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Relection; Drug Trafficking; National Police; UNAH; PAC; Poverty; Infrastructure; and the Secrecy Law

Javier Suazo offers an interesting analysis of JOH's reelection plans.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/181344>

ConfidencialHN spoke with the wife of former army captain Santos Orellana, Jennifer Bonilla, who fears for her family's life.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/10/31/tememos-por-nuestras-vidas-esposa-de-capitan-caido-en-desgracia-denuncia-persecucion/>

According to the newest press release by the purging committee, 170 police agents were let go due to the restructuring of the police force. Criterio reports that 1133 police agents and officers have been purged so far.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1820-lista-de-policias-hondurenos-cancelados-por-depuracion>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/10/31/comision-depuradora-ha-cancelado-1133-policias-hoy/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/10/31/purgan-a-170-agentes-de-la-policia-nacional-de-honduras/>

C-Libre denounces that the university commissioner Claudia Bustillo Banegas refused them information about the situation of students who had denounced human rights violations against them by UNAH staff.

At the same time, students at CURL-UNAH accuses its director Alina Molina of breaching their freedom of expression.

The UNAH authorities react with filing complaints against Henry Rodríguez, one of the student leaders.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/libertad-de-expresi%C3%B3n/comisionada-universitaria-violenta-derecho-de-acceso-la-informaci%C3%B3n>

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/libertad-de-expresi%C3%B3n/estudiantes-denuncian-violaciones-la-libertad-de>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1546-tensiones-en-la-curlp-autoridades-anuncian-querellas-contra-lider-estudiantil-de-la-unah>

The TSE forces PAC to have internal elections next year before the general elections.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/10/31/tse-resuelve-pac-tendra-ir-obligatoriamente-elecciones-internas-proximo-ano/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1817-obligan-a-partido-anticorrupcion-a-realizar-internas>

Criterio reports on some 150 Honduran families in Tegucigalpa which could soon be without electricity due to the new paying structure of the Energy Company Honduras (EEH).

<http://criterio.hn/2016/10/31/familias-pobres-amenazadas-quedar-tinieblas-no-poder-pagar-eeh/>

Proceso reports on a \$89.2 million loan by the European Investment Bank for a Honduran infrastructure project.

<http://www.proceso.hn/metropoli/item/134225-ketil-karlsen-afirmo-que-el-prestamo-por-89-2-millones-de-dolares-otorgado-por-el-banco-europeo-de-inversiones-bei-para-la-construccion-de-la-carretera-de-occidente.html>

The Instsitute for Access to Public Information apparently supports

MACCIH's demand to reform the Secrecy Law.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/item/134200-por-solicitud-de-maccih-el-iaip-propone-reforma-a-ley-de-transparencia-y-acceso-a-la-informacion-publica.html>

02/11/16

HRDs; LGTBI; Reelections; Corruption; TSC; Penal Code; National Police; CInPH; Maras; and the Chronic of a Power Grab

72 international human rights organizations wrote an open letter to the

Honduran authorities about the case of human rights defender Luis de Teran, who was deported by the Honduran authorities last week. Honduras Solidarity published an interview with him.

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<https://vimeo.com/189502045>

Pasos de Animal Grande denounces a new attack against Dayanara Castillo, student leader and LGTBI activist. A car without license plates tried to run her over yesterday morning.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1547-acciones-paramilitares-vehiculo-sin-placas-y-vidrios-polarizados-intenta-atropellar-a-dayanara-castillo>

Today's session at the Honduran Congress just has one topic, to lay the ground rules for the presidential reelection. Yesterday, Libre presented yesterday reforms to the Constitution which would allow the political opposition to be represented in the TSE and RNP.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/01/ultima-hora-nacionalistas-introduciran-manana-congreso-la-reglamentacion-la-reeleccion-presidencial/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/01/libre-introduce-ante-congreso-proyecto-decreto-incluido-tsc-rnp/>

ConfidencialHN denounces that the ineffectiveness of the MP to fight corruption is also due to personal relations with some of the accused. The same could be said about the Judicial Power. There, the president of the Supreme Court, Rolando Argueta, invoked God as a witness to prove that he doesn't protect the former vice-president of the Judiciary Council, Teodoro Bonilla.

The Association for a More Just Society (ASJ), announced that it is time to prosecute the Deputy Attorney General Rigoberto Cuellar for his assumed role in the IHSS corruption case.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/01/oleada-de-fiscales-de-agallas-y-presidentes-presos-aterra-al-acusador-del-estado-hondureno/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/01/con-un-dios-como-testigo-rolando-argueta-asegura-que-no-protege-a-teodoro-bonilla/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/01/ya-es-hora-que-depuren-al-fiscal-general-adjunto-de-honduras/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/honduras-esperan-apertura-de-juicio-por.html>

MACCIH expressed its worries about the retirement of civil society organization from the election process at the TSC.

On the same day, the latter once more explained their reasons for their withdrawal. They speak of a big step back in the fight against corruption.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/01/maccih-critica-salida-de-organizaciones-civiles-que-vigilan-escogencia-de-magistrados-anticorrupcion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/01/pronunciamento-publico-de-organizaciones-de-sociedad-civil-en-relacion-a-eleccion-de-magistrados-del-tribunal-superior-de-cuentas-tsc/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/01/reparticion-del-tsc-retroceso-la-lucha-anticorrupcion-sociedad-civil/>

Human rights organizations met with state representatives to present their worries about the new Penal Code.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/honduras-defensores-de-ddhh-exigen.html>

The purging committee announced the second day in a row the firing of another 202 police agents and officers. The committee also met with MACCIH.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/01/se-van-depurados-otros-202-policias/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1823-comision-depuradora-policial-se-reune-con-funcionarios-de-la-maccih-y-oea>

The indigenous Lenca organization CInPH denounces violations of their right to a local indigenous trade.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/01/cinph-denuncia-la-violacion-la-economia-local-del-pueblo-lenca-convoca-movilizacion-este-jueves/>

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation presented a study yesterday called "Maras and Violence - The State of the Art of Maras and Gangs in Honduras"

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/01/autoridades-seguridad-honduras-no-tienen-bases-politicas-enfrentar-problema-las-maras/>

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<http://elpulso.hn/pnh-cronica-de-una-toma-del-poder-total-parte-i/>

03/11/16

Reelection; PAC; Corruption; Berta - US; Garifunas; Military Police; Bajo Aguán; National Police; and the Students' Movement Rises Again

As expected, Congress opened the way for the presidential reelection

yesterday with the construction of "a nomination by consensus". The National Party even went so far to call the reelection a human right. Joaquín Mejía, human rights expert at Radio Progreso, explains why he still thinks that a reelection by JOH remains illegal.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/02/abierta-la-ruta-para-la-reeleccion-de-joh/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1826-honduras-candidaturas-por-consenso-solo-beneficiara-reeleccion-de-joh>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/02/nacionalistas-intentan-mentir-a-hondurenos-afirmando-que-la-releccion-es-un-derecho-humano/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/opinion/item/3276-por-esto-es-ilegal-una-posible-candidatura-de-juan-orlando-hernandez>

It doesn't help that the opposition party PAC is currently burdened with internal problems.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/02/corrupcion-expulsan-del-pac-virgilio-padilla/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/02/salvador-nasralla-dice-expulsion-virgilio-padilla-ilegal/>

Juan Diego Zelaya, a leader of the National Party, quit his job at National Institute for Professional Formation (Infop) last December and took one of the secretaries with him to work for him. ConfidencialHN now reveals, that the secretary is still being paid by Infop.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/02/el-nacionalista-juan-diego-zelaya-beneficia-a-empleada-con-sueldos-sin-trabajar-en-el-gobierno/>

Criterio published a long article on possible relations between the US government and the murder of activists in Honduras, with a special focus on the murder of Berta.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/02/une-eeuu-los-asesinatos-activistas-honduras/>

El Puslo published the first part of Ariel Torres Funes's investigation of the Garífunas defense of their land in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/garifunagu-agudahei-hamua/>

After the recent graduation of 101 new Military Police agents, the force is now 3250 (wo/)men strong.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/02/joh-empecinado-en-fortalecer-su-guardia-personal-policia-militar/>

Defensores en Línea tells the story of Orbelina Flores Hernández, "a women, campesina, mother, grandmother and human rights defender" in the Bajo Aguán.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/me-he-enfrentado-a-la-muerte/>

Criterio reports on purged police agents who are preparing a law suit against the Honduran government.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/02/violacion-al-debido-proceso-policias-depurados-demandaran-al-estado-honduras/>

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<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/02/resurgen-las-asambleas-informativas-la-unah/>

04/11/16

MUCA; Secrecy Law; Corruption; National Police; TSC; Journalists; Armed Forces; Poverty; and the Story of a Power Grab - Part II

The IACHR emitted a press release condemning the recent murder of José

Ángel Flores and Silmer Dionisio George.

<https://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2016/161.asp>

Edy Tábor, director of C-Libre, demands stronger opposition against the Secrecy Law both by civil society and by MACCIH.

Why this is necessary, is made clear by a recent statement by the public prosecutor's unit for the defense of the constitution. It recommended to the Supreme Court to dismiss constitutional challenge against the Secrecy Law.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/03/gobierno-de-honduras-se-resiste-a-derogar-ley-de-secretos-oficiales/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/03/insolito-fiscalia-la-constitucion-dice-ley-secretos-constitucional/>

Honduras once more failed to qualify for the Millenium Funds. The main press tries to spin this to a success story.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1831-corrupcion-impide-otra-vez-fondos-donados-a-honduras>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/03/honduras-aplazada-nuevamente-fondos-la-cuenta-del-milenio/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/134459-honduras-avanza-con-aprobacion-de-dos-barreras-en-cuenta-del-milenio.html>

Another day, another purge at the police. Omar Rivera informs of another 82 police agents forced to leave the police force.

As part of the general restructuring of the police force, ATIC raided yesterday the Security Secretariat, looking for proof of corruption.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/03/purgan-otros-82-agentes-de-la-policia-nacional-de-honduras/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/03/comision-depuradora-recomienda-la-depuracion-94-policias-mas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/03/unidad-anticrimen-del-ministerio-publico-toma-por-asalto-secretaria-de-seguridad/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/03/atic-secuestra-informacion-la-secretaria-seguridad/>

MACCIH, once more, calls for more transparent elections for the new TSC magistrates.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/03/maccih-sigue-exigiendo-transparencia-para-elegir-magistrados-anticorrupcion/>

The Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of both the UN and the IACHR expressed their worries yesterday about growing threats against journalists world-wide and the impunity in cases of murder.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/libertad-de-expresi%C3%B3n/relator%C3%ADas-de-libertad-de-expresi%C3%B3n-muestran-preocupaci%C3%B3n-por>

Defense Secretary Samuel Reyes is currently in Colombia to finalize a deal to buy ships for the Honduran marine.

