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Berta - Impunity; Hydroelectricity; US; Zacate Grande; COFADEH; MACCIH; Organized Crime, Extortion; TSE; Abortion; and a US Human Rights Delegation to Honduras

Bertha Zúniga Cáceres wrote an open letter to her mother Berta Cáceres, who was murdered almost six months ago.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2016/08/6mesessinjusticia-justiciaparabertaya.html>

It seems that six months is also enough for some to pretend everything is normal again...Radio HRN just published a almost unbearable article by an assessor for renewable energy projects.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/proyectos-hidroel%C3%A9ctricos-se-contin%C3%BA-desarrollando-en-el-pa%C3%ADs-asegura-experta>

As the US elections approaches, Nina Lakhani shines a much needed light in the Guardian on the role of Hilary Clinton in the Honduran coup.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/aug/31/hillary-clinton-honduras-violence-manuel-zelaya-bertha-caceres>

Yesterday, "the 2 campesinos from Zacate Grande, Abel Hernandez and Santos Perez, had their Jail time overturned and they can now go home to their families to await their trial which begins October 2nd. They had been jailed because they missed several dates in which they were required to sign in at the courthouse in Amapala. They could not travel from Zacate Grande to Amapala due to economic hardship. The Court did not take their poverty into consideration and gave them jail time which lasted over 3 months and thus used the judicial process to criminalize them."

Hat-tip to Greg

Defensores en Línea reports on the commemoration organized by COFADEH on the International Day of the Disappeared. COFADEH also presented a project to improve the situation by human rights defenders supported by the EU and Diakonia.

On the same occasion, a manifest was presented to the public.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/cofadeh-renueva-su-compromiso-por-la-defensa-y-promocion-de-los-derechos-humanos/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/manifiesto/>

Nincy Perdomo reports on the current situation of the MACCIH, its lines of investigation and its promises.

<http://elpulso.hn/las-promesas-de-la-maccih/>

Oscar Estrada sheds a critical light on last week's deal of the Northern Triangle countries to fight organized crime - with a special focus on the Maras - together.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-gran-guerra-contra-las-pandillas/>

"Honduras' private sector is calling for police to step up action against extortion in response to a series of aggressive attacks by criminals seeking payments from larger companies, an apparent shift in target for extortionists in the country."

Criminologist Arabeska Sánchez presented a study on organized crime in Honduras.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-extortionists-targeting-larger-companies-signals-shift-in-strategy>

<http://criterio.hn/crimen-organizado-ha-mutado-capos-clanes-familiares-usan-los-funcionarios-la-seguridad-publica/>

One of the leaders of the Indignados-Movement, Ariel Varela, denounces that the TSE may commit fraud by inscribing the new party Vamos.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/01/el-tribunal-electoral-quiere-cometer-fraude-denuncia-lider-indignado/>

CDM and the women's platform Somos Muchos presented yesterday a survey, in which more than half of the participants spoke out in favor of abortion in three cases: i) if the life of the mother is in danger ii) if the fetus won't be able to live iii) if the pregnancy is caused by rape or incest. According to CDM, Honduras is one in only seven countries who still penalizes abortions on all accounts.

<http://criterio.hn/la-mayoria-las-los-hondurenos-estan-favor-del-aborto-terapeutico/>

"The Alliance for Global Justice, CODEPINK and the Honduras Solidarity Network published their report and findings that contains summaries of various meetings, testimonies and experiences the delegation had on a 10-day trip in Honduras (June 27 to July 6, 2016)."

<http://www.aquiabajo.com/blog/2016/8/31/us-human-rights-delegation-to-honduras-final-report>

02/09/17

Environmental Defenders; HRDs; Berta - Impunity; Electoral Reforms; MACCIH; Astropharma; Penitentiary System; National Police; and Lessons Not Learned

Amnesty published yesterday its newest report on the situation of

environmental defenders in Honduras and Guatemala.

One such defender is Ana Miriam Romero, who recently won the Front Line Defenders prize. She accuses the National government as well as Congress' vice-president Gladis Aurora López of harassment and even death threats against her.

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr01/4562/2016/en/>

<https://www.amnesty.org/es/documents/amr01/4562/2016/es/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Si_oPgs59uM&feature=youtu.be

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoglCvtVBjw>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1494-entre-desplantes-gubernamentales-y-falta-de-acceso-a-la-informacion-amnistia-internacional-elaboro-informe-sobre-ataques-a-defensores-en-honduras>

<http://criterio.hn/ambientalista-ana-miriam-romero-prefiero-morir-luchando-no-rodillas-frente-al-gobierno-video/>

Some 30 human rights organization protested in an open letter the illegal detention of the two human rights defenders, Gabriela Díaz and Karen Mejía, from last week.

Defensores en Línea published an article with some more details on the recent release from prison of the two campesinos and land activists, Abel Pérez and Santos Hernández, in Zacate Grande.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos/%C2%A1el-estado-es-responsable-responden-organizaciones>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/para-los-defensores-de-la-tierra-la-libertad-no-se-negocia/>

COPINH and activists around the globe will demand justice for Berta today.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/a-seis-meses-del-asesinato-de-berta-caceres-exigen-la-captura-y-enjuiciamiento-de-los-autores-intelectuales-de-este-crimen/>

MACCIH recommends Congress to approve the Financing, Transparency and Audit of Political Parties and Candidates Bill before September 11, i.e. before the primary elections are convoked.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/02/maccih-presiona-al-parlamento-para-aprobar-el-control-del-financiamiento-de-campanas/>

The above recommendation was part of the first report by MACCIH.

<http://cholusatur.com/noticias/cn-y-maccih-presentan-sociedad-civil-anteproyecto-de-ley-de-financiamiento-las-campanas-politicas/>

Astropharma denies being open for a conciliation regarding the corruption charges (in the IHSS case) and they are willing to go to try. By this they contradict a recent statement by MACCIH spokesperson Juan Jiménez Mayor.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/02/astropharma-manda-a-callar-a-la-maccih-al-negar-que-estén-negociando-impunidad/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2016/09/01/astropharma-aclara-la-maccih-no-busca-conciliacion/>

JOH announced reforms of the penitentiary system.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/01/joh-anuncia-futuras-reformas-penitenciarias/>

The purging committee announced in its newest press release 44 cancellations of sub-inspectors and some more police agents.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/995980-466/honduras-comisi%C3%B3n-depura-44-subinspectores-de-la-polic%C3%ADa>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/item/130643-honduras-lucha-contra-el-narcotrafico-crimen-organizado-julian-pacheco.html>

03/09/16

Berta - Impunity; Electoral Reforms; Journalists; Bajo Aguán; and the Case of Kevin Donaldo Ramírez Vásquez - a Persecuted HRD

Several press releases were published yesterday, six months after the

murder of Berta.

In La Esperanza, hundreds took to the streets to demand justice for Berta. The sole witness, Gustavo Castro, spoke with the Spanish newspaper El Diario about the horrible night. In the interview, he denounces that the Honduran MP didn't even invite him to look at the captured men, even though he saw one of the murders. He also denounces the involvement of state functionaries in her murder.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2016/09/copinh-comunicado-6-meses-del-asesinato.html>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-seis-meses-de-indignacion.html>

http://www.eldiario.es/desalambre/unico-testigo-asesinato-Berta-Caceres_0_554344655.html

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/component/k2/item/1495-quien-mato-a-berta-caceres>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/se-cumplen-6-meses-del-asesinato-de-berta-caceres-flores/>

PAC announced in a press release that they won't approve the Financing, Transparency and Audit of Political Parties and Candidates Bill, as long as the Secrecy Law isn't derogated and the realization of electoral reforms. Manuel Zelaya wrote MACCIH an open letter with recommendations regarding the electoral reform.

More confusion about the coming electoral process comes from the TSE, whose president Erick Rodríguez claims that the current law doesn't allow for a unique candidate by different political movements.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/01/pac-establece-condiciones-para-apoyar-ley-de-financiamiento-electoral/>

<http://tiempo.hn/libre-maccih-sobre-ley-campanas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/01/ley-no-avala-candidaturas-por-consenso/>

<http://tiempo.hn/tse-elabora-cronograma-para-hacer-oficial-las-elecciones-primarias-en-honduras/>

Journalists in Tocoa denounces that they weren't granted access to municipality meetings, even though the law declares them for public. Meanwhile, the president of the Social Prevision Institute for Journalists (IPP) Eduin Natividad Romero García had to pay a fine for negating information to the Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP).

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/municipalidad-de-tocoa-niega-acceso-sesiones-de-corporaci%C3%B3n>

<http://criterio.hn/presidente-los-periodistas-pago-multa-ocultar-informacion/>

Criterio reports of the detention of campesino José Aguilar Guevara, member of the Aguán Campesino Movement (MCA).

