

## February 1986: 30 Years since my Dad was gunned down

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Today, February 20, marks 30 years since my dad was gunned down and assassinated a few blocks from our house by an alleged communist hit squad in the Philippines. I still remember being whisked away to safety as the ringing of gunfire created panic and fear within our house. The next day, the Philippine people power revolution started that would eventually oust the Marcos regime and establish a new government.

I thank all our aunts and uncles who helped save our lives that day. I especially want to thank all our family and friends who have helped my mom Alcubilla Mater -- 3 months pregnant and with 5 young kids, start a new life here in the U.S.

“Is Rome worth one good man’s life? We believed it once. Make us believe it again. He was a soldier of Rome. Honor him.”

**Communist Squad Kills Constabulary Captain, Five Others With AM-Philippines**  
**Associated Press historical news archive articles dating back to 1985**  
**AP, Associated Press**  
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MANILA, PHILIPPINES MANILA, Philippines (AP) \_ Communists shot and killed six people, including a Philippine Constabulary captain and three of his men, in an attack on a recreation hall, the military said Friday.

Sgt. Alfredo Mangrobang said Capt. Sergio Alcubilla and two sergeants were killed Thursday by three men from the communist New People’s Army at a billiards hall in Balanga, Bataan province, 30 miles west of Manila.

Mangrobang said another policeman was killed outside the hall by the insurgents before they entered the building. The three assailants were with other men in two vehicles, he said.

Two civilians, one of them a provincial bank manager, were killed in the gunfire, and five other people were wounded and taken to a hospital, said Mangrobang, assistant operations chief of a military camp north of Manila.



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