

New Argentine Money Honors Plaza de Mayo Human Rights Activists



Buenos Aires, March 27 (teleSUR-RHC) President of Argentina Cristina Fernandez revealed the new Argentine 100 pesos bill on Thursday, paying tribute to the mothers and grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo.

The new monetary notes were unveiled during a ceremony at the presidential palace in Buenos Aires, where activists marched in defiance of the military dictatorship, demanding to know the whereabouts of their disappeared children. "This is a tribute we want to do that comes from the nation," said President Fernandez during a broadcast of the ceremony.

The notes feature on one side, an profile image of a member of the mothers of Plaza de Mayo wearing the characteristic white scarf over her head. The other side has an image of a march at the plaza in front of the presidential palace.

The mothers and grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo are highly regarded in Argentina for their bravery and resilience. Human rights groups estimate 30,000 people were forcibly disappeared by the military dictatorship, which lasted from 1976 to 1983. The children born to those in detention were stolen from their birth parents and given to wealthy families that supported the military regime.

The grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo have reunited 116 people with their birth parents, including the grandson of the founder of the group, Estela de Carlotto.

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