

PRESERVING AND DEFENDING HISTORY

**THE WIKIPEDIAN IN RESIDENCE AT
THE BANTAYOG NG MGA BAYANI**

MY COUNTRYMEN, AS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST OF THIS MONTH, I SIGNED PROCLAMATION N° 1081 PLACING THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINES UNDER MARTIAL LAW...

Ferdinand Marcos



**IN 1986, WE TOOK BACK OUR
COUNTRY FROM DICTATORSHIP.**



**THE PRESIDENT THAT
SUCCEEDED YOUR DAD
DID NOT KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT
GOVERNANCE.**

Juan Ponce Enrile

THE CAMPAIGN TO SANITIZE HISTORY IS SO STRONG THAT BONGBONG MARCOS (FERDINAND MARCOS' SON) IS POISED TO WIN THE PRESIDENCY IN 2022.



PART OF THE STRATEGY FOR THE MARCOSES' RETURN TO POWER IS THROUGH A SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN TO SANITIZE THEIR LEGACY.



**WHY BLAME THE CHILDREN
FOR THE SINS OF THE
FATHER?**

**LIFE WAS BETTER UNDER
MARCOS THAN UNDER
EVERYONE AFTER HIM!**



Tanggap ko na bagak
ako sa Filipino pero hindi
ko tanggap na bayani s
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**WE SAW A SPIKE IN ACTIVITY
AROUND MARCOS-RELATED PAGES,
A “CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC” ON
WIKIPEDIA.**

**WIKIPROJECT NEVER AGAIN WAS
FOUNDED IN DECEMBER 2016.**

**NO TO
HISTORICAL REVISIONISM
ON WIKIPEDIA PAGES**



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KEEP CALM AND HACK MORE



**THIS LED TO OUR PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE BANTAYOG IN 2018.**

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BANTAYOG WIKIPEDIAN IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

- ▶ The first WIR program in East and Southeast Asia
- ▶ The first WIR program that specifically deals with disinformation and historical revisionism
- ▶ Formed as a partnership between the Bantayog ng mga Bayani Foundation and the Wiki Society of the Philippines (formerly Wikimedia Philippines)

FM DECLARES MARTIAL LAW

The nat'l situation in brief

- This is not a military takeover. Civilian government will function. The officials and employees of the national and local governments continue to discharge their duties as before within the limits of the situation.
- All executive departments, bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the government, as well as government-owned or controlled corporations, government-owned enterprises, cities, municipalities and barrios continue to function under the present officers and employees in accordance with existing laws.
- The judiciary shall continue to function under the present organization and personnel and try and decide all criminal and civil cases with certain exceptions.
- All schools will be closed for one week beginning this Monday for all levels.
- Carrying of firearms outside the residence even if licensed by license has without permission of the armed forces is prohibited.
- Curfew will be imposed from 12 midnight to 4



PRESIDENT MARCOS addressed nation in television broadcast.

But civilian gov't still functions; no military takeover

President Marcos announced last night that he had placed the entire country under martial law to prevent violent overthrow of the government by a foreign-backed Communist insurgency.

The Chief Executive said he signed the martial law order (Proclamation No. 1081) last Sept. 21, 1972, and authorized its implementation by the military at 9 p.m. Friday.

"I am utilizing the proclamation of martial law," he said, "for one purpose alone: to save the Republic and reform society."

•To save the Republic and form a new society•

In imposing martial law, Mr. Marcos said he would ensure that the emergency powers to establish for the country a "new society" existed of the acts of aggression and insubordination in government.

The President stressed the imposition of martial law does not mean a military takeover. The government of the Republic continues, he declared, adding that the officials and employees of the government will continue to discharge their functions as before within the limits of the situation.

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Nation is calm; business, life go on normally

The nation has taken President Marcos' declaration of martial law calmly.

There was some amount of commotion only in the districts of Manila, where the streets of some roads and lanes

closed into the city's streets. And the principal cause must have been the temporary scarcity of vehicles in the city's main thoroughfares, which traffic continued to be directed by a handful of Manila policemen. During the day, traffic was, at most, haltingly

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OUR GOAL WITH THE WIR IS TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING HISTORICAL RECORD.



HOW THE WIR CAME ABOUT

- ▶ Started in April 2018.
- ▶ The WIR is a full-time employee of the Bantayog ng mga Bayani.
- ▶ The WIR is funded by an anonymous donor to the Bantayog ng mga Bayani Foundation.
- ▶ The Wiki Society of the Philippines plays an advisory role.
- ▶ Originally scheduled to end July 2018.



**MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES ARE
OUR LAST LINE OF DEFENSE IN
A POST-TRUTH WORLD.**

Red de Leon



THE WIKIPEDIAN IN RESIDENCE

- ▶ Uses the Bantayog's materials to improve and/or create material on Wikipedia and the Wikimedia projects about the Marcos era.
- ▶ Trains Bantayog staff how to edit the Wikimedia projects.
- ▶ Organizes relevant events and workshops for Bantayog visitors and guests.

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- ▶ The Marcos family (Ferdinand, Imelda, their children, relations and ancestors)
- ▶ Ferdinand Marcos' political history and career
- ▶ Marcos cronies
- ▶ Victims of martial law in the Philippines
- ▶ Controversial Marcos-era infrastructure projects and economic programs

**SINCE THE PROJECT BEGAN, THE
WIR HAS SUCCESSFULLY ADDED TO
OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE
MARCOS ERA ON WIKIPEDIA.**

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- ▶ 76 articles about the Marcos era written and/or improved (including 3 DYKs on the English Wikipedia)
- ▶ 5 editing workshops organized
- ▶ 2 Bantayog employees trained to edit Wikipedia
- ▶ A number of collections have been digitized and made available on the Bantayog website





**THE FIGHT ISN'T
OVER YET THOUGH.**

CHALLENGES TO RUNNING THE WIKIPEDIAN IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

- ▶ Scale: one WIR versus an army of pro-Marcos/pro-Duterte trolls and paid editors.
- ▶ Security: when defending the truth, you risk the ire of those in power who use disinformation to their advantage.
- ▶ Copyright: a lot of the Bantayog's collections are still subject to copyright, or have unclear copyright status.
- ▶ Funding: finding sustainable sources that would be open to funding an open-ended project (time-wise).



KEY LESSON

**SOMETIMES, A SMALL GROUP
CAN SAVE AND DEFEND HISTORY.**

LET'S DEFEND HISTORY TOGETHER

THANK YOU!

MARAMING SALAMAT PO!