

# *March of Silence held in Uruguay for victims of dictatorship*

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Montevideo, May 21 (RHC)-- The March of Silence to demand justice for the victims of the civil-military dictatorship in Uruguay -- between 1973 and 1985 -- took place this Friday after two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to the culmination of the massive march, the attendees said present after each name of disappeared or murdered person mentioned, and listened to the national anthem.

Calling for this event, the organization of Mothers and Relatives of Detained and Disappeared Uruguayans wrote on social networks that this May 20 "like all the other days of the year, we are all relatives. We will again march in silence, without flags or party slogans, demanding Where are they? The truth is still kidnapped: It is the responsibility of the State."

This entity, the main organizer of the march, held a press conference on May 19 in which they insisted on their claim to seek truth and justice and stressed that the State was the one who committed these crimes and it is the one who continues in silence.

This is how they referred to the Armed Forces, which after so many years continue to keep the files classified with all the details of the operations carried out during the dictatorship, and the Executive Power and the Minister of Defense have the power to demand that the details come to light.

May 20 was chosen as the date on which thousands of people marched along the main avenue of Montevideo to demand justice and truth for the victims of the dictatorship; in remembrance of the assassination on that very day in 1976 of the then legislators Zelmar Michelini and Héctor Gutiérrez Ruiz, and the militants Rosario Barredo and William Whitelaw.

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