

The National Magistrates' Impeachment Jury removed Alfredo Eugenio López from his position as presiding judge of Federal Court of First Instance No. 4 in Mar del Plata, Province of Buenos Aires - Argentina, on grounds of misconduct as stipulated in the National Constitution.

In the ruling's reasoning, the Tribunal detailed the conduct it deemed proven and set forth the grounds for the judge's removal. It stated that the series of messages posted by the accused on his "X" social media account demonstrated that Alfredo López "did not merely commit a few isolated outbursts driven by an emotional lapse," but rather "persistently and systematically trampled upon fundamental rights, repeatedly using insults and pejorative terms against an entire community." The posted messages incited symbolic violence and discrimination against the entire Argentine Jewish community.

Accordingly, it concluded that Alfredo López committed a "serious ethical breach fundamental to the exercise of the judiciary," as he "repeatedly and manifestly contravened the fundamental principles of the rule of law and the guarantees that, by virtue of his office, he is bound to ensure for all inhabitants of the Nation"—conduct that led to his removal from office.

The decision was issued by the trial tribunal (Jurado de Enjuiciamiento in Spanish) presided over by Marcelo Bartumeu Romero (appellate judge), with a panel also comprising Néstor Pablo Barral (appellate

judge); María Belén Montes de Oca and María Florencia López (national senators); Nicolás Mayoraz and Christian Alejandro Zulli (national deputies); and Ana Beatriz Fernández (attorney admitted to federal practice).

Alberto Maques, President of the Impeachment Commission, and National Senator Luis Juez presented the case on behalf of the Council of the Judiciary. The accused, Alfredo López, was represented by his private defense attorneys, Pedro Mercado and Guillermo Jesús Fanego.

The verdict was read this afternoon, August 18, in the “Dr. Horacio V. Billoch Caride” hearing room—located at Libertad 731, 3rd Floor, in the City of Buenos Aires—and was broadcast live via this portal and the agency’s YouTube channel.