<http://tiempo.hn/marina-hondurena-fortalecida-adquisicion-de-buques/>

According to La Tribuna, the minimum wage in Honduras is lower than the cost of the monthly basic goods.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2016/11/03/salario-minimo-no-alcanza-comprar-los-alimentos/>

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<http://elpulso.hn/pnh-cronica-de-una-toma-del-poder-total-parte-ii/>

05/11/16

LGTBI; FPIC; Drug Trafficking - Denigration - Armed Forces - Political Parties; Bajo Aguán; Tolupan; Garífuna; CEDAW; National Police; Electric Energy; MACCIH;

Front Line Defenders condemns two recent attacks against members of the

LGTBI community in Honduras.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1549-honduras-intentos-de-asesinato-contr-dos-defensoras-de-derechos-humanos>

COPINH denounces the "Free, Prior and Informed Consultation"-Mechanism elaborated by the Honduran government as an instrument to impose exploitative projects in their area. They further denounce the role of the local UN office in this project.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2016/11/copinh-denuncia-las-naciones-unidas-por.html>

The recently fired army captain Santos Rodríguez Orellana told the press that so far neither the Armed Forces nor the US embassy wanted him to declare his supposed ties with drug trafficking. He is demanding that they finally present proof of their accusations.

He, furthermore, told the press, that the National Party leaders Oscar Álvarez and Armando Calidonio are both linked to drug trafficking.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/04/capitan-reafirma-nexos-de-auditor-juridico-militar-con-narcomafias-rechaza-ataques-contra-david-romero/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/04/ligan-oscar-alvarez-armando-calidonio-narcotrafico/>

In the above article, Santos Rodríguez Orellana also comments on the recently launched campaign against journalist David Ellner Romero. He calls the accusations that Romero has had ties to drug trafficking absurd. This attack has been launched by the notorious homepage "Nos Queda Claro", which has attacked journalists and human rights defenders in the past.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/04/nos-queda-claro-inteligencia-orlandista-prepara-terreno-para-atacar-contra-david-romero/>

Another report, this time by the Special Investigation Unit of the police, found links between drug cartels, high state officials and members of Congress.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/04/auditor-juridico-de-ffaa-hondurenas-es-vinculado-al-narcotrafico/>

An army report, meanwhile, links its own judicial auditor to drug trafficking.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/01/narcopoliticos-desplazaron-a-viejas-estructuras-criminales-para-volverse-poderosos-capos/>

Giorgio Trucchi reports on the new escalation of violence in the Bajo Aguán.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/04/paramilitares-infiltrado-al-movimiento-campesino-denuncian-campesinos-del-aguan/>

According to a new article by Radio Progreso, the situation of the indigenous Tolupan hasn't improved.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3284-corrupci%C3%B3n-convierte-territorio-tolup%C3%A1n-en-zona-de-muerte-despojo-y-saqueo>

El Pulso published the second and third installment of Ariel Torres Funes's report on the Garífunas in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/vallecito-la-reserva-garifuna/>

<http://elpulso.hn/nueva-armenia-enfrenta-el-destierro/>

The UN's CEDAW expressed its worries about the situation of women in Honduras - a situation of crime, violence and impunity.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/mujeres/tres-palabras-criminalidad-violencia-e-impunidad-enmarcan-contexto>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/cidh-y-cedaw-demandan-al-gobierno-de.html>

InSight Crime reports, that "Authorities in Honduras are investigating legal officials who allegedly accepted bribes to wipe clean the records of officers removed from their posts in a police purge, exposing a new layer of corruption in Honduran institutions."

Criterio also took up the story.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-police-purge-turns-lawyers-who-wiped-records>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/04/jefe-del-cartel-del-atlantico-ofrecia-fiestas-jueces-fiscales-policias-alto-rango-in-sight-crime/>

Javier Suazo looks back to the 90s to explain the Honduran energy reform and its effects on its people.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/181432>

Radio Progreso published an article on a conversation they had with the coordinator of MACCIH, Juan Jiménez Mayor.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3286-la-poblaci%C3%B3n-debe-seguir-con-la-indignaci%C3%B3n-para-que-maccih-pueda-hacer-cambios-juan-jim%C3%A9nez-mayor>

06/11/16

Toll System; HRDs; TSC; Maras; Reelection; and Labor Rights

Yesterday, the Caravan for Road Sovereignty - a protest against the toll

booths recently installed in Honduras - took place.

The Honduran state reacted with the militarization of the toll roads.

During the protest, COVI - the government body that oversees the toll booths - and riot police detained human rights defenders Karla Lara, Sandra Maribel, Eleana Borjas and Pedro Landa.

Karla and Sandra are still detained and the authorities accuse them of disobedience.

The CPTRT calls for an immediate release of the two human rights defenders.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3288-caravana-soberan%C3%ADa-vial-retenida-ilegalmente>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/05/caravana-soberania-vial-aterra-al-orlandismo-y-manda-a-policias-para-cuidar-casetas-de-peaje/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/05/vandalismo-policial-reprimen-a-periodista-sandra-maribel-sanchez/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/05/desobediencia-la-autoridad-seran-acusadas-las-defensoras-dd-hh-karla-lara-sandra-sanchez/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/honduras-libertad-inmediata-para-karla.html>

The World Organization against Torture (OMCT) and the International Human Rights Federation (FIDH) launched two urgent actions related to Honduras. The first regarding the deportation of the international human rights defender Luis Díaz de Terán. The second condemns the murder of Fernando Alemán Banegas, son of COPA president Esly Emperatriz Banegas and demands protection for her.

See Attachment

Thelma Mejía explains what is at stakes in next week's TSC elections.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/05/tsc-algo-mas-reparto/>

The governments of the Northern Triangle announced the launch of the multi-national anti-mara force for November 15.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/05/fuerza-multinacional-antimaras-funcionara-desde-el-15-de-noviembre/>

Various Honduran newspaper think that JOH will officially announce his

running for reelection today.  
Criterio explains why it thinks that the new "Scholarship 20/20" is only intended to get the young voting for JOH.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/05/lider-del-regimen-nacionalista-dara-la-sorpresa-este-domingo-al-anunciar-su-reeleccion/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/05/plan-becas-2020-una-estrategia-mas-campana-reeleccion-joh/>

Giorgio Trucchi reports of the struggle of current and former employees of the international company Fyffes to have their rights heard.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos-mujeres/honduras-%E2%80%9Cfyffes-nos-est%C3%A1-matando-de-hambre%E2%80%9D>

07/11/16

Reelection; HRDs; TSC; Corruption; Banks; and LGBTBI

"Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez said Sunday he will seek

re-election in 2017, reigniting debate on a single-term limit that has deeply divided the country and led to a previous president's ouster." According to Nasry "Tito" Asfura, Nationalist mayor of Tegucigalpa, JOH will officially inscribe his candidacy this Friday. The Indignados movement announced protests for this Wednesday. Salvador Nasralla, PAC's president, says that the Armed Forces are violating the constitution by not arresting JOH immediately.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/world/a/33122584/defying-term-limit-honduran-president-to-run-in-2017/#page1>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/06/joh-lanza-ilegal-reeleccion-presidencial/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/06/tito-asfura-ratifica-proximo-11-noviembre-sera-la-inscripcion-joh/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/06/indignados-invitan-protestar-miercoles-la-inscripcion-joh/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/06/ffaa-de-honduras-cometen-delito-al-permitir-continuismo-de-joh/>

After a lot of public pressure, the two human rights defenders Sandra Maribel Sánchez and Karla Lara were released early Sunday morning.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/06/dejan-en-libertad-a-periodista-hondurena-sandra-sanchez-y-karla-lara/>

El Pulso interviews the former head of CONADEH, Leo Valladares Lanza, about the coming TSC elections.

<http://elpulso.hn/tribunal-superior-de-cuentas-3/>

According to a report by A More Just Society (ASJ), only 2 centavos out of every Lempira lost due to corruption by public officials is being recovered.

<http://tiempo.hn/lempira-perdido-por-corrupcion/>

Last week, Congress discussed the merger of BANADESA and BANHPROVI. Albany Flores explains what is at stakes.

<http://elpulso.hn/adios-banadesa-adios/>

El Pulso published new work by Fernando Reyes on the construction of transsexual identity in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/proceso-de-construccion-de-la-identidad-transexual-en-honduras/>

08/11/16

Reelections; TSC; National Police; Libre; Corruption; MP; EEH; and Public Health Sector Protests

JOH's reelection bid seemingly put the US in an uncomfortable position.

The speaker of the State Department Mark Toner had journalists belief in a press conference that the US opposes the reelection. This was taken up by the Honduran media.

JOH felt forced to react to it.

Then the US embassy reacted with a press release, declaring that the statement by the Spokesman were misinterpreted.

Which was again taken up by the Honduran media.

Meanwhile, Rasel Tomé, lawyer and Libre congressman, filed a complaint against JOH at the MP for treason and violation of the constitution.

Both the Liberal Party and PAC reiterated their opposition to the reelection and demand actions by the Armed Forces.

All the while, the National Police is preparing for possible protests outside the TSE.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/134681-eeuu-critica-la-supuesta-pretension-de-reeleccion-del-presidente-de-honduras.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/07/ee-uu-critica-la-supuesta-pretension-de-reeleccion-del-presidente-de-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/134691-presidente-califica-de-irrespeto-a-procesos-democraticos-de-honduras-declaracion-de-portavoz-torner-sobre-reeleccion.html>

<https://hn.usembassy.gov/statement-regarding-comments-washington-honduran-presidential-reelection/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1015693-466/embajada-aclara-posici%C3%B3n-de-estados-unidos-sobre-la-reelecci%C3%B3n-presidencial-en-honduras>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/07/presentan-denuncia-criminal-presidente-honduras-ante-ministerio-publico/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1841-mauricio-villeda-presidente-hondureno-no-tiene-palabra>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/07/policia-se-prepara-para-contener-protestas-antireeleccionista/>

Yesterday, the public audiences of the TSC elections took place. Nancy Perdomo explains why they failed to do, what they were supposed to do, i.e. allow for public scrutiny.

