

## **MARGHERITA ASTA**

Margherita Asta was born in Trapani (Sicilia) in 1974. On 2nd April 1985 she lost her mother Barbara Rizzo and her two brothers, Giuseppe and Salvatore. They were six years old. Margherita was only ten years old. This happened during the attack to the judge Carlo Palermo on the road that goes from Pizzolungo to Trapani. The judge's car overtook the car driven by Margherita's mother. In the same place where the bomb was placed, aimed to the magistrate; therefore Margherita's mum car became a shield for the judge's car followed by the body guards' cars and the judge was only wounded.

Margherita survived the attack because a few minutes before she was stopped by her neighbour. In her family she remains alone because her father died for cardiac problems in the same year.

The police found the culprits for this attack, the mafia boss Riina and Virga, Madonia and Di Maggio but the executors of the slaughter remain still unknown.

In 2015 Margherita published a book, "Sola con te in un futuro Aprile" where she tells her story and her friendship with the Judge Palermo and also how she survived those immense grief.

After that, Margherita dedicated herself to the activities of the antimafia association "Libera" in the province of Trapani and she is still engaged to educate people to legality also in the schools.