

Basic Detail Report

The body of Raffaele Iozzino, Public Safety

guard, killed during the kidnapping of Aldo Moro on Via Fani, 16/03/1978

Date

1978-1978

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The kidnapping and murder of Aldo Moro (Italian: Rapimento Moro) was a seminal event in Italian political history. On the morning of 16 March 1978, the day on which the new cabinet led by Giulio Andreotti was supposed to have undergone a confidence vote in the Italian Parliament, the car of Aldo Moro, former prime minister and then president of Christian Democracy (Italian: Democrazia Cristiana, or DC, Italy's relative majority party at the time), was assaulted by a group of Red Brigades (Italian: Brigate Rosse, or BR) terrorists in Via Fani in Rome. Firing automatic weapons, the terrorists killed Moro's bodyguards, (two Carabinieri in Moro's car and three policemen in the following car) and kidnapped him. On 9 May 1978 Moro's body was found in the trunk of a Renault 4 in Via Caetani after 55 days of imprisonment, during which Moro was submitted to a political process and the Italian government was asked for an exchange of prisoners. Despite the common interpretation, the car location in Via Caetani was not halfway between the locations of the national offices of DC and of the Italian Communist Party (PCI) in Rome.

Dimensions

Overall: 18.1 x 24.3 cm (7 1/8 x 9 5/8 in.)