Due to this, El Pulso published questioned that should be asked regarding some of the candidates.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-comedia-de-las-audiencias/>

<http://elpulso.hn/el-pulso-pregunta-audiencias-publicas-a-candidatos-al-tsc/>

Omar River, who is part of the purging committee of the police force, announced that they would investigate now lawyers working for the police and Security Secretariat.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/07/inicia-purga-en-asesoria-legal-de-la-policia-nacional/>

El Pulso speaks with Carlos H. Reyes about the past and future of LIBRE.

<http://elpulso.hn/lo-que-viene-son-elecciones-estilo-honduras-carlos-h-reyes/>

Criterio reports on a new case of corruption at the Education Secretariat.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/07/secretaria-educacion-cobran-coimas-otorgar-aumentos-maestros/>

Attorney General, Óscar Chinchilla, invited MACCIH to accompany the

evaluation of its staff.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1015662-466/honduras-fiscal%C3%ADa-ya-solicit%C3%B3-a-la-macch-apoyo-para-su-depuraci%C3%B3n>

According to Criterio, electricity prices were raised by up to 300% by the Honduran Energy Company (EEH).

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/07/empresa-energia-honduras-esta-electrocutando-los-usuarios-aumentos-del-300/>

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<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/honduras-por-considerar-que.html>

09/11/16

Berta - Investigation; Zacate Grande; Electoral Refoms; TSC; IAIP; and the Root of Violence

As a reaction to the wishes of Berta's family and COPINH, the

International Advisory Panel of Experts (GAIPE) was created with the support of international and national organisations. It consists of experts in international law, human rights law, international penal law and comparative penal law.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/08/crean-grupo-internacional-expertos-colaborar-la-investigacion-del-caso-bera-caceres/>

The Honduran state once more goes after the president of ADEPZA, Pedro Canales. This time they accuse the long-time human rights defender of extortion.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/con-requerimientos-fiscales-nos-quieren-meter-miedo-para-que-abandonemos-la-lucha-por-el-derecho-a-la-tierra-pedro-canales/>

Congress approved reforms, which allow to raise the numbers of magistrates at the TSE and the RNP to present LIBRE and PAC there.

<http://tiempo.hn/numero-de-magistrados-del-tse/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/08/aprueban-reformas-constitucionales-darle-libre-pac-representantes-ante-tse-rnp/>

Congress also elected the new magistrates for the TSC this night. Criterio presents the three candidates. ConfidencialHN summarizes again all the irregularities of the electoral process. MACCIH announced a press release for today. In a twitter, its spokesperson already wrote, that anti-corruption politics, doesn't allow for institution without autonomy.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/08/acuerdo-tripartito-elijen-nuevos-magistrados-del-tribunal-superior-cuentas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/08/nombran-nuevo-tribunal-superior-de-cuentas-nuevo-magistrado-nacionalista-envuelto-en-escandalo/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/134778-macch-lucha-anticorruption-no-admite-instituciones-de-control-sin-autonomia-anuncian-postura-ante-eleccion-de-tsc.html>

And the seemingly busy Congress also elected Suyapa Thuman Conde, a former Supreme Court magistrate, as the new commissioner for the Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP). According to ConfidencialHN, she belongs to the National Party.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/08/exmagistrada-la-csj-electa-nueva-comisionada-del-iaip/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/08/nombran-a-nacionalista-como-magistrada-de-oficina-de-informacion-publica/>

Pasos de Animal Grande denounces that both the Honduran and US government (the latter at least for the time being...) present the Maras as the root cause of violence.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1552-a-eeuu-y-al-gobierno-hondureno-les-conviene-sostener-que-las-maras-y-pandillas-son-las-responsables-de-la-violencia>

10/11/16

Reelection; TSC; Corruption; Judicial System; Valle de Siria; Campesinas; and 85 Cents per Day for Children

The first anti-reelection protests took place yesterday.

The security forces reacted with repression.  
Former coup-general Romeo Vásquez Velásquez says that he doesn't recognize JOH as his president anymore.  
Salvador Nasralla says the same thing.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/09/inician-protestas-antireeleccionistas-tambien-la-represion/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1844-policia-reprime-protesta-pacifica-de-universitarios-contra-reeleccion>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/09/ya-no-reconozco-a-juan-orlando-como-presidente/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/134844-juan-orlando-hernandez-ya-no-es-mas-el-presidente-de-honduras-dice-nasralla.html>

MACCIH denounces that JOH and Congress disrespected international treaties by irregularly electing the new TSC magistrates.  
MACCIH continued with a more general criticism of how the Honduran government ignores the recommendation by it.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/09/maccih-reclama-joh-al-congreso-irrespeto-acuerdos-internacionales-eleccion-magistrados-del-tsc/>

<http://tiempo.hn/maccih-cn-no-recomendaciones-formuladas/>

According to CofidencialHN, EU ambassador Ketil Karlsen contradicts the Honduran government by negating that foreign investment has risen in Honduras. He warns that corruption and impunity are still a big obstacle.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/09/union-europea-desmiente-a-joh-y-dice-que-no-ha-subido-inversion-extranjera/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/09/inseguridad-e-impunidad-frenan-inversion-europea-honduras/>

The state of Honduras continues to ignore the sentence by the IACtHR by not reinstating the four judges that were fired during the coup d'état.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/09/no-hay-vacantes-poder-judicial-de-honduras-niega-trabajo-a-jueces-antigolpistas/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/09/poder-judicial-no-acepta-restituir-jueces-despedidos-golpe-estado-2009/>

Defensores en Línea reports on a new geothermal project in the Siria Valley which worries local environmentalists.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/una-nueva-amenaza-ambiental-se-cierne-sobre-el-valle-de-siria/>

The UN Special Rapporteur Mary Robinson demands from the Honduran

government to finally assign a budget to CREDIMUJER - a fund for Honduran campesinas.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/mujeres/ante-lentitud-del-gobierno-onu-demanda-joh-asignar-fondos-para>

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<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1843-85-centavos-de-dolar-diarios-por-nino-invierte-honduras>

11/11/16

Garífunas; Berta - Agua Zarca; Reelection; US; TSC; Toll System; Corruption; Indigenous Radio; and the Purge Continues

This alert came in this morning:

"This afternoon at approximately 4 pm, Honduran police surrounded a land recuperation effort in the Garifuna community of Guadalupe, municipality of Santa Fe, Colon. The police detained Medeline David, a Garifuna woman between 25 and 28 years old, who has been very active in recuperating Garifuna land that has been stolen by Americans and Canadians, to build large-scale tourism projects including gated communities, resorts, a cruise ship dock. She was also beaten up in the process of being detained. Medeline is being accused of usurpation by a Canadian company, Carivida owned by Patrick Daniel Forseth, who illegally purchased the land. Not only is the land inside a communally-owned title dated in the 1800s but its also a piece of land in the most recently granted (and significantly reduced) Guadalupe land title from 1998."

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A march is announced for tomorrow to demand punishment of the two former functionaries who gave permission for the construction of Agua Zarca.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/10/10961/>

Protests against the presidential reelection continue. According to Criterio, eight students were arrested Thursday night. But there is also growing protest from within Congress, e.g. by Carlos Orbin Montoya, Congress' president under José Azcona del Hoyo.

<http://elpulso.hn/estudiantes-de-la-unah-inician-lucha-contra-la-reeleccion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/10/prosiguen-protestas-estudiantiles-contra-la-reeleccion-presidencial-en-honduras/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/10/policia-captura-ocho-universitarios-protestar-la-reeleccion-joh/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/10/nacionalistas-no-respetan-la-constitucion-peor-respeten-una-reglamentacion/>

Criterio criticizes that the US ambassador - during these times - visits together with JOH the Palmerola construction site.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/10/relacion-joh-nealon-pasa-mejor-momento-hoy-supervisaron-la-construccion-aeropuerto-palmerola/>

JOH didn't approve of the recent press release by MACCIH regarding the TSC elections.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1850-acompanamiento-activo-pide-joh-a-la-maccih>

<http://tiempo.hn/gobierno-honduras-advierte-revisara-convenio-la-maccih/>

Ismael Moreno filed complaints against the multinational Covi, Security Secretary Julián Pacheco and police official Marlon Enrique Lagos. This is regarding the protests against the toll system and the following repression by the company and the Honduran state.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/10/denuncian-a-operadora-de-peaje-carretero-y-a-funcionario-por-retencion-ilegal/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/item/134918-director-de-radio-progreso-denuncia-a-comisario-policial-por-agresion-a-sus-empleados.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/10/padre-melo-denuncia-varios-delitos-covi-al-ministro-seguridad/>

ATIC raided the headquarters of the National Penitentiary Institute looking for proof of corruption in the construction of new prisons. New cases of corruption also came to light inside the Health Secretariat.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/10/ministerio-publico-secuestra-documentos-instituto-nacional-penitenciario/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1851-se-vislumbra-mas-corrupcion-otro-despilfarro-en-salud>

The Honduran Board of Indigenous Community Media held a press conference yesterday in Tegucigalpa. They demand an expansion of radio waves for community radios, basing this among other on ILO Convention 169.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/10/mesa-hondurena-medios-comunitarios-indigenas-exigen-ampliacion-del-espectro-radioelectrico/>

According to a member of the purging committee, 200 lawyers may be fired from the police force as a result of the process. At the same time, the commission is supervising the possible promotion of some 230 police officials.

