

Former CIA Officer Arrested in Portugal for Kidnapping Cleric



Lisbon, February 27 (RHC)-- In Portugal, police have arrested a former U.S. intelligence operative and are preparing to extradite her to Italy, where she faces a prison sentence for her role in the kidnapping and rendition of an Egyptian cleric in 2003.

Former undercover CIA officer Sabrina De Sousa was one of 26 Americans convicted in absentia by an Italian court in 2007. They were charged with illegally seizing the cleric, Abu Omar, from the streets of Milan in 2003 and sending him to Egypt, where he was tortured during a four-year imprisonment.

De Sousa moved to Portugal in 2015 and was arrested as she attempted to leave the country. She faces four years in an Italian prison.

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