<http://criterio.hn/alerta-se-desata-persecucion-lideres-campesinos-aguan/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/item/3151-kevin-donald-ram%C3%A1drez-v%C3%A1squez-perseguido-ambientalista-en-honduras>

05/09/16

National Police; Extortion; Corruption; Public Health; and the Story of INA

Hugo Maldonado, head of the human rights organization Codeh, claims that

purged police agents are behind a recent surge in extortion.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/05/defensor-de-ddhh-cree-que-policias-purgados-estan-detras-de-ataques-criminales/>

Martín Cáliz links his personal recent experience with bus traveling in Honduras to the industry in general which is plagued by extortion.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-muerte-tambien-es-un-viaje/>

ConfidencialHN published new information on a claimed corruption case with money from the Fondo Vial.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/08/31/red-criminal-asalto-el-presupuesto-del-fondo-vial/>

Based on WHO numbers, the public and private spending on health in Honduras was lower in 2014 than in 2012. Private households pay some 50% of the total health spending, making the poor in Honduras the worst off in comparison to 11 other Latin American countries, according to CEPAL.

<http://tiempo.hn/oms-honduras-escasa-inversion-salud/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3152-el-ina-en-picada-03-septiembre-2016>

06/09/16

Berta - Agua Zarca; National Police; Mining; Journalists; Penal Code; APP; National Party; and Shell in Honduras

Yesterday the initial audience against the former mayor of Intibucá,

Martiniano Domínguez, took place. He is accused of having allowed Agua Zarca without FPIC.

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on protests in Germany, demanding justice for Berta.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2016/09/copinh-hoy-lunes-5-de-septiembre.html>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/component/k2/item/1500-protesta-en-alemania-exigiendo-justicia-por-el-asesinato-de-bertha-caceres>

According to Criterio, the purging committee reintegrated yesterday 13 police officials accused of being linked to the murders of the former assessor and head of the Bureau against Drug Trafficking, Alfredo Landaverde and Arístides González.

Shortly afterwards, the commission denied this.

<http://criterio.hn/comision-depuradora-reintegra-13-policias-acusados-asesinar-alfredo-landaverde-aristides-gonzalez/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1684-no-han-ratificado-policias-vinculados-a-crime>

Inhabitants of various municipalities in Santa Bárbara protested yesterday against the contamination of the Chiquila river due to gold mining.

<http://criterio.hn/pobladores-se-toman-carretera-occidente-protesta-contaminacion-rio/>

El Pulso published the second installment on Honduran journalism...and those who died doing it.

Former journalists of El Tiempo demand once more the payment of their entitlements.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-verdadera-noticia-son-las-victimas-ii/>

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/libertad-de-expresi%C3%B3n-derechos-humanos/trabajadores-de-tiempo-exigen>

MACCIH proposes a change to the Penal Code which would allow Honduran courts to reduce the prison sentences of criminals if they collaborate.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1683-urgente-congreso-analiza-ley-para-negociar-con-crime>

El Pulso takes the occasion of Marco Rubio's visit to Honduras to take a critical look at the Alliance for Prosperity Plan.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-alianza-para-la-prosperidad-un-deja-vu-para-el-triangulo-norte/>

The National Party continues to block access to financial information about the mobilization they organized to hand in the claimed 1.7 million

signatures for the presidential reelection.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/06/nacionalistas-piden-que-el-dinero-gastado-en-firmas-que-piden-el-continuisimo-de-joh-sean-secretas/>

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2016/09/05/hidrocarburos-en-honduras-shell-y-derechos-humanos/>

07/09/16

Berta - Agua Zarca; Indigenous Women; Freedom of Expression; Private Security; Journalists; Hydroelectricity; and Human Rights in the Global North

Berta's mother, Austraberta Flores, presented in a public event a

petition to Congress asking them to cancel the license for Agua Zarca. PAC congressman, when receiving the petition, told Austraberta that Congress can't derogate the contract, but that it would be the task of the president.

During the event, the campaign "Defenders of Mother Earth" (Defensoras de la Madre Tierra) was launched.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/austraberta-flores-madre-de-berta-caceres-pide-al-cn-que-cancele-concesion-a-desa/>

<http://criterio.hn/yuri-sabas-dice-congreso-no-puede-derogar-proyecto-agua-zarca/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-mujeres-lanzan-campana-por-la.html>

Meanwhile, education secretary Marlon Escoto warned the director of the Instituto Central Vicente Cáceres (a school), that he would be suspend if he didn't remove a wall painting of Berta Cáceres.

<http://criterio.hn/director-del-central-podria-suspendido-colocar-mural-alusivo-berta-caceres/>

Yesterday, the world commemorated the International Day of the Indigenous Woman.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1504-mujeres-indigenas-valientes-luchas-por-sus-recursos-y-territorios-en-todo-el-mundo>

This morning, a trial regarding a Facebook comment will continue. The accused is Lesbia Pacheco. She made a comment about her former employer Juan Carlos Reyes, who she had accused of sexual abuse some years before. Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the (ab)use of accusations of criminal offenses against honor in Honduras.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/inicia-juicio-oral-y-p%C3%BAblico-por-publicaciones-en-facebook>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1501-delitos-contr-a-el-honor-una-herramienta-peligrosa-en-un-estado-donde-no-se-respetan-las-leyes>

Albany Flores reports on the private security companies in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/ejercitos-privados-el-negocio-del-miedo/>

Cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga and the dean of the Catholic University in Honduras Elio David Alvarenga Amador filed a complaint against journalist David Romero Ellner after he had reported on supposed corruption in the church.

Probably unrelated, the online newspaper of Romero, ConfidencialHN, was attacked by hackers.

The Journalists' Pension Institute (IPP) has been fined for denying information to the IAIP.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/cardenal-hondure%C3%B1o-querella-periodista-que-dio-noticia-sobre-supuesta-corrupci%C3%B3n-en-la>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/hackers-atacan-web-de-peri%C3%B3dico-digital>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/instituto-de-previsi%C3%B3n-del-periodista-multado-por-violentar-derecho-de-acceso-la-informaci%C3%B3n>

El Pulso reports on the Patuca III hydroelectric plant, which, according to the government, is on track.

<http://elpulso.hn/a-buen-ritmo-hidroelectrica-patuca-3/>

Zeid Ra'ad Al-Hussein, the current United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights warns against populists and demagogues in Europe and U.S.

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=20452&LangID=E#sthash.2JEzwTDY.dpuf>

08/09/16

Penal Code; MACCIH; Transparency; Public Banks; Armed Forces; HRDs; Journalists; Security; Penitentiary System; Mayors; and CARSI Under Scrutiny

More than 70 Honduran civil society organizations came together as "La

Articulación 611" demanding the suspension of the approval of the new Penal Code as long as the discussion is not opened to the public.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/mas-de-70-organizaciones-demandan-al-cn-que-suspenda-discusion-del-codigo-penal/>

<http://criterio.hn/articulacion-611-demanda-suspension-la-aprobacion-nuevo-codigo-penal-vulnerar-derechos-fundamentales/>

Monseñor Luis Alfonso Santos, a former Honduran bishop, calls MACCIH a creation of JOH.

<http://tiempo.hn/monsenor-santos-maccih-joh/>

El Pulso published an interesting article on access to public information in Honduras and looks therefore at both the IAIP and the CNA. A second article then also looks at the secrecy law.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-acceso-a-la-informacion-publica/>

<http://elpulso.hn/ley-de-secretos-a-documentos-publicos/>

JOH presented Congress a draft bill, which asks for the fusion of the National Bank for Agricultural Development (Banadesa) and the Honduran Bank for Production and Housing (Banhprovi).

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/08/congreso-nacional-recibe-decreto-de-ley-para-fusionar-banadesa-y-banhprovi/>

An army officer was arrested by ATIC, accusing him of forging public documents.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/07/capturan-a-oficial-de-las-ffaa-de-honduras-por-falsificar-documentos/>

The Civil Society Group (GSC) denounces the murder of Estefany Suyapa Gradiz, an only 14 year old human rights defender.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/somos-muchas-mujeres/asesinan-defensora-de-derechos-humanos>

C-Libre denounces that a journalist of La Tribuna was denied access to the El Picacho park by private security guards.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/reportero-gr%C3%A1fico-sufre-obst%C3%A1culos-para-tomar-fotograf%C3%ADas-de-la-capital-de-honduras>

The Honduran businessman Adolfo Facussé calls the security policy of the JOH administration "imbecile".

<http://criterio.hn/gobierno-honduras-una-estrategia-imbecil-seguridad-adolfo-facusse/>

Human rights defender Reina Rivera Joya criticizes JOH's plan to forbid all conjugal visits in prisons.

