

# *Court Upholds Deportation Order for Salvadoran General in Landmark Human Rights Case*

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Washington, March 17 (RHC)-- A U.S. immigration appeals court has upheld the deportation order of a former El Salvadoran general accused of murder and torture. Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova is wanted in El Salvador for his role in the notorious killings of four U.S. churchwomen in 1980.

A 2012 decision marked the first time a U.S. immigration judge ordered a top-ranking foreign military leader deported under a 2004 law intended to bar human rights violators from U.S. soil. Vides was a close U.S. government ally during his stint as defense minister for the Salvadoran junta between 1983 and 1989.

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