

Protesters demand to know the whereabouts of missing detainees in Chile



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Santiago de Chile, March 17 (RHC) -- Human rights organizations rallied Friday in front of Chile's Justice Ministry to demand the search for the remains of their relatives, fifty years after the coup d'état in the South American nation.

"In this country, justice has not been done, nor has the truth been known. We have lived in a world of impunity", declared to Prensa Latina the leader of the Group of Relatives of the Detained and Disappeared Ana María Carrero.

According to Carrero, officially there are 1,210 people recognized in this condition, although the figure could rise to more than 3,000.

The Valech Commission report states that during the Augusto Pinochet regime (1973-1990) more than 40,000 cases of crimes against humanity were registered in the country, including 3,200 murders and disappearances.

We are here to remind justice that this path must not be lost because for us it is very important to find our loved ones, said Genoveva Ramos, who has five relatives whose whereabouts are unknown.

"Justice, truth, no to impunity" and "disappeared comrades present, now and forever" were some of the slogans chanted by the demonstrators in front of the ministry.

The day before, the Chilean president, Gabriel Boric, affirmed that his government is committed to a national plan to search for the victims, although he admitted the difficulties to find them after 50 years of the coup that snatched democracy from the country. (Source/PL)

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