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HRDs; IHSS; National Party; MACCIH; UNAH; Economy; INA; Democracy; and PROMITEC 2.0

The UN human rights office in Honduras condemns the newest defamation

and criminalization campaign against human rights defenders.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/oficina-del-alto-comisionado-condena-campanas-de-desprestigio-contra-personas-defensoras-de-los-derechos-humanos-en-honduras/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/03/31/comisionada-onu-derechos-humanos-condena-campanas-desprestigio-personas-defensoras-los-derechos-humanos-honduras/>

Yesterday, the IHSS corruption case led to another day in court. During the trial, the lawyer of Ramón Bertetty revealed new evidence of the use of shell companies to transfer money from the IHSS to the National Party.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/03/31/implicados-en-mega fraude-contral-el-ihss-afrontan-juicio-por-lavado-de-activos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/03/31/abogado-revela-empresas-fantasmas-saqueadoras-del-ihss-giraron-cheques-favor-joh-hermano-ricardo-alvarez/>

<http://notibomba.com/abogado-confirma-que-hay-cheques-del-ihss-a-nombre-de-joh/>

El Libertador denounce the use of bots to fill their commentary section with pro National Party messages.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2189-bots-nacionalistas-infestan-redes-sociales-de-el-libertador>

MACCIH announces a wave of seizures related to corruption cases in the coming days.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/avalancha-de-incautaciones-en-casos-de-corrupcion-anuncia-la-maccih-para-proximos-dias.html>

Opposition grows against a possible third reelection of Julieta Castellanos as UNAH's dean.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/03/31/estudiantes-se-declaran-en-alerta-por-eventual-reeleccion-de-rectora-de-la-universidad-autonoma/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/03/31/estudiantes-la-unah-preparan-acciones-ante-anuncio-prolongacion-del-mandato-julieta-castellanos/>

The economist Martín Barahona warns of the current economic situation in Honduras.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3570-honduras-en-la-peligrosa-ruta-del-endeudamiento-advierte-economista>

Employees of the National Agrarian Institute (INA) demonstrated outside of the Finance Secretariat. They denounce the late-payments of their wages and cuts to the payments of retired workers.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2188-empleados-del-ina-denuncian-extorsion-en-pago-de-pensiones>

Criterio criticizes the Honduran double-speak regarding the situation in Venezuela.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/03/31/gobierno-honduras-condena-lo-ocurrido-venezuela-internamente-viola-la-constitucion/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/el-promitec-se-mudo-a-las-redes-sociales/>

02/04/17

COPINH; HRDs; Zelaya; MACCIH; and Working at the RNP

Yesterday for years ago, the protest against the Agua Zarca hydroelectric project started.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/04/celebrando-4-anos-de-resistencia-y.html>

Radio Progreso links the testimony by Devis Rivera Maradiaga in New York with the newest defamation campaign against human rights defenders. According to them, the campaign was started to turn the attention away from the accused politicians.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1704-gobierno-emprende-apologia-del-odio-contra-defensores-de-derechos-humanos-copinh-y-libre>

<http://radioprogreso.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3571-el-cantar-de-los-cachiros-y-los-politicos-hondureños-01-abril-2017>

The alliance of the political opposition announced a protest for next Thursday in front of the Supreme Court against the seizure of Manuel Zelaya's house.

Rodolfo Pastor Fasquelle thinks that the strategy by JOH, to attack his political opponent (Xiomara Castro) via her husband, will backfire.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/01/alianza-protestara-jueves-frente-la-corte-embargo-casa-mel-zelaya/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/01/quien-puede-detener-la-vieja-calumnia-la-treta-del-juicio/>

El Libertador tried to hold an interview with MACCIH but failed to get anything substantial out of it.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2193-maccih-a-el-libertador-no-te-voy-a-contestar-eso>

According to an El Tiempo article, the working conditions at the National Persons Registry (RNP) are dismal. The same RNP now demands 300 million Lempiras for the coming General Elections.

<http://tiempo.hn/registro-nacional-de-las-personas-4/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/rnp-requiere-de-300-millones-de-lempiras-para-afrontar-proceso-electoral-general.html>

03/04/17

Berta - Investigation; Drug Trafficking; MP; PAC;

The human rights defender Reina Rivera Joya criticizes the failure of

the Honduran government to cede to international pressure and allow an independent investigation of the assassination of Berta..

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/02/regimen-hondureno-busca-olvidar-asesinato-de-bertha-caceres-defensora-de-ddhh/>

The head investigator at the National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) calls for a swift investigation of those (former) functionaries

mentioned in the testimony by Devis Leonel Rivera Maradiaga.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/02/jefe-investigador-anticorrupcion-pide-castigo-contra-mencionados-por-exjefe-narco/>

The head of the public prosecutors at the MP met with the representatives of the UN human rights office in Honduras.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-más-noticias/director-de-fiscalias-sostiene-reunion-de-trabajo-con-representante-residente-de-oacnudh.html>

PAC has not succeeded so far to resolve its inner disputes. The TSE now ordered a dialogue.

<http://elpulso.hn/mesa-de-dialogo-sin-resultados/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/tse-ordena-mesa-de-dialogo-en-tres-corrientes-del-pac.html>

04/04/17

Freedom of Expression; Drug Trafficking; Corruption; Mining; National Police; (Re)Elections; Judicial Power; Public Health; Soccer; OAS; Interpol; and Welcome Back, General

The Honduran Journalists College (CPH) announced to seek out the Supreme

Court if the legislative power won't derogate article 335B of the Penal Code, which violates freedom of expression. They get support by the Inter-American Press Society (SIP).

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/03/anuncian-acciones-ante-negativa-de-derogar-ley-bozal-oscar-alvarez/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/03/colegio-periodistas-honduras-da-marcha-atras-ley-mordaza/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/04/03/la-sip-solicita-honduras-derogar-decreto-limita-la-libertad-expresion/>

According to various Honduran media outlets, US public prosecutors demand from Fabio Lobo to hand in \$13 million which he supposedly had gained with drug trafficking activities.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/fiscales-piden-fabio-lobo-pagar-13-millones-de-dólares>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/fiscales-piden-mas-de-300-millones-de-lempiras-a-fabio-lobo-en-eeuu.html>

The trial against Mario Zelaya and José Bertetty in the IHSS case has been postponed once more.

A report by the Association for a More Just Society (ASJ) found that one entity meant to fight corruption, the TSC, is underfunded. Julieta Castellanos, meanwhile, demands that the Honduran elite must be investigated to really end with impunity in the country.

<http://tiempo.hn/dentro-45-dias-reprogramaron-juicio-zelaya-bertetty/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/más-del-90-de-presupuesto-del-tsc-es-destinado-para-el-pago-de-salarios>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/justicia-comienza-investigando-impunidad-en-las-elites-segun-rectora-castellanos.html>

Two communities in Comayagua, Minas de Oro and San José del Potrero, spoke out against mining activities in their territory in a public town hall meeting.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3574-san-josé-del-potrero-y-minas-de-oro-en-comayagua-dicen-no-a-explotación-minera>

Omar Rivera has high hopes for the replacement of the DIECP. According to him, the new institution, the Bureau of Disciplinary Police Matters (Didapol), will have more power and be staffed by independent (from the police) experts.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/03/depuradores-prometen-que-con-la-didapol-las-acciones-no-quedaran-sobre-papel-mojado/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/congreso-aprobara-esta-semana-nueva-ley-de-policia-omar-rivera.html>

The MP promised to be coordinating with the TSE to go after those that had committed electoral crimes during the primary elections.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/03/ministerio-publico-asegura-que-procedera-contra-infractores-de-ley-electoral/>

<http://tiempo.hn/mp-requerimientos-delitos-electorales/>

It seems that the impunity in the case of Teodoro Bonilla continues, as the appeals court nullified a previous sentence in the Shalom case. The MP announced that it will appeal the appeal.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/03/una-dilacion-injustificada-corte-apelaciones-anula-antejuicio-caso-shalom-favorecer-teodoro-bonilla/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/03/corte-de-apelaciones-anula-antejuicio-en-caso-shalom-mp-prepara-recurso-de-reposicion/>

UNAH students training to become nurses demand an increase in the financial support they receive for their social work during the studies.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/03/estudiantes-de-enfermeria-exigen-reajuste-a-beca-salarial/>

As a soccer game turned violent this weekend in Honduras, El Pulso reports on the ultras of the Honduran soccer landscape.

