

# WAR - FASCISM - DICTATORSHIP

# REPARATION

## MUR DE LA MEMÒRIA 1936-2016

### PALMA DE MALLORCA

80 year ago, right here, outside the wall of the municipal cemetery in Palma, shots rang out, the ground was reddened by blood and the victims of fascism were thrown into a mass grave.

This happened throughout Spain and it would continue to do so for a long time. Four decades, under the iron heel. With the eternal covenant of shame, no closure, no justice, no one called to account for the crimes against humanity.

However, the truth about the suffering, the humiliations and the misery insisted to be brought to light.

The struggle to maintain the need to bury their dead began to take shape. This struggle takes place throughout Spain, as does the struggle to restore and record the heroic history of the Republic.

The monument has been erected to keep the memory alive. The people who were murdered died for us too.

The guilty might escape the judgement of righteousness, but no one escapes the judgement of history. It is our responsibility to prevent that.

*Folke Olsson*



Memorial sculpture: Associació Memòria de Mallorca. sculptors: Andreu Pascual Frau and Jaume Ramis. Photo: Folke Olsson



It is situated in the shade of the wall and the fascist temple of reaction; the site where so many hopes and the struggle for freedom, democracy and social justice bitterly ended. After a frightening long and painful time, their memory could finally be honoured and the righteousness of their struggle be acknowledged. In 2011, this memorial site was created with the support of the town of Palma.

*Photos: Folke Olsson*

## THE TEXT ENGRAVED ON THE MEMORIAL STONE

THE CIVIL WAR (1936-1939) STARTED IN THE MORNING OF 19 JULY 1936 FOLLOWING A COUP D'ÉTAT LED BY THE ARMY AND SUPPORTED BY THE HIGH-WING PARTIES, ESPECIALLY THE FALANGE, AND THE CHURCH.

IN THEIR PROGRAMME, WITH A CONSERVATIVE AND TOTALITARIAN IDEOLOGY INFLUENCED BY FASCISM, THE FORCES OF THE PUTSCH CALLED FOR A CRUSADE TO IMPOSE THE SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ON ALL CITIZENS THUS SPLINTERING THE EXISTING MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PLOT WAS TO OVERTHROW THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT, ABOLISH CIVIL LIBERTIES, BAN LEFT-WING PARTIES AND TRADE UNIONS AND STUN THE PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION BY CLOSING DOWN EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THESE MEASURES WERE IMPLEMENTED WITH BRUTE FORCE AND BY ARRESTING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, A LARGE NUMBER OF WHOM WERE MURDERED AFTER HAVING BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN SHOW TRIALS.

THE PURSECUTION BY THE DICTATORSHIP CUT ACROSS BACKGROUND AND SOCIAL STANDING.

THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS TURNED INTO A CEMETERY.

THEY WERE KILLED RIGHT HERE, WORKERS, PEASANTS, CRAFTSMEN, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND THE FLOWER OF SPANISH YOUTH FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. THEY WERE ALL EXECUTED DURING THE WAR AND THE ECHOES OF THE SHOTS WERE FOLLOWED BY AN ENDLESS POSTWAR PERIOD.

IN THE WAKE OF THE VICTORY OF THE DICTATORSHIP, A STATE WAS ESTABLISHED BASED ON REPRESSION AND A TOTAL LACK OF FREEDOM. IN THE PERIOD OF 1936-1975, MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE EXECUTED DUE TO THEIR CONVICTIONS.

SILENCE OR OBLIVION – OBLIVION OR SILENCE, THIS WAS THE CHOICES THAT DROWNED EVERYONE'S LIFE IN BLOOD, HOWEVER, IT WAS TO NO AVAIL, THE LIFE PROWESS OF A PEOPLE COULD NOT BE KILLED.

THE THOUGHTS OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN SURVIVE AS A VISION OF THE FUTURE.

Liorenc Capellà. Palma 2011.



