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ETA assumes 758 murders in almost 50 years of terrorist activity

The organization was dissolved in May

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USPA NEWS - The Basque separatist organization ETA has assumed the responsibility of 758 murders in almost fifty years of terrorist activity. In a statement made public five months after its dissolution, but dated one month before its end, the terrorist organization takes stock of its activity and blames it on the Spanish State.

The 758 assassinations assumed by ETA are 92 less than those attributed to it by the Spanish Ministry of the Interior, on which the State's security forces depend. In addition, the terrorist organization recognizes 2,606 actions, including two attacks that until now had not claimed. This is the bomb attack on the Rolando coffee store, on Correo street, in Madrid, on September 13, 1974, which caused 13 deaths. Also, the murder of three people in the Basque town of Tolosa "by confusing them with police officers."

On the contrary, ETA rejects "false attacks" that have been attributed to it, such as the fire at the Corona de Aragón hotel in Zaragoza on July 12, 1979 and in which 83 people died. According to the terrorist organization, "the divergences correspond to the accusation to ETA of actions committed by other armed organizations, as in the case of the murder of the girl Begoña Urroz in 1961, or as a result of the dirty war."

The attack that does recognize ETA is the assignment on June 19, 1987 against the Hipercor shopping center in Barcelona. A car bomb loaded with 200 kilos of explosives detonated half an hour before the time announced by the terrorists, causing 21 dead and 45 wounded. Many of the victims were children. According to ETA, that attack was "the biggest mistake and the greatest misfortune" of its almost half century of criminal activity.

Among the victims of ETA, the terrorist organization assumes responsibility for 365 attacks against the Civil Guard, in which 186 agents died; 215 attacks against the different Spanish police forces, in which 139 agents died, and 147 attacks against the Army, in which 101 soldiers and 11 civilian workers of the Spanish Navy died.

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