<http://criterio.hn/quitar-visitas-conyugales-poner-practica-la-inteligencia-del-estado/>

Another mayor, the eight since 2015, was arrested in Honduras. Delvin Leonardo Salgado is accused of murder and unlawful association.

<http://criterio.hn/asesinato-asociacion-ilicita-detienen-alcalde-negrito-yoro/>

In a new study, CEPR finds no proof that the US State Department's Central American Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) is successful with its community-based violence prevention programs.

<http://cepr.net/publications/reports/have-us-funded-carsi-programs-reduced-crime-and-violence>

09/09/16

Berta - Agua Zarca; Investigation; TI; TSC; Armed Forces; Journalists; Students' Protest; Elections; and the Political Right in Honduras

Yesterday, Olban Milla, a COPINH member working for one of their radio

station, was detained in the night before he wanted to go to Tegucigalpa to cover the trial against the former SERNA minister responsible for pushing through the Agua Zarca deal. After national and international protest, Milla was released without any charges.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2016/09/alerta-detienen-miembro-del-copinh-y-se.html>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/comunicador-de-radio-comunitaria-del-copinh-sufre-detenci%C3%B3n-arbitraria>

The Honduran press reported yesterday the arrest of Elvin Heriberto Rápalo Orellana. He is presented by the authorities as the one who shot at Gustavo Castro in the night Berta was murdered. ATIC announces that now they go after the masterminds behind the crime.

<http://criterio.hn/atic-captura-hombre-supuestamente-disparo-gustavo-castro-acompanante-berta-caceres-redaccion-criterio/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1690-termina-caza-de-asesinos-ejecutores-de-berta-caceres>

Criterio criticizes Transparency International, which back in 2014 signed a working agreement with the Honduran government, for with-washing corruption in the Honduran public health system as "weaknesses".

<http://criterio.hn/transparencia-internacional-maquilla-datos-favorecer-sistema-sanitario-del-gobierno/>

The same Transparency International criticizes the TSC for not disclosing information to them.

<http://criterio.hn/tribunal-superior-cuentas-niega-informacion-transparencia-internacional/>

Inhabitants of the hamlet "La Poza" in Tegucigalpa denounce that the Armed Forces have driven them off the land they had inhabited for 100 years.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos/fuerzas-armadas-despojan-de-sus-tierras-pobladores-de>

<http://criterio.hn/fuerzas-armadas-honduras-desplazan-400-familias-instalar-batallon/>

Employees of La Tribuna protested yesterday against a cynical pay rise of 45 Lempiras.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/09/periodistas-de-roativo-hondureno-protestan-por-infimo-ajuste-salarial/>

<http://criterio.hn/trabajadores-diario-la-tribuna-protestan-burlesco-incremento-45-lempiras-les-ofrece-patrono/>

Students took to the streets to protest the authorities fail unwillingness to comply with their joint agreement. According to Criterio, two students were detained by the police and three students were hit.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/09/estudiantes-de-la-unah-retoman-protestas-por-incumplimiento-de-acuerdos/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/protestas-por-incumplimiento-de-acuerdo-en-la-unah/>

<http://criterio.hn/estudiantes-universitarios-agredidos-golpeados-la-policia/>

Coup-General Romeo Vásquez Velásquez announced that he once more will run for president.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/08/romeo-vazquez-lanza-su-candidatura-presidencial/>

<http://elpulso.hn/para-estudiar-la-s-derecha-s-en-honduras/>

10/09/16

Berta - Investigation; Mining; Torture; Garífuna; Organized Crime; Armed Forces; (Re)Election; Privatization; Journalists; Illiteracy; and It's Your Fault

Defensores en Línea spoke with Olivia Marcela Zúniga Cáceres after the

capture of a sixth person supposedly involved in the murder of her mother. Criterio cites Olivia saying that the captured young man has ties to DESA.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/olivia-zuniga-caceres-ninguno-de-los-que-estan-en-la-carcel-es-un-autor-intelectual/>

<http://criterio.hn/joven-capturado-disparar-gustavo-castro-esta-ligado-des-a-2/>

After long pressure from the public, the Special Prosecutor for the Environment started looking at a case of water contamination due to illegal mining in Santa Bárbara. San Francisco de Opalaca, Intibucá, the communities will come together tomorrow to conduct a public consultation about mining and hydroelectricity project in their area.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3165-tras-presi%C3%B3n-de-comunidad-fiscal%3%ADa-investiga-mineras-por-contaminaci%C3%B3n-de-r%C3%ADos-en-santa-b%C3%A1rbara>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/~rprog/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3160-en-san-francisco-de-opalaca-har%C3%A1n-consulta-soberana-sobre-concesiones-instal%C3%A1ndose-en-su-territorio>

Six years after dying from torture by police agents, the family of Mario Orlando Sequeira Canales still has to wait for justice.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/familiares-esperan-que-la-justicia-castigue-a-policias-que-torturaron-hasta-dar-muerte-a-su-pariente/>

The Police together with private thugs violently displaced inhabitants of a Garífuna community in Santa Fe, Colón

<http://criterio.hn/policia-desaloja-violentamente-comunidad-garifuna-santa-fe-colon/>

After another arrest of a mayor this week, Radio Progreso offers an overview of the ever closer bond between organized crime and public administration.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/~rprog/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3163-corrupci%C3%B3n-y-crimen-organizado-se-apoderan-de-administraci%C3%B3n-p%C3%BAblica-hondure%C3%B1a>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/fuerzas-armadas-niegan-informaci%C3%B3n-sobre-terreno-en-litigio-amparados-en-la-ley-de-secretos>

Yesterday, I linked to an article about the forced displacement by the inhabitants of la Poza by the Armed Forces. The latter now doesn't want to grant access to the legal representative of the inhabitants to information about the land, basing their case on the Secrecy Law.

The TSE has now officially accepted the possibility of a reelection. They also inscribed the new party Vamos. Both actions don't bode well for the coming elections.

There is also growing criticism regarding the proposed law to regulate party financing.

<http://criterio.hn/tse-da-via-libre-reeleccion-presidencial-joh/>

<http://criterio.hn/manera-fraudulenta-tse-inscribe-partido-maletin/>

<http://tiempo.hn/oposicion-indignada-partido-vamos/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-con-nueva-ley-de.html>

<http://cholusatur.com/noticias/10-cosas-que-debes-saber-del-proyecto-de-ley-politica-limpia/>

Radio Progreso denounces the privatization of ENEE. One of its consequences was the creation of the Energy Firm Honduras (Empresa Energía Honduras), which is now already running.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/~rprog/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3162-hasta-sindicato-se-involucr%C3%B3-en-proceso-privatizador-de-la-enee>

The correspondent of Telesur, Gerardo Torres, was denigrated by UNAH authorities. They accused him of participating at the students' protest, even though he was covering it as a reporter.

A Honduran court didn't accept the charges against journalist David Romero by the Honduran catholic church.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/corresponsal-de-telesur-en-ingl%C3%A9s-atacado-por-autoridades-de-la-unah>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1694-anulan-juicio-penal-contra-periodista-hondureno>

According to the UNAH, a million people in Honduras don't know how to read nor write.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/item/131095-alrededor-de-un-millon-de-personas-no-saben-leer-ni-escribir-en-honduras.html>

<http://elpulso.hn/caricatura/>

11/09/16

Children; Garífuna; Penitentiary System; Fiscal Policy; Elections; and US Military Training

Casa Alianza published a press release yesterday laments the difficult

situation Honduran children live in and the violence they are confronted with. It also denounces that over 700 children, teenagers and young adults have been murdered so far this year.

El Pulso also reports on this under the title "The Murder of Poor Children."

http://www.casa-alianza.org.hn/images/documentos/CAH.2016/03.Comun.CAH/9.%20comunicado%20da%20del%20nio%202016_casa%20alianza%20honduras.pdf

<http://elpulso.hn/los-asesinatos-de-ninos-pobres/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3168-la-realidad-de-nuestra-ni%C3%B1ez-10-septiembre-2016>

JOH denigrates human rights defenders opposed to his reforms for the penitentiary system.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/10/joh-vuelve-a-atacar-a-defensores-de-la-vida-que-critican-el-sistema-penitenciario/>

PAC president Salvador Nasralla warns that tomorrow things in Honduras will turn worse, or in his words: "Coming Monday there won't be peace in Honduras", which strangely implies that there is peace now. He utters these words as the TSE is about to announce the primary elections without the reforms demanded by the political opposition and the international community (at least in their reports after the last general elections).

