

EDSA People Power Revolution

1986



The massive fraud and violence of the 7 February 1986 elections triggered widespread protests nationwide, especially after thirty-five (35) COMELEC tabulators walked out of the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) where the election results were being counted. When a coup attempt by an organized group of military officials called the Reform the Armed Forces Movement (RAM) led by Gringo Honasan, along with top officials of the Marcos regime Juan Ponce Enrile and Fidel Ramos, failed, Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, through a radio broadcast, called on the public to join the protest by gathering at the Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA) in front of Camp Crame, to help protect the military officials who defected from the Marcos regime. The mass protest, dubbed as the "People Power Revolution", culminated in his ouster and the restoration of democracy under the leadership of Corazon Aquino.

Nagresulta sa samu't saring kilos-protesta sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa ang malawakang dayaan at karahasan kaugnay sa snap election noong 7 Pebrero 1986, na pinatunayan ng

pag-walk-out ng tatlumpu't limang (35) COMELEC tabulators matapos nilang mapansin ang dayaan na nangyayari sa bilangan ng mga boto. Ilang miyembro rin ng militar na kabilang sa Reform the Armed Forces Movement (RAM) na pinangunahan ni Gringo Honasan, kasama ang ilang mga opisyal ng rehimeng Marcos na sina Juan Ponce Enrile at Fidel Ramos, ang nagtangka ng isang kudeta ngunit nabigo. Naglabas ng panawagan sa radyo ang Arsobispo na si Jaime Cardinal Sin na makiisa ang lahat at tumungo sa Epifanio De Los Santos Avenue o ESDA, sa harap ng Camp Crame kung saan nandoon ang mga tumiwalag sa diktadura, upang hingiin ang pagbaba ni Marcos Sr. sa puwesto. Natapos ang mapayapang kilos-protesta na tinawag na "People Power Revolution" sa pagpapatalik sa diktador at ang muling panunumbalik ng demokrasya sa bansa matapos mailuklok si Corazon Aquino bilang pangulo ng bansa.

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Corazon Aquino swears in as President of the Philippines at Club Filipino, San Juan on February 25, 1986. Photo from Wikimedia Commons.

Enrile and Ramos join a chain of linked hands during the Thanksgiving Mass. Photo by Sonny Camarillo. Retrieved from "People Power, An Eyewitness History: The Philippine Revolution of 1986" by M. A. Mercado, 1986, p. 296.

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