Pope Francis' Role in Argentina's "Dirty War". Interview with Michel Chossudovsky

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the historical coup d'etat in Argentina of 1976 with the instatement of the structural adjustment program;

Bergoglio's complicity with the military dictatorship;

Argentina's dirty war;

the present day trial in Buenos Aires which will bring to light Operation Condor;

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> The Vatican conclave has elected Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio as Pope Francis I
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> In 1973, he had been appointed "Provincial" of Argentina for the Society of Jesus.
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> In this capacity, Bergoglio was the highest ranking Jesuit in Argentina during the military dictatorship led by General Jorge Videla (1976-1983).
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> He later became bishop and archbishop of Buenos Aires. Pope John Paul II elevated him to the title of cardinal in 2001
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> When the military junta relinquished power in 1983, the duly elected president Raúl Alfonsín set up a Truth Commission pertaining to the crimes underlying the "Dirty War" (La Guerra Sucia).
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> In 2005, human rights lawyer Myriam Bregman filed a criminal suit against Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, accusing him of conspiring with the military junta in the 1976 kidnapping of two Jesuit priests.
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> Several years later, the survivors of the "Dirty War" openly accused Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of complicity in the kidnapping of priests Francisco Jalics y Orlando Yorio as well six members of their parish**… Read More. Complete text of Michel Chossudovsky's article:**

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Wall Street was firmly behind the military Junta which waged “The Dirty War” on its behalf. In turn, the Catholic Church hierarchy played a central role in sustaining the legitimacy of the military Junta.

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