

Brazilian Manifesto: Freedom For Seineldín

A “Brazilian Committee For The Freedom Of Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín” has been formed. The October issue of the widely read retired military officers’ monthly newspaper, Ombro a Ombro, published a manifesto explaining why it is a fighting matter for Brazilians—and other Ibero-American patriots—to lead a campaign for freeing the jailed Argentine former colonel, at this moment of world crisis. The three leaders of the Brazilian “Free Seineldín” committee are Division Gen. Tasso Villar de Aquino (ret.), Honorary President; Vice Adm. Sergio Tasso Vásquez de Aquino (ret.), a former Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces Ministry, President; and Col. Pedro Schirmer (ret.), editor of Ombro a Ombro, Executive Secretary. The Manifesto reads:

The world economic and financial collapse, which so dramatically affects the Argentine Republic and its people, and which will soon hit Brazil and the rest of the developing nations with full force, makes clear that men of good will and the true national patriotic leadership must speak out in defense of the values of the sovereign nation-state, to reverse a situation in which nationalist references appear to vanish. In this situation, it is noteworthy that the incarnation of the sovereignty and dignity of our great brother country remains imprisoned at the Campo de Mayo Military Prison in Buenos Aires, in the person of Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín, who is completing the 11th year of a life sentence there.

Colonel Seineldín stands as an example, not only for his military peers and the Argentine people, but for all patriots of Latin America. He is a symbol of resistance to the global hegemonic system which intends to prevail over national states and their institutions, especially the armed forces. He is a symbol of the fight against the neo-liberalism of plundering globalism, who should serve as a constant for all true patriots who love their countries. That he remains in prison can only be explained by the political pressure of these neo-colonial groups, who do not forgive him for what he represents, having been the great Argentine hero of the Malvinas campaign, and leader of the resistance to the weakening of his country’s armed forces. All this, inspired by unbreakable firmness, patriotic ideals, and the profound Catholic convictions which have guided his life. There is no room in such a system for lackeys and cowards.

We Brazilian patriots who have signed below, understand that the freedom of Colonel Seineldín, beyond representing a high act of justice, is fundamental for the moral reemergence

of the Argentine nation, and a crucial step for national unity. Without those requisites, any initiative for regional integration in which the Argentina-Brazil axis exerts uncontested leadership, will be impossible. This being the case, the greatness of Latin America and the happiness of its people must be sought in common, through the conscious union of all the nations of the region. Together, they constitute one of the richest and most blessed areas of the Earth, and it is necessary that we give testimony to humanity that independent and sovereign nations can build a better and more just world in peace and harmony.

The freedom of Colonel Seineldín could open the path to rebuilding the sovereignty of both nations, strengthening the unity of both, and reestablishing the value of their armed forces, all the more relevant in light of the events of Sept. 11 in the United States. The incarceration of a man of the moral and spiritual depth of Colonel Seineldín cries out to the heavens.

For these reasons, we have decided to release the current Manifesto, which is open for all interested patriots to sign, and will be forwarded to the relevant authorities of the Argentine Republic at the opportune moment.



Argentine war hero Col. Mohamed Alí Seineldín, who has been unjustly imprisoned for 11 years.