

## *Jabidah Massacre*

18 March 1968



On 18 March 1968, at least a dozen Muslim military recruits were murdered in Corregidor. These trainees were part of "Operation Merdeka," a secret operation with intentions to create disturbances in Sabah that would provide the justification for the Philippine government to take full control of the island. When the recruits protested their living conditions, they were disarmed, sent home, and others executed. This incident, known as the "Jabidah Massacre," became one critical moment in influencing Moro insurgency against Marcos rule.

*Maiuugat sa mahabang kasaysayan ng pagsasantabi sa kapakanan ng mga Pilipinong Muslim ang paglitaw ng mga kilusang nagtataguyod sa pagtatatag ng isang malayang estadong Islamiko sa timog na bahagi ng Pilipinas. Higit na lumawak ang pakikibakang ito sa ilalim ng panunungkulan ni Marcos Sr. nang mabunyag ang nangyaring Jabidah Massacre kung saan pinaslang ng mga kasapi ng militar ang mga sinasanay na mga kabataang Muslim matapos nilang magprotesta hinggil sa kanilang kalagayan. Bahagi ang mga napaslang ng "Operation Merdeka," isang operasyong militar na naglalayong kubkubin ang Sabah mula sa Malaysia.*

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