

## *Aquino Assassination*

21 August 1983



Despite warnings, former Sen. Benigno 'Ninoy' Aquino Jr. returned to the Philippines after three years of self-imposed exile in the United States. Before he could set foot on Philippine soil, he was fatally shot in the back of the head by one of his military escorts. His assassination ignited massive nationwide protests, demanding justice for all victims of the regime's abuse of power and calling for the resignation of Ferdinand Marcos Sr.

*Sa kabila ng mga banta sa kanyang buhay, pinili ni Benigno 'Ninoy' Aquino na magbalik sa Pilipinas matapos ang ilang taong panirahan sa Estados Unidos. Ngunit bago pa man makaapak sa bansa, binaril at pinaslang si Ninoy ng isa sa mga sundalong inatasan na bigyan siya ng proteksyon. Nagbunga ng malawakang kilos-protesta sa buong bansa ang kaganapang ito. Iginiit sa mga pagkilos ang pagbibigay ng hustisya sa mga biktima ng pang-aabuso ng rehimen at ang pagbaba sa pwesto ni Marcos Sr.*

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