Photo: Folke Olsson



DONES (WOMAN) – HOME (MAN)

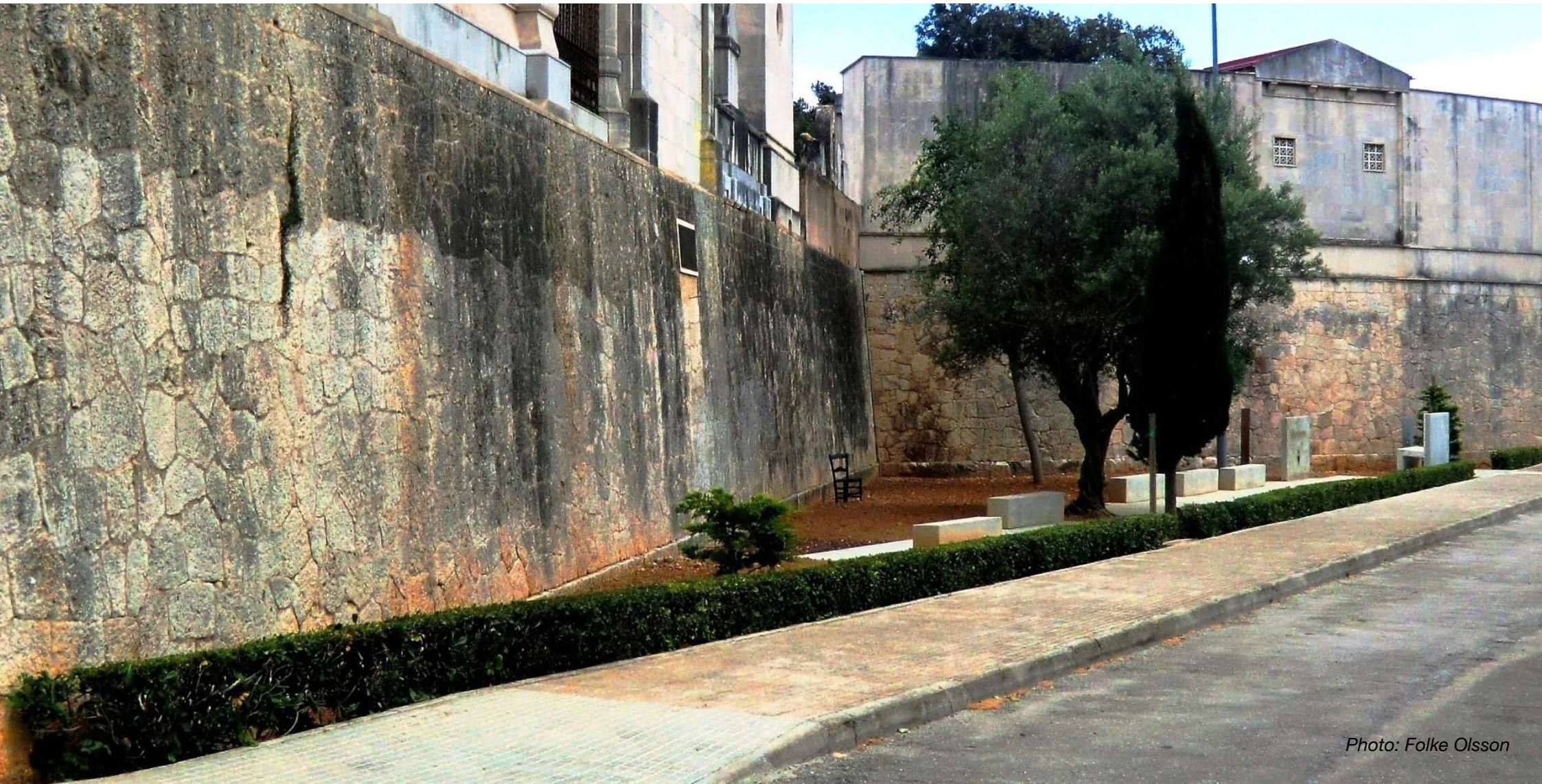


In 2015, 41 additional names could be added to the list. The number of victims was at that point reported to be 1586. The hidden statistics are very high and based on the calculations by researchers, space has been made available for future names.

Photos: Folke Olsson

***Where are they, the people who disappeared during the Franco dictatorship? And where is the justice for the unpunished murders of 2000 to 3000 people at the hands of fascists? And where are the truth commissions?***

*Associació Memòria de Mallorca*





Palma's mayor, Emili Darder, was seated on a chair at the wall before he was shot. The chair, 'the wait' and the sculpture are made from bronze. *Photos: Folke Olsson*



To the left, at the end of the road, you'll find the second part of this memorial site, which can be viewed on the following pages.