<http://elpulso.hn/futbol-y-barras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/03/video-muestra-la-brutalidad-de-los-enfrentamientos-entre-integrantes-de-barras-hondurenas/>

Honduras' role in the OAS regarding Venezuela has been criticized by the Bolivian delegation.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/03/acusan-honduras-dar-golpe-la-oea/>

Honduras signed an agreement with Interpol.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/honduras-y-la-interpol-firman-convenio-para-acceder-base-de-datos-de-alertas>

<http://tiempo.hn/visa-familia-romeo-vasquez-velasquez/>

05/04/17

LGTBI; Drug Trafficking; Impunity; FoE; Penal Code; Political Opposition; Women; National Police; Deportation; and the National Security Doctrine's Disguise

The LGTBI Association Arcoiris denounces the murder of LGTBI activist

Sherlyn Montoya.

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<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/04/encuentran-el-cadaver-encostado-de-una-trabajadora-sexual-en-comayagua/>

Javier Suazo makes an interesting analytical link between the economic adjustment programs by the IMF and drug trafficking.

Another analysis, this time on the armed forces nexus of drug trafficking, comes from Joaquín A. Mejía Rivera.

One tool to combat organized crime in Honduras is the Efficient Collaboration Bill, which was recently presented by MACCIH. El Pulso lists some of the requirements that are needed for the law to work. MACCIH and the MP announced that a team with members from both institutions will investigate Honduran politicians singled out by the testimonies arrested drug traffickers in the US.

In the same press conference, MACCIH also denounced that there is growing pressure from some political sectors to kick them out of the country.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/184586>

<https://joaquinmejiaivera.blogspot.be/2017/03/militares-y-narcotrafico-en-honduras.html?m=1>

<http://elpulso.hn/en-el-ley-de-los-sapos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/04/maccih-mp-instalacion-equipo-mixto-investigacion-politicos-senalados-los-narcos-video/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/04/vocero-la-maccih-denuncia-sectores-politicos-estan-pidiendo-se-vayan-video/>

The former Attorney General Edmundo Orellana believes that the MP faces more danger from politicians than from organized crime.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/04/clase-politica-amenaza-a-fiscales-del-triangulo-norte-de-centroamerica-exfiscal-general-de-honduras/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2198-exfiscal-califica-a-joh-de-violador-sistemico>

According to C-Libre, there is no real support in Congress for protecting freedom of expression in Honduras.

JOH tries to distance himself from the article 335B which violates freedom of expression.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/libertad-de-expresion-no-tiene-cupo-en-agenda-legislativa>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica/18-politica/derogacion-de-articulo-335-b-esta-en-el-campo-del-cn-senala-presidente-hernandez.html>

Congress announced some reforms to the Penal Code, but not to the article 335B.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/cn-aprueba-reformas-al-codigo-procesal-penal-para-reducir-plazos-de-sentencias.html>

Sociologist Víctor Meza reflects on the feasibility of the alliance of the political opposition.

The Liberal presidential candidate Luis Zelaya thinks that he can beat JOH without the support of a possible alliance.

In the case of PAC, meanwhile, the TSE will decide today on how to react to its inner dispute.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/04/coalicion-opositora-prevalecera-si-no-hay-intereses-individuales-aconseja-analista/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/04/candidato-liberal-esta-seguro-que-ganara-a-hernandez-sin-contar-con-el-respaldo-de-alianza-opositora/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/04/tribunal-electoral-resolvera-este-miercoles-crisis-interna-del-partido-anticorrupcion/>

Cespad published an alert, denouncing the missing support for more female participation by the political parties.

Pasos de Animal Grande reports that the Honduran state won't pay for HIV-tests for women, as they are not seen as focus group.

<http://cespad.org.hn/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/ALERTA-MUJERES-2.pdf>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1706-estado-de-honduras-excluye-a-las-mujeres-de-las-pruebas-de-vih>

According to the Honduran authorities, the number of deportations from Mexico and the US dropped by 12% in the first three months of 2017.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/04/gobierno-reporta-deportaciones-disminuyeron-12-primer-trimestre/>

Radio HRN reports on what the future holds for the purging committee once the new organic police law is approved.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/una-vez-que-entre-en-vigencia-ley-de-polici-comisi3n-depuradora-concluye-su-misi3n>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3575-el-actual-disfraz-de-la-doctrina-de-seguridad-nacional-04-abril-2017>

06/04/17

Criminalization; Berta - Agua Zarca; LGTBI; FoE; Journalists; PAC; (Re)Elections; Corruption; MACCIH; National Police; COHEP; and Cheers!

A new OpEd in el Tiempo attacks both Global Witness and most of all Oxfam.

<http://tiempo.hn/elsia-paz-oxfam-se-le-acabo-la-fiesta/>

The Coalition against Impunity presented a petition at the Supreme Court in support of the demand by COPINH to cancel the Agua Zarca project.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/csj-debe-aceptar-demanda-para-anular-decretos-que-avalan-el-proyecto-agua-zarca/>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwOX_jzPNg6NY01pdVg0WnhRUG41N0NITGdtYWhYaTU3NERN/view

According to Defensores en Línea, 269 members of the LGTBI community have been murdered in Honduras since 1994.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/entre-1994-a-2017-se-registran-269-muertes-violentas-en-la-comunidad-lgttbi/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1708-honduras-imparables-los-crimenes-de-odio-contra-personas-trans>

The article 335B of the reformed Penal Code continues to make headlines. El Pulso reports on how the head of the National Party in Congress, Óscar Álvarez, presented the article last Tuesday in Congress. He used, among other things, pictures from the coup d'état to claim that the media instigated the people to burn a bus...

The UN human rights office in Honduras doesn't buy that story either and demands the derogation of the article.

<http://elpulso.hn/335b-ref/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/05/onu-exige-la-derogacion-de-la-ley-mordaza-oscar-alvarez-porque-criminaliza-la-libertad-de-expresion/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/articulo-335-b-puede-ser-usado-para-limitar-ejercicio-periodistico-representante-del-alto-comisionado.html>

Even without the newest attack on their freedom of expression, the situation of journalists and social communicators is already grim, as a new article by Pasos de Animal Grande underlines.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1709-honduras-amenazas-de-muerte-y-ataques-contr-colaboradores-de-radio-comunitarias-y-periodistas-vinculados-a-movimientos-sociales-de-honduras-y-la-defensa-de-la-tierra>

The TSE forces PAC to hold primary elections this weekend.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/05/confirmado-pac-ira-a-elecciones-internas-el-proximo-domingo-alvarenga-se-opone/>

In the first primary election this year, the percentage of blank and void ballots were at a new record, 22% higher than in 2012.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/votos-nulos-y-blancos-superan-el-22-por-ciento-en-comparación-al-2012>

The MP charged the former legal manager of Hondutel, Óscar Danilo Santos, with illicit enrichment. And in the IHSS case, the MP asked for a prison sentence of 24 years for Mario Zelaya, Javier Pastor and Carlos Montes.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/05/procesaran-judicialmente-a-exgerente-legal-de-hondutel-por-recibir-sobornos/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1059965-466/entre-20-y-24-años-de-cárcel-pide-ministerio-público-para-implicados>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/05/piden-condenar-a-exdirectivos-del-ihss-a-24-anos-de-carcel-por-lavar-dinero-y-recibir-sobornos/>

MACCIH presented its newest member to the Supreme Court, the Chilean citizen Daniel Urrutia Laubreaux, who will work as an international judge.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/maccih-presenta-a-juez-internacional-daniel-urrutia-ante-la-csj.html>

The first part of the new organic law for the police have been approved by Congress yesterday.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/aprueban-en-ultimo-debate-primeros-siete-articulos-de-nueva-ley-organica-de-la-policia.html>

The private business lobby organization COHEP denounces that the Work Inspection Bill has been changed in-between its acceptance in Congress and the publication in the Gaceta. A similar thing took place with the party financing bill in February this year.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/05/cohep-denuncia-ley-inspeccion-del-trabajo-fue-trastocada/>

<http://tiempo.hn/alcohol-en-semana-santa-botellas/>

07/04/17

Berta - Defamation, Agua Zarca; FoE; Drug Trafficking; Violence; (Re)Elections; PAC; Zelaya; and Commemorating "Guamo"

Oxfam reacts to the attacks and defamation that came forward after its

publication on the murder of Berta.