<http://tiempo.hn/unos-200-abogados-la-policia-nacional-podrian-depurados/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/134922-mar-rivera-revelo-que-el-consejo-general-de-ascensos-le-ha-propuesto-a-ascender-al-grado-inmediato-superior-a-230-oficiales.html>

12/11/16

HRDs; Garífunas; Berta - Agua Zarca; Hydroelectricity; Corruption; Drug Trafficking; Judicial Power; and Honduras' Institutional Insecurity

JOH once more attacked human rights organizations. In an interview he

claimed that they receive money from Maras. CPTRT condemns these statements.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/honduras-cptrt-se-pronuncia-ante.html>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/una-vez-m%C3%A1s-presidente-hern%C3%A1ndez-criminaliza-defensores-y-defensoras>

OFRANEH released some more information about the detention and violent treatment of Medelin David Hernandez by the police in the Guadalupe community.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2016/11/11/capturan-a-garifuna-defensora-de-la-madre-tierra-en-guadalupe-perseguida-por-el-rey-del-prono/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/11/capturan-garifuna-defensora-la-madre-tierra-guadalupe-perseguida-rey-del-prono/>

COPINH and more than twenty other organizations, all part of the campaign "Defenders of Mother Earth", protested yesterday outside the

courts, where former SERNA official Darío Roberto Cardona had his first trial date for abuse of authority in the Agua Zarca case.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/impulsar-conciliacion-para-funcionarios-involucrados-en-caso-berta-caceres-fomentaria-la-impunidad-en-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/11/parientes-y-seguidores-de-berta-protestan-para-exigir-castigo-a-exfuncionarios/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/134944-el-copinh-protesta-frente-a-juzgados-capitalinos-exigiendo-justicia-por-crimen-de-berta-caceres.html>

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

Radio Progreso denounces a recently held open town-hall meeting to approve a hydroelectric plant. More than 20 communities in the area oppose the project, but the public consultation was held in a remote community, three hours outside of Tela, where one can get only by foot or in four-by-four vehicles.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3297-en-cabildo-abierto-manipulado-aprueban-hidroel%C3%A9ctrica-en-sector-mezapa-tela-atl%C3%A1ntida>

The former Education Secretary under Lobo, José Ventura Soriano, was found guilty of abuse of authority and breach of the duties of public servants.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/11/condenan-a-exfuncionario-por-corrupcion-pagara-fianza/>

Former army general and presidential candidate Romeo Vásquez Velásquez claims that JOH's previous presidential campaign was funded by drug money.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/11/campana-pasada-aterribaban-avionetas-gracias-venian-apoyar-al-hombre-romeo-vasquez/>

Yesterday, CEJIL denounced the unwillingness of the Honduran authorities to reinstate the four judges fired during the coup d'état and therefore not complying with a sentence by the IACtHR.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/11/honduras-denunciada-negarse-cumplir-sentencia-la-cidh/>

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<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3294-reelecci%C3%B3n-de-joh-evidencia-precariedad-institucional-en-honduras>

13/11/16

MACCIH; Toll System; PAC; and the Judicial Power

MACCIH announced the arrival to Honduras of an international public

prosecutor. El Herald writes that no date or name has been presented. Proceso Digital, meanwhile, cites MACCIH's press speaker saying that the prosecutor will arrive in Honduras the coming week ("la otra semana"). At the same time, the report by MACCIH on their first six months in Honduras will be presented to the Permanent Council of the OAS and then later to the public.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1017306-466/la-maccih-anuncia-la-llegada-de-fiscal-internacional>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/134982-maccih-tendra-equipo-completo-en-honduras.html>

The transnational company Concesionaria Vial S.A.de C.V. (COVI), responsible for toll roads in Honduras, invited Father Ismael Moreno and other social leaders to talks. Nevertheless, when they arrived, they let

them wait for an hour without welcoming them.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/12/ejecutivos-covi-dejan-plantado-sacerdote-lideres-sociales/>

PAC's president Salvador Nasralla announced that his party won't hold internal elections.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1853-partido-anticorruptcion-no-celebrara-internas>

"The government of Honduras, specifically its Supreme Court, has chosen to willfully defy an order by the InterAmerican Court of Human Rights (CIDH in Spanish) to reinstate the 3 Honduran justices dismissed because they did not support the 2009 coup in Honduras."

<https://hondurasculturepolitics.blogspot.ch/2016/11/honduran-supreme-court-defines-cidh.html>

14/11/16

OFRANEH; Reelection; Minimum Wage; and the National Police

OFRANEH published an update on the criminalization of Medelin David.

After a court hearing, she will now be required to regularly sign before a judge to ensure she doesn't leave the area or go to far. She's, furthermore, not allowed to leave the country or go near the land reclamation efforts in her community.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2016/11/13/juzgado-de-trujillo-emite-medidas-sustitutivas-para-defensora-de-la-tierra-medelin-david/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1555-arrestos-y-arbitrariedades-para-sostener-al-rey-del-porno-en-comunidades-garifunas>

CNN reports on JOH's reelection bid.

Meanwhile, the TSE announced that it will decide on the inscription by JOH until December.

Criterio explains why Ricardo Álvarez Arias apparently took himself out of the presidential race for the National Party and now supports JOH.

<http://cnnespanol.cnn.com/2016/11/11/polemica-en-honduras-juan-orlando-hernandez-busca-reeleccion-basado-en-fallo/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1854-en-diciembre-fallara-tribunal-sobre-reeleccion>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/13/conozca-las-10-razones-las-ricardo-alvarez-dice-va-joh/>

The director of the business chamber of Tegucigalpa, Rafael Medina, wants the minimum wage to be frozen for several years.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/13/proponen-congelar-el-salario-minimo-por-dos-y-mas-anos-en-honduras/>

APJ's Omar Rivera promises that the new law regulating the police will allow for civil society participation and auditing.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/13/nueva-ley-organica-la-policia-nacional-garantiza-la-participacion-ciudadana/>

15/11/16

Berta - Agua Zarca, GAIPE; Garífunas; Political Opposition; Drug Trafficking; Maras; Banks; and Being Young in a Country of Death

A judge has decided that the case against ex-Vice Minister Dario Cardona

for amplifying the Agua Zarca permit without consultation will proceed to trial and Cardona has been ordered to prison during the trial. COPINH announced that they continue their fight until the big fish are sent to prison as well.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1017738-466/ex-viceministro-dar%C3%ADo-roberto-cardona-valle-por-caso-agua-zarca>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/14/mandan-a-la-carcel-a-exfuncionario-por-autorizar-construccion-de-embalse-agua-zarca/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/14/copinh-familia-van-joh-diputados-rigoberto-cuellar-caso-agua-zarca-muerte-berta-caceres/>

At the same time, the International Expert Panel (GAIPE) to investigate Berta's murder held a press conference in Honduras.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/berta-caceres-vive-derechos-humanos/gaipe-llama-levantar-secretividad-en>

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2016/11/comunicado-acerca-de-la-puesta-en.html>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1017905-466/honduras-juristas-piden-esclarecer-crimen-de-bertha-c%C3%A1ceres>

Giorgio Trucchi reports on the recent criminalization of the Garífuna communities in Honduras, taking the arrest of Medelin David as an example.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/181672>

Libre's general coordinator Manuel Zelaya proposes once more to the opposition to decide on a joint presidential candidate to defeat JOH. C-Libre denounces that a supposed employee of the Health Secretariat stole data on FNRP activists from the house of FNRP and Libre coordinator Gilberto Ríos.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/14/zelaya-vuelve-a-proponer-candidatura-unica-en-la-oposicion/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/%E2%80%9CEmpleado-del-gobierno%E2%80%9D-roba-computadora-con-datos-de-opositores-pol%C3%ADticos>

Radio Progreso raises some important questions regarding the link between the Armed Forces and drug trafficking.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3301-militares-y-narcotr%C3%A1fico-algo-no-cuadra-14-noviembre-2016>

The countries of the Northern Triangle have presented yesterday their Three-Nation Force to combat maras.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1017943-466/honduras-tri%C3%A1ngulo-norte-instala-este-martes-fuerza-trinacional>

As expected, JOH announced the merger of the two banks Banadesa and Banhprovi. ConfidencialHN lists reasons why this may be a bad idea.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/14/joh-anuncia-liquidacion-banadesa/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/14/500-millones-de-razones-para-unir-y-desaparecer-cualquier-anomalia-de-bancos-estatales/>

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<http://elpulso.hn/ser-joven-en-el-pais-de-la-muerte/>

16/11/16

Berta - GAIPE; COPINH; Mining; OFRANEH; MILPAH; HRDs; Reelections; Maras; APP; Firearms; and the Disputed Budget

El Pulso started a three-parts series on the "System that murdered Berta

Cáceres"

<http://elpulso.hn/el-sistema-que-asesino-a-bertha-caceres13/>

GAIPE, the international civil society body investigating Berta's murder, has the support of over a hundred national and international organizations.

As a first step, GAIPE demanded an end to the Secrecy Law.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/honduras-mas-de-cien-organizaciones.html>

The International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) interview Francisco Javier, member of COPINH, during his stay at the UN in Geneva.

<https://www.ishr.ch/news/defender-profile-francisco-javier-honduras>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the first Summit against Mining held in Tegucigalpa from Sunday to Tuesday. More than 900 people, representing 400 communities, came together.

In Tocoa, inhabitants denounce pressure by Lenir Pérez, son-in-law of Miguel Facussé, to have a mine installed close to the San Pedro river.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1557-mas-de-900-defensores-y-defensoras-llegan-a-la-primera-cumbre-contra-el-extractivismo-en-la-capital-hondurena>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/15/exigen-un-alto-a-los-proyectos-extractivistas-de-la-oligarquia-hondurena/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/15/denuncian-presiones-y-amenazas-para-instalar-industria-minera-en-tocoa-honduras/>

The Honduran state continues to criminalize the Garífunas. Another arrest warrant has been emitted, this time against Celso Alberto Guillén Mejía for usurpation. This is happening just a week after the illegal and brutal arrest of Medelin David Hernández.

Giorgio Trucchi spoke with her after her release.

OFRANEH takes the recent trial of Serna ex-minister Darío Cardona Valle as an example to explain what the problem is with the implementation of a real Free, Prior and Informed Consultation (FPIC).

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/15/rey-del-porno-logra-orden-captura-dirigente-garifuna/>

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/181689>

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2016/11/15/honduras-el-encarcelamiento-del-ex-ministro-de-recursos-naturales-y-el-derecho-a-la-consulta-de-los-pueblos-indigenas/>

MILPAH representatives sought out the help of COFADEH after violations of their human rights.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/la-paz-escenario-de-violaciones-de-derechos-de-pueblos-indigenas/>

But there is also some good news. A court in Tegucigalpa acquitted 17 environmental defenders from the Valle de Siria.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/defensor-del-ambiente-criminalizado-recipientes-su-carta-de-libertad-definitiva/>

Radio Progreso accuses both the TSE and the MP of failing to act in the case of the imposed presidential reelection. They call the situation a "breaking of constitutional order" and compare it to 2009, with the difference that the current president has absolute power.

Eva Fernández, president of the Blue Hearts movement (of the National Party), denounces that she isn't allowed to run for internal elections to become a presidential candidate of the National Party. According to her, the party committee is prioritizing the candidature of JOH.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3302-poco-a-poco-se-consuma-el-rompimiento-del-orden-constitucional-15-noviembre-2016>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1860-eva-fernandez-joh-no-queria-internas>

Migdonia Ayestas, the head of UNAH's Violence Observatory, greets the creation of a tri-national force against Maras.

InSight Crime, meanwhile, fears that it "may be more window dressing than tangible security reform."

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1859-funcionarios-que-combaten-delincuencia-son-presa-facil>

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/northern-triangle-deploys-tri-national-force-to-combat-gangs>

JOH announces to travel to the US to "defend" the Alliance for Prosperity Plan.

