

Chile to Strengthen Anti-Terrorist Law



Santiago, November 4 (teleSUR-RHC), -- Less than two months after a terrorist attack targeted a subway station in Santiago de Chile, the government has presented a bill which aims to strengthen the current anti-terrorist law.

The new bill, yet to be discussed by the Senate's Constitution, Legislation and Justice Commission, proposes for the first time the use of undercover agents to disrupt terrorists attacks.

The measure, that will modify the last anti-terrorist law approved during the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, states the undercover agents, who will need to be approved by a judge, will not be judged for any crimes committed during their operation, nor for not preventing crimes.

It is expected the commission will approved the bill in the next few days and then passed to the senate.

The authors of the amendment also proposed to broaden the type of charges and crimes classified as terrorist acts. They also want to pursue alleged members of terrorist organizations, people who committed terrorist attacks and so called financiers of any criminal organization.

The bill also introduces a new type of charge to treat "lone wolves".

“We think it is very important to acknowledge that a terrorist attack can be committed not only under conspiracy or by a group of people, but also by one individual,” said senator Alberto Espina, who was one of the authors of the measure, during the bill’s presentation in the presidential palace.

At least nine people were injured after a bomb exploded near the Santiago subway station Military School on Sept. 8 . It was described by some as the worst terrorist attack in the last 24 years in Chile.

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