

On the international sentence in the Arrom-Martí case

THE GOVERNMENT LIES

It is questionable and regrettable the decision of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of May 13 because it leaves unpunished serious crimes committed by the Paraguayan State and allows a paint job of one of the most corrupt judicial systems in the world. However, it is important to understand that in its sentence, **the Inter-American Court of Human Rights does not state in any paragraph that the former political leaders of Patria Libre have not been victims of kidnapping and torture in 2002**, as the government intentionally intends to present the sentence. In its conclusions, the Court only states that **the participation of State agents in these events could not be proved.**

The government of Mario Abdo Benítez misrepresents this resolution of the Inter-American Court affirming that it was shown that Juan Arrom and Anuncio Martí lie, and that they were not kidnapped. They even intend to present this sentence as proof that Juan Arrom and Anuncio Martí are responsible for the kidnapping of María Edith Bordón de Debernardi - violating once again the right to the presumption of innocence - to strengthen a new request to lift the status of refugees granted to them by Brazil in 2003. **The serious sentence of the Inter-American Court does not deny the existence of kidnapping and torture of which both were victims - and the entire Paraguayan society was a witness- in 2002. Much less means that both were responsible for the kidnapping offense for which the corrupt Paraguayan judicial system pursues them.**

Does anyone believe in Paraguayan justice?

However, this judgment of the Inter-American Court is serious, since it legitimizes the fraudulent investigation carried out by the Paraguayan "justice" on the kidnapping and torture of Juan Arrom and Anuncio Martí, an investigation which sole purpose was to cover up the criminal responsibilities of their own members and the political authorities of that time. This sentence endorses the fraudulent action of the same judicial system that has left unpunished more than 100 political murders committed against militants of the peasant movement since 1989, which has allowed the extinction of criminal cases against torturers of the Stroessner regime. A judicial system that is, in fact, continuity of the same dictatorial regime and that is why it has allowed the immense majority of torturers, kidnapers and rapists of girls to die or to continue among us without paying for their crimes.

The same judicial system has not punished the deaths of children and adolescents in compliance with military service. It is the same judicial power of a State that has already been condemned by the I/A Court for the forced disappearance of Agustín Goiburú, Carlos José Mancuello, Rodolfo Feliciano Ramírez Villalba and Benjamín De Jesús Ramírez Villalba. **It is the same judicial system that condemned as scapegoats and without proof the surviving peasants of the Curuguaty**

massacre, a massacre whose real authors still go unpunished without being even investigated. It is the same judicial system historically dominated by interests of powerful groups that promote bribery and influence peddling (of the González Daher, Dionisio Amarilla, etc.) as mechanisms of access to justice.

It is this corrupt and criminal judicial power -which endorses and promotes State Terrorism- before which the government intends to submit Juan Arrom and Anuncio Martí, if the request to lift the Political Refugee status in Brazil is given, they are arrested and finally extradited. They try new scapegoats to not investigate with responsibility and punish the very responsible of crimes, as it happened with the case of the six peasants political prisoners extradited from Argentina and sentenced in 2012 to 35 years in prison without no evidence by a Tribunal bound by political pressure.

As well as the lifting of the asylum and probable extradition of the founder of Wikileaks Julian Assange, and the imprisonment and extradition attempt of the delegate of the Peace dialogues of Havana, Jesús Santrich. The sentence of the Inter-American Court on the case of Arrom-Martí it is a sign of new times of narrowing of the margins of democratic action and submission of all international legality to the interests of capital accumulation and imperialist powers.

We call on all national and international democratic forces to support the confirmation of the status of refugees of Juan Arrom and Anuncio Martí in Brazil, because there are no minimum guarantees of a fair judicial process for them in Paraguay. We all should open a debate on these signs of reduction of guarantees for the exercise of political dissidence in our regimes of restricted democracies and mafia dictatorships.

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