<http://www.proceso.hn/migrantes/item/135135-tras-triunfo-de-trump-honduras-anuncia-gira-por-eeuu-para-defender-plan-para-prosperidad.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/15/republicanos-llegan-honduras-avalar-ilegal-reeleccion-joh/>

InSight Crime reports on the apparently growing illegal firearms trade in Honduras.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-illegal-firearm-seizures-rise-amid-ongoing-insecurity>

In their analysis of Honduras' general budget, the Central American Institute for Fiscal Studies (Icefi) finds that the external debt is a big obstacle for both social and infrastructure spending. 25% of the budget is used to serve debt. They, furthermore, underline that the budget continues to favor security and defense spending without analyzing its efficacy. Both education and health spending continue to lose priority.

Icefi also highlighted the growing amount of the budget going directly to the Casa Presidencial.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/15/educacion-salud-no-prioridad-gobierno-joh-segun-presupuesto-2017/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/15/joh-continua-endeudando-a-honduras-para-fomentar-clientelismo-politico/>

17/11/16

Berta - UN; COFADEH; Reelection; 3-16; MACCIH; Human Rights; Bajo Aguán; Basic Goods; Transparency; Trade; and Domestic Workers

El Pulso published the second part on the "System that murdered Berta

Cáceres".

<http://elpulso.hn/el-abandono-lenca/>

Laura Zúniga Cáceres spoke yesterday at the closing ceremony of the 5th Forum on Business and Human Rights at the UN in Geneva.

See Attachment

COFADEH denounces that "an insidious digital page is in circulation that tries to supplant our digital publication site, [www.defensoresenlinea.com](http://www.defensoresenlinea.com), in order to plant a biased story related to the crime against the president of the Unified Campesino Movement of the Aguán (MUCA) José Ángel Flores, and contains accusations against our coordinator Bertha Oliva."

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/comunicacion-urgente/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/16/cofadeh-denuncia-periodico-oficial-ha-suplantado-una-pagina-digital-tendenciosa/>

The National Popular Resistance Front (FNRP) announced new protests against the presidential reelection. Libre, meanwhile, denounces the US' interference.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/16/resistencia-hondurena-se-opone-a-la-reeleccion-de-joh-y-de-mel/>

<http://notibomba.com/libre-denuncia-intromision-de-ee-uu-apoyando-reeleccion-ilegal-de-joh/>

According to El Tiempo, ATIC caught a member of the former 3-16 Squad, who is accused of murdering a popular leader in the 1980s.

<http://tiempo.hn/capturan-miembro-del-3-16-crimen-dirigente-popular/>

MACCIH announced that the Argentine judge Manuel Garrido will join their team.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/16/argentino-manuel-garrido-fiscal-contratado-la-maccih/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/16/la-maccih-dar-resultados-ganarse-la-confianza-los-hondurenos-omar-rivera/>

The representative of the High Commissioner of Human Rights in Honduras, María Soledad Pazo, met with the Honduran government.

<http://tiempo.hn/alto-representante-derechos-humanos-se-reune-gobierno-hondureno/>

Radio HRN reports that the former head of security of Orión was sentenced for the murder of the two campesinos Catarino López and José Luis Lemus in 2011.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/31-%C3%B1os-de-c%C3%A1rcel-para-ex-jefe-de-seguridad-de-la-empresa-ori%C3%B3n-por-homicidio-de-dos>

ConfidencialHN cites consumer organizations that fear that the price of basic goods may increase by 20% in the coming months.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/16/canasta-basica-en-honduras-cuesta-15-mil-lempiras-mensuales/>

The main Honduran press reports on praise by the US State Department and CEAL.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica/item/135190-eeuu-destaca-avances-en-lucha-contra-la-corrupcion-en-guatemala-y-honduras.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/item/135272-gobierno-de-honduras-es-propicio-para-las-inversiones-y-genera-confianza-roberto-zamora-presidente-del-ceal-en-eeuu.html>

Central America and South Korea concluded a "free" trade agreement.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/item/135232-tratado-de-libre-comercio-tlc-entre-centroamerica-y-corea-del-sur.html>

Domestic workers in Honduras are starting to organize and claim their

rights.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/16/trabajadoras-domesticas-honduras-se-organizan-pelear-derechos/>

18/11/16

Berta - GAIPE; MACCIH; Corruption; COFADEH; Reelection; Financial System; Agriculture; and Journalism Trapped in Violence

Giorgio Trucchi reports on the Honduran government's decision not to meet with GAIPE and the conclusions they drew from their first visit to the country.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/181745>

Javier Suazo looks at the first seven months of MACCIH in Honduras. Radio Progreso sees three possible ways forward for MACCIH.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/181736>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3305-maccih-y-los-tres-caminos-17-de-noviembre-2016>

The president of Transparency International held a speech in Honduras calling its people to rise up against corruption. In one of the above articles, Suazo mentions the electoral process of the TSC magistrates as a failure of MACCIH. Transparency International agrees and criticizes Honduras for a failure to guarantee transparency. Julieta Castellanos seems to back up Transparency International. Congress' president tries to turn the tables and blames them of interference. JOH's head of cabinet does the same thing. MACCIH reacted to these accusations. Meanwhile, the new head of the TSC, Miguel Mejía, presented the institution's plan for the time coming.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/17/presidente-transparencia-internacional-insta-hondurenos-retomar-las-movilizaciones-la-corrupcion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/17/parlamento-regana-a-lider-de-transparencia-internacional-por-criticar-al-tsc/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/17/que-caigan-los-peces-gordos-ese-es-el-punto-fundamental/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/17/regimen-pide-a-transparencia-internacional-no-meterse-en-lo-que-nos-les-importa/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2016/11/17/jefe-la-maccih-dice-no-va-debatir-se-abocan-al-mandato-la-mision/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/17/investigan-a-funcionarios-de-los-ultimos-tres-gobiernos/>

After the smear campaign against COFADEH, they get a lot of national and international support.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/campesinos-del-aguan-condenan-campana-contra-bertha-oliva-y-cofadeh/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/aci-participa-repudia-accion-criminal-contra-cofadeh/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/el-observatorio-honduras-calumnia-injuria-y-difamacion-en-contra-de-bertha-oliva-y-del-cofadeh/>

Nine people were arrested for protesting against the presidential reelection.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/nueve-personas-detenidas-en-protesta-contra-reelecci%C3%B3n-presidencial>

Congress approved yesterday various reforms to the Financial System Bill.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/17/aprueban-reformas-para-evitar-otra-liquidacion-forzosa-estilo-continental/>

Felipe Benítez, coordinator of MILPAH, fears that the recently approved Seed Law will lead to the privatizations of seeds in Honduras.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos/privatizaci%C3%B3n-de-la-comida>

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<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/17/periodismo-honduras-atrapado-la-violencia/>

19/11/16

CEDAW; Secrecy Law; Impunity; MACCIH; Corruption; Reelections; Mining; UN; UNAH; National Police; and Women's Poem of Protest

The UN Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

(CEDAW) expressed its concern about "increasingly repressive measures as well as attacks, sexual violence, harassment, intimidation, reprisals, and defamation campaigns against woman human rights defenders, particularly in contexts of land development projects, advocacy for environmental protection, and the defense of the human rights of women from indigenous and Afro-Honduran communities."

[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/HND/CEDAW\\_C\\_HND\\_CO\\_7-8\\_25106\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/HND/CEDAW_C_HND_CO_7-8_25106_E.pdf)

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/135369-los-ataques-contramujeres-activistas-en-honduras-preocupan-a-la-onu.html>

The new head of the Institute for Access to Public Information, Suyapa Thuman Conde, talks around the importance to get rid of the Secrecy Law. As this law more or less beats the purpose of her institution, this is worrisome.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/18/magistrada-del-iaip-rehuye-hablar-sobre-ley-de-secretos/>

Criminologist Leticia Salomón questions the picture presented by the JOH administration, that Honduras sees less corruption and impunity. She and the research institute she works for, CEDOH, detect increasing rates of impunity due to institutional failure.

At the same time, ConfidencialHN cites penal judge Rafael Bustillo regarding the overwhelming inflow of new cases.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/18/discurso-orlandista-no-concuerda-con-la-realidad-de-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/18/es-dificil-erradicar-la-mora-judicial-advierte-magistrado-penalista/>

Former Attorney General Edmundo Orellana denounces that the Honduran government is attacking MACCIH and the president of Transparency International, José Ugaz, to disqualify them.

He thinks that this is a sign that the administration fears MACCIH. Radio Progreso wonders if MACCIH could really defy JOH and his government. MACCIH, meanwhile, announced that they have been investigating since August the IHHS corruption scandal and they are trying to identify all the components of the network behind it.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/18/a-la-maccih-la-atacan-masivamente-porque-la-quieren-descalificar/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/18/maccih-le-causa-angustia-al-gobierno-edmundo-orellana/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3311-gobierno-deja-evidenciado-el-corto-margen-de-acc%C3%B3n-de-la-macch>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/item/135323-macch-trabaja-en-identificar-toda-la-red-que-participo-en-fraude-al-ihss.html>

The MP pressed charges against a sub-secretary of the Education Secretariat for illicit enrichment.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/18/enriquecimiento-ilicito-presentan-requerimiento-fiscal-exfuncionario-educacion/>

Hondurans took to the streets again yesterday to protest against the reelection. Meanwhile, PAC took up the talks about a possible joint candidate by the opposition.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/18/movilizaciones-reeleccion-comienzan-tomar-fuerza/>

<http://tiempo.hn/marcha-anti-reeleccion-se-realiza-la-capital/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/18/la-oposicion-debe-jugar-con-su-mejor-carta-para-vencer-a-joh/>

Radio Progreso reports on the struggle of the inhabitants of Nueva Esperanza, Atlántida, against a mining project. This is just one of many examples of resistance against mining projects. This week, affected communities met to discuss common strategies.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3310-la-miner%C3%ADa-un-c%C3%A1ncer-que-sigue-afectando-a-comunidad-nueva-esperanza>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3314-pueblos-y-comunidades-de-honduras-arrecian-lucha-contra-extractivismo>

The UN will inaugurate officially the Office of the High Commissioner in Honduras next week. On this occasion, the Deputy High Commissioner Kate Gilmore will travel to Honduras for three days.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos/funcionaria-de-la-onu-llegar%C3%A1-al-pa%C3%ADs-para-inaugurar>

<http://tiempo.hn/alta-funcionaria-derechos-humanos-la-onu-visitara-honduras/>

COFADEH reports on the separation of 28 teachers at the National Agricultural University under irregular circumstances.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/la-impunidad-en-la-una-debe-tener-un-alto/>

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, wants to restart the discussion about reforms to the bill governing the police force.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2016/11/18/piden-retomar-discusion-reformas-la-ley-policia/>

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<http://elpulso.hn/suyapa-la-poeta-de-el-carrizal/>

20/11/16

COFADEH; Transparency; MACCIH; Students' Protest; Libre; and the Penal Code

The defamation and criminalization campaign against COFADEH continues.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/bajo-amenaza/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/19/cofadeh-denuncia-campana-hostigamiento-amenazas-parte-del-gobierno-joh/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/19/inteligencia-orlandista-comienza-a-conspirar-para-atentar-contrabertha-oliva/>

Apparently the IAIP now is willing to join the struggle to get rid of the secrecy law. One of its member, Gustavo Manzanares, announced that there will take place a meeting between them and NGOs to discuss a joint strategy.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/19/cabildaran-en-el-congreso-para-derogar-ley-de-secretos-oficiales/>

Members of the Honduran government and MACCIH met in Washington to hold a evaluation and planing meeting. Both ConfidencialHN and Criterio raise questions about this meeting. The later reports that the Honduran government is even trying to change MACCIH's mandate.