<http://criterio.hn/honduras-no-habra-paz-partir-este-domingo-salvador-nasralla/>

While Garífunas were evicted from their land in Santa Fe (see yesterday), a court in Tela spoke out in favor of the Garífuna community in Barra Vieja.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2016/09/10/presiones-territoriales-en-la-costa-garifuna-fallo-a-favor-de-barra-vieja-e-intento-de-desalojo-en-santa-fe/>

Libre congresswoman Claudia Garmendia fears that the new Fiscal Code will lead to capitla flight from Honduras.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/10/nueva-ley-tributaria-hondurena-fomentara-la-fuga-de-capitales-a-paraisos-fiscales/>

According to a new report, the Honduran Armed Forces got the most training from the US in all Latin America.

<http://tiempo.hn/militares-de-honduras-entrenados-ee-uu/>

<https://www.wola.org/analysis/u-s-special-operations-latin-america-parallel-diplomacy/>

12/09/16

Berta - Commemoration; (Re)Elections, Journalists; and Remittances

Two teachers at the Instituto "Central" Vicente Cáceres were fired

because they refused to talk down a mural commemorating Berta Cáceres. Meanwhile in Mexico, the organization Sustainable Mexico launched a scholarship in honor of Berta for environmental education.

<http://criterio.hn/destituyen-dos-docentes-del-central-mural-berta-caceres/>

<http://criterio.hn/centro-educativo-desafia-las-autoridades-educativas-al-colocar-murales-berta-caceres/>

<http://criterio.hn/21933-2/>

As expected, the TSE called yesterday 5.7 million Hondurans for the internal elections, which will take place on March 12, 2017.

Libre announced protests for October 3 to demand electoral reforms.

<http://criterio.hn/tse-convoca-5-7-millones-hondurenos-elecciones-internas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/12/partido-libre-protestara-en-octubre-por-profundas-reformas-electorales/>

<http://criterio.hn/libre-anuncia-toma-peajes-3-octubre-exigir-reformas-electorales/>

The journalist Leonila Madrid, who works for the Presidency, had her car stolen.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/roban-carro-periodista-de-casa-presidencial>

The remittances to Honduras are expected to grow to \$4 billion at the end of the year.

<http://tiempo.hn/remesas-familiares-bch/>

13/09/16

HRDs; LGBTI; Mining; (Re)Elections; Journalists; Street Workers; Campesinx; Corruption; Students' Protest; El Tiempo

Security guards of Congress insulted an human rights official of the

Honduran High Commissioner's Office when he accompanied a group of human rights defenders to Congress.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/monitoreo-de-compromisos-internacionales/item/1509-guardias-del-congreso-nacional-insultan-a-representante-de-oficina-del-alto-comisionado-de-ddhh-en-honduras>

El Pulso reports on a artistic project against homophobia in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/santisimxs-una-rebelion-contra-la-homofobia/>

According to Criterio, 99.4% of the inhabitants of San Francisco de Opalaca voted against mining and hydroelectric projects in their area.

<http://criterio.hn/99-4-san-francisco-opalaca-dice-no-los-proyectos-hidroelectricos-mineros/>

ConfidencialHN seems to detect contradictions when interviewing the executive secretary of the National Party, Juan Diego Zelaya , about the new bill supposed to regulate party financing.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/12/por-que-no-puede-justificar-el-partido-nacional-de-donde-saco-el-dinero-para-comprar-golosinas-a-los-ninos/>

Pasos de Animal Grande denounces in a new article the treatment of the UNAH authorities of TeleSUR journalist Gerardo Torres.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1511-vendran-procesos-ahora-hacia-la-prensa-autoridades-unah-descalifican-labor-de-periodista-de-telesur-gerardo-torres>

Magdiel Midence depicts the situation of the Honduran street workers.

<http://elpulso.hn/trabajadoras-sexuales-un-rostro-ignorado/>

In Paraíso, a criminalizing trial against six campesinos started this week. In March 2012, they started a process of land recuperation, that resulted in an accusation of usurpation. Campesino leader Neftalí Esquivel was attacked in May 2011 by a group of soldiers. An operation at the beginning of this year, may now help him to start walking again without any help.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/campesinos-acusados-de-usurpacion-enfrentan-juicio-oral-y-publico-en-el-paraiso/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/campesino-atacado-por-militares-empieza-a-caminar-tras-operacion/>

The newly created position of anti-corruption judges will be filled in January 2017.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1700-honduras-nombraran-jueces-anticorrupcion-en-2017>

The student movement denounces in a press release the repression of the police.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1510-meu-condena-acciones-represivas-de-la-policia-contra-estudiantes-y-el-silencio-complice-de-las-autoridades-de-la-unah>

Former employees of EL Tiempo protested yesterday once more outside of the MP.

<http://criterio.hn/denuncian-carlos-rosenthal-usar-testaferros-caso-diario-tiempo/>

14/09/16

Berta - Investigation; FPIC; Hydroelectricity; National Police; Militarization; MILPAH; Drug Trafficking; and a Country Getting Rid of its People

El Tiempo reports that a court has decided on preventive imprisonment

for Elvin Rápalo Orellana, who is accused of having participated in the murder of Berta.

<http://tiempo.hn/caso-berta-caceres-iintelectuales/>

CEHPRODEC organized a forum on the right of indigenous people to decide over their natural resources, which took place yesterday. Criterio reports that currently there are not fewer than four different versions of a bill for Free, Previous and Informed Consult in circulation in Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/denuncian-gladis-aurora-lopez-manipular-proyecto-ley-consulta-previa/>

Grupo Terra reacts to the almost unanimous voice from San Francisco de Opalaca, which doesn't want mining and and hydroelectricity project in its area. The company writes in a press release that they aren't interested in constructing a hydroelectric dam in the area.

<http://criterio.hn/grupo-terra-no-esta-interesado-construir-represa-rio-gualcarque/>

The purging commission informed in a press release yesterday, that police officials and agents involved in the murder of Julián Aristides González and Alfredo Landaverde will be purged. Meanwhile, the former police commissioner Danilo Orellana demands 100 million Lempiras from the Honduran state for being purged already months back by the now defunct DIECP.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/999676-466/comisi%C3%B3n-depura-a-polic%C3%ADas-implicados-en-muerte-de-ar%C3%ADstides-gonz%C3%A1lez-y-alfredo>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/13/comisionado-de-policia-pide-100-millones-por-ofensas-a-su-honor/>

"A new report indicates that Central American states have increasingly relied on the military to fight crime with help from the United States, a decision which may bear consequences for human rights and levels of violence within the young democracies."

Both Radio Progreso and Joaquín Mejía Rivera present an alternative - an integral security policy - to the militarization.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/militarization-and-crime-central-americas-dangerous-gamble>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3169-derechos-humanos-civilidad-y-pol%C3%ADticas-de-seguridad-13-septiembre-2016>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-la-urgente-necesidad-de-una.html>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the collusion of state, church and private business in Santa Elena, La Paz, which leads to the denigration and criminalization of the indigenous human rights organization MILPAH. El Pulso also has a new article on the situation in Santa Elena.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1513-en-santa-elena-los-sacerdotes-excomulgan-a-los-indigenas-por-organizarse-y-les-llaman-una-especie-demoniaca>

<http://elpulso.hn/vivir-en-el-olvido/>

Fabio Lobo, son of the former president Porfirio Lobo Sosa, may be condemned for a life-long prison sentence for drug trafficking tomorrow.

<http://criterio.hn/hijo-expresidente-lobo-podria-recibir-cadena-perpetua-15-septiembre/>

<http://criterio.hn/honduras-pais-expulsor-habitantes-revela-estudio-migracion-video/>

15/09/16

Berta - Agua Zarca; COPINH; MACCIH; National Police; LGTBI; CONAPREV; HRDs; Mayors; Migration; (Re)Elections; and the General Budget

The MP informed yesterday that it officially pressed charges against the former mayor of Intibucá, Martiniano Domínguez, for his role in the Agua Zarca project.

<http://tiempo.hn/caso-agua-zarca-procesaran-ex-alcalde-intibuca/>

Giorgio Trucchi interviewed Tomás Gómez, Interim Coordinator of COPINH, on the last six months since Berta's murder.

<https://nicaraguaymasespanol.blogspot.ch/2016/09/honduras-state-and-extractive-economic.html>

El Pulso interviewed Juan Jiménez Mayor, the head of MACCIH, about his institution.

Ciprodeh director Wilfredo Méndez, meanwhile, strongly criticizes MACCIH for failing to take into account the power distribution in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-maccih-es-el-modelo-de-honduras-no-somos-una-copia-de-la-cicig/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/14/mal-calculo-de-la-maccih-evidencia-su-debilidad-para-combatir-corrupcion-en-honduras/>

Even though there are accusations of illicit enrichment against him, the purging committee ratified yesterday the director of the National Police Félix Villanueva.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/14/junta-depuradora-policial-ratifica-a-jefe-policial-investigado-por-enriquecimiento-ilicito/>

Magdiel Midence reports on the situation of the LGBTI community, with a focus on the health and (in)security of transsexuals.

