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SUNDAY'S ARGENTINE ELECTIONS:

THE WORLD MUST KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DISAPPEARED!

- Fate of the 15,000 Argentines not only a domestic issue, but one of global concern*
- Nation's honor at stake*
- Any successor civilian government will be under pressure to repudiate military's self amnesty*
- Seven years of ruinous military rule*

After seven years of the harshest form of authoritarian now disgraced military will oversee the beginning of the end ive era in the country's history, with the first civilian p in a decade. Although the Sunday, October 30 contestapper call, with Radical Party candidate Raul Alfonsin and Peror running neck-and-neck in pre-election surveys, the unanimous ve Argentines and public opinion throughout the world is that the fate of over 15,000 disappeared Argentine and foreign nationals must be made known. In addition, the new civilian government, scheduled to take office in January, must void the military's self-serving amnesty and pursue to the fullest extent possible the prosecution of those responsible for the crimes against the Argentine nation. Because of the enormity of the holocaust perpetrated by the country's military, the task that the new government will face is a promethean one, but is also a moral responsibility towards the Argentine nation and the world as well.

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Since the military seized power on March 24, 1976, the southern cone nation has witnessed the torture and murder of citizens at the hands of the security