



STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE HUNGARIAN HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRAL EUROPA FOUNDATION AMSTERDAM ON THE CASE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF EUROPEAN CITIZENS IN BOLIVIA

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Facts:

0. See our statement of 2009, April 29.
1. Victor Hugo Escobar, commander of the Bolivian police has officially withdrawn his earlier claims that there has been a shooting between the Bolivian anti-terrorist unit and the five men staying in Las Americas Hotel in Santa Cruz. It is safe to conclude that the five men did not use a gun against the anti-terrorist unit of the Bolivian police.
2. Post-mortem examination of the body of Michael Dwyer has showed that he was shot dead in the back from the back with one bullet.
3. Post-mortem examination of the body of Eduardo Rozsa Flores has showed that he was shot dead with six bullets from 30 centimeters distance.
4. Post-mortem examination of the body of Arpad Magyarosi has not taken place yet.
5. The Bolivian president Evo Morales could not prove his claim yet that the five men wanted to kill him. Mr. Morales stated that he is not willing to cooperate with an international committee to investigate what happened in La Paz Las Americas Hotel in the early morning of 2009, April 16. He said we should believe his words.
6. The Public Prosecutor, Mr. Marcelo Sosa released pictures of the five men portraying with a gun, probably the same gun. These pictures have been found in the car of Eduardo Rozsa Flores.
7. The Public Prosecutor, Mr. Marcelo Sosa released the names of other Europeans and non-Europeans being involved in the “web of terrorism”, as he claims. Sosa claims that they were part of an international web “attempting to conspire against the Bolivian state.” The most important name put forward is that of Tibor Révész, a Hungarian citizen born in Transylvania and a former member of the French Foreign Legion. Révész and Dwyer were working for a Bolivian daughter company of Shell in Bolivia.

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8. Elod Toaso had no military training whatsoever. He was the webmaster of the Hungarian-American movie company Mozgo Film ([www.mozgofilms.com](http://www.mozgofilms.com)) in Bolivia. Toaso was working with New York-based filmmaker, László Hege who is of Hungarian stock on the film-script of a new movie called 'Filthy War' portraying the military adventures of Rozsa Flores in the Yugoslav Civil War. See statements of László Hege in the Wall Street Journal of 2009, April 20

### **Analysis:**

1. So far the Bolivian authorities have no convincing evidence released to underscore that there has been an international network to assassinate the Bolivian president Evo Morales. All people that have met Eduardo Rozsa Flores or have visited him in the hotel are however suspected of being part of the conspiracy. This is the well-known "snowball-method". A tactics used in Eastern European communist show-trials in the fifties in order to create a web of so-called conspirators that were enemies of communism.
2. The most important "pieces of evidence", the Kepes-video and the pictures portraying some of the men with a gun (probably the same) have been provided by Eduardo Rozsa Flores himself.
3. The Bolivian authorities are making up a case with the statements of spies, infiltrators and people with a criminal record. Fabricated materials are being used in order to "create" an international conspiring plot.
4. The Public Prosecutor Marcelo Sosa is putting pressure on the lawyer of Elod Toaso, Rigorberto Paredes Ayllon to have his client confess the act of terrorism "committed" in exchange for a mild sentence. This demonstrates that the Bolivian authorities are desperate to "prove" that there was a conspiracy. Once one of the survivors confesses however there must have been a conspiracy. It is very unlikely from the past weeks facts and events that there was one. So far it is safe to conclude that the three men Rozsa Flores, Dwyer and Magyarosi have been executed in the early morning of April 16 in La Paz. Two others, Tadic and Toaso are kept in custody for unclear reasons.