

15-Year sentences for Chilean military officers who killed singer Victor Jara



Santiago de Chile, July 6 (RHC)-- In Chile, a court has handed 15-year sentences to eight former military officers for the murder of legendary folk singer and activist Victor Jara in September 1973.

In the days after dictator Augusto Pinochet seized power in a U.S.-backed coup, Victor Jara was arrested, tortured and shot 44 times. He was one of thousands of leftist academics and activists imprisoned in a soccer stadium in Santiago de Chile, which has since been renamed Victor Jara Stadium.

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