Chilean Court Sentences 11 Pinochet Era Intelligence Agents

Santiago de Chile, March 2 (RHC)-- A Chilean court has condemned 11 agents of the intelligence services of former dictator General Augusto Pinochet for the 1974 forced disappearances of Maria Alvarado Borgel and Martin Elgueta Pinto. According to testimony, both victims were tortured before they were killed in the facilities of the intelligence service called Londres 38.

Special Judge Leopoldo Llanos also ordered the Chilean state to pay $77,500 to each of the five brothers of the victims, all activists with the Revolutionary Left Movement, or MIR.

Miguel Krassnoff Martchenko, Basclay Zapata Reyes and Risiere del Prado Altez España were sentenced to 15 years and one day in prison; Cesar Manriquez Bravo, Nelson Paz Bustamante, Jose Yevenes Vergara and Osvaldo Pulgar Gallardo to 10 years and one day; Pedro Espinoza Bravo and Orlando Manzo Duran to seven years in prison.

Former Chilean dictatorship agents Sergio Castillo Gonzalez and Raul Iturriaga Neumann were condemned to five and four years, respectively, as accomplices in the forced disappearances.

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