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1019420-410/maccih-y-gobierno-de-honduras-eval%C3%BAan-acciones-anticorrupti%C3%B3n>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/19/se-diran-las-verdades-el-gobierno-de-honduras-y-la-maccih-en-washington/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/19/gobierno-habria-enviado-mision-querer-cambiar-acuerdo-la-maccih/>

After the announcement of the firing of 28 teachers (see yesterday), students at the National Agricultural University started a protest against its dean AND Education Secretary Marlon Escoto.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/19/estudiantes-se-toman-universidad-nacional-agricultura-olancho/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/19/paralizan-universidad-agricola-por-autoritarismo-del-secretario-de-educacion/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/19/movimiento-estudiantil-universitario-meu-apoya-toma-la-una-catacamas/>

Pasos de Animal Grande denounces that the new Penal Code, which is highly disputed by civil society, is receiving support by the Spanish cooperation office.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1560-cooperacion-espanola-estaria-avalando-ilegalidades-contralos-derechos-humanos-en-nuevo-codigo-penal-de-honduras>

Ada Alicia López Flores, Libre vice-mayor in El Nispero, Santa Bárbara, was hit by a car and died instantly.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/19/muere-vicealcaldesa-de-libre-en-san-pedro-sula-honduras/>

The IMF Deputy Managing Director Mitsuhiro Furusawa called for more "inclusive growth" in Central America at a regional conference in Guatemala.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/19/fmi-pide-centroamerica-luchar-crecimiento-incluyente/>

21/11/16

Berta - Investigation; GAIPE; COFADEH; Students' Protest; Women's Rights; Electoral Campaign; and the Persecution of Indigenous Peoples in Honduras

El Pulso published the third and last installment of the series "The

System that Murdered Berta Cáceres."

<http://elpulso.hn/el-destino-de-agua-zarca/>

DESA seems to feel some pressure by GAIPE, this may explain two advertisements in disguise of articles in El Tiempo and Proceso Digital.

<http://tiempo.hn/agua-zarca-desvincula-muerte-bera/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/item/135494-agua-zarca-y-gaipe-abordan-la-muerte-de-bera-caceres.html>

COFADEH emitted a second press release denouncing the campaign against them.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/bajo-fuego/>

The National Agricultural University announced the expulsion of 79 students and declared the protest against its dean and Education Secretary Marlon Escoto illegal.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/20/marlon-escoto-expulsa-79-estudiantes-de-universidad-de-agricultura/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/20/marlon-escoto-resuelve-expulsar-79-alumnos-cancelar-periodo-academico-las-graduaciones/>

PINU congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez was awarded a prize for her dedication to women's rights.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/20/premian-a-parlamentaria-por-defender-derechos-de-las-mujeres/>

Criterio denounces the campaign National Party activist Eduardo Andonie for violating the electoral law.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/20/cineasta-eduardo-andonie-viola-ley-electoral-derechos-los-ninos/>

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<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/pueblos-indigenas-en-honduras-son.html>

22/11/16

Berta - Agua Zarca; Penal Code; MACCIH; Maras; Students' Protest; MUCA; Corruption; Public Health; and the Penitentiary System

Yesterday, the first audience in the case of Martiniano Domínguez Meza

took place. He is the former mayor of Intibucá and he is accused of illegally handing out the permit for Agua Zarca.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/21/enjuiciaran-a-exalcalde-de-intibuca-honduras-por-agua-zarca/>

Cespad highlights worrisome articles in the new Penal Code. Among them is the new crime of "water usurpation" which intends to incarcerate those protesting against hydroelectric projects.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1562-usurpacion-de-aguas-nuevo-delito-en-el-codigo-penal-para-encarcelar-a-quienes-protesten-contras-las-empresas-hidroelectricas-y-mineras-en-honduras>

After its meeting with MACCIH in Washington, the Honduran government emitted a press release. They mention, among other things, the possibility to create an Observatory of the Penal Justice System. At the same time, MACCIH announced its first report for next week, on December 1.

<http://tiempo.hn/podrian-implementar-observatorio-del-sistema-justicia-penal-honduras/>

<http://notibomba.com/maccih-anuncia-su-primer-informe-para-la-proxima-semana/>

El Pulso published the first part of an interview with a leader of the Mara Salvatrucha. Meanwhile, the National Party to apply the anti-terrorist bill to Maras after the burning of two buses. According to the head of the National Council of Transport, more than 50 buses have already been burnt this year.

<http://elpulso.hn/entrevista-el-barrio-la-mara-12/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/21/nacionalistas-piden-ley-antiterrorista-para-maras/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1865-nadie-para-atentados-contra-empresas-de-transporte>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/honduras-quema-de-50-buses-en-2016-deja.html>

The students protesting at the National Agricultural University denounce the presence of thugs intended to intimidate them. Fausto Cálix, leader of the University Student Movement (MEU), denounces receiving death threats. ConfidencialHN published important background information on the causes of the protests - Marlon Escoto.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/21/denuncian-presencia-de-supuestos-sicarios-en-universidad-de-agricultura-en-honduras/>

<http://tiempo.hn/ofrecen-10-mil-lempiras-por-la-cabeza-de-dirigente-estudiantil-fausto-calix/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/21/marlon-se-demanda-a-marlon-conflicto-de-intereses-en-demanda-a-universidad-de-agricultura/>

The MP emitted two arrests warrants for the murder of MUCA president José Ángel Flores and one of its leaders, Silmer Dionisio George.

<http://tiempo.hn/presentan-requerimiento-fiscal-presuntos-asesinos-presidente-del-muca/>

ConfidencialHN spoke with sociologist Víctor Meza about corruption and its from in Honduras.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/21/la-corrupcion-en-honduras-se-recicla-se-reproduce-y-se-repite/>

The Honduran Medical Chamber (CMH) will present a petition to Congress demanding the derogation of Social Protection System Framework Bill.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/honduras-cmh-pide-acompanamiento-al.html>

According to La Tribuna, 1300 employees were fired from the National Penitentiary Institute.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2016/11/21/mas-mil-despedidos-instituto-nacional-penitenciario/>

23/11/16

COPINH; Students' Protest; COFADEH; Maras; Drug Trafficking; Transport Sector; Garífunas; Judicial Power; National Police; Migration; and the Mauricio Oliva Herrero Boulevard

COPINH denounces that there was an intent of a forced entry in their community center Utopia. They called the police, but they never showed up.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2016/11/el-copinh-denuncia-intento-de-entrada.html>

Three protesting students were attacked by a man with a tractor. In a joint press release, several human rights organizations denounce the situation. They asked the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in

Honduras to accompany the case.  
At the same time, the universities dean and Education Minister Marlon Escoto announces more repression.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/urgente-tres-estudiantes-atropellados-con-un-tractor-en-la-unag>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1563-expulsiones-represion-y-criminalizacion-de-la-protesta-social-en-la-universidad-nacional-de-agricultura-podrian-desencadenar-enganos-letales-contr-estudiantes>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/22/defensores-dd-hh-denuncian-agresiones-violaciones-alumnos-universidad-agricultura/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/22/no-soy-rector-a-control-remoto-escoto-anuncia-mas-represion/>

There is more national and international support for COFADEH and the international human rights defender Karen Spring, both of which suffer from attacks of defamation and criminalization.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/casa-alianza-de-honduras-se-solidariza-con-cofadeh/>

<http://www.hondurassolidarity.org/2016/11/23/hsn-statement-on-digital-attacks-on-hsn-and-honduran-organizations/>

In its second part of the interview with a leader of the Mara Salvatrucha, El Pulso focuses on the political ties.

<http://elpulso.hn/entrevista-el-barrio-la-mara-22/>

Wilter Blanco, accused of drug trafficking and possibly linked to the brother of JOH, was detained in Costa Rica. He was also wanted by the US and its ambassador, James D. Nealon, lauded the joint efforts of the US, Costa Rica and Honduras.

According to El Heraldo, Wilter Blanco was also involved in the murder of the former director of the anti-drug force.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/22/capturan-a-supuesto-capo/>

<http://tiempo.hn/negocios-fachadas-de-los-blanco/>

<http://tiempo.hn/embajador-james-nealon-alaba-detencion-wilter-blanco/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1020196-466/qu%C3%A9-participaci%C3%B3n-tuvo-wilter-blanco-en-el-asesinato-del-zar-antidrogas>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1020196-466/qu%C3%A9-participaci%C3%B3n-tuvo-wilter-blanco-en-el-asesinato-del-zar-antidrogas>

JOH stays true to himself as he tries to make the victim the culprit. He accuses the transport sector of trafficking drugs in their buses.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/22/nunca-participado-actividades-ilicitas-le-responde-la-empresa-hedman-alas-joh/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/22/transportistas-no-descartan-querellar-joh-difamacion-calumnia/>

Giorgio Trucchi tells the story of the Garífuna community Barra Vieja - a community condemned to not exist, as he calls it.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/181842>

The Honduran courts reversed no less than two permanent stays of the proceedings. One in the case of Inprema.  
And the other in the case of the former finance minister Rebeca Santos.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/22/volveran-a-enjuiciar-a-exfuncionarios-de-inprema-por-supuestas-irregularidades/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/22/reactivaran-juicio-contr-exfuncionaria-rebeca-santos/>

The purging committee canceled the contracts of 207 members of the police force yesterday.  
ConfidencialHN speaks even of 266 agents.

