

AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS,  
DO GIVE MIS ET THIENNOT A FAIR TRIAL !  
THEY ARE INNOCENT !

To this day, the Mis and Thiennot case remains one of the most terrible miscarriages of justice of the last century.

In late 1946, **eight young men** were accused of murdering a gamekeeper in the Indre district. After a **brutal eight-day police interrogation**, they broke down and ended up signing full confessions. When they arrived at Châteauroux prison, the **marks of the torture** they had undergone were visible all over their bodies: broken teeth and phalanxes, slashed ears, punctured lungs and crushed testicles.

Although they immediately **retracted** their confessions, 21-year old Raymond Mis and 20-year old Gabriel Thiennot were **convicted of murder and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment** and hard labour. The ruling was upheld by two subsequent Assize Courts. **Six other hunters** were sentenced to penalties ranging from 18 months' to 2 years' **imprisonment** for failing to lend assistance to a person in danger or for being accomplices to murder.

In 1954, Raymond Mis and Gabriel Thiennot were **granted a pardon** by French President René Coty after they had spent 7 years, 6 months et 14 days in prison. For the rest of their lives, they would never stop proclaiming their innocence.

After the publication of *Ils sont innocents*, a book by Léandre Boizeau, in 1980, a **support committee** was set up. Its members filed **six claims for judicial review** of the case but all of them were rejected.

In the Berry region of Central France, people still have very vivid memories of this controversial case. To **pay tribute** to these two wrongfully convicted men, **22 towns** have named a street, a square or some other public space after Mis and Thiennot.

After 35 years, the support committee is still active. Its members demand an **amendment to the Justice Act on the review of trials**, regarding confessions wrested under torture. They want to file a seventh application for a review of the case.

**We cannot accept** sentences based on confessions wrested under torture.

**We cannot accept** that the Courts of Justice deny having wrongfully judged.

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