

## Documents of Romanian Revolution, to be unclassified

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Following a request by Romania's High Court of Justice (PICCJ), on 15th January, 2010 the department has already unclassified a number of 1,989 documents counting 2,684 pages related to the controversial Romanian Revolution.

Other documents, which are still considered a 'state secret', might only be available to the public following a governmental bill.

During the past 20 years that followed the fall of communism, several voices from the civil society and the media have asked for uncovering the secrets related to December 1989.

Last week, Defense Minister Gabriel Oprea met members of '21st December 1989 Association' on the subject of unclassifying the secret documents related to the Romanian Revolution.

According to Romanian authorities' official version, a number of 1,142 persons have been shot dead, and 3,138 have been wounded during the violent street conflicts in December 1989 in such major cities as Bucharest, Timisoara, Sibiu, Cluj, or Constanta.

At present, there is still no commonly accepted version as to whom was responsible for these deaths.

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