## THE ENGRAVED TEXT ON THE MEMORIAL STONE

19 July 1936, general [Goded](#) proclaimed a state of war, which included an immediate ban of left-wing parties and trade unions. The very same day, the arrests and murders of people started, and their blood drowned Mallorca in sorrow.

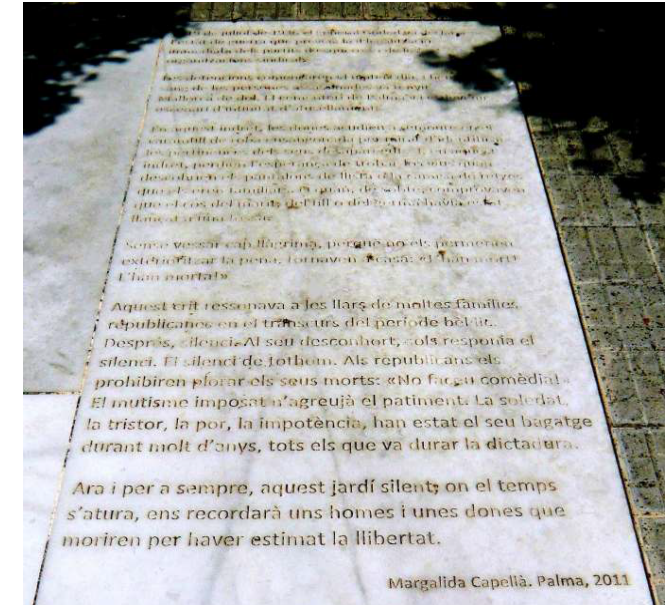
Palma cemetery became the site of countless executions. In the piles of bloody clothes, the women came here to search for and try to identify the belongings of their loved ones missing and at this very site, lose hope of finding them alive as they recognised a pair of trousers or a striped shirt or suddenly discover the body of their husband, son or brother tossed into a grave.

Without shedding one single tear, as it was not allowed outwardly to exhibit pain or grief, they returned to their homes: "He or she is dead ..." This cry cut the air in the homes of many republican families in the postwar years.

Their sense of utter desolation was met with silence, from everyone. The republicans were forbidden to mourn the dead, sneeringly people said: "Stop making a spectacle of yourself". This imposed silence amplified the suffering.

Loneliness, grief, terror and helplessness were their burden during all the years of the dictatorship. Now and forever, this garden of silence, where time stands still, will remind us of the men and women who died because they loved freedom.

Margalida Capellà, Palma 2011



Photos: Folke Olsson





**IV Mur de la Memòria**  
Cementiri de Palma  
**Aniversari Dissabte. 30 maig. 18:00**

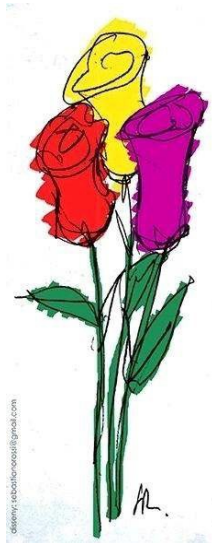
**"Dones per la Memòria"** de Memòria de Mallorca: Sis retrats de dones compromeses a la nostra illa: Aurora Picornell, Matilde Landa, Dària Buxadé, Mercè Buxadé, Margalida Jaume i Pilar Sánchez. Una exposició i xerrada per recuperar la memòria de les víctimes del franquisme, per reivindicar els seus principis, per denunciar la barbàrie feixista a Mallorca, especialment a les dones, amb l'autor dels retrats: Eberhard Grosske; Tàrrua Carl; M<sup>a</sup> Antònia Oliver; Manel Suárez; Antoni Tugores. Seguidament es lluiran els retrats a les seves famílies amb torn de paraula obert per a elles.

**Concert musical** de la reconeguda cantautora andalusa **LUCIA SOCAM**, amb un ample repertori dedicat a les víctimes del feixisme i als drets socials.

