

Argentinian Embassy in Paris Looks for Disappeared Children



Buenos Aires, May 25 (teleSUR-RHC)-- The Argentinian Embassy in Paris has launched a campaign promoting the right to identity in order to help find children abducted during the military dictatorship in Argentina, which lasted from 1976 until 1983.

The campaign, supported by the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo and other human rights organizations, follows a similar effort launched in Italy in 2013 by the Argentinian embassy in Rome. France was chosen for the program given that many former mid-ranking military officers during the dictatorship ended up living in the European country.

Argentinian authorities believe that if these officials fled to France, other higher ranking officers and collaborators could have also gone there. The military had also installed in 1977, during the dictatorship, a special "pilot" headquarters in Paris, allegedly to help cleanse Argentina's human rights reputation.

By the final days of the dictatorship, its network of collaborators and high-ranking officials could have smuggled abducted babies outside the country, many of them newly born. Human rights organizations are still looking for at least 400 children out of the 500 that disappeared during the dictatorship.



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