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Pinochet Case

Chile's request to release Pinochet on health grounds: a medical and judicial matter, not a political one

The decision whether to release Augusto Pinochet for health reasons is a judicial not a political matter, Amnesty International said today.

“Whether Pinochet is fit to face a two-hour air journey to Spain -- or a 12-hour one back to Chile, for that matter, -- or whether there are other health concerns to consider, is an issue to be decided by a tribunal, based on reliable and independent medical assessment. It is not for either Chilean or UK politicians or diplomats to decide.”

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