

Argentina Identifies Remains of Student Disappeared in 1975



Buenos Aires, April 20 (teleSUR-RHC)-- The remains, found one year before in what used to be a detention center in the central province of Cordoba, were identified as a university student assassinated in 1975, one year before the military coup, judicial sources explained on Friday.

The year of his death, Luis Agustín Santillán was studying radiology at the University of Cordoba, judge Miguel Hugo Vaca Narvaja confirmed.

The Argentine Team of Forensic Anthropology discovered his remains in October 2014 in the ovens of what was about to become a clandestine detention center during the Argentine dictatorship (1976-1983). The center "La Perla," the most important detention center of the country after the one in Buenos Aires, received about 3,000 detainees.

The young man was kidnapped Dec. 6, 1975, along with Rosa Gómez Granja, Alfredo Felipe Sinópoli and Ricardo Saibene, all students and activists in the *Peronista* University Youth (JUP). Before being transferred to *La Perla*, they were all tortured in another clandestine center called "*La Ribera*," also in Cordoba. Then their bodies were burnt in ovens located seven kilometers away from *La Perla* center. After the remains were found, the former military official Ernesto Barreiro, who was prosecuted over the *La Perla* case, handed over the list of names of disappeared people buried in the center, which included the names of the four students, Vaca Narvaja told local *Pagina 12*.

“This reinforces the idea that they hold a record book of the disappeared people, and where their bodies are located,” added the judge. The *Peronista* movement supported the return of former President Juan Peron, in exile since his eviction from power after a military coup in 1954. Peron died in 1974, one year after his return to power, but the movement continued to support Peronista candidates, despite the growing atmosphere of repression.

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