Per si no la coneixeu aquí en teniu un tast:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IH02vZ2e8>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U790ic8IK8>  
Podreu adquirir els CDs dels seus treballs a l'acte

**Acabarem l'acte amb l'ofrena floral** col·lectiva a totes les víctimes del feixisme.

Organitza: Memòria de Mallorca  
Col·labora: UEXRI, EFM



**Memòria de Mallorca i Unió Cívica per la República us convoquen a l'HOMENATGE A LES VÍCTIMES DEL FEIXISME, ALS CAIGUTS PER LA LLIBERTAT I LA REPÚBLICA**

**div. 1 de novembre 2013**  
trobada: **11h**  
intervencions: **12h**

**MUR DE LA MEMÒRIA**  
Cementiri de Palma

amentació musical a càrrec del dúo musical **DUE**

<https://www.facebook.com/memoria.demallorca>  
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**EMILI DARDER | ALEXANDRE JAUME**  
**ANTONI MATEU | ANTONI MARIA QUES**

**ACTE UNITARI AL MUR DE LA MEMÒRIA**

**Diumenge, 28 de febrer, 12 h**  
(Cementiri de Palma)

Manifest: **Andrés Luis Jaume**  
Actuació musical  
Torns de paraula  
Ofrena floral

Organitza:  
**COMISSIÓ 24 DE FEBRER**  
Ajuntament de Palma

**5è Mur de la Memòria**  
Cementiri de Palma  
**Aniversari Dissabte. 28 maig. 19:00**

**"Mestres per la Memòria"**

Intervencions:  
**Manel V. Domènech**, mestre i coautor del llibre *Les escoles de les Illes Balears en temps de la II República*  
**Dolers Marín**, professora i Doctora en Història  
**M<sup>a</sup> Antònia Oliver**, presidenta de MdM  
**Tonina Mercadà**, secretària de MdM

Música a càrrec de **J.L. Aparicio**.

Acabarem l'acte amb l'ofrena floral col·lectiva a totes les víctimes del feixisme.

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Col·labora: EFM, Ajuntament de Palma

*Recordar és necessari, més que mai*



Photos: <https://youtu.be/m0daKU3-yuY>; <https://youtu.be/JNRRd6FAVrE>; <https://youtu.be/9-QEHuKaf4Q>; <https://youtu.be/UwDRGpeVHoc>

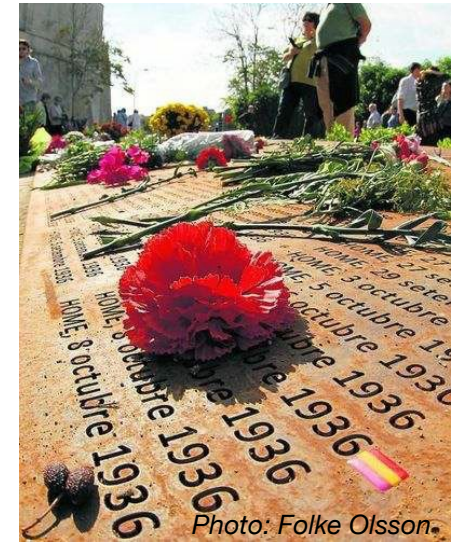
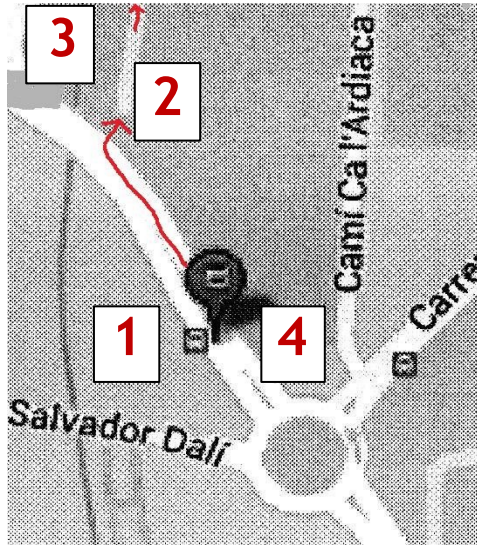


# MUR DE LA MEMÒRIA

At the municipal cemetery in Palma – Mallorca

Bus from **Plaza España** in central Palma, **line 9** - blue bus EMT

1. To the bus rank Cementiri
2. Entrance: memorial site – MUR DE LA MEMÒRIA
3. To the second part of the memorial site
4. Main entrance, do *not* enter the cemetery through this entrance, follow the red arrow!



**THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE AND REPARATION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE FRANCO FASCISM**