

Thousands in Argentina protest dictatorship on 42nd anniversary of military coup



Buenos Aires, March 24 (RHC)-- Thousands of people took to the streets of Buenos Aires on Saturday to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of former military leader Jorge Rafael Videla's rise to power following a right-wing military coup.

The protest saw the participation of numerous leftist organisation members and leaders from all across the country, who all reached the Argentineab capital to voice their opposition to dictatorship.

Taty Almeida, Member of Mothers of Plaza de Mayo, an association of mothers whose children disappeared during Videla's reign, said that the protesters marched "for adjustment, the repression and the impunity, for a democracy without prisoners and political prisoners like [leader of Tupac Amaru movement] Milagro Sala."

Videla came to power in 1976 after staging a coup against Isabel Martinez de Peron's government. He remained in power until March 29, 1981, when he was succeeded by Roberto Eduardo Viola. Videla died in 2013.

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