38 open cases of urban abuse in the Almanzora Valley

13 mayors of the province of Almeria charged 20th June 2008

According to the annual report of the public prosecutor (as reported in Voz de Almeria 15-06-2008):-- 13 mayors of the province of Almeria have been

charged with corruption.

- 38 cases files are before the courts in Huercal-Overa

for Albox, Arboleas, Oria, Cantoria or Partaloa.

- 18 case files exits for Vera and 17 for Almeria.



Please note that the case file may cover a single dwelling or an entire urbanisation. The article is not specific.

The prosecutor also states that 4 cases have resulted in an agreement to demolish 20 houses which were built on public land. The execution of the demolition has not been requested.

It is also reported that of the 11 judgments made in 2007, there were 7 convictions and 4 acquittals (now under appeal). The convictions relate to buildings constructed without a license, or with a license for a nave. In other cases the accused had constructed entire urbanisations.