

# *Former Guatemalan military official tried for genocide against Ixil Mayans*

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Guatemala City, December 4 (RHC)-- In Guatemala, another former top military official will be tried for genocide and crimes against humanity committed during the 36-year U.S.-backed dirty war, which killed over 200,000 people, mostly Indigenous Mayans.

Luis Enrique Mendoza Garcia was a military operations chief under now-deceased military dictator Efraín Ríos Montt. He will be tried in March for his involvement in an operation that killed over 1,700 Maya Ixil people and displaced thousands more in the early 1980s.

Mendoza Garcia is the fourth top military official indicted in less than a week after three others were also charged in a separated genocide case also involving the Maya Ixil community.

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