

US Atrocities Still Painful After 50 Years. From Chile's 9/11, A Criminal Sequence of U.S. Coups and Dictatorships

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The US history of creating coups and dictatorships is not over. US President Obama presided over the coup in Honduras in 2009.

The US backed the Turkish military in trying to topple the democratically elected Erdogan in 2016.

In 2014, US president Obama and now-president Biden used Nazi groups to topple the democratically elected president Yanukovych of Ukraine.

The US has also tried to topple the democratically elected president Maduro in Venezuela.

The atrocities which the US inflicted on Chile with the coup in 1973 are still a deep pain for Chile.

It clearly illustrates the size and depth of the pain inflicted by the USA, that even today, 50 years after the US-coup in Chile, enormous efforts are made by Chile's society to bring justice to the results of US atrocities. This includes looking for the thousands of "disappeared".

Reporting from Chile's capital Santiago, Al Jazeera's Lucia Newman said successive Chilean governments have failed to seriously search for the disappeared people since Pinochet left power in 1990.

Newman noted that mass graves have been previously discovered in Chile near former interrogation centres, but not all the human remains found have been properly examined or identified.

"The forensic science has advanced quite a lot, so there is hope that at least some of the disappeared will be identified, even if it's just a bone," she said.

"A lot of people here told me, even if it's just a little piece of the person that went missing that [they] can bury, that will help a lot to put their pain to rest."

–[Al Jazeera](#), August 30, 2023

The "disappeared" were executed – sometimes cast from helicopters into the ocean.

The US inflicted similar atrocities on Argentina, Nicaragua, Panamá, El Salvador, and many other Latin American, African, Asian, Middle East, and European countries.

The pain of US atrocities lives – and is not forgotten all over the World.

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