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Filed by CELS rights organization against Molinos Río de La Plata

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## New lawsuit over dictatorship-era crimes

The Centre for Legal and Social Studies (CELS) human rights organization has filed a lawsuit against food products company Molinos Río de la Plata SA for its alleged involvement in crimes against humanity in the last military dictatorship.

The 40 page-long suit, which was submitted on Friday to the La Plata Federal Court where the Molinos case will be tried, was publicized yesterday.

Owned by the Bunge and Born financial group, Molinos Río de la Plata is being investigated for the disappearance of 24 of its workers, in a case investigating crimes committed against labour union representatives.

The case was first opened after the children of three of the missing workers were able to gather archived material about the Molinos plant located in the Greater Buenos Aires district of Avellaneda, forming a case against the company.

"An internal intelligence group in the company marked and persecuted workers," leading to threats against the workers, bullets in their lockers, and pressure to accept compensation packages offered by the company, the CELS suit read.

One of the most damning pieces of evidence that was submitted about the kidnapping of dozens of workers on July 7, 1976 early in the morning.

"Around 70 workers who were arriving at the company were kidnapped and put in army trucks belonging to the military" by military officials who were reported to have lists given by the company," explained the suit. This is the first time that CELS has presented itself institutionally on the part of a plaintiff investigating civil complicity in crimes against humanity in the past 13 years.

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