<http://elpulso.hn/transexualidad-y-violencia-social/>

Honduran human rights organizations elected the lawyer Glenda Carolina Ayala Mejía as commissioner at the National Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Cruel, Inhumane and Degrading Treatment (CONAPREV).

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/organizaciones-de-ddhh-nombran-a-nueva-comisionada-ante-el-conaprev/>

C-Libre denounces that COBRAS members and soldiers threatened a human rights defender with murder.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/%E2%80%9Choy-te-vas-morir-perro%E2%80%9D-polic%C3%ADas-y-militares-defensor-de-dd-hh>

The Nationalist former mayor of Yoro, Arnaldo Urbina Soto, will face trial on November 21 for money laundering.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/14/enjuiciaran-a-alcalde-nacionalista-y-cuadro-de-confianza-de-joh-por-lavado-de-activos/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2016/09/14/juicio-alcalde-yoro-lavado-activos/>

The UN demands for Honduras better protection for migrating workers.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/migraci%C3%B3n/onu-insta-al-aumento-de-protecci%C3%B3n-para-trabajadores-migrantes>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/el-estado-debe-impulsar-cambios-estructurales-para-reducir-la-migracion/>

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos-migraci%C3%B3n/migraci%C3%B3n-en-honduras-adquiere-caracter%C3%ADsticas>

Honduran women protest against the TSE's parity rule, calling it a joke.

<http://criterio.hn/mujeres-denuncian-ante-mp-reglamento-paridad-alternancia-del-tse-una-burla/>

Congress received yesterday the draft for the general budget for 2017.

<http://chokusatsur.com/noticias/cn-recibe-presupuesto-general-de-la-republica-2017/>

16/09/16

Berta - Commemoration; Transparency; Drug Trafficking; Independence Day; and Postcards from September 15

Unexpectedly, both El Tiempo and La Tribuna report on the documentary about Berta Cáceres and the indigenous struggle to protect their rivers.

<http://tiempo.hn/documental-guardiana-de-los-rios-bertha/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2016/09/15/guardiana-los-rios-documental-revela-lucha-bertha-caceres/>

Albany Flores Garca reports on the work of the Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP) and the obstacles for it to work properly.

<http://elpulso.hn/iaip-las-pugnas-informativas-del-poder/>

C-Libre denounces that soldiers and police agents restricted freedom of expressions during the independence day celebration. Defensores en Línea interviewed COFADEH's Bertha Oliva on and about the Honduran independence day.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/militares-y-polic%C3%ADas-restringieron-expresiones-populares-durante-desfiles-patrios>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/bertha-oliva-para-nosotras-no-es-ni-celebracion-ni-conmemoracion/>

"A judge has unexpectedly released the son of a leader of Honduras' Valle Valle drug clan, who allegedly took the reins of the family business following the capture and extradition of the group's leaders." Meanwhile in the US, the sentence for Fabio Lobo was postponed.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-minor-latest-heir-to-father-criminal-throne>

<http://criterio.hn/posponen-sentencia-hijo-pepe-lobo/>

<http://elpulso.hn/postales-del-15-de-septiembre/>

<http://criterio.hn/hondurenos-viralizan-fotografia-desnuda-la-verdadera-independencia/>

17/09/16

Electoral Reforms; National Police, Journalists; Garífuna; Impunity; ICC; Gender Equality; JOH; Independence; and San Manuel del Triunfo

Libre accepted, "with a lot of mistrust", the offer of Congress'

president Mauricio Oliva to talk about electoral reforms. Enrique Ortez Sequeira, a liberal presidential hopeful, calls Oliva's offer a distraction. El Libertador is also very skeptical.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/16/aceptamos-el-llamado-a-dialogo-con-mauricio-olivacon-mucha-desconfianza/>

<http://criterio.hn/convocatoria-dialogo-mauricio-oliva-distractivo-oposicion-se-olvide-la-reeleccion/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1708-pocos-creen-en-honduras-anuncio-de-reforma-electoral>

The coordinator of the Alliance for Peace and Justice (APJ), Omar Rivera, laments that the judicial system continues to fail to investigate the members of the National Police denounced for criminal acts.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/16/mora-judicial-imposibilita-avanzar-en-depuracion-policia-en-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/131529-imposible-sostener-depuracion-policia-con-investigaciones-inconclusas-reclama-omar-rivera.html>

Reportes without Borders denounces yesterday the continuity of "a nightmare for journalists in Honduras."

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/libertad-de-expresi%C3%B3n/honduras-reporteros-sin-fronteras-denuncia-intensificaci%C3%B3n-de-acoso-y>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/item/131547-rsf-denuncia-un-clima-cada-vez-mas-hostil-contra-la-prensa-en-honduras.html>

Radio Progreso celebrates the recent verdict who absolved eight members of the Garífuna community Barra Vieja.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3178-justicia-dicta-sentencia-absolutoria-a-favor-de-8-l%C3%ADderes-de-comunidad-gar%C3%ADfuna>

Yesterday, 33 years ago, the Jesuit priest Guadalupe Carney and others were forcefully disappeared.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3175-a-33-a%C3%B1os-de-su-desaparici%C3%B3n-forzada-la-lucha-del-padre-lupe-sigue-vigente>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3175-a-33-a%C3%B1os-de-su-desaparici%C3%B3n-forzada-la-lucha-del-padre-lupe-sigue-vigente>

"Environmental destruction and landgrabs could lead to governments and individuals being prosecuted for crimes against humanity by the international criminal court following a decision to expand its remit."

https://www.theguardian.com/global/2016/sep/15/hague-court-widens-remit-to-include-environmental-destruction-cases?CMP=tw_t_a-environment_b-gdneco

Women's organization analyzed the outcomes of the two article promoting gender equality in the Law of the General Budget for the Republic.

<http://criterio.hn/mujeres-organizadas-mas-obstaculos-avances-presupuesto-etiquetado-genero/>

JOH will speak before the UN next week in New York and met with US vice-president Joe Biden afterwards.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/131558-joh-hablara-sobre-desarrollo-sostenible-en-naciones-unidas.html>

Radio Progreso speaks with writer Julio Escoto about the concepts of fatherland and sovereignty.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3177-en-septiembre-debemos-celebrar-que-seguimos-existiendo-y-resistiendo-seg%C3%BAAn-escriptor-julio-escoto>

Radio Progreso presents San Manuel de Triunfo as an example of a community who build up sovereignty from below.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3179-san-manuel-del-triunfo-ejemplo-de-soberan%C3%ADa-construida-desde-el-pueblo>

18/09/16

JOH; Judicial Power; (Re)Elections; Penitentiary System; Independence Day; and the Two Honduras

El Libertador presents its investigation into the bot-system which

generates the image of broad support for JOH.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1713-las-cuentas-falsas-de-joh-investigacion-honduras>

The Judicial Power continues to block the restitution of the four former

judges fired after the coup d'état.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/17/poder-judicial-de-honduras-no-quiere-restituir-a-cuatro-jueces-antigolpistas/>

The National Party started the reelection campaign for JOH. The movement around the former Nationalist president Rafael Callejas, MONARCA, denounces that the authorities of the National Party want to force through candidates who support the JOH reelection campaign.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/17/queremos-que-joh-se-reelija-nacionalistas-abren-campana-para-el-continuisimo-del-presidente-de-honduras/>

<http://criterio.hn/monarca-denuncia-imposiciones/>

In a raid in the Santa Bárbara prison, the MP found an illegal WiFi-Service for the inmates. The authorities also raided prisons in other departments finding a lot of weapons and other illegal objects.

