Rodriguez: Legends and Myths

Fernándo Rodriguez, is he really the most hated man in Alqueria?
Is the title justified?

Rodriguez inherited the village's olive Mill from his father when it was a thriving concern. Under Rodriguez's careful and committed guidance the Mill is now derelict, bankrupt and employs one tenth of the original workforce. Money set aside to invest in the fabric and infrastructure of the Mill has been systematically squandered. Spent on Abyssinian Goat Shirling for which Rodriquez has a passion. If he had been any good at shirling the Abyssinian Goat one could have had some sympathy, but he wasn't.

He has a legacy of bad decisions for which he blames others. He has two principles in life. The first being he is always right and the second, if he is ever wrong refer to the first. He is a stupid man who thinks he is supremely clever. A dangerous combination when the livelihood of others is at stake.

He has been described by one not particularly observant individual as an obese foul mouthed bully. The general consensus is that this statement describes the man's best attributes. He accomplished his obesity quite easily and efficiently. He simply shovelled vast quantities of the most disgusting food into his system. One luncheon guest described the experience as like eating next to a bucket-dredger.

The man became so overweight that before his last haircut he was mistaken for a bedraggled herd of Aberdeen Angus. It soon became impossible for him to wear trousers. They simply refused to stay in position and fall around his ankles. The resulting spectacle of a half-naked Rodriquez was a warning to us all. Several villagers who witnessed such a scene are still receiving therapy. A kaftan had to be specially made which necessitated the opening of three cotton mills in Málaga. The

first time he wore the garment people thought he was a refreshment tent and Amelia de Vega tried to hire him for her daughter's wedding.

His foul-mouth has uttered every profanity available in three languages, he even invented a few of his own. He will swear at anyone and in any circumstance. The Women's Institute have even stopped inviting him to talk at their meetings and they are well used to such obscenities.

Perhaps Rodriquez reached his zenith when he tried to sell the entire village, population and all, to an Arab consortium after suffering devastating losses at the shirling track. The Arabs however demanded their cash back after meeting Loco Paco.

So in answer to our question, yes he is the most hated man in Alqueria.