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1020167-410/comisi%C3%B3n-cancela-a-m%C3%A1s-de-200-polic%C3%ADas-de-honduras>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/22/purgan-a-266-agentes-de-la-policia-nacional-de-honduras-van-mas-de-1700-separados/>

Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras announced that they will expand the accompaniment of the migrants from their country living in the US.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/inicio/1019998-465/norte-de-centroam%C3%A9rica-y-m%C3%A9xico-anuncian-intenso-acompa%C3%B1amiento-a-emigrantes-en-eeuu>

Unbelievable...

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/22/mauricio-oliva-ya-bulevar-nombre-choluteca-2/>

24/11/16

Students' Protest; Torture; Valle de Siria; Drug Trafficking; Banks; Corruption; and the Anti-Corruption Judges

After a request by the MP for an eviction and no less than 50 arrest

warrants, the protesting students are worried.

The Justice and Peace Commission of the Franciscans in Honduras also expressed its worries about the criminalization of the students. CIPRODEH's director Wilfredo Méndez addresses one of the obvious problems with the current situation, i.e. that Marlon Escoto is both Secretary of Education and dean of the National Agricultural University. Meanwhile, the board of the National Agricultural University (UNA) announced the firing of 17 teachers.

One of the fired teachers claims that Marlon Escoto has hired at least 25 people with family ties.

The Alliance for Human Rights condemns these actions in a press release. And it is very worrisome that at the same time, six former employees of the UNAH were found guilty of usurpation. The case goes back to 2010, but the penalty will only be known by January 24.

Congress decided to nominate a commission to investigate the situation at UNA.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/universitarios-en-alerta-por-desalojo-solicitado-por-el-mp/>

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/derechos-humanos/comisi%C3%B3n-de-justicia-y-paz-acciones-en-unag-evidencian>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/23/marlon-escoto-no-es-competente-para-seguir-operando-en-dos-instituciones-ciprodeh/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1871-marlon-escoto-es-amo-y-senor-en-universidad-de-agricultura>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/23/despiden-17-profesores-de-la-universidad-nacional-de-agricultura/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1872-funcionario-hondureno-metio-familion-a-universidad-de-agricultura>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/23/no-despidiendo-docentes-se-resuelve-la-crisis-la-universidad-nacional-agricultura/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/23/condenan-a-carcel-a-seis-exempleados-de-universidad-autonoma-por-sedicion/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/23/comision-educacion-del-congreso-investigara-conflicto-la-universidad-agricultura/>

COFADEH hopes that soon a police officials and seven police agents will face trial for torture and homicide in the case of Mario Orlando Sequeira.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/falta-poco-para-que-policias-que-torturaron-hasta-matar-a-mario-sequeira-enfrenten-juicio/>

Defensores en Línea reports about the fears regarding a geothermic-energy project in the Syria Valley.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/existe-preocupacion-por-proyecto-geotermico-que-se-estaria-ejecutando-en-el-valle-de-siria/>

Costa Rica's ambassador told the press that Wilter Banco could be extradited to Honduras. InSight Crime, meanwhile, thinks that he will be extradited to the US.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/135700-embajador-de-costa-rica-senala-que-honduras-tiene-preferencia-en-extradicion-de-wilter-blanco.html>

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/alleged-honduras-kingpin-wanted-by-us-captured-in-costa-rica>

Hugo Noe Pino demands more transparency regarding the merger of Banadesa and Banhprovi.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/23/piden-transparentar-fusion-de-bancos-estatales/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/135663-no-caben-mas-condonaciones-ni-regalos-en-nuevo-esquema-del-banco-de-desarrollo-hernandez.html>

According to El Tiempo, the Security Secretariat and the TSC are the two institutions most denounced for corruption at the online-forum "Dilo Aquí Honduras".

<http://tiempo.hn/secretaria-de-seguridad-y-tsc-instituciones-denunciadas-ciudadana/>

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<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/23/34-abogados-ultima-entrevista-escoger-15-jueces-magistrados-anticorrupcion/>

25/11/16

LGTBI; Femicide; HR Violations; MACCIH; Transparency; Students' Protest; Extradition; Drug Trafficking; (Re)Elections; Banks; Penitentiary System; and Human Rights in Politics

GAIPE emitted a much needed press release about the misuse of their visit to DESA by DESA itself.

See Attachment

A U.N. committee on Monday struck down a proposal that would have suspended the organization's first-ever independent expert who monitors anti-LGBT discrimination and violence around the world.

<https://www.washingtonblade.com/2016/11/22/u-n-committee-rejects-effort-suspend-lgbt-expert/>

Ana Valverde, a gender specialist at UN Women, expressed her preoccupation about violence against women in Central America and Honduras in particular.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/onu-sube-el-%C3%ADndice-de-violencia-contras-las-mujeres-en-la-regi%C3%B3n-centroamericana>

The former human rights secretary, Ana Pineda, has hopes in the UN High Commissioner Office for Human Rights in Honduras.

Given the human rights context in Honduras, it hurts reading the statement JOH gave yesterday about the office.

Next week, COFADEH holds a forum on the rights of victims and effective repair mechanisms.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/24/gobierno-hondureno-tendra-que-rendir-explicaciones-sobre-violaciones-a-ddhh-a-oficina-de-la-onu/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/item/135729-presidente-herandez-satisfecho-por-apertura-de-oficina-del-comisionado-de-ddhh-de-la-onu.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/en-su-34-aniversario-cofadeh-realizara-un-foro-sobre-el-derecho-de-las-victimas/>

The new prosecutor at MACCIH, Manuel Garrido, met with Honduras' Attorney General Oscar Chinchilla.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/24/fiscal-antimafias-sostuvo-reunion-en-el-ministerio-publico/>

C-Libre invites to a public analysis of the right to access public information in Honduras. Next Monday in Tegucigalpa some 50 civil society organizations together with international experts will discuss the topic.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/libertad-de-expresi%C3%B3n/organizaciones-de-la-sociedad-civil-analizar%C3%A1n-avances-y-retrocesos-de>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/24/organizaciones-la-sociedad-civil-analizaran-avances-retrocesos-ley-transparencia/>

According to UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos, Marlon Escoto is not allowed to sign anything as dean of the National Agricultural University, because there is still a case hanging at the Supreme Court.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1873-vice-rector-de-universidad-agricola-podra-firmar-titulos>

The Supreme Court decided that the extradition to the US for drug trafficking of Ludwin Criss Zelaya Romero, a former sub-commissioner of the Honduran Police Force, is legal.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/24/cosa-juzgada-policia-vinculado-a-narcotrafico-sera-extraditado-a-ee-uu/>

ConfidencialHN has some additional information on the arrest of Wilter Blanco.

According to the head of the Armed Forces, Francisco Álvarez, trafficking of cocaine went down, but marijuana trafficking went up.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/24/wilter-blanco-cayo-porque-fue-delatado-por-una-amante/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/24/en-honduras-baja-trafico-de-cocaina-pero-subes-trasiego-de-marihuana/>

As the next general election in Honduras is just a year away, ConfidencialHN awaits with two interesting columns on the topic. On the presidential reelection, there are, once more, mixed signals from the Armed Forces.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/24/por-cuanto-dinero-es-lo-menos-que-venderia-su-voto-un-hondureno-hasta-por-las-gracias/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/22/poder-o-no-poder/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/24/estamento-militar-quieren-resolver-problemas-politicos-jefe-ff-aa/>

Jari Dixon, Libre congressman, fears that the merger of Banadesa and Banhprovi is intended to hide past corruption at the two institutions.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/24/alianza-banadesa-banhprovi-esconder-los-robos-jari-dixon-herrera/>

There are currently at least 17'712 inmates in 30 Honduran prisons. Of those, only 48% have been sentenced.

<http://tiempo.hn/mas-17-mil-internos-consta-la-poblacion-penitenciaria-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/135755-el-48-de-privados-de-libertad-estan-condenados-segun-auditoria-penitenciaria.html>

The director of CIPRODEH, Wilfredo Méndez, announced that he will run for mayor in Tegicugalpa.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/24/se-que-enfrentare-una-maquinaria-de-corrupcion-y-a-politicos-inescrupulosos-wilfredo-mendez/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/24/papi-la-orden-ahora-contrincante-wilfredo-mendez/>

26/11/16

IAIP; Violence against Women; Hydroelectricity; Reelection; UNA; Debt; Naval Forces; Electric Energy; and Honduran Literature

CofidencialHN denounces the positions held by Suyapa Petrona Thuman

Conde, the new magistrate at the Institute for Access to Public Information. They fear that rather than promoting transparency, she will help to keep corruption cases secret.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/25/nueva-magistrada-del-iaip-encubrir-turbios-negocios-de-coalianza/>

Women organization protested yesterday in the streets of Honduras on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. According to the Association of Judges for Democracy (AJD), 500 women per year were murdered in Honduras between 2009 and 2015. Radio Progreso spoke with Merari Ávila, who works as a lawyer for AJD.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/somos-muchas-berta-caceres-vive/mujeres-organizadas-piden-el-fin-de-la>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3326-cada-a%C3%B1o-asesinan-a-500-mujeres-aproximadamente-en-honduras-seg%C3%BAn-merari-%C3%A1vila-de-la-ajd>

There were also protests in Santa Barbara, where communities want to stop hydroelectric projects to be installed on their rivers.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3325-comunidades-de-santa-b%C3%A1rbara-protestan-contra-proyectos-hidroel%C3%A9ctricos>

Hondurans took to the streets yesterday to protest against the presidential reelection. Enrique Ortez Sequeira, a possible Liberal presidential candidate and former TSE magistrate, laments the missing changes to the electoral law since the last elections. Radio Progreso sees in it the proof of an institutional failure.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/25/prosiguen-las-marchas-contra-la-reeleccion-presidencial-en-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/25/en-honduras-los-politicos-cambian-en-discurso-cada-vez-que-quieren/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3323-reelecci%C3%B3n-en-honduras-prueba-de-fracaso-institucional>

Radio Progreso offers some background information on the protests the repression at the National Agriculture University (UNA).

Teachers at the UNA held a press conference yesterday. They denounce being persecuted and workplace harassment, both, according to them, ordered by Marlon Escoto.

According to El Libertador, the director of the Social Inclusion office threatens to cut the financial support for protesting students.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3328-crisis-en-universidad-de-agricultura-refleja-esquema-dictatorial-del-gobierno>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/docentes-de-la-unag-demandamos-recuperar-la-academia-y-su-gobernabilidad/>

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/derechos-humanos/libertad-de-expresi%C3%B3n-derechos-humanos/docentes-despedidos-denuncian>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1876-funcionario-marlon-escoto-exhibe-maldad-en-huelga-de-estudiantes>

PINU congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez criticizes the JOH administration for amassing unsustainable levels of debt.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/25/juan-orlando-anda-loco-consiguiendo-pisto-de-donde-sea/>

According to El Libertador, the Honduran government contracted a Colombian firm to build a so-called support vessel BAL-C for \$28 million.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1878-650-millones-cuesta-buque-militar-que-joh-compro-a-colombia>

The consumer protection organization ADECABAH calls the new Energy Company Honduras (EEH) a "total failure".

