

Chilean court sentences 19 agents of the Pinochet dictatorship

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With this new sentence, former DINA agent Miguel Krassnoff should pay more than 800 years in prison. | Photo: @PrensaPopularD

Santiago de Chile, October 22 (RHC)-- The Supreme Court of Justice of Chile has confirmed the sentences to 19 agents of the former National Intelligence Directorate (DINA) for the kidnapping of brothers Carlos and Aldo Perez Vargas in September 1974.

In a unanimous decision, the Second Chamber of the highest court ratified the sentence of 12 years in prison for former DINA agents César Manríquez Bravo, Pedro Octavio Espinoza Bravo and Miguel

Krassnoff Martchenko, as perpetrators of the crimes against the Pérez Vargas brothers.

Agents Manuel Carevic Cubillos, Ricardo Lawrence Mires, Gerardo Godoy García, Nelson Paz Bustamante, Gerardo Meza Acuña, José Ojeda Obando, Nelson Ortiz Vignolo, Claudio Pacheco Fernández, Hermon Helec Alfaro Mundaca, Raúl Rodríguez Ponte, José Abel Aravena Ruiz, José Fuentealba Saldías, Francisco Ferrer Lima and Rosa Humilde Ramos Hernández must serve 10 years and one day in prison. Finally, Miguel Avendaño González and Alejandro Astudillo Adonis were sentenced to 5 years and one day in prison.

Brothers Carlos and Aldo Pérez Vargas were militants of the Revolutionary Left Movement (MIR) and were arrested on September 10 and 23, 1974 by the police of Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship in September 1974 and subjected to torture in different detention centers, with no news of their whereabouts.

They were murdered under the so-called Operation Colombo, devised by the DINA to cover up the murder and disappearance of 19 women and 100 men, mostly young people, who were part of the resistance to the dictatorship.

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