<http://criterio.hn/fusina-mp-encuentran-servicios-wi-fi-e-internet-carcel-santa-barbara/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/17/masivo-decomiso-de-armas-y-varios-articulos-ilicitos-dentro-de-centros-penales-en-honduras-tegucigalpa-honduras-varias-armas-corto-punzantes-celulares-droga-y-otros-enceres-fueron-decomisados-hoy-p/>

El Libertador denounces that public employees were forced to participate at the independence festivities in the national stadium.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1710-honduras-por-miedo-fueron-a-desfiles-empleados-publicos-2>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/otra-vez-las-dos-honduras/>

20/09/16

HRDs; LGTBI; Grupo Terra; National Police; Transparency; UN; ENEE; Maras; and the Price of Development in Honduras

Pasos de Animal Grande takes up a story mostly overlooked: the situation

of human rights defenders in marginalized colonies. In Ramón Amaya Amador (Comayagüela) two defenders of women's rights were murdered in the last two weeks.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1516-terror-para-las-defensoras-que-viven-en-colonias-marginadas>

A new report found Honduras to be the most dangerous Central American country for members of the LGTBI community. Rihanna Ferrera stresses the need to put in force the Gender Identity Bill to guarantee the right to vote and be elected of the LGTBI community.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1517-honduras-es-el-pais-mas-peligroso-de-centroamerica-para-la-comunidad-lgtbi>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/19/tribunal-electoral-fomenta-homofobia-y-discriminacion-a-la-diversidad-sexual/>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the struggle of 18 communities in the Honduran south against Grupo Terra and the Spanish company SunEdison.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1515-maquinaria-estatal-en-defensa-del-grupo-terra-y-consorcios-extranjeros-de-energia-procesa-a-pobladores-de-la-zona-sur-del-pais>

The purging committee will present the results of its work today at 9am at the Marriott in Tegucigalpa. Yesterday, the announced that 300 transit police officers will be let go.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/item/131650-la-comision-especial-para-la-depuracion-y-transformacion-de-la-policia-nacional-rendira-cuentas-sobre-las-actividades-realizadas.html>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1001111-410/sacudida-en-polic%C3%ADa-de-tr%C3%A1nsito-se-van-300-agentes>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/19/junta-depuradora-espera-que-el-poder-judicial-inicie-acciones-de-persecucion-penal-hacia-los-policias-separados-de-sus-cargos/>

In June, the Association for a More Just Society (ASJ) asked for a social audit of the Supreme Audit Court (TSC) - the body responsible for persecuting illicit enrichment. Nevertheless, three months later, the TSC still ignores the request.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1715-75-dias-de-silencio-tribunal-de-cuentas-ante-auditoria-social>

Honduras and the UN System (UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF) agreed on their cooperation program for 2017-2021.

<http://www.proceso.hn/metropoli/item/131628-las-juntas-ejecutivas-de-los-fondos-y-programas-del-sistema-de-las-naciones-unidas-aprobaron-los-programas.html>

Radio Progreso explains why the Honduran energy prices are constantly rising.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3183-la-factura-por-la-quebra-de-la-enee-19-septiembre-2016>

JOH announces to have 37 gang leaders move to maximum security prisons.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/19/el-poso-y-el-confinamiento-absoluto-aguardan-a-lideres-de-pandillas-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/>

<http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201609192346-0025284>

21/09/16

Gladys Lanza; Berta - UN; Investigation; IHSS; Bajo Aguán; Penitentiary System; National Police; CInPH; and Militarist vs. Human Rights Discourse

Long-time human rights defender and activist for women's right Gladys

Lanza passed away yesterday early in the morning. In memory of her, you find a new video from Front Line Defender (hat tip to Greg).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zQzT1D6n7Y>

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/mujeres/enfrentando-la-justicia-patriarcal-fallece-gladys-lanza>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1518-gladys-lanza-de-las-mujeres-que-nunca-mueren>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1716-se-fue-gladys-unica-sindicalista-de-pie-tras-ataque-neoliberal>

You find attached the presentation about Honduras by the SR on Indigenous People in the Human Rights Council, with a special focus on the murder of Berta.

See Attachment

A new documentary on Berta has been published.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2016/09/nuevos-documentales-sobre-berta-caceres.html>

El Pulso interviewed both Edy Tabora (C-Libre) and Roberto Herrera Cáceres (CONADEH) about the investigation into Berta's murder.

<http://elpulso.hn/entrevista-edy-tabora-c-libre/>

<http://elpulso.hn/entrevista-roberto-herrera-caceres-conadeh/>

ConfidencialHN reports that the main investigator of the IHSS corruption scandal wants to make the public believe that no connection with the money stolen from the IHSS and political parties was found - even though back in 2015 this connection has already been established.

Meanwhile, the seizure of goods belonging to people supposedly involved in the case continues.

MACCIH asked Interpol for help in detaining ten people accused of involvement in the corruption case - not one of them is a high government official.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/21/lo-juro-por-dios-interventora-del-ihss-dice-que-no-hallaron-cheques-del-megafraude/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/20/aseguran-bienes-de-supuesto-testaferro-ligado-en-el-megafraude-del-seguro-social/>

<http://criterio.hn/maccih-pide-interpol-la-captura-10-implicados-megafraude-al-ihss/>

Defensores en Línea denounces that the murder of the lawyer Antonio Trejo still after four years rests unpunished.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/crimenes-contra-antonio-trejo-y-jose-trejo-permanecen-impunes/>

"A new maximum security prison in Honduras is now up and running after receiving its first inmates, marking an initial step toward a planned overhaul of the country's troubled correctional system."

>From the US, JOH announced to keep gang leaders and other heads of organized crime in constant solitary confinement.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-first-step-prison-overhaul-new-facility>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/20/hernandez-ordena-que-reos-peligrosos-ya-no-tengan-derecho-a-visitas-ni-llamadas-telefonicas/>

The MP announced the creation of a special unit to pursue the purged police agents and officials.

<http://criterio.hn/ministerio-publico-honduras-crea-unidad-fiscal-depurar-la-policia/>

The indigenous organization CInPH marched yesterday in Tegucigalpa to demand their rights.

<http://criterio.hn/indigenas-agrupados-cinph-se-movilizan-tegucigalpa-la-defensa-derechos/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3184-el-discurso-de-los-derechos-humanos-frente-al-discurso-militarista-20-septiembre-2016>

22/09/16

Berta - Agua Zarca; Gladys Lanza; MACCIH; ZEDE; Electoral Reforms; Campesinx; PGR; Penitentiary System; Extradition; JOH; and Blood and the Water

El Heraldo reports that locals of ten communities in Santa Bárbara and

Intibucá are protesting for the continuation of the Agua Zarca project. The article - shockingly unbelievable - states that the construction gave 4'000 people employment.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1001943-466/grupos-ind%C3%ADgenas-piden-reiniciar-construcci%C3%B3n-de-represa-hidroel%C3%A9ctrica-de-agua-zarca>

Friends and family said goodbye to Gladys Lanza yesterday.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/21/familiares-y-amigos-dicen-adios-a-gladys-lanza/>

The former general attorney Edmundo Orellana has a rather bleak view on the MACCIH and the changes it could generate in Honduras.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-la-maccih-se-enrolla-en-los.html>

OFRANEH reacts to a press release by the organizing committee for ZEDEs from the end of June.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2016/09/21/honduras-las-ciudades-modelo-zede-y-racismo/>

The different political parties state their demands for an electoral reform.

Meanwhile, it becomes clear once more, that the only reason the National Party called for a dialogue is to push the reelection. And also not surprisingly, the small party UD and the new-born party Vamos demand the same thing as the National Party in the dialogue.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-libre-pide-que-se-derogue-la.html>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-jari-dixon-reformas.html>

<http://criterio.hn/dialogo-ud-piden-lo-los-nacionalistas/>

Javier Suazo explains what the announced fusion of the banks BANHPROVI and BANADESA would mean for small-scale farmers.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/180399>

Albany Flores investigates the role of the Attorney General's Office (Procuraduría General de la República, PGR) in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-pgr-en-defensa-del-estado/>

UNAH's dean, Julieta Castellanos, denigrates human rights organizations who criticize the government's plan regarding solitary confinement and other announced measures for gang leaders. She goes even so far that she says that gang members and other members of organized crime "have lost their condition of being humans".

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/22/rectora-de-la-unah-reclama-a-defensores-de-la-vida-que-no-se-metan-en-lo-que-no-les-importa/>

According to ConfidencialHN, five Hondurans are currently on an extradition list to the US.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/21/ee-uu-pide-a-honduras-extraditar-seis-personas-vinculadas-a-la-criminalidad-organizada/>

JOH spoke at the UN yesterday.

<http://tiempo.hn/defender-derechos-de-victimas-es-lo-que-pide/>

"Fault Lines travels to Honduras to investigate the death of environmental activist Berta Caceres."

<http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/faultlines/2016/09/honduras-blood-water-160920064355648.html>

23/09/16

COPINH; Berta - FMO; Agua Zarca; US Bill; Bajo Aguán; Journalists; National Police; Electric Energy; Migration and Electoral Reform

COPINH denounces that they found a member of the Armed Forces who had infiltrated their organization for years.

<http://criterio.hn/gobierno-honduras-paga-militares-recabar-informacion-activistas/>

"The Independent Fact Finding Mission (IM) on Agua Zarca has issued its report. The mission was convened at the request of FMO, one of the funders of the Agua Zarca project."

<https://www.fmo.nl/k/n1771/news/view/33138/20819/independent-fact-finding-mission-issues-their-report-on-agua-zarca.html>

Based on the report, Criterio criticizes that there seems to be continuous unwillingness to definitively cancel the Agua Zarca project.

