



PROTECTED ILLEGALITY

Rocco Chinnici

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The words and intuitions of a magistrate who believed in youngsters

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Protected Illegality provides the tools to understand the innovative method introduced by Rocco Chinnici, the first modern magistrate, the first to understand that to fight the Mafia phenomenon it is essential to be united and work as one (force).

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Rocco Chinnici (Misilmeri, 1925 – Palermo, 1983). In 1979 he is appointed magistrate of the Court of Cassation and becomes head of the examining office in Palermo, following the murder of his predecessor, judge Cesare Terranova. Chinnici was the first to realise the importance of sharing information and working as a team to fight criminality and, with that in mind, he gathered a group of valuable magistrates (such as Giovanni Falcone, Paolo Borsellino and Giuseppe Di Lello), which will later be known as the "Antimafia pool". He signed the warrant to arrest boss Michele Greco and investigated the "untouchable" collectors Antonino and Ignazio Salvo but, due to his inquiries, he was brutally murdered by the mafia on 29th July 1983 with a car bomb explosion, which also killed two of his bodyguards, Mario Trapassi and Salvatore Bartolotta, and the janitor of the building he lived in, Stefano Li Sacchi.

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