

The aftermath of the kidnapping of Aldo

Moro by the Red Brigades. All bodyguards and three policemen were shot dead

Date

1978-1978

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The kidnapping and murder of Aldo Moro, also known as Rapimento Moro, was a seminal event in Italian political history. On the morning of 16 March 1978 the car of Aldo Moro, former prime minister and then president of Christian Democracy was assaulted by a group of Red Brigades terrorists in Via Fani in Rome. Firing automatic weapons, the terrorists killed Moro's bodyguards and kidnapped him. The Red Brigades (Italian: Brigate Rosse [brigate rosse], often abbreviated BR) was a paramilitary organization, based in Italy, responsible for numerous violent incidents, including assassinations, kidnapping and robberies during the so-called "Years of Lead". Formed in 1970, the organization sought to create a "revolutionary" state through armed struggle, and to remove Italy from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Red Brigades attained notoriety in the 1970s and early 1980s with their violent attempts to destabilise Italy by acts of sabotage, bank robberies, and kidnappings.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.7 x 20.7 cm (12 1/8 x 8 1/8 in.)