<http://criterio.hn/desa-afirma-no-descanzara-reactivar-proyecto-agua-zarca/>

<http://criterio.hn/informe-del-fmo-dice-proyecto-agua-zarca-continuar/>

In an OpEd, Dana Frank calls for an end of US support for Honduran security forces.

Interestingly or rather ironically, the US House of Representatives agreed on sanctions for Nicaragua's president Daniel Ortega, while they still refuse to act in the case of Honduras.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/23/opinion/end-us-support-for-the-thugs-of-honduras.html?_r=1

<http://www.nytimes.com/es/2016/09/22/es-hora-de-que-estados-unidos-deje-de-financiar-a-los-delincuentes-en-honduras/>

<http://elpulso.hn/congreso-de-eeuu-aprueba-sanciones-para-nicaragua/>

The International Human Rights Federation (FIDH), the OMCT and COFADEH released a new report on the criminalization in the Bajo Aguán.

https://www.fidh.org/es/region/americas/honduras/bajo-aguan-4-anos-despues-25-defensores-y-campesinos-absueltos-pero?var_mode=calcul

The Honduran Press Association (APH) questions the Honduran state's security policy - instead of investing money to prevent violence, it invests money to repress violence.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos/aph-seguridad-no-s%C3%B3lo-es-formar-batallones>

"Honduras' police reform commission has asked the Attorney General's Office to investigate over 500 officers for their alleged involvement in a range of crimes, but it's unlikely the country's notoriously weak

judicial system is equipped or willing to handle such a huge and controversial caseload."

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/can-honduras-ag-handle-onslaught-of-police-corruption-cases>

The first protests against the new Energy Company Honduras have already erupted.

<http://criterio.hn/pobladores-del-occidente-se-toman-carretera-protesta-los-atracos-la-empresa-energia-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/22/hondurenos-protestan-por-abusos-de-nuevo-operador-de-energia-electrica/>

"With the United States increasingly clamping down on its southern border and high numbers of Central American refugees continuing to flee the violence associated with gangs and organized crime, more and more migrants are opting to leave the continent altogether."

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/refugees-from-central-america-violence-may-head-down-under>

COHEP supports the MACCIH initiative for better control over the financing of political parties.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1719-empresarios-respaldan-ley-de-politica-limpia-en-honduras>

24/09/16

Berta - DESA; MILPAH; FPIC; Electoral Reforms; Budget; Toll System; Penitentiary System; ENEE; APP; and a Tribute to "Baleadas"

As expected, DESA uses the report by the fact-finding mission to promote itself.

COPINH, therefore, accuses FMO to be an accomplice to the violence caused by Agua Zarca.

Meanwhile, the Special Rapporteur for Indigenous Rights Victoria Tauli-Corpuz proposes revoking the contract for Agua Zarca.

Francisco Javier Sánchez, a member of COPINH, was present at the UN when the report by was published and he demanded at the Human Rights Council that the Honduran state respects their rights and cancels the project.

See Attachment

<http://criterio.hn/banco-fmo-complice-la-conflictividad-del-proyecto-agua-zarca-copinh/>

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2016/09/nota-de-prensa-la-relatora-especial-de.html>

<http://panorama.ridh.org/el-copinh-pidio-ante-la-onu-que-se-cancele-el-proyecto-de-la-hidroelectrica-agua-zarca/>

Defensores en Línea reports from a further struggle against a hydroelectric project in La Paz by MILPAH.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/en-alerta-permanente-defensores-indigenas-de-la-paz/>

Cespad warns that the current Bill for a Free, Prior and Informed Consultation violates the ILO Convention 169.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos-pueblos-indigenas/ley-de-consulta-previa-contraviene-el>

Congress' president Mauricio Oliva wants to drop the topic of a second round of voting in the current dialogue between the political parties. Radio Progreso spoke about the topic with political analyst Hermilo Soto.

According to Criterio, officials of the Armed Forces met to discuss the presidential reelection.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/22/no-habra-segunda-vuelta-en-honduras-titular-del-parlamento-hace-fracasar-dialogo-con-oposicion/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/~rprog/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3191-comienzan-en-redos-electorales-con-la-misma-institucionalidad-del-bipartidismo-entrevista>

<http://criterio.hn/trascienden-reuniones-las-fuerzas-armadas-hablar-actuacion-la-reeleccion/>

ConfidencialHN criticizes the cut in the health budget (by 657.4 million Lempiras), as the security budget rises (by 300 million Lempiras).

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/24/gobierno-de-honduras-quita-presupuesto-a-salud-y-dara-mas-dinero-a-ffaa-para-reprimir-protestas-antireeleccionistas/>

Protests against the toll booths don't cease in Honduras. Radio Progreso even reports of an intensification.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/~rprog/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3192-intensifican-lucha-contra-peajes-en-el-valle-de-sula>

Radio Progreso raises critical voices in an article of the proposed reforms to the penitentiary system.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/~rprog/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3190-traslado-de-reos-a-nuevo-centro-penal-no-solucion-a-crisis-penitenciaria-afirman-analistas>

New protests are announced for today against ENEE and the new Energy Company Honduras (EEH).
Two further articles make clear their reasons for protest.

<http://criterio.hn/movilizaciones-tegucigalpa-san-pedro-sula-los-abusos-la-enee-eeh/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-eeh-hace-explotar-al-hondureno.html>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1721-a-oscuras-costos-de-energia-para-hondurenos>

The presidents of the Northern Triangle met once more with Joe Biden to discuss the Alliance for Prosperity.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1002661-466/vicepresidente-de-eeuu-se-re%C3%BAne-con-mandatarios-del-tri%C3%A1ngulo-norte-de-centroam%C3%A9rica>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/~rprog/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3194-baleadas-son-parte-de-nuestra-cultura-y-alimento-diario>

25/09/16

Energy Prices; MILPAH; IHSS; Judicial Power; and the Story of Organized Crime in Choluteca

Aqui Abajo offers a great analysis of why Hondurans have protested

against the Energy Company Honduras (EEH) these last days.

<http://www.aquiabajo.com/blog/2016/9/24/imf-policies-the-privatization-of-the-national-energy-company-hits-honduran-households>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/24/enee-se-gasta-en-justificaciones-sobre-grosero-cobro-del-servicio-de-electricidad/>

According to Proceso Digital, the MP intends to go after Jorge Adalberto Aguilar (president of the "Vida Mejor" program in the area) for threatening with murder MILPAH leader Víctor Vásquez.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/item/132027-auto-de-formal-procesamiento-para-autor-de-amenazas-contra-dirigente-indigena-de-la-paz.html>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1396-presidente-de-vida-mejor-de-la-paz-amenaza-a-muerte-a-indigenas/1396-presidente-de-vida-mejor-de-la-paz-amenaza-a-muerte-a-indigenas>

The MP informs that both the former director of the IHSS, Mario Zelaya, and its former administrative manager, José Ramón Bertetty, will face a new trial for the misappropriation of 240 million Lempiras.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/24/exdirector-y-exadministrador-del-ihss-a-otro-juicio-por-haber-desviado-pago-de-impuestos/>

The Association of Judges for Democracy (AJD) commemorates its 10 years of existence. Sadly, its workload hasn't become less.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/ajd-conmemora-10-anos-de-lucha-por-la-independencia-del-poder-judicial/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/la-ajd-es-un-ejemplo-a-observar-seguir-y-acompanar-sostiene-magistrado-dela-audiencia-nacional-de-espana/>

<http://elpulso.hn/la-marea-negra-de-guapinol/>

26/09/16

Armed Forces; (Re)Elections; National Police; Energy Prices; and Another Round of Impunity

Criterio reports on possible divisions inside the Armed Forces regarding

the topic of the presidential reelection.

<http://criterio.hn/gobernadora-francisco-morazan-anda-campana-joh-helicoptero/>

Meanwhile, the TSE announced that the financing of the elections is guaranteed.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/132060-tse-garantiza-financiamiento-para-los-comicios-primarios.html>

A police investigation found close links to Maras by 81 police agents and officials.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/inicio/1003154-465/honduras-81-oficiales-y-policias-vinculados-a-la-mara-salvatrucha>

JOH feels pressured to react to the protests against rising energy prices.

<http://criterio.hn/rectificacion-pago-luz-u-acto-demagogico-juan-hernandez/>

New findings show how an error by the MP let to TIGRES agents accused of having stolen \$1.3 million being let go back in May.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1003144-466/d%C3%B3lares-por-los-que-acusaron-a-tigres-fueron-declarados-en-abandono>

27/09/16

Armed Forces; Tolupanes; Journalists; Maras; Penitentiary System; Death Squads; Labor Rights; Judicial Power; IHSS; USAID; Liberal Party; and a Costly Government Hub

ConfidencialHN reports on how JOH plans to gain complete control over

the Armed Forces.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/26/orlandismo-afina-estrategia-para-el-asalto-final-tomar-ffaa-y-perpetuarse-en-el-poder/>

MADJ denounces the situation of the indigenous Tolupanes in San Francisco de Locomapa, Yoro, a group of which had to leave their family and home due to threats.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos-pueblos-indigenas/ind%C3%ADgenas-obligados-abandonar-su-familia>

C-Libre denounces that CONATEL closed down Planeta TV just 24 hours after the channel announced an alliance with the critical news program Interpretando la Noticia.

