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On July 29, Paraguayan officials announced that prosecutors are bringing charges of responsibility for torture and murder against deposed Gen. Alfredo Stroessner, his interior minister Sabino Montanaro, and his police chief, Alcibiades Brites Borges. The "historic" case, as described by prosecutor Francisco Carvallo involves the death in detention 13 years ago of opposition leader Mario Schaerer Prono. Stroessner was ousted in a coup on Feb. 3, and now resides in exile in Brazil. Authorities said the government would seek Stroessner's extradition from Brazil under a recently renewed treaty if he failed to appear to answer the charges. Carvallo accused Stroessner of having been "directly or indirectly" responsible for Schaerer Prono's death. Appeal Court Judge Rodriguez Boccia, who made the decision that the prosecutions should proceed, rejected a suggestion that the three men should merely be called as witnesses. On July 21, officials announced that the government is seeking the extradition of one of Stroessner's sons, former air force colonel Gustavo Stroessner Mora, who is living with his father, on charges of corruption and illegal enrichment. (Basic data from AFP, 07/28/89)

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