairs of the judiciary since he was merely "commenting" on the impeachment process.”

SEEK TRUTH AND REPORT IT: Diligently seek subjects of news coverage to allow them to respond to criticism or allegations of wrongdoing.

The article was published yesterday but Sereno hasn't put out a response to the call for her resignation. Any response Sereno puts out which may be related to this issue should be linked or included in any further revisions of this article.

SEEK TRUTH AND REPORT IT: Support the open and civil exchange of views, even views they find repugnant.

Pia Ranada certainly has grounds for not respecting Presidential Spokesman Harry Roque, seeing as this is the guy who wants to throw hollow blocks at journalists critical of Duterte, as well as other incidents of inciting violence against journalists. In reading the article though, I didn't detect any partisan remarks against Roque so kudos to her.