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(TEXT) SANTIAGO, 19 JUL (AFP) -- A POWERFUL BOMB HAS DESTROYED THE WINDOWS AND WALLS OF A CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE CITY OF VILLA ALEMANA, 100 KM WEST OF SANTIAGO, IN AN ATTACK CLAIMED BY THE CLANDESTINE CHILEAN ANTICOMMUNIST ACTION (ACCION CHILENA ANTICOMUNISTA -- ACHA). CHURCH SOURCES REPORTED TODAY. ANOTHER BOMB BLAST DAMAGED THE CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS IN THE SAME CITY, BUT NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

SOME ACHA LEAFLETS FOUND AT VILLA ALEMANA'S SAN FELIPE NERI PARISH CHURCH, WHICH WAS HIT BY THE BOMB, READ, "AN EYE FOR AN EYE AGAINST THE CASSOCKS."

AN ORGANIZATION OF NATIONALIST LEANING, THE ACHA HAS CLAIMED NUMEROUS SIMILAR ATTACKS AGAINST CHILEAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

DURING ONE OF THOSE ATTACKS, ON 6 OCTOBER 1984, AN ARMY OFFICER DIED WHEN A FIRE BOMB HE WAS CARRYING DETONATED AND DESTROYED A CHURCH IN PUNTA ARENAS, 2,500 KM SOUTH OF THIS CAPITAL, ACCORDING TO AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE COURTS.

TODAY'S BOMB BLASTS OCCURRED 1 WEEK AFTER THE GOVERNMENT OF GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET CONFIRMED THAT IT HAS BEGUN TO HOLD TALKS WITH THE VATICAN IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE ITS DETERIORATED RELATIONS WITH THE CHURCH.

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