

Uruguay Begins New Search for Disappeared



Montevideo, July 17 (teleSUR-RHC)-- The Uruguayan government will begin a new effort to find the 192 disappeared people still missing since the last military dictatorship. With the help of a team of 10 anthropologists from the Republic University, authorities will renew excavations in a military base in Montevideo. The search had been halted since February due to talks between the university and the government to renew the agreement.

The team of anthropologists will permanently coordinate with the country's Human Rights Secretary, linked to the Uruguayan presidency.

The government body is in charge of receiving, processing and analyzing all information related to forced disappearances. Expectation has grown since many believe the remains of Maria Claudia Garcia de Gelman, daughter in law of Argentine poet Juan Gelman and mother of current Uruguayan lawmaker Macarena Gelman, may be found.

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR) ruled in 2011 that the Uruguayan state was responsible for the disappearance of Garcia de Gelman in 1976.

Since its first government in 2005, the left-wing Broad Front party launched a government-led program to find the victims of force disappearances during the country's last military dictatorship, which lasted between 1973-1985. So far, only four of the 192 victims have been identified by the state.

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