ACI-Participa also emitted a press release denouncing the defamation and criminalization campaign COPINH, Radio Progreso and others.

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<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/06/oxfam-informe-bertha-caceres-solo-busca-justicia/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/en-contra-personas-e-instituciones-defensoras-de-los-derechos-humanos-en-honduras/>

The Supreme Court so far has stayed quiet regarding the request for cancellation of the Agua Zarca project.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/component/k2/item/1710-csj-guarda-silencio-ante-peticion-de-declarar-inconstitucional-contrato-otorgado-a-hidroelectrica-des>

Pasos de Animal Grande carves out the similarities between the attack on freedom of expression today and in the 1980s.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1711-articulo-335-b-lleva-el-objetivo-de-censurar-a-personas-que-promueven-el-arte-al-igual-que-en-la-decada-de-los-80>

The Economist published its newest edition of the world's most violent cities chart.

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/graphicdetail/2017/03/daily-chart-23>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2201-honduras-el-salvador-y-mexico-los-mas-peligrosos-del-mundo>

PAC president claims that he is in possession of a list of politicians and ministers with links to drug trafficking.

OFRANEH links the drug trafficking nexus of the Honduran state to some recent events in the countries history (coup d'état, war on drugs).

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/nasralla-asegura-tener-nombres-de-diputados-y-ministros-ligados-al-narco.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/06/nasralla-alerta-que-capos-de-la-droga-de-honduras-no-solo-testificaran-contra-esa-muchacha/>

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/04/06/la-republica-mafiosa-el-fracaso-de-la-guerra-contra-las-drogas-y-la-persecucion-al-movimiento-social/>

Wilfredo Méndez, who run inside Libre to become its mayoral candidate for Tegucigalpa, announced that he filed a complaint against TSE magistrate David Matamoros Batson for suspending the recount of ballots.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/06/denunciaran-criminalmente-a-magistrado-electoral-por-detener-escrutinio-de-votos-fraudulentos/>

PAC congresswoman Marlene Alvarenga announced that she won't participate in the primary elections, prolonging, therefore, the dispute inside PAC.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/06/marlene-alvarenga-no-participara-elecciones-internas-del-pac/>

A militarized Supreme Court was ready to hold the audience against

former president Manuel Zelaya.

Nevertheless, the audience was postponed in the last minute, because the Attorney General ("Procurador General") Abraham Alvarenga Urbina just didn't show up.

<http://tiempo.hn/militarizada-la-csj-mel-zelaya/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/06/sin-ninguna-razon-procurador-no-se-presenta-audiencia-mel-zelaya/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/guamo-un-lider-de-pocas-palabras-y-grandes-historias/>

08/04/17

MADJ; Campesinxs; Hydroelectricity; Corruption; Drug Trafficking; (Re)Elections; PAC; MACCIH; National Police; and Honduras and Paraguay

MADJ commemorates its 9 years of fighting against corruption and

impunity and of defending human rights.

<http://www.movimientoamplio.org/single-post/2017/04/07/9-años-del-Movimiento-Amplio-¡En-lucha-permanente>

The campesinxs of the Cooperative 9th of July fear that an announced inspection for April 17 will lead to a new eviction of them - it would be the 29th in seven years.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/indigenas-de-la-9-de-julio-temen-que-inspeccion-sea-disfraz-para-desalojarlos/>

Radio Progreso continues to report on the protest in Tela, Atlántida, against the HIDROCEP project. The blockade is now already in its 4th week.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/item/3580-albertina-lópez-defender-el-agua-es-recuperar-la-vida>

The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) sees the fact that of 50 corruption cases only 10 have seen a trial as proof that "some sectors" have a word to say which cases are being investigated. Meanwhile, the trial of Marcelo Chimirri, i.e. the announcement of the penalty, has been postponed once more.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3579-de-50-casos-de-corrupción-solo-10-se-han-judicializado-eso-indica-injerencia-según-el-cna>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/07/suspenden-lectura-de-condena-del-exgerente-de-hondutel/>

CNN interview former president Porfirio Lobo about the drug trafficking nexus of his presidency and his son Fabio Lobo.

<http://edition.cnn.com/videos/spanish/2017/04/06/cnnee-conclusiones-fernando-del-rincon-entrevista-exclusiva-porfirio-lobo-expresidente-honduras.cnn>

<http://tiempo.hn/entrevista-a-porfirio-lobo-sosa/>

<http://tiempo.hn/pepe-lobo-fabio/>

<http://tiempo.hn/pepe-lobo/>

The TSE presented its official report on the primary elections.

There is also criticism. Libre congressman Bartolo Fuentes accuses the TSE of covering up fraud by dropping the investigation into various complaints filed in the days after the primary elections.

<http://tiempo.hn/tse-realiza-declaratoria-oficial-las-elecciones-primarias-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/07/magistrados-del-tribunal-electoral-estan-parando-las-chanchadas-del-fraude-en-comicios-primarios/>

The TSE declared that it won't accept the internal elections by PAC. It really seems as it wants to make the most damage to this political party. PAC announced that it will hold its elections and demanded that the TSE does not intervene in its internal election process.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/07/tse-declara-nulas-las-elecciones-internas-del-pac-del-domingo/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/el-pac-esta-acefalo-y-en-una-situacion-grave-advierde-el-tse.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/07/pac-va-elecciones-este-domingo-pide-no-intervencion-del-tse-elecciones-internas/>

MACCIH reacts to criticism towards its Efficient Collaboration Bill.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/07/maccih-insiste-que-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz-busca-anquilar-mafias-enquistadas-en-el-estado/>

This week, 35 articles of the new organic law of the national police have been approved by Congress.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/nueva-ley-de-policia-obliga-a-revitalizar-el-liderazgo.html>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3582-paraguay-y-honduras-pedazos-de-un-mismo-espejo-en-américa-latina>

09/04/17

HRDs; (Re)Elections; PAC; FoE; Impunity; Forced Disappearance; Mining; and Things You Didn't Know About Honduras

Two cards by US Senators and Congresswo/men were sent to the US Foreign

Secretary Rex Tillerson expressing their preoccupation about the situation of human rights defenders in Honduras.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1713-congreso-de-eeuu-solicita-tomar-acciones-en-honduras-en-respuesta-a-los-asesinatos-de-activistas-rurales-y-medioambientales>

El Pulso published the declaration by TSE magistrate David Matamoros Watson on the irregularities during the primary election.

<http://elpulso.hn/declaratoria-oficial-de-las-internas-2017/>

El Pulso has some more details on the dispute between the TSE and PAC. The TSE wants PAC to hold its internal elections on May 21. But PAC will open the ballots this morning at 7am and hold the electoral process today.

One problem with the date set by the TSE is that it will gibe the political opposition just four days to decide on a political alliance or even less. By May 25, all alliances must be officially listed. If the TSE were to take just three days to officially announce the results of the primary elction by PAC in May, this would give the political opposition only two days...

<http://elpulso.hn/tse-declara-nulas-internitas-de-nasralla/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/08/resolucion-del-tse-nos-sin-cuidado-salvador-nasralla/>

<http://www.honduratierralibre.com/2017/04/honduras-fatima-mena-las-700-de-la.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/08/con-orden-del-tribunal-electoral-habra-poco-tiempo-para-la-alianza-advierte-banegas/>

teleSUR published a good overview in English on the problems with the Article 335B of the reformed Penal Code.

