

Ferdinand Marcos Jr., son of ousted dictator, wins Philippines presidency

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Manila, May 12 (RHC)-- In the Philippines, protests have broken out in response to the landslide victory of Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the son of the late Filipino dictator, in this week's presidential election. Known as Bong Bong, his running mate is Sara Duterte, the daughter of current President Rodrigo Duterte.

The election was plagued with violent attacks at polling sites and delays triggered by glitches in vote-counting machines. Marcos's chief rival was Leni Robredo, the country's current vice president.

The Marcos dynasty returns to power some 36 years after the family fled a mass uprising in 1986 that ended Marcos's brutal two-decade dictatorship. Marcos's government committed serious human rights violations, including forced disappearances and extrajudicial killings. He was also accused of corruption and of looting the Philippines' treasury.

Ferdinand Marcos Sr. died in 1989 while in exile in Hawaii.

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