

Chilean court sentences murderers of Allende's bodyguards



Santiago de Chile, August 30 (RHC)-- The Chilean Supreme Court has issued the final sentence for the murder and kidnapping of members of Salvador Allende's personal escort, confirming the responsibility to the late retired general Vicente Rodríguez Bustos.

The decision points to the kidnapping of Domingo Blanco Tarrés and José Belisario Carreño, in addition to the murder of Gonzalo Jorquera Leyton, Carlos Cruz Zavala, Luis Gamboa Pizarro, Pedro Garcés Portiagliati, Óscar Marambio Araya, Edmundo Montero Salazar, Jorge Orrego González, William Ramírez Barría and Enrique Ropert Contreras.

The high court reversed the decision of the Court of Appeals and sentenced retired Air Force (FACH) General Vicente Rodríguez Bustos, who died in September 2020, and ordered the investigating minister to decree the corresponding definitive and partial dismissal of the case.

According to the endorsed document, ten bodyguards belonging to the "Group of Personal Friends of the President" (GAP) tried to reach La Moneda Palace on September 11, 1973 to join then President Allende in his resistance. Most of them were found on September 19, 1973, on the banks of the Mapocho River.

"The members of President Allende's personal guard were taken to the premises of the police prefecture in the interior of the Intendencia".

The legal document establishes that the direct relatives of the victims will be compensated with amounts that oscillate approximately between US\$ 5,825 and US\$ 93,200, according to the proximity of the link.

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