

Philippines Holiday Deep Dive: Post-June 2026 Events & Historical Echoes

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1. Ninoy Aquino Day, observed on August 21st, commemorates a pivotal moment in Philippine history. What specific event does this holiday mark?

- A) The declaration of Philippine Independence from Spain.
- B) The assassination of Senator Benigno 'Ninoy' Aquino Jr.**
- C) The anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution.
- D) The birth of President Corazon Aquino.

2. National Heroes' Day in the Philippines is celebrated on the last Monday of August. What historical event does the date of this holiday signify the beginning of?

- A) The signing of the Treaty of Paris.
- B) The establishment of the First Philippine Republic.
- C) The Cry of Pugad Lawin, marking the start of the Philippine Revolution against Spain.**
- D) The return of President Emilio Aguinaldo from exile.

3. While June 12th is celebrated as Independence Day in the Philippines, commemorating the 1898 declaration of independence from Spain, July 4th also holds historical significance related to independence. What was July 4th officially renamed in 1964 after being the original Independence Day?

- A) Republic Day, also known as Philippine-American Friendship Day.**
- B) Day of Valor (Araw ng Kagitingan).
- C) Bonifacio Day.
- D) Rizal Day.

4. Ninoy Aquino Day is a special non-working holiday. Which of the following is NOT a primary theme honored on this day?

- A) Democracy
- B) Freedom
- C) Peaceful activism
- D) Economic prosperity**

5. National Heroes' Day honors several key figures in Philippine history. Which of these individuals was NOT among the initial list of National Heroes recommended by the committee in 1995?

- A) Jose Rizal
- B) Andres Bonifacio
- C) Emilio Aguinaldo
- D) Manuel L. Quezon**

6. The commemoration of the assassination of Senator Benigno 'Ninoy' Aquino Jr. is a significant event. By what law was August 21st officially declared a special non-working holiday in the Philippines?

- A) Republic Act No. 9256
- B) Republic Act No. 6950
- C) Republic Act No. 9492**
- D) Republic Act No. 8424

7. Historically, July 4th was celebrated as Philippine Independence Day. What event does the current Independence Day, celebrated on June 12th, commemorate?

- A) The signing of the Treaty of Manila, granting independence from the US.
- B) The proclamation of Philippine independence from Spain by Emilio Aguinaldo.**
- C) The end of the American colonial period.
- D) The establishment of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

8. National Heroes' Day was established to honor those who fought for the nation's freedom. When was the celebration of National Heroes' Day first institutionalized by the Philippine legislature?

- A) October 28, 1931**
- B) August 21, 1983
- C) February 25, 1986
- D) July 4, 1946