<http://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Honduran-Journalists-Want-Media-Gag-Law-Overtuned-20170408-0004.html>

The MP succeeded in reopening the trial against Liberal congressman Fredy Nájera. He is accused of having murdered the wife of a high functionary in 2011 and having assisted in the attack against a protected witness.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/08/volveran-a-enjuiciar-a-parlamentario-liberal-por-crimen-del-esposo-de-alta-funcionaria/>

<http://elpulso.hn/revocan-fallo-absolutorio-a-diputado-fredy-najera/>

Yesterday two years ago, Donatilo Jimenez Euceda, a labor union leader at SITRAUNAH was disappeared. His family members hold UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos responsible.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/dos-anos-de-complicidad-silencio-e-impunidad/>

Criterio has some more details on the recently held plebiscite against mining in San José del Potrero and Minas de Oro, Comayagua.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/08/mediante-plebiscito-dos-municipios-comayagua-se-pronuncian-la-mineria/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/08/no-sabias-honduras/>

10/04/17

HRDs; Congress; PAC; and in Defense of Freedom of Expression

A group of German parliamentarians visited Honduras. In a concluding

press conference, they expressed their preoccupations about the situation of human rights defenders and also asked for a successful investigation into Berta's assassination.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/parlamentarios-de-alemania-ven-progresos-en-educacion-en-honduras.html>

PAC congressman Luis Redondo warns of a new wave of laws hurting the Honduran society.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/09/en-el-parlamento-de-honduras-hay-una-red-de-falsificadores-de-leyes-redondo/>

As announced, PAC held its primary election yesterday. And as expected, Salvador Nasralla came out on top.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/09/militantes-del-pac-acuden-elecciones-internas-pese-advertencia-del-tse/>

<http://tiempo.hn/elecciones-en-el-pac-nasralla-va-arrasando-con-99-en-inicio-de-escrutinios/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2017/partidoanticorrupcion/1061231-508/partido-anticorrupción-cierra-jornada-electoral-con-10000-votantes-según-nasralla>

<http://elpulso.hn/en-defensa-de-la-libertad-de-expresion/>

11/04/17

Penal Code; FPIC; National Police; PAC; Tegucigalpa; COHEP; Extradition; Armed Forces; and a VAT Bonanza?

The German parliamentary delegation voiced their preoccupation with the reforms to the Penal Code when meeting with Honduran officials.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/10/parlamentarios-alemanes-preocupados-por-los-peligros-de-ley-antiterrorista/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2205-parlamento-aleman-cuestiona-ley-mordaza-de-honduras>

OFRANEH and COPINH published their proposal for a bill regulating free, prior and informed consent in Honduras.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/04/proyecto-de-decreto-elaborado-por.html>

Omar Rivera, a representative of the purging committee, announced a new certification for municipal police agents.

<http://tiempo.hn/omar-rivera-ser-policias-municipales/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/policias-municipales-seran-certificados.html>

Erick Rodríguez, the president of the TSE, reaffirmed that they won't accept the results of the PAC primary election. Meanwhile, Salvador Nasralla presented the results of their election. According to him, there were almost 15'000 ballots cast, 97.99% in favor of him.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/10/autoridad-electoral-reafirma-nulidad-de-elecciones-internas-en-el-partido-anticorrupcion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/10/chano-es-de-los-que-arreglan-las-cosas-por-debajo-de-la-mesa-lo-conozco-desde-cipote/>

Inhabitants of the La Leona neighborhood in Tegucigalpa protest against the government's plan to cut down the trees in their park, one of the few green places in the city.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/09/alcalde-capitalino-gobierno-pretenden-cortar-los-arboles-del-historico-parque-la-leona/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2207-capitalinos-protestan-contrata-tala-en-historico-parque-la-leona>

The private business council COHEP protests against allegedly intrusive behavior by the Administrative Revenue Service (SAR).

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2206-empresarios-denuncian-sistema-tributario-de-honduras>

US ambassador James D. Nealon prepares the ground for further extraditions.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/nealon-advierte-que-los-que-cruzan-la-linea-seran-extraditados.html>

A former member of the Armed Forces was arrested on Sunday.

<http://www.laprensa.hn/sucesos/1061344-410/capturan-a-militar-que-hizo-explotar-a-perro-con-mortero-en-yoro>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/10/impuestos-permitiran-que-el-estado-recolecte-mil-millones-de-lempiras-durante-semana-santa/>

12/04/17

HRDs; Journalists; TSE; MACCIH; National Police; Extraditions; and Goodbye to Indifference

After a recent attack against her, Hedme Castro, the coordinator of

ACI-Participa, sought the help of the recently established protection mechanism. But instead of a quick response, they told her to wait after Semana Santa until someone would investigate it.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1714-sabotaje-al-estilo-paramilitar-desconocidos-colocaron-tornillos-en-todas-las-llantas-del-vehiculo-de-defensora-de-derechos-humanos>

Pasos de Animal Grande spoke with various social communicators and journalists who cover environmental topics in Honduras. They all denounce a constant state of fear.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1716-periodistas-ambientalistas-han-invisibilizado-sus-rostros-para-protegerse-de-la-muerte>

The former human rights ombudsman Ramón Custodio criticizes that the TSE just thinks along party lines, i.e. in the interest of the two-party system. One case in point is the recent threat to have PAC disappeared if they don't hold primary elections on May 21.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2209-tse-cumple-intereses-bipartidistas-exombudsman-ramon-custodio>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1061821-466/el-pac-desaparecerá-si-no-elige-autoridades-legítimas-el-21-de-mayo>

El Pulso published some more details on the Efficient Collaboration Bill and its supporters in Congress.

<http://elpulso.hn/ley-de-los-sapos-o-arrepentidos/>

One year ago, the purging committee started its work on the Honduran police force.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/04/11/honduras-intenta-estructurar-una-nueva-policia-sin-vinculos-criminales/>

As expected after the recent statements by the US ambassador, the US has filed two requests for extraditions.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/11/ee-uu-pide-extradicion-de-dos-primos-acusados-de-nexos-con-el-narcotrafico/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/11/ee-uu-pide-en-extradicion-dos-supuestos-narcotraficantes-hondurenos/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3584-sacudimos-de-la-indiferencia-10-abril-2017>

13/04/17

Hydroelectricity; FPIC; MACCIH; Maras; National Police; Liberal Party; (Re)Elections; and the Slow Disappearance of the Trans 450

The missionary priest Pedro Antonio Lima y Lima received death threats

by proponents of a hydroelectric project in Mezapa, Atlántida.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/12/amenazan-de-muerte-a-parroco-que-se-opone-a-polemica-construccion-de-represa/>

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, the UN Special Rapporteur for Indigenous Peoples, will start an official five-day visit to Honduras this Sunday. The main aim of the visit is a follow-up on the recommendations by Tauli-Corpuz regarding the regulation of free, prior and informed consent legislation in Honduras.

See Attachment

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1717-la-consulta-previa-libre-e-informada-es-el-objetivo-relatora-especial-de-naciones-unidas-para-los-pueblos-indigenas-llega-a-honduras>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-más-noticias/relatora-especial-de-naciones-unidas-para-los-pueblos-indigenas-visitara-honduras-la-proxima-semana.html>

In its continuous reporting on MACCIH's Efficient Collaboration Bill, El Puslo speaks with the president of the Lawyer's College of Honduras, José María Díaz Castellanos.

<http://elpulso.hn/jose-maria-diaz-castellanos-los-mecanismos-que-se-tienen-son-muy-limitados/>

A new report by the International Crisis Group looks at the Maras and the government response in the Northern Triangle.

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/latin-america-caribbean/central-america/62-mafia-poor-gang-violence-and-extortion-central-america>

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/report-recommends-less-repressive-approach-to-gang-problem-in-centam>

El Pulso looks back on the first year of the purging committee of the National Police Force.

During this year, 9234 members of the police force were evaluated and 3919 had their contracts cancelled.

<http://elpulso.hn/comision-especial-para-la-depuracion-y-transformacion-de-la-policia-nacional-de-honduras-cumple-un-ano-en-funciones/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/mas-de-nueve-mil-miembros-de-la-policia-han-sido-evaluados-por-la-comision-depuradora.html>

Roberto Alejandro Pastrana Castañeda, who ran as a candidate for the Liberal Party in the primary elections, was murdered after having been kidnapped on Tuesday night.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/04/12/hallan-muerto-chamelecon-excandidato-diputado-raptado/>

<http://tiempo.hn/asesinan-candidato-diputado-del-partido-liberal-sector-chamelecon/>

An analysis by CESPAD finds various deficiencies in the primary electoral process in Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/12/proceso-eleccionario-hondureno-avanza-los-mismos-vicios-practicas-daninas-del-pasado/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/04/honduras-otra-brutal-demolicion-sufren.html>

14/04/17

JOH; FoE; Drug Trafficking; and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Sociologist Víctor Meza analyses the abuse of power by the current

Honduran government in light of the attacks against PAC.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/13/los-abusos-del-poder/>

Ciprodeh's director Wilfredo Méndez warns of the ongoing dangers for freedom of expression coming from the Article 335-B of the reformed Penal Code.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/13/reforma-ley-mordaza-mantiene-la-amenaza-la-libertad-expresion-wilfredo-mendez/>

According to El Tiempo, a sentence in the case of former Los Cachiros leader Devis Leonel Rivera Maradiaga is expected for today.

