

Portrait of magistrate Mario Sossi

Date

1960-1975

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Mario Sossi is a former magistrate and politician. He was kidnapped by the Red Brigades in Genoa on 18 April 1974 and released in Milan on May 23 next. The seizure was called by the Red Brigades as Operation sunflower. The Red Brigades (Italian: Brigate Rosse often abbreviated BR) was a left-wing paramilitary organisation, based in Italy, responsible for numerous violent incidents, including assassinations, kidnapping and robberies during the so-called "Years of Lead". Formed in 1970, the organisation sought to create a "revolutionary" state through armed struggle, and to remove Italy from the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. The Red Brigades attained notoriety in the 1970s and early 1980s with their violent attempts to destabilise Italy by acts of sabotage, bank robberies, kidnappings and murders.

Dimensions

Overall: 25.3 x 35.2 cm (10 x 13 7/8 in.)