

Assassination of Former Chilean General Carlos Prats

On 30 September General Carlos Prats Gonzales, former commander-in-chief of the Chilean army and Minister of Defense during the Allende regime, and his wife were killed by the blast of a bomb thrown at their car as they were returning to their home in Buenos Aires. According to the local police, the assassins were waiting for Prats and his wife as he drove up to his apartment building. The assailants opened machine gun fire and threw a bomb into the car, the explosion and resulting fire killing both. Prats had been living quietly in Buenos Aires since his arrival in voluntary exile after the fall of Allende's government in September 1973. He was not permitted to make any public appearances or statements and had faithfully carried out the restrictive instructions pertaining to his exile in Buenos Aires. Prats had escaped a previous assassination attempt during June 1963 in Santiago, Chile. No terrorist group has claimed responsibility for the assassination.

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