

Plaza Miranda Bombing

21 August 1971



On 21 August 1971, the Liberal Party held a proclamation rally at Plaza Miranda where a large crowd assembled. At 9:13 p.m., a grenade was thrown onto the makeshift stage. A second grenade exploded a few seconds later. Nine people were killed and one hundred twenty-nine people were injured. Then president Marcos Sr. blamed the communists and suspended the writ of habeas corpus. Others believed that Marcos staged the bombing to justify his declaration of martial law in 1972.

Ang pambobomba sa proclamation rally ng mga kandidato ng Liberal Party sa Plaza Miranda noong ika-21 ng Agosto 1971 ang isa sa mga itinuturing na mga ikutang pangyayari sa mga buwan bago ang deklarasyon ng batas militar noong 1972. Siyam na tao ang nasawi, habang isang daan at dalawampu't siyam naman ang nasagutan. Bunga ng karahasang ito, sinuspinde ni Marcos Sr. ang writ of habeas corpus kasabay ng pagbaling ng sisi sa komunista. Sa kabila nito, may ilang naniniwala na ang pangbobomba ay kagagawan ni Marcos upang bigyang katwiran ang pagdedeklara ng batas militar.

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