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Cristosal Demands Criminal Investigation and Justice for the Death of Alejandro Muyshondt

San Salvador, April 30, 2025 — After more than a year of inaction in the case of the death of Jorge Alejandro Muyshondt Álvarez while in the custody of the Salvadoran state, Cristosal—representing his family—has filed a formal criminal complaint with the Office of the Attorney General (FGR) for the alleged crimes of enforced disappearance, torture, and aggravated homicide. The case also holds particular significance due to the alleged acts of corruption that the victim reported prior to his arrest.

During his detention, the state systematically denied information regarding his whereabouts and health status, constituting enforced disappearance. Furthermore, there is sufficient evidence to suggest that Muyshondt was subjected to torture through physical and psychological abuse, resulting in serious injuries. His death while in state custody—due to inadequate medical care and deliberate actions or omissions—constitutes a likely case of aggravated homicide, potentially involving state agents.

On October 15, 2024, the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) published an Expert Opinion on the Sufficiency of the Investigation into the Death of Mr. Jorge Alejandro Muyshondt Álvarez While in State Custody Following Enforced Disappearance. The review of his medical records revealed disorganization, absence of critical lab and radiological tests, and irregularities in the documentation of his condition. Although his hospital admission was reportedly due to cerebral hemorrhaging, no radiological images exist to determine the cause of the cranial trauma.

Muyshondt died on February 7, 2024, while in the custody of the Salvadoran state, where he had served as a National Security Advisor between June 2019 and August 2023. He was arrested on August 9, 2023, accused of aiding escape and disclosing classified information. During his detention, he was held incommunicado, denied access to private legal defense, and suffered severe head injuries—likely as a result of torture—which led to aseptic meningitis, ischemic stroke, loss of mobility and speech, among other complications, ultimately resulting in his death. He was also subjected to medical treatments and procedures without his family being informed or giving consent.

In the criminal complaint, Cristosal demands that the Attorney General's Office take immediate action and fulfill its duty to investigate the crimes of enforced disappearance, torture, and aggravated homicide in the death of Alejandro Muyshondt. The organization warns that the prolonged inaction by the prosecution not only deepens the family's suffering but also perpetuates impunity.

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