<http://tiempo.hn/manana-sera-sentenciado-exjefe-del-cartel-los-cachiros/>

The United Nations Committee on Rights of Persons with Disabilities demands from Honduras to stop forcefully sterilizing people with disabilities.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/onu-honduras-debe-abolir-las-esterilizaciones-forzadas-de-los-discapacitados.html>

15/04/17

Journalists; Drug Trafficking; Judicial Power; Drinking Water; and the Secrets of Rubén Darío

In a conversation with Defensores en Línea, Bernardino Pérez denounces

death threats against the director of the community radio Radio Taragual "La voz de la vida".

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/dirigente-de-radio-comunitaria-recibe-amenazas/>

The sentencing of former Los Cachiros leader Devis Leonel Rivera Maradiaga was postponed to October 27, 2017.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/14/corte-manhattan-pospone-27-octubre-sentencia-del-lider-los-cachiros/>

<http://tiempo.hn/expedientes-cachiro-devis-leonel-rivera/>

Representative of the Judicial Power divert some of the blame for the backlog in judicial processes to the MP. Apparently, they are currently waiting for answers by the MP in over 2000 cases.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/04/honduras-ministerio-publico-debe-dar.html>

Due to the forest fires of the recent days, the water level at the dams feeding Tegucigalpa and Comayagüela are quite low.

<http://tiempo.hn/alta-incidencia-de-incendios-forestales/>

<http://elpulso.hn/epistola-a-ruben-dario-descubra-de-esos-secretos-que-le-rodan-al-poeta/>

16/04/17

(Re)Elections; IFC; and Holidays in Honduras

The Economist dedicates a long article to the coming general elections

in Honduras, spiked with treasures such as "Mr Hernández, whose Machiavellian talents would impress even the Florentine philosopher,...". Omar Rivera stresses the importance of selecting people with the right profile to implement the new bill regulating party finances.

<http://www.economist.com/news/americas/21720653-presidents-bid-second-term-alarms-democrats-eight-years-after-coup-heated>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/independencia-debe-caracterizar-a-miembros-de-unidad-fiscalizadora-de-campanas-rivera.html>

The Bretton Woods Project views with a critical eye the newest rebranding of the International Finance Corporation (IFC, the World Bank's private sector lending arm) as "IFC 3.0".

<http://www.brettonwoodsproject.org/2017/04/ifc-3-0-superficial-upgrades-problems/>

The Honduran government claims that no less than 3.3 million people were on the move in Honduras during Semana Santa.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/15/a-pesar-de-la-crisis-economica-el-regimen-afirma-que-hubo-3-3-millones-de-vacacionistas/>

17/04/17

FoE; PAC; Corruption; Judicial Power; Drug Trafficking; Infrastructure; Holidays; and Because it's Easter...

El Heraldo found the problematic article of the Penal Code, which

violates freedom of expression, also in another bill that Congress currently discusses - the Bill for the Defense of Citizens against Terrorist Acts.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1063025-466/ley-contra-el-terrorismo-tambi%C3%A9n-amenaza-la-libertad-de-expresi%C3%B3n>

The campaign against PAC continues. Now the TSC may try to force its leaders to pay the costs of the primary election.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/04/16/tsc-podria-reparar-al-pac-financiar-elecciones-nulas/>

The mayor of Aguanqueterique, La Paz, payed himself 15 salaries in advance.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1063062-466/honduras-alcalde-se-adelanta-el-salario-de-15-meses>

A member of the military police, whose assignment was to protect a national judge, was murdered last Friday night.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/16/asesinan-a-militar-que-servia-de-guardaespalda-de-jueza-nacional/>

El Pulso portrays Jesús Malverde, the fictional patron saint of various drug cartels.

<http://elpulso.hn/jesus-malverde-el-santo-patron-de-los-narcos/>

JOH praise himself for obtaining almost \$1 billion in credits for Honduran infrastructure projects.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/honduras-obtiene-millones-para-su-infraestructura.html>

According to the director of the Honduran Tourism Institute (IHT), Hondurans spent 8 billion Lempiras during Semana Santa. During Semana Santa, 26 people died in car accidents and drownings.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/16/instituto-de-turismo-hondurenos-gastaron-mas-de-8-mil-millones-de-lempiras-en-semana-santa/>

<http://tiempo.hn/semana-santa-26-personas-muertas-accidentes-transito-ahogamiento/>

...lets give the word to a prophet who talks with God about JOH.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/16/dios-me-dijo-joh-sera-reelecto-dice-autodenominado-profeta-rafael-ramirez/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/16/mel-zelaya-tilda-vendido-al-poder-al-autodenominado-apostol/>

18/04/17

Impunity; IHSS; FoE; Berta; FPIC; Extraditions; Maras; Decentralization; National Police; and Trans-450 is Drowning...

The New York Times published an in-depth article about police violence and impunity in Honduras.

<https://www.nytimes.com/es/2016/04/15/tres-generales-y-un-cartel-violencia-policial-e-impunidad-en-honduras/>

ConfidencialHN reveals new details about the IHSS corruption scandal which indicate that the corruption has been even more widespread than previously thought. The Honduran chapter of Transparency International announced that it will investigate it.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/17/directivos-e-interventores-del-ihss-legitiman-el-saqueo-de-recursos-via-fideicomisos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/17/transparencia-internacional-honduras-analizara-legitimacion-por-la-salida-ilicita-de-capitales-del-ihss/>

The Honduran Journalists' College (CPH) announced to go to the international level to denounce the attack against freedom of expression in the form of Article 3335B of the reformed Penal Code.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/17/colegio-de-periodistas-demandara-internacionalmente-que-se-derogue-ley-mordaza/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/17/ley-bozal-2-0-advierten-pretension-orlandista-de-censurar-periodismo-de-denuncia/>

Berta is being commemorated in the Spanish town of Zaragoza.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/04/carta-de-copinh-la-inauguracion-del.html>

The UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous People, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, started a five-day visit to Honduras yesterday.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/relatora-de-la-onu-para-los-pueblos-indigenas-visita-honduras/>

JOH told reporters yesterday that the extraditions to the US will continue. Jairo Alf Arias Meja alias "King Artur" is the next in line.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/17/joh-dice-extradiciones-ee-uu-seguiran-siendo-normales/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/17/honduras-mandan-a-el-pozo-a-nuevo-extraditable/>

El Pulso published a three-part installment on the Mara 18 based on a InSight Crime report.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-pandilla-18-parte-1-de-3/>

<http://elpulso.hn/modus-operandi-y-economia-criminal-de-la-pandilla-18-parte-2-de-3/>

<http://elpulso.hn/infraestructura-de-la-pandilla-18-parte-3-de-3/>

Javier Suazo demands a new public debate, complemented with academic inputs, about decentralization in Honduras.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/184834>

A police agent was murdered yesterday in Choluetca. When witnesses tried to report the murder, the 911 phone number didn't work, i.e. no one picked up the phone.

<http://tiempo.hn/olanch-asesinan-a-miembro-de-la-policia-y-lo-dejan-tirado-en-la-acera/>

...and this time literally.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/04/17/primeras-lluvias-caen-tegucigalpa-se-forman-piscinas-trans-450/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/tegucigalpa/1063328-466/inspeccionan-tramo-del-trans-450-demolido-por-obras-de-la-alcalde%20de>

19/04/17

Berta - Trial; FoE; MACCIH; National Police, Public Debt; PAC; Campesinx; FDI; UNAH; Maras; Mayors; and To Which Group Do You Belong?

The initial audience of five of the eight captured men accused of being involved in Berta's assassination starts today.

<http://tiempo.hn/audiencia-inicial-crimen-bertha-caceres/>

Congress asked the Supreme Court for its evaluation of article 335B of the new Penal Code.

<http://tiempo.hn/cn-pide-opinion-la-csj-articulo-atenta-la-libertad-expresion/>

MACCIH congratulates the Honduran government for sending the Efficient Collaboration Bill to Congress.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/18/maccih-celebra-que-gobierno-de-honduras-haya-enviado-al-parlamento-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/18/ley-colaboracion-eficaz-sera-poderosa-herramienta-combate-al-crimen-organizado-la-corrupcion-maccih/>

Congress approved the creation of the Bureau of Police Disciplinary Matters (DIDAPOL) and with it the official departure of DIECP. The offices of the DIECP were immediately militarized. The authorities claim that it was to stop the possible destruction of important documents.

