

Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo find 132nd grandson in Argentina

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Buenos Aires, December 28 (RHC)-- The organization Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo reported this Wednesday about the restitution of the identity of the 132nd grandchild in Argentina.

The president of the organization, Estela de Carloto, stated in a press conference that this new grandson identified is named Juan José and is the son of Mercedes del Valle Morales, who was disappeared during the last military dictatorship. "We solved a new case and we close 2022 with more truth," said De Carloto.

On their web page, Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo explained: "This morning, the federal court N°1 of Tucumán confirmed grandson 132 that he is not the son of the family that raised him as their own in Tucumán, owner of a farm where his mother worked. Mercedes del Valle Morales was detained and disappeared in 1976 in the same province."

"Mercedes was kidnapped along with other members of her family on May 20, 1976 in Monteros, Tucumán. Her son, barely 9 months old, was there the day of the operation, in which her grandparents, Toribia Romero de Morales and José Ramón Morales, were also kidnapped. Four days later, they kidnapped his uncles José Silvano Morales, Juan Ceferino Morales and Julio César Morales, all of whom are still missing," they said.

After learning of his maternal filiation, the grandson left his genetic profile with the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team (EAAF) so that his mother's remains could be found. Subsequently, the team identified the remains of Mercedes del Valle Morales in the North Cemetery of Tucumán.

Regarding the father, the organization detailed that "this morning the Federal Court of Tucumán informed the young man that he is not the son of the person who raised him and confirmed that he was indeed a victim of abduction, concealment and substitution of identity within the framework of State terrorism."

They also commented that the case will remain open to continue with the investigation on the father and urged to provide any data or information on Mercedes del Valle Morales and her partner.

For his part, Argentinean President Alberto Fernández celebrated this news and highlighted that "the restitution of the identity of each one of them generates a deep emotion and joy for us." In turn, Vice President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner assured that the Grandmothers did it again and provoked a "great joy for the restitution of the identity of another Argentinean, grandson 132."

Last Thursday, December 22nd, the organization Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo announced the restitution of the identity of grandson number 131, son of Lucía Nadín and Aldo Quevedo, who were kidnapped in 1977 during the military dictatorship.

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