

Ex-military officer of Pinochet's dictatorship arrested in Argentina

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The former lieutenant, who acted during the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, escaped after being sentenced for the murders of 23 workers of the Endesa company. | Photo: Twitter @El_Ciudadano

Buenos Aires, June 14 (RHC)-- In Buenos Aires, agents of the Interpol department of the Argentinean Federal Police (PFA) captured this Saturday the former army colonel Walter Klug Rivera, who is convicted of crimes committed during the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet (1973-1990) in Chile and was a fugitive in Argentina.

The arrest was made in the city of Buenos Aires, by order of the Federal Criminal and Correctional Court Number 10, while the Chilean ex-military "was walking through the neighborhood" of Balvanera, official sources said.

Klug Rivera, who will be expelled from Argentina, had been wanted for a few days after his escape from Chile, where he was convicted by the justice system for the disappearance and murder of 23 workers in 1973.

"Walter Klug Rivera was apprehended outside the second hotel where he was staying, which he intended to leave in the coming hours with the aim of continuing to evade justice," said the Chilean Investigative Police on Twitter.

It was the extraordinary minister for cases of human rights violations of the Court of Appeals of Santiago, Paola Plaza, who issued an international arrest warrant to Interpol against the former dictatorship official.

Klug Rivera had already absconded in 2015 but was extradited from Italy to Chile last year, as a defendant in the disappearance of a university student in Concepción, a case in which his responsibility was later dismissed.

Argentinean Interior Minister Eduardo de Pedro informed that the country ordered "the expulsion of Chilean citizen Walter Klug Rivera, who entered Argentina illegally escaping from justice in his country, where he is accused of the aggravated homicide of 23 people during Pinochet's dictatorship."

The Argentinean Secretary of State of the Casa Rosada highlighted on Twitter that Klug Rivera also has a red notice from Interpol for his arrest for crimes against humanity.

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