<http://tiempo.hn/aprueban-creacion-de-la-didadpol-diecp-pasa-a-la-historia/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/militarizan-las-oficinas-de-la-diecp-en-tegucigalpa.html>

According to FOSDEH, the public debt level has passed the 70% mark. But finance minister Wilfredo Cerrato negates that Honduras is over-indebted and he disputes the claims by the opposition that the debt is taken up to cover current expenses.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/el-endeudamiento-p%C3%BAblico-supera-el-70-del-pib>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/18/mas-mentiras-gobierno-de-honduras-rechaza-estar-contratando-mas-deuda-externa-para-gasto-corriente/>

El Pulso looks at the problems inside PAC with a special focus on congresswoman Marlene Alvarenga. The TSE, meanwhile, continues to solely blame Salvador Nasralla, which is a rather political statement for an institution intended to stay above politics. PAC congressman Rafael Virgilio Padilla disputes the validity of the TSE resolution. PAC's president Salvador Nasralla also comments on the attacks. PINU's congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez offered to have her party vote on the possibility that Salvador Nasralla becomes their presidential candidate if the TSE robs him of "his" party.

<http://elpulso.hn/marlene-alvarenga-el-discurso-de-la-contradiccion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/18/tribunal-electoral-senala-que-el-unico-culpable-de-la-crisis-del-pac-es-salvador-nasralla/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/18/resoluciones-del-tse-no-tienen-validez-virgilio-padilla/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/18/la-victimizacion-me-estan-estoy-ganado-la-candidatura-xiomara-castro-salvador-nasralla/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/en-asamblea-el-pinu-sd-puede-aceptar-candidatura-de-salvador-nasralla-doris-gutierrez.html>

Campesino groups protested yesterday outside Congress for the respect of their rights. A case in point is the treatment of the indigenous campesino cooperative 9th of July in San Pedro de Tutule, La Paz.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/sin-reforma-agraria-no-hay-soberania-alimentaria/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/autoridades-judiciales-realizan-inspeccion-rapida-en-la-9-de-julio/>

Radio HRN reports that the direct foreign investment won't reach the promised levels this year.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/la-inversi%C3%B3n-extranjera-no-alcanzar%C3%A1-los-niveles-proyectados-este-%C3%B1o>

The announcement by the recently laid-off education minister Marlon Escoto to run for the post of dean at the UNAH raises suspicion.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/18/estrategia-de-joh-marlon-escoto-busca-rectoria-de-la-universidad-autonoma-de-honduras/>

<http://tiempo.hn/marlon-escoto-afirma-quiere-participar-puesto-rector-la-unah/>

After yesterday's presentation of the Barrio 18, El Pulso now presents a two-part article on the MS13 based on a report by InSight Crime.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-mara-salvatrucha-parte-1-de-2/>

<http://elpulso.hn/la-ms13-del-narcomenudeo-a-grandes-trafficantes-y-mas-alla/>

The former mayor of Valle de Ángeles was convicted of abuse of power.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/18/condenan-exalcalde-valle-angeles-abuso-autoridad/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3591-%C2%BFusted-a-qu%C3%A9-grupo-de-ciudadan%C3%ADa-pertenece?-18-abril-2017>

20/04/17

Berta - Trial; FPIC; HRDs; Journalists; Labor Unions; Femicide; MACCIH; Trans 450; Corruption; Militarization; Abortion; National Police; (Re)Elections; PAC; Public Health; UNAH; and the Right to Clean Water

It wasn't a surprise, when the initial audience was canceled in the case

against some of the accused of being involved in the assassination of Berta. The MP failed to share information with the legal representatives of Berta's family. A new date for the audience was set for the coming month. In a press release, COPINH denounces the lack of will by the Honduran government to bring justice to the case of Berta.

COPINH got support by the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous People who currently is in Honduras (see articles below). Further support came from the EU ambassador Ketil Karlsen who was present during the (short) audience.

<https://www.movimientoamplio.org/single-post/2017/04/19/Suspenden-audiencia-del-Caso-Berta-por-falta-de-informaci%C3%B3n-al-equipo-de-abogados>

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/04/el-copinh-denuncia-la-reiterada.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/durante-planton-frente-a-juzgados-defensoras-de-ddhh-claman-justicia-por-asesinato-de-berta-caceres/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/19/relatora-especial-la-onu-los-pueblos-indigenas-reitera-apoyo-familia-berta-caceres/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/embajador-de-la-ue-particip%C3%B3-como-observador-en-las-investigaciones-de-la-muerte-de-berta>

COPINH and OFRANEH met with the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous People to denounce that the government's proposal of the Prior, Free and Informed Consultation Bill violate ILO Convention 169.

A more elaborate version of their criticism can be found in a new article by OFRANEH.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/04/copinh-y-ofraneh-se-reunen-con-relatora.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/19/relatora-especial-los-pueblos-indigenas-dialoga-poblacion-lenca-honduras/>

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/04/19/el-estado-de-honduras-pnud-y-la-distorsion-de-la-consulta-previa/>

The criminalizing trial against three human rights defenders from the Zacate Grande peninsula was suspended yesterday, but is planned to continue on Saturday.

In another case, the murderer of the indigenous lenca Silvestre Manueles Gómez was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/suspenden-juicio-contra-defensores-de-zacate-grande>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/12-anos-de-carcel-para-homicida-de-indigena-lenca/>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the situation of critical journalists and social communicators in the north of Honduras. The article speaks of surveillance by state forces and intimidation.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/es/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1720-en-grave-peligro-la-vida-de-unos-50-periodistas-alternativos-del-valle-de-sula-que-no-son-cajas-de-resonancia-del-gobierno>

Two member of the STAS labor union at the transnational Fyffes company were assaulted on the way back home from a labor union meeting as an act of intimidation.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1722-honduras-no-nos-van-a-intimidar-secretario-general-de-la-subseccional-del-stas-en-fyffes-denuncia-ataque-criminal>

New criticism erupted against the Honduran state's failure to investigate cases of femicide.

According to a new report by the Women's Tribunal against Femicides, there have been 103 women murdered in the first three months of this year and tht Honduras has neither the technical and scientific capacity nor the will to investigate these cases properly.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/19/critican-indiferencia-estatal-para-esclarecer-femicidios/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/de-enero-a-marzo-de-2017-se-han-registrado-103-femicidios-en-honduras/>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1063875-410/mujeres-hondure%C3%B1as-denuncian-impunidad-en-casos-de-feminicidio>

MACCIH held a joint reunion with magistrates of Judicial Power to discuss possible cooperation mechanisms.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/19/maccih-y-poder-judicial-de-honduras-buscan-vias-de-cooperacion-contra-la-impunidad/>

El Pulso dedicates a new article to the irregularities around the Trans 450 infrastructure project.

<http://elpulso.hn/algunos-hechos-alrededor-del-proyecto-trans-450/>

The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) presented a case of corruption against a former head of ENEE to the MP.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/19/oficina-anticorrupcion-presenta-ante-ministerio-publico-denuncia-contra-exgerente-de-electrica-estatal/>

JOH continues to militarize public security, speaking of a "permanent presence" of the Military Police in the Los Pinos neighborhood. Joaquín Mejía speaks of a new National Security Doctrine.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/19/para-combatir-inseguridad-orlandismo-continua-apostando-a-la-militarizacion/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1723-el-nuevo-disfraz-de-la-doctrina-de-seguridad-beneficia-la-reeleccion-juanorlandista>

The Honduran cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez denounces a group of feminists from church circles which speak out in favor of therapeutic abortion.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/19/cardenal-hondureno-desautoriza-a-feministas-ecumenicas-a-promover-el-aborto-terapeutico/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/iglesia-cat%C3%B3lica-se-pronuncia-en-relaci%C3%B3n-la-intensi%C3%B3n-del-cn-de-despenalizar-el-aborto>

Julieta Castellanos speaks out in favor of the creation of the Bureau of Police Disciplinary Matters (DIDAPOL).

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/19/castellanos-apuesta-a-que-nuevo-investigador-de-policias-fortalezca-seguridad-ciudadana/>

As part of his reelection campaign, JOH bought 10min on TV to promote himself.

