Villa demolition: Comment from Luis Caparrós

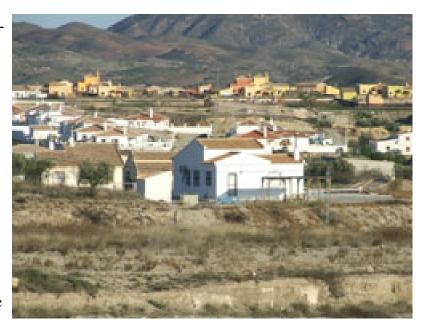
Minister of Public Works, Junta de Andalucia

"The rule of law has been restored" by the demolition of the house in Vera according to the Minister of Public Works

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"The Ministry of Public Works and Government Andalusian respect and abide by the judge's decision, a final judgement, which has restored the rule of law, the rule of law works," says Luis Caparrós, Minister of public works. According to him, the house was built on land that the Junta understands was not urbanisable in 2000, when the house was built.

Caparrós stated that "the City Council has had enough time, we appealed against the license and asked them to review it - they did not want to do this and continued, and we all know what has now happened - it is not a pleasant situation, but importantly, the rule of law has be maintained and legality restored."



The Government of Andalusia has begun to implement a court order that requires the demolition of illegal houses built by 17 retired British people, mostly in rural areas outside of urban plans. The first to fall under the onslaught of a digger was a villa built on a plot of 10,000 square metres in the area of Loma de Vera. Five other buildings of similar characteristics will be demolised in Vera and eleven more in the municipality of Albox.

This is not the only open judicial proceedings for cases of illegal dwellings. In different areas of the province it is estimated that there are thousands, concentrated especially in the Valle del Almanzora. Most of them are big farms divided into units of 1,000 to 3,000 meters whose sole building permit is usually a warehouse for agricultural tools and small buildings of that sort.

The same situation has occurred in other areas of special protection in Sierra Nevada Almeria, where allegedly illegal housing has been discovered, promoted by councillors of the Municipality of Almeria -still in office.

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