



FRANCO ON TRIAL – THE SPANISH NUREMBERG?

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SYNOPSIS

So far no one has been brought to justice for crimes committed during the Spanish Civil War or Franco's regime. Now, an Argentinean initiative has launched an attempt to prosecute officials. Will they succeed?

It is one of the darkest chapters of European history: the genocide that took place in Spain under General Franco's fascist dictatorship between 1936-1975. The country's transition to a democracy after Franco's death is considered to be exemplary. But was this really the case? The Amnesty Law of 1977 exempted not only political prisoners but also all perpetrators from all crimes committed during the Franco regime between 1936 and 1977. This means that to this day, no one has been prosecuted for the regime's systematic atrocities, nor have victims been rehabilitated. Over 100,000 people are still missing today, there have been no legal proceedings, nor has an adequate historical appraisal been undertaken. In 2008, a Spanish judge failed in his attempt to indict Franco...

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