

Spanish Capital to Remove References to Franco in Street Names



Madrid, July 13 (RHC)-- In the Spanish capital Madrid, the new leftist city council has announced plans to remove all names relating to former Spanish dictator General Francisco Franco from city squares and streets.

Despite a 2007 law aimed at replacing symbols of Franco's decades-long rule, about 170 Madrid streets still bear the names of regime figures.

Madrid's new mayor, Manuela Carmena, is a retired judge who worked as a labor lawyer defending worker-rights activists detained under Franco's Fascist dictatorship.

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