

Argentinian Human Rights Activist Meets her 36-Year-old Grandson Kidnapped as an Infant



Buenos Aires, August 6 (Mercopress-RHC) -- The 83-year-old head of the Argentinian human rights movement which works to track down babies stolen by the country's brutal 1976-83 military dictatorship has found her grandson after a 35-year search.

Estela Carlotto, who leads the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo group, was able on Tuesday to meet her kidnapped grandson, said a relative, who said the identity was confirmed through genetic testing.

Records show Laura was two months pregnant when kidnapped by Argentinian security forces on November 26 1977, and according to testimony she gave birth to Guido in the Military Hospital on June 26, 1978.

After the birth, Laura was returned to the 'La Cacha' clandestine detention center, without her baby, and murdered on August 25th of that same year.

The Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo and a sister group, Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, have been leading a nationwide

effort in Argentina to reunite an estimated 500 children who were taken from left-wing activists and government opponents during the dictatorship.

As many as 30,000 people who “disappeared” are presumed to have been murdered during Argentina's “dirty war.” In many instances, their children were taken by ruling families and raised as their own.

The Grandmothers group, which was founded in 1977, said it has managed through the years to locate scores of missing children, who now are adults.

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