

PRESS RELEASE

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THE TUA VALLEY IS IN MOURNING

THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE PORTUGUESE ARMY ARMÉNIO RAMIRES DE OLIVEIRA HAS DECEASED. NEVERTHELESS, STANDS HIS DEFENCE FOR THE TUA VALLEY

On December 28th, the environmental association PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA was left by a man that dedicated most of his life to Trás-os-Montes region, someone who committed him-self in the protection of the Tua Valley and the Railway Line selflessly – this man was the Lieutenant General Arménio Ramires de Oliveira.

The Civic Movement for the Tua Railway Line (MCLT), one of the local associations that together with the PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA raised against all the ecological financial and social damages of the construction of the EDP Foz Tua dam has Arménio Ramires de Oliveira its honorary member.

Today is an occasion to remember how much this strong character with discrete but committed involvement, with inspiring words, encouraged other fellow citizens of the MCLT. He will be kept in the minds of all of us as an example to follow in this struggle for the prompt suspension of the construction works of the dam.

The PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA pay homage to this great man, a valuable inhabitant of Trás-os-Montes, and a notorious Portuguese that has given all his valuable military and cultural heritage to the Town of Bragança for the benefit of all.

The campaign Save the Tua will continue to speak for the willingness of Lt General Arménio Ramires de Oliveira, by raising the public opinion awareness about all the financial, environmental and social costs of the dam, showing inclusively there is no reasonable ground for the destruction of the Tua Valley, part of the Portuguese legacy and identity.

The PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA is an association for the protection of the environment founded by nine environmental associations and a wine company. The body members are:

- AAVT – ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS AMIGOS DO VALE DO TUA
- ALDEIA – ACÇÃO, LIBERDADE, DESENVOLVIMENTO, EDUCAÇÃO, INVESTIGAÇÃO, AMBIENTE
- GEOTA – GRUPO DE ESTUDOS DE ORDENAMENTO DO TERRITÓRIO E AMBIENTE



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- LPN – LIGA PARA A PROTEÇÃO DA NATUREZA
 - SPEA – SOCIEDADE PORTUGUESA PARA O ESTUDO DAS AVES
 - QUERCUS – ASSOCIAÇÃO NACIONAL DE CONSERVAÇÃO DA NATUREZA
 - COAGRET – COORDENADORA DE AFECTADOS PELAS GRANDES BARRAGENS E TRANSVAZES
 - FAPAS – FUNDO PARA A PROTEÇÃO DOS ANIMAIS SELVAGENS
 - GAIA – GRUPO DE ACÇÃO E INTERVENÇÃO AMBIENTAL
 - QUINTA DOS MURÇAS
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Grandson of Manuel Ramires, foreman and second of Dinis da Mota, the distinguished engineer in charge for the remarkable construction of the railway section between Tua and Mirandela, the Lieutenant General Arménio Nuno Ramires de Oliveira had an inception bond with the Tua Railway Line, in which was a user, travelling in it over and over again. He envisioned in it, as only great characters of farsighted strategic and patriotic vision, an asset of essential progress for the development and well-being of the North Region of Portugal and its inhabitants. The systemic destruction and the construction of the Foz Tua dam have been breaking issues that has not brought any benefit for Trás-os-Montes inhabitants neither for the Portuguese in general.