

Chile Coup Anniversary Leaves 14 Wounded, 179 Arrested



Santiago de Chile, September 13 (NNN-RHC) -- Fourteen people were wounded and 179 arrested during protests that broke out on the 41st anniversary of the coup that brought Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet to power, police said on Friday.

Protesters reportedly burned a city bus in southern Santiago de Chile and barricaded streets in the capital, which also saw isolated gunfire and power outages that hit 120,000 homes.

The country had been on edge after a recent series of unclaimed homemade bomb attacks, including one on a Santiago subway station Monday that wounded 14 people. The authorities received 35 bomb threats Thursday, but all turned out to be false alarms.

The commemorations otherwise passed peacefully, with Chileans leaving flowers and lighting candles at sites used as detention centers and torture chambers during the regime's "dirty war" against leftist opponents.

Some 3,200 people were killed and 38,000 tortured during the 1973-1990 dictatorship, according to the Chilean government.

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