

Roman Court Ratifies Sentence Against Corriere for Defaming Argentinean President



Buenos Aires, October 10 (RHC)-- A Roman appeals court has confirmed a ruling against Italy's Corriere Della Sera newspaper for a defamatory piece on Argentinian President Cristina Fernández, the Buenos Aires Herald reported.

In 2013 a court decision had already ruled against the daily, its former director Paolo Mieli and journalist Maria Egizia Fisachetti, who had said in a 2008 article that Ms. Kirchner had gone shopping during an official trip to Europe.

Today's ruling confirms that sentence on actual malice grounds, that is, with knowledge that what was published was false or with reckless disregard of whether it was false or not.

By that time, the newspaper was ordered to pay \$40,000 to Cristina Kirchner that the head of state donated entirely to the La Plata Children's Hospital.

The controversial article was published in 2008 saying that Cristina Fernández had been in the famous Enigma jewellery where she had purchased Bulgari-designed earrings, watches and golden bracelets

worth more than \$140,000, as she visited Italy to attend the summit of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The false information released by the Corriere was echoed by some Argentine media.

Following the decision by the Italian justice condemning the release of the article, the new director of the daily, Ferruccio de Bortoli, officially apologized to Ms. Kirchner.

“Kirchner’s shopping was not true, Corriere della Sera condemned for an article,” the online edition of the newspaper said in its headline when the first ruling came out in 2013.

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