With its publication in La Gaceta, the results of the primary election

are now official.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/19/mediante-campo-pagado-joh-asegura-esta-listo-arrasar-elecciones-noviembre/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/publicada-en-el-diario-la-gaceta-la-declaratoria-oficial-de-elecciones-primarias.html>

PAC congresswoman Marlene Alvarenga brings the dispute inside PAC to a new level, by alleging that Salvador Nasralla intends to have her murdered and that God informed her about that plan... It is more likely that she is used to denigrate the political opposition in Honduras, as comments by the political analyst Mario Rivera may hint at.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/19/dios-me-lo-dijo-polemica-parlamentaria-anticorrupcion-denuncia-amenazas-de-muerte/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/la-crisis-pol%C3%ADtica-del-pac-perjudicar%C3%A1-al-bloque-opositor-seg%C3%BA-analistas>

A doctor at the University Hospital in Tegucigalpa was fired because he spoke out against the price rise for hospital services. At the same time, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved a \$50 million loan for the Honduran health sector.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/19/brindar-declaraciones-la-prensa-despiden-medico-del-hospital-escuela-universitario/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1063886-466/gran-pol%C3%A9mica-en-el-hospital-escuela-universitario-por-suspensi%C3%B3n-del-doctor-dennis>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/bid-aprueba-pr%C3%A9stamo-por-50-millones-de-d%C3%B3lares-para-el-sector-salud>

While Marlon Escoto tries to become the new dean of UNAH, an investigation into his former position as the dean of the Agriculture University uncovers "serious anomalies". Julieta Castellanos, meanwhile, claims that she doesn't seek reelection.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2218-serias-anomalias-hallan-en-gestion-de-escoto-en-universidad-agricola>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/julieta-castellanos-no-buscara-reeleccion-como-rectora-de-la-unah.html>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/04/honduras1er-monitoreo-trimestral-del.html>

21/04/17

Berta- Agua Zarca; FPIC; IHSS; MACCIH; (Re)Elections; Drug Trafficking; Abortion; Homicide Rate; Students; Deportations; and the International Day of the Peasants' Struggle

Various international human rights organizations wrote a joint letter to

the Supreme Court in Honduras in support of COPINH's petition to have the Agua Zarca project declared unconstitutional.

See Attachment

Representatives of four indigenous groups of Honduras protested outside the UN building in Tegucigalpa demanding that their proposal for the FPIC-Bill is taken into account.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/20/etnias-realizan-planton-frente-la-onu-exigiendo-participacion-elaboracion-ley-consulta-previa/>

Several newspaper report on an announcement by MACCIH about a new corruption scandal at the IHSS that is expected in the coming days. The case is involving business leaders and former state officials.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/20/honduras-pronto-conocera-caso-corrupcion-ligado-al-ihss-empresarios-vocero-la-maccih/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/nuevo-acto-de-corrupcion-muy-grande-en-ihss-anuncia-maccih.html>

MACCIH criticizes the TSC as a "bottle-neck" in some investigations of illicit enrichment.

In the coming days the report by MACCIH on its first six months of work in Honduras will be published.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/20/tsc-genera-cuello-botella-investigacion-casos-enriquecimiento-ilicito-maccih/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/20/maccih-se-congratula-en-su-primer-ano-de-trabajo/>

El Pulso speaks with Alejandro Martínez, the secretary of the TSE, about the time parties have to form alliances, independent candidates and the situation of PAC.

The former president Manuel Zelaya criticizes the position of the US and the OAS regarding the reelection campaign of JOH.

<http://elpulso.hn/alejandro-martinez-ridiculo-que-el-pac-use-un-censo-cerrado/>

<http://tiempo.hn/hoy-vencen-las-48-horas-pac/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/20/manuel-zelaya-el-presidente-de-honduras-ha-cooptado-las-instituciones/>

ConfidencialHN reports of an upcoming trial against Norma Sanabria España, who is thought to have collaborated closely with the Valle Valle drug cartel.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/20/honduras-juzgaran-a-operadores-clave-del-cartel-de-los-hermanos-valle-valle/>

Pasos de Animal Grande offers some background information on the newly flared up discussion about abortion. The article ends with the recommendation by the UN Human Rights Office in Honduras, which states that the criminalization of abortion are viewed as discriminatory and as an obstacle to women's health.

The Coalition against Impunity, speaking in the name of some 60 civil society organizations, speaks out in favor of decriminalizing therapeutic abortion.

The president of the Honduran Medical College, meanwhile, states that she is against abortion under all circumstances and she claims that this is not on religious ground but that it is a shared view of doctors in Latin America...

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1724-con-diputada-emisaria-iglesia-catolica-retoma-polemica-contr-el-aborto-y-despotrica-contr-mujeres>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/20/coalicion-la-impunidad-apoya-despenalizacion-del-aborto-terapeutico/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/20/no-podemos-venir-a-causarle-la-muerte-a-un-ser-humano-colegio-medico/>

InSight Crime highlights contradictions in the Honduran government's position on its anti-crime strategies: "On one hand, [Honduran Police Chief] Villanueva claims that the government's forceful efforts to combat crime have led to a response from criminal groups that has led to the end of the general trend of declining violence seen in recent years.

But President Hernández has in the past appeared to credit his government's heavy-handed approach for improvements in security."

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/homicides-drop-while-security-concerns-remain-honduras>

Defensores en Línea reports on an assembly by university students to form the new Federation of Honduran University Students (FEUH).

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/inauguran-congreso-nacional-universitario-recordando-al-lider-estudiantil-eduardo-becerra-lanza/>

Over 6000 Hondurans have been deported so far from the US this year.

<http://tiempo.hn/mas-seis-mil-hondurenos-deportados-ee-uu-2017/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/04/campesinos-hondurenos-exigen-que-dejen.html>

22/04/17

FPIC; HRDs; Labor Unions; PAC; Reelection; MACCIH; Abortion; Liberal Party; Private Security; and Even in Death You Are Not Safe

Both OFRANEH and COPINH denounce that they have been marginalized in the

process of drafting an FPIC law for Honduras. The whole process has been taken over by the JOH administration and according to them, the current draft violates international conventions.

Having finished her visit to Honduras, the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, presented some recommendations to the Honduran government, recommendations which Radio Progreso fears will be ignored once more.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/21/califican-ley-de-consulta-como-cortina-de-humo-para-esconder-asesinatos-de-dirigentes-indigenas/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1725-pueblos-indigenas-y-negros-exigen-participacion-en-propuesta-de-consulta-previa-libre-e-informada>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3597-comunidades-piden-a-relatora-de-la-onu-construcci%C3%B3n-transparente-de-ley-de-consulta-previa>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/honduras-se-compromete-con-onu-promover-derechos-de-ind%C3%ADgenas>

Defensores en Línea reports on the irregularities in the criminalizing trial of three human rights defenders in Zacate Grande.

Pasos de Animal Grande highlights various shortcomings in the initial audience against a police agent who violently mistreated the journalist Dunia Montoya in 2015.

Meanwhile in Tegucigalpa, human rights sub-secretary Norma Allegra Cerrato lauds the protection mechanism for human rights defenders.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/casamiento-judicial-alarga-juicio-contra-campesinos-en-zacate-grande/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1727-con-muchas-falencias-se-llevara-a-cabo-la-audiencia-inicial-en-el-caso-de-la-periodista-dunia-montoya>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/sistema-nacional-de-protecci%C3%B3n-para-personas-defensoras-de-derechos-humanos-present%C3%B3>

There are now two articles in English on the recent violent attacks against labor leaders at the international company Fyffes.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1704/S00045/fyffes-union-leader-in-honduras-escapes-murder-attempt.htm>

<https://www.solidaritycenter.org/honduran-worker-rights-activists-face-rising-violence/>

Knowing about the possible repercussions of their decision, it seems as if the TSE is preparing the ground with soothing arguments to forbid PAC's participation at the General Elections. PAC congressman Walter Alex Banegas tries to stop this by demanding from the TSE to hold the primary elections on May 7 and not only on May 21, which would make discussions regarding joint strategies of the political opposition almost impossible.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/21/tribunal-electoral-asegura-que-durante-un-ano-intento-destrabar-crisis-del-pac/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/diputado-banegas-pide-adelantar-elecciones-internas-del-pac-para-el-7-de-mayo.html>

The former president of the private business lobby COHEP opposes the reelection by JOH and according to her, a lot of bussineswo/men feel the same but stay quiet. JOH, meanwhile, claims that he only wants to be reelected once.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/21/reeleccion-se-le-podria-revertir-joh-juliette-handal/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/juan-orlando-hernandez-no-correra-por-tercer-mandato.html>