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/adedabah-energia-honduras-es-un.html>

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<http://elpulso.hn/cesar-indiano-mas-alla-del-boxeo-ideologico-esta-el-universo-alli-habita-el-verdadero-pensador/>

27/11/16

(Re)Elections; Students' Protests; Gladys Lanza; Customs; Deportations; and the Man Who Survived 638 Assassination Plans

ConfidencialHN denounces that the National Party already prepares

electoral fraud by having their activist change their domicile and be able to vote in two places.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/26/nacionalistas-mueven-sus-activistas-para-fragar-el-fraude-electoral-de-2017/>

El Pulso offers a summary of the events at the National Agriculture University in the last week - the protest, its causes and the following repression.

Yesterday, Marlon Escoto made a u-turn by deciding not to legally persecute the protesting students.

Nevertheless, just a day later, he emitted another press release which

indicates that he is not sincere.  
The students, meanwhile, handed-in a petition for a dialogue.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-unag-el-feudo-en-crisis-de-marlon-escoto/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/26/cumplira-rector-de-universidad-agricola-retrocede-en-politica-represiva/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/26/escoto-continua-prepotencia-da-tenues-luces-querer-resolver-problema-la-una/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/estudiantes-entregan-peticiones-para-iniciar-dialogo-en-la-una-catacamas/>

Defensores en Línea reports on a new shelter for women fleeing from violence. It is upheld by the association "Calidad de Vida" and in honor of human rights defender Gladys Lanza, who died in September, they named it after her.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/honran-el-legado-de-gladys-lanza-mientras-el-estado-le-adeuda-justicia/>

Wendy Flores just got promoted to the new director of customs.

<http://tiempo.hn/director-de-aduanas-es-despedido/>

El Tiempo reports that so far this year 63'185 Hondurans were deported from the US and Mexico.

<http://tiempo.hn/deportaciones-ee-uu-mexico-ya-suman-los-63-185-hondurenos/>

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<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/26/fidel-sobrevivio-a-11-presidentes-de-ee-uu-y-638-intentos-de-asesinato/>

<http://elpulso.hn/que-digan-que-vivi-en-los-tiempos-de-fidel/>

28/11/16

Journalists; Forests; National Police; and the Banhprovi-Banadesa Merge

The owner of the former daily El Tiempo, Carlos Rosenthal, accused the

journalist Efrén Bonilla of defamation. Bonilla and other former journalists of the newspaper have demanded for months that their outstanding labor benefits are being paid.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/27/carlos-rosenthal-querella-periodista-tiempo-vez-pagarle-prestaciones/>

According to the Forest Conservation Institute (ICF), Honduras lost more than 600 hectares of forest. Partly due to a disease, but environmental organizations also denounced failed policies.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1566-devastado-bosque-en-honduras-gorgojo-animal-o-humano>

El Heraldo uncovers some controversies in the past of Félix Villanueva, the director of the National Police.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1021633-466/le-borran-los-antecedentes-a-director-policial>

Julio Quintanilla, the former president of Banhprovi, speaks out against its merger with Banadesa.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/27/expresidente-de-banhprovi-pide-no-realizar-fusion-con-banadesa/>

29/11/16

FPIC; (Re)Elections; UNA; Banks; MACCIH; Armed Forces; Transparency; Social Security; and Where Have All the Purged Agents Gone?

OFRANEH denounces that the newest version of the Consultation Bill still

doesn't comply with ILO 169.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2016/11/28/nueva-version-de-ley-de-consulta-promovida-por-el-estado-de-honduras-y-el-pnud-no-se-apega-al-convenio-169/>

Erick Rodríguez, the president of the TSE, announced that suspicious changes of domicile may be cancelled. There are also accusations of fraud coming out of the National Party itself.

<http://tiempo.hn/cambios-de-domicilio-rencillas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/28/precandidato-presidencial-advierte-que-joh-tiene-listo-un-gran-fraude/>

In a new press release, the UNA authorities demand that the students cover all the costs caused by the protest.

<http://notibomba.com/autoridades-de-la-una-le-cobran-lps-10-millones-a-estudiantes-por-danos/>

The former secretary of Industry and Commerce, Juan José Cruz, demands an investigation into a 300 million Lempiras loss at Banadesa. Meanwhile, ConfidencialHN published more background information on the suspicious merge of Banadesa and Banhprovi. Not reacting to the criticism, JOH announced the start of the merge for December 20.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1881-piden-investigar-donde-estan-1-300-millones-de-banadesa>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/28/los-negocios-redondos-de-joh-y-ebal-para-fusionar-banadesa-y-banhprovi/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/28/hernandez-anuncia-apertura-de-alianza-banadesa-banhprovi-para-diciembre/>

MACCIH has presented officially its newest prosecutor, Manuel Garrido, to the public yesterday. On the same occasion, the announce once more the presentation of their first report this Thursday. Finally, the Effective Partnership Bill was presented, which should play a key role in combating corruption and impunity in Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/28/maccih-presenta-oficialmente-manuel-garrido-fiscal-internacional-investigara-corrupcion-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/28/precandidato-presidencial-advierte-que-joh-tiene-listo-un-gran-fraude/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/28/maccih-presentara-ley-colaboracion-eficaz-mejor-combate-la-corrupcion/>

According to the human rights defender Reina Rivera Joya, JOH invests a lot in keeping the Armed Forces happy to guarantee their silence during his reelection campaign. Romeo Vásquez, meanwhile, continues calling out to the Armed Forces to defend the constitution. Salvador Nasralla chimes in, saying that they don't have a reason to exist if they are not willing to defend the constitution.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/28/militares-contentos-avalan-continuismo-del-regimen-orlandista/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/28/poblacion-exigira-a-las-ffaa-de-honduras-defender-la-constitucion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/26/las-ffaa-de-honduras-no-tienen-razon-de-existir-si-no-hacen-respetar-la-constitucion-nasralla/>

Juan Jiménez Mayor, spokesperson of MACCIH, participated in a forum by C-Libre on the right to public information in Honduras. There he said, that the Honduran legislation has to be brought in sync with the right to public information.

<http://conexihon.hn/site/noticia/transparencia-y-corrupci%C3%B3n/vocero-de-la-maccih-hay-que-armonizar-la-legislaci%C3%B3n-hondure%C3%B1a-en>

Juan Diego Gómez Vásquez of the International Public Services (ISP) was invited to participate in a forum on social security in Honduras. There he expressed his fears that Honduras is trying to copy a system that already failed in Colombia.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/28/modelo-seguridad-social-salud-crimen-lesa-humanidad-colombia-lo-quieren-traer-honduras/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2016/11/honduras-colegio-medico-y-sociedad.html>

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<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/item/135916-policias-depurados-donde-estan.html>

30/11/16

MACCIH; National Police; Militarization; UNA; National Party; Labor Rights; Penitentiary System; Journalists; Transport Sector; Public Health; Radio Progreso; and Honduras' Children

The Coalition against Impunity demands that MACCIH starts producing

substantial results.

El Pulso hopes that the arrival of Manuel Garrido as a prosecutor may help MACCIH in being more effective.

See Attachment

<http://elpulso.hn/manuel-garrido-nuevo-fiscal-internacional-de-la-maccih/>

A recent article by El Heraldo about the police director Félix Villanueva caused some stir. The purging committee announced to investigate the case.

Interestingly, the purging committee also announced that the case file of Juan Carlos "el Tigre" Bonilla has also reappeared.

Criterio reports on an investigation by ATIC into the police in Choluteca.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1022233-466/honduras-investigar%C3%A1n-si-antecedentes-del-director-policial-f%C3%A9lix-villanueva-fueron-borrados>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/29/jefe-la-policia-felix-villanueva-investigado-falsificacion-documentos-publicos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/29/depurador-confirma-que-tigre-bonilla-sustrajo-su-expediente-de-la-secretaria-de-seguridad/>

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/29/secuestran-documentos-unidad-policial-choluteca/>

As we deal with Honduras, it is also possible that the above events are stirred up due force through another wave of militarization - and this is exactly what JOH announced.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/29/joh-reafirma-militarizacion-de-la-seguridad-ciudadana-en-honduras/>

The Coalition against Impunity wrote an open letter to the Attorney General Óscar Chinchilla and to Keiry Johana Montalván Acosta, the public prosecutor in Catacamas, Olancho. They protest against the

requests for arrest warrants against 50 students.

See Attachment

Monaraca, a movement inside the National Party, asked the TSE to audit the funds of the Central Committee of the National Party.

<http://tiempo.hn/monarca-solicita-al-tse-auditar-los-l-20-millones-recibe-comite-del-pn/>

The Guardian took up the story of Honduran melon plantation labourers who tried to form a union at their Irish-owned company Fyffes.

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2016/nov/29/fyffes-melons-labour-abuse-claims-honduras-workers>

The Association for a More Just Society (ASJ) denounces in a new report the condition of imprisoned youths in Honduras.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/item/136025-ong-denuncian-condiciones-inhumanas-en-carceles-para-menores-de-honduras.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2016/11/29/politica-erronea-orlandista-promueve-escuelas-de-crimen-para-menores/>

Pasos de Animal Grande published a detailed article about the criminalization of the journalist Efrén Bonilla.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1567-una-querella-para-callar-al-periodista-efren-bonilla-ex-empleado-de-diario-tiempo>

El Pulso talked with Jorge Lanza, the director of the National Transport Council, about extortion, burning buses and failed responses by the government.

<http://elpulso.hn/jorge-lanza-el-gobierno-deberia-ser-mas-responsable-y-no-tildarnos-de-narcotraficante/>

The president of the Honduran Medical College, Suyapa Figueroa, denounces that JOH tries to bring Cuban doctors to Honduras instead of spending more on public health and Honduran doctors.

<http://criterio.hn/2016/11/29/joh-fue-pedir-medicos-cuba-no-pagarle-los-honduras-suyapa-figueroa/>

Radio Progreso and ERIC won an award for the communication on human rights.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3336-radio-progreso-y-eric-ganan-premios-de-comunicaci%C3%B3n-por-ddhh-en-radio-y-audiovisual>

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<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/1884-la-calle-de-ninas-y-ninos-una-historia-cobarde-sin-importancia>

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