Leonel Juárez Castellanos, a journalist in Siguatepeque, had to leave his home due to death threats by the local mayor.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/denuncian-al-gobierno-por-cerrar-tercer-medio-de-comunicaci%C3%B3n-hondure%C3%B1o>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/periodista-sufre-desplazamiento-forzoso-por-amenazas-muerte-de-alcalde-de-siguatepeque>

"An internal investigation alleges that 81 police officers in Honduras, including high-ranking officials, have been working for an MS13 gang leader and participated in horrific crime sprees that include the massacre of 12 people at a pool hall."

El Pulso reports on the intensification of the government's campaign against Maras.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/81-honduran-police-officers-allegedly-worked-for-ms13-gang>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1003442-466/honduras-ocho-polic%C3%ADas-involucrados-en-la-masacre-de-la-1-de-diciembre>

<http://elpulso.hn/gobierno-intensificara-campana-contra-pandillas/>

As part of this campaign, JOH once more dismissed the criticism of his treatment of prisoners.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/27/presidente-de-honduras-reclama-a-diplomaticos-que-no-sean-hipocritas-sobre-sistema-carcelario/>

And maybe also related: the human rights organization CODEH discovered a criminal group murdering young Hondurans close to the Honduran resistance and human rights defenders.

<http://criterio.hn/codeh-denuncia-grupos-facticos-estan-asesinando-jovenes-pertenecieron-la-resistencia/>

ACI-Participa denounces death threats against labor leader Nelson Giovanni Núñez Chávez.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos/amenazan-muerte-defensor-de-derechos-laborales>

An MP special unit together with ATIC caught several members of the Judicial Power accused of various criminal acts.

<http://criterio.hn/atic-captura-operadores-justicia-vinculados-varios-delitos/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1724-fiscalia-hondurena-captura-a-cinco-jueces>

According to ConfidencialHN, the IHSS got some of the robbed money back.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/26/comienzan-a-restituir-dinero-desfalcado-al-seguro-social-de-honduras/>

CEPR continues its reporting on the doings of USAID in Honduras.

<http://cepr.net/blogs/the-americas-blog/show-me-the-data-on-the-ground-with-usaid-in-honduras>

Javier Suazo analyzes the situation of the Liberal Party.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/180513>

<http://criterio.hn/insolito-200-millones-dolares-nueva-casa-presidencial-honduras/>

28/09/16

Berta - Criminalization; Mining; Garífunas; Journalists; Electoral Reforms; Public Health; Corredor Seco; and Electric Energy

Andrés Martínez Solórzano denounces that he was fired as a teacher

because he supported the creation of a mural in commemoration of Berta at the school.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/despiden-docente-%E2%80%9Ccomo-represalia%E2%80%9D-por-haber-hecho-mural-de-bera-c%C3%A1ceres>

El Puslo published an in-depth article on mining in the Siria Valley and the resistance against it.

<http://elpulso.hn/valle-de-siria-oro-pobreza-y-resistencia/>

A new article by OFRANEH, outlines the consequences of the Municipalities Law in the last three decades on Garífuna communities.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2016/09/27/municipalidades-y-patronatos-asociados-en-el-saqueo-del-territorio-del-pueblo-garifuna/>

Belinda Rodríguez, journalist at the Channel 51, had her car stolen.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/roban-veh%C3%ADculo-periodista>

The G-16 stresses in a press release the need for electoral reforms. But it seems that they may already be satisfied with the work done by MACCIH and the UNDP together with Congress' Electoral Commission. The TSE, meanwhile, will present soon its census list for the primary elections.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/g-16-reconoce-importancia-de-las-reformas-electorales>

<http://tiempo.hn/elecciones-primarias-tse-listados-censo/>

The president of the Honduran Medical College (CMH), Suyapa Figueroa, denounces the announced cut in health spending.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/27/colegio-medico-hondureno-advierte-privatizacion-de-la-salud/>

CESPAD finds women, children and the elderly as the most affected by drought in the Corredor Seco.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1521-mujeres-ninos-y-ancianos-los-mas-afectados-en-corredor-seco-de-honduras>

Some congresswo/men react to the protests against the Energy Company Honduras (EEH) by demanding a revision of the contract with it.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-diputados-consideran-apropiado.html>

Maybe it will help that Hondurans stop feeling like this:

<http://elpulso.hn/caricatura/>

29/09/16

Bajo Aguán; Berta - Agua Zarca; Reelection; Penitentiary System; Penal Code; Labor Rights; and the National Police;

Early yesterday morning 210 campesinx families recuperated land in

Trujillo. According to the Agrarian Platform, this land is currently illegally possessed by Inversiones Ceibeñas SA. Just moments after the recuperation, they were attacked by the private security guards of the company. Two children were hurt, a campesina woman was shot and another is still missing.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-comunicado-publico-del.html>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-atencion-mucha-atencion.html>

CESPAD presented yesterday its report on the struggle in Río Blanco.

<http://criterio.hn/informe-cespad-la-lucha-la-defensa-del-rio-gualcarque-aun-no-finaliza/>

According to a new Cid Gallup poll, 64% of Hondurans are against a unlimited presidential reelection and 49% are against the reelection in general.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1730-hondurenos-rechazan-reeleccion-presidencial-de-joh-cid-gallup>

ConfidencialHN reports that the inmates at the new high-security prison started a hunger strike. The director of the prison, meanwhile, told that press that this isn't the case.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/29/los-reos-no-podran-comunicarse-entre-si-prisioneros-de-unidad-carcelaria-el-pozo-se-van-a-huelga-de-hambre/>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1004156-410/desmienten-que-reos-peligrosos-est%C3%A9n-en-huelga-de-hambre>

The human rights platform "Somos Muchas" demanded in a protest outside Congress changes to the new Penal Code, so that it will respect women's rights.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/somos-muchas-mujeres/plataforma-somos-muchas-demanda-nuevo-c%C3%B3digo-penal-que>

Giorgio Trucci reports on anti-union behavior at Honduran branch of the international company Fyffes. Employees were forced to leave the union and private security guards of the company threatened union members.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos-mujeres/honduras-la-dictadura-de-la-transnacional-fyffes>

The purging committee supports the government's plan to raise the number of police agents to 26'000 until 2022.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/item/132233-por-cada-policia-depurado-se-contrataran-dos-nuevos-agentes-asegura-omar-rivera.html>

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Femicide; Electoral Reform; National Police; Judicial Power; Nepotism; Students' Protest; Mayors; and Remembering Margarito Murillo

El Pulso spoke with Suyapa Martínez of the Center for Women's Rights

Studies (CEM-H) about femicide in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/los-femicidios-la-ultima-frontera-perdida-del-estado/>

Criterio publishes ten possible benefits of the MACCIH-supported Bill of Party Finances.

<http://criterio.hn/10-cosas-los-hondurenos-deben-saber-la-ley-politica-limpia/>

A police official with supposed ties to drug trafficking won't be extradited to the US for the time being.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/30/frenan-proceso-de-extradicion-a-ee-uu-de-supuesto-narcopolicia-hondureno/>

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, wants the MP and the Judicial Power to be scrutinized as well.

The Association of Judges for Democracy (AJD), meanwhile, criticizes the manner in which ATIC went after employees of the Supreme Court in the last days.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/item/132329-urge-que-depuracion-inicie-en-el-ministerio-publico-y-el-poder-judicial-insiste-omar-rivera.html>

The Supreme Court of Audit (TSC) refuses to audit Hilda Hernández, JOH's sister, who was nominated "ministra asesora" two years ago.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/09/29/por-que-el-tribunal-superior-de-cuentas-no-quiere-auditar-a-hilda-hernandez/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-hubo-actitud-abusiva-al.html>

The student movement MEU started a new process after the UNAH authorities didn't recognize their electoral process.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/09/honduras-estudiantes-se-toman.html>

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/libertad-de-expresi%C3%B3n-derechos-humanos/estudiantes-se-toman-accesos>

ATIC intervened another municipality. This time the mayor's office in Tela is investigated for acts of corruption.

<http://tiempo.hn/atic-interviene-otra-alcaldia-ahora-le-caen-la-tela/>

Two years have passed since the murder of Margarita Murillo.

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3199-margarita-murillo-a-dos-a%C3%B1os-de-su-asesinato-29-septiembre-2016>