

Lifting of Martial Law

17 January 1981



Under intense international pressure, President Ferdinand Marcos Sr. issued Proclamation No. 2045 on 17 January 1981, officially lifting martial law. However, in reality, Marcos maintained the extraordinary powers that were institutionalized in the Transitory Provisions under the 1973 Constitution.

Sa harap ng lumalakas na batikos hinggil sa patuloy na pagpapatupad ng Batas Militar sa bansa, napilitan si Marcos Sr. na ideklara ang Proclamation No. 2045 noong 17 January 1981. Laman ng proklamasyon ang opisyal na pagtanggap sa Batas Militar. Ngunit sa katanuyan huwad lamang ang proklamasyong ito. Nanatili pa rin ang mga pamamaraan ng diktadura na patuloy na binibigyang bisa ng mga probisyon ng Konstitusyon ng 1973.

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