

Argentina to Compensate Victims of Jewish Center Bombing



Buenos Aires, May 1 (RHC)-- The Argentinean government has approved a bill to compensate the victims of the 1994 bombing of a Jewish center in Buenos Aires.

The attack on the AMIA Jewish center killed 85 people and injured hundreds, however no one has yet been found responsible or tried in court over the incident.

President Cristina Fernandez has demanded justice in the case, calling on the court system to advance in solving the case.

The bill to compensate the victims was passed by parliament this week, after receiving unanimous approval from the Argentine senate in late April.

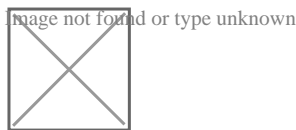
The legislation provides a one-time compensation of US\$170,000 for the relatives of those killed in the attack. The hundreds who suffered "extremely grievous" injuries will receive 70 percent of that amount, while those who suffered "grievous" injuries will receive 60 percent of that amount, according to the Jerusalem Post.

Head of Argentina's Human Rights Commission, Remo Carlotto, said the compensation was similar to that awarded to the victims of Argentina's military dictatorship (1976-1983), and the 1992 attack on the Israeli embassy, when 29 people were killed and hundreds injured.

The AMIA bombing has made headlines again recently after the mysterious death of Federal Attorney Alberto Nisman who was investigating the case.

The Argentinean opposition has used his death to try to implicate the current government, even though it was not in power in 1994.

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