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STATEMENT OF THE KBP ON A RECENT PROGRAM OF RADIO STATION DWIZ

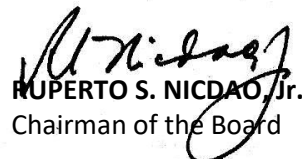
In a recent program of radio station DWIZ-AM, one of the hosts showed blatant disrespect for the dead upon hearing the news of former President Benigno Aquino III's death. This shocking behavior is contrary to civilized conduct and violates the standards of responsible broadcasting and therefore must be strongly condemned.

We are sad that something like this happened in radio broadcasting, in which we in the KBP are trying to uphold the highest standards of professionalism when serving the need of the community to be informed. Had this happened to any of our members, the station would have been quickly taken to task and disciplinary action imposed in accordance with the association's self-regulatory powers. Unfortunately, DWIZ has ceased to be a member of KBP for some time now.

While we acknowledge that the management of DWIZ has already issued a public apology for the rude behavior of the host in its program, we are aware that the station could still face action in other venues for possible neglect of its responsibilities.

KBP members are obligated to uphold the broadcast standards embodied in the KBP Broadcast Code. While we are not saying that they are perfect, and some of us do commit lapses, awareness by broadcasters of these standards and a commitment to take them seriously will help make sure that the likes of what happened with DWIZ will be avoided.


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