

# *Spain removes remains of Francisco Franco from national mausoleum*

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Madrid, October 25 (RHC)-- In Spain, authorities have exhumed the body of fascist dictator Francisco Franco from a state-run mausoleum to be reburied in a private family vault.

Franco oversaw a brutal 40-year dictatorship until his death in 1975. Spanish historian and former political prisoner under Franco's dictatorship, Nicolás Sánchez Albornoz, told reporters: "It was time to move him. We've waited many decades for [Franco] to disappear from this monument, which in and of itself was the shame of Spain. All the dictators of Franco's ilk have vanished from Europe — Hitler, Mussolini — and were not honored with such tombs. The truth is, the contradiction was obvious between a democracy and a monument dedicated to the cult of a man who was the opposite of democratic."

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