ConfidencialHN reports on a possible collaboration between MACCIH and CICIG in Guatemala.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/21/maccih-y-cicig-apuestan-por-una-plataforma-anticorrupcion-en-honduras-y-guatemala/>

The president of the Obstetricians and Gynecologists Association criticizes the current definition of abortion in the Honduran Constitution as unscientific and she speaks out in favor of a referendum on the decriminalization of the therapeutic abortion. Natalia Lozano of the human rights organization CIPRODEH underlines the potential of the therapeutic abortion to save the lives of pregnant women with high risk pregnancies. El Pulso, meanwhile, choses an artistic approach to the current abortion debate in Honduras. And it causes no surprise that the Evangelical Confraternity opposes abortions under all circumstances.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/21/actual-concepto-de-aborto-en-la-constitucion-no-es-cientifico-presidenta-de-ginecologos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/21/implementacion-de-aborto-terapeutico-ayudara-a-salvar-vidas-de-mujeres-con-embarazos-de-alto-riesgo/>

<http://elpulso.hn/aborto-un-cuento-que-no-es-cuento/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/21/30201/>

A city council member of the Liberal Party was arrested for selling marijuana and the illegal carrying of a fire arm.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/21/arrestan-a-regidor-liberal-por-vender-marihuana-y-portacion-ilegal-de-armas/>

A part of the widely covered creation of the Bureau of Police Disciplinary Matters (DIDAPOL), Congress also created the Bureau for Controlling Private Security Services. PINU congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez fears that this is a first step to privatize the Municipal Police.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3598-congreso-nacional-aprueba-creaci%C3%B3n-de-la-direcci%C3%B3n-de-asuntos-disciplinarios-policiales>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/estado-de-honduras-desafia-a-la-corte-interamericana/>

23/04/17

ZEDE; FPIC; Private Security; Reelection; MACCIH; Drinking Water; and the Gutiérrez Family

It has been quite for some time about the ZEDes, or Charter Cities, but

now El Faro published an in-depth article on what is at stakes.

<https://elfaro.net/es/201704/centroamerica/20283/honduras-y-su-experimento-libertario-en-el-golfo-de-fonseca.htm>

The UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, finished her visit to Honduras with a press release.

See Attachment

Nationalist congressman David Chávez will fill a motion to establish a mandatory register for private security firms in Honduras.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/22/denuncian-que-empresas-de-seguridad-privada-son-controladas-por-el-crimen/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/varias-empresas-de-seguridad-privada-estan-en-manos-de-miembros-del-crimen-organizado-david-chavez.html>

If further proof were needed to show how much of a political actor the evangelical churches in Honduras are, here it is: the president of the Evangelical Confraternity, Roy Santos, fully endorsed JOH, claiming that god put him there. He, furthermore, denounces Manuel Zelaya because he has a pact with the devil.

<http://tiempo.hn/presidente-de-la-confraternidad-de-pastores-evangelicos-por-los-designios-de-dios-joh-sera-reelecto-como-presidente/>

Radio Progreso has some (quaint) hope, that MACCIH will live up to its own declarations in its second year in Honduras.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3600-primer-a%C3%B1o-de-la-maccih-22-abril-2017>

Of the 298 municipalities in Honduras, 240 have problems with access to drinking water for its inhabitants.

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1064798-410/unos-240-municipios-tienen-problemas-por-falta-de-agua>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/22/evacuaran-pruebas-sobre-supuesta-el-asesinato-del-defensor-de-la-familia-gutierrez/>

24/04/17

Corruption; Abortion; Minimum Wage; Political Opposition; Party Finances; National Police; Deportations; and Decommissioning Cows

Honduras fails once more to qualify for the US' Millennium Challenge

Account. Most notably, its score in the "Control of Corruption" index

hasn't improved at all.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/23/honduras-nuevamente-la-cuenta-del-milenio/>

<http://tiempo.hn/honduras-descalificada-otra-vez-la-cuenta-del-milenio-corrupcion/>

Radio HRN campaigns against the decriminalization of abortion. They claim that 3350 women lose their lives in Honduras due to the consequences of abortion.

According to the WHO, 220 per 100'000 unsafe abortion lead to death. If above numbers from Honduras are correct, it would mean that 1'522'727 abortions would take place in Honduras every year. In 2001 Honduras had about 1'500'000 women between 14-44 years of age. Even though this number is probably higher right now, it seems that things don't match up.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/un-promedio-de-3350-mujeres-pierden-la-vida-consecuencias-de-abortos-en-el-pa%C3%ADs>

http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/unsafe_abortion/induced_abortion_2012.pdf

http://www.derechosdelamujer.org/tl_files/documentos/estadisticas/doc_estadisticas_2.pdf

Labor unions protest against the government's unwillingness to control that the minimum wage is paid by companies in Honduras.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/04/empresarios-hondurenos-incumplen-con.html>

PAC held its general assembly this weekend.

During the event, PAC decided to be part of the alliance of the political opposition. Furthermore, they decided that Salvador Nasralla would be the presidential candidate of PINU if the TSE weren't to accept their newly elected board.

The Liberal Party will decide on May 5, if they become part of the political alliance.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/23/pac-asamblea-elige-nueva-junta-directiva-confirma-alianza-partidaria/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/23/confirmado-si-autoridad-electoral-rechaza-nueva-directiva-del-pac-nasralla-sera-candidato-presidencial-del-pinu/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/segun-eduardo-martell-en-convencion-se-definira-si-el-partido-liberal-establece-alianza-politica.html>

The TSE will collaborate with MACCIH to implement the bill to control party finances.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/04/23/tse-maccih-trabajan-la-unidad-fiscalizacion/>

Two police officers are under investigation for accepting bribes in the form of weapons and money.

<http://tiempo.hn/investigacion-dos-policias-aceptar-armas-dinero-soborno/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/suspenden-a-dos-policias-sospechosos-de-los-delitos-de-hurto-y-cohecho.html>

According to El Tiempo, Central American governments fear a wave of deportations of gang members from the US to Central America.

<http://tiempo.hn/deportaciones-de-pandilleros-centroamerica/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/23/oabi-recibe-109-cabezas-ganado-decomisadas-la-mosquitia/>

25/04/17

Political Opposition; (Re)Elections; National Police; HRDs; Corruption; Trans 450; Public Health; Abortion; Judicial Power; Extradition; Mining; Informal Work; Fuel Prices; Communitarian Media; Penitentiary System; Organized Crime; and Marlon and Donald

As expected, the TSE won't recognize the results of the general assembly

held by PAC last weekend. And in the most cynical way possible, to make its real intentions even clearer, the TSE advanced at the same time the inscription date for political alliances to May 17 - making it now impossible for the political opposition to form an alliance (the TSE set the date for the PAC primary election to May 22).

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/24/tse-declara-ilegal-la-asamblea-del-pac/>

The TSE published the list of the 48 final candidates for heading the Finance, Transparency and Oversight Unit, which is part of the new bill intended to regulate party financing.

But at the same time, CESPAD expresses doubt that the bill, as was already the case with the primary elections, won't be implemented in time for the general elections. As always, the question is "cui bono"?

The same question applies to the newest proposals to change the electoral process.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/24/cierran-postulacion-aspirantes-fiscalizadores-las-campanas-los-partidos-politicos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/24/elecciones-generales-podrian-celebrarse-sin-entrar-vigencia-la-ley-financiamiento-las-campanas-politicas/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/no-se-pueden-cambiar-las-reglas-del-juego-tan-cerca-del-proceso-electoral-yuri-sabas.html>

The press speaker of the National Police admitted that a lot of weapons of the police force ended up in the hands of private security companies.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/policia-reconoce-que-armas-oficiales-han-ido-a-parar-a-companias-privadas-de-seguridad.html>

Pasos de Animal Grande continues to cover the trial against the police agent who attacked the journalist Dunia Montoya in 2015.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1728-echan-a-andar-juego-macabro-para-obstruir-la-justicia-a-la-periodista-dunia-montoya>

According to the TSC's president José Juan Pineda, an international expert on investigating illicit enrichment will support them in their investigation of various police officials.

In the same press conference, Pineda almost couldn't stop praising the work of the TSC.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/24/cuenta-del-milenio-podria-enviar-a-honduras-un-evaluador-policia-internacional/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/24/organo-contralor-se-felicita-por-investigaciones-relampago-de-policias/>

The problem with that storyline is evident, when looking at the Trans 450 infrastructure project. Pineda won't accept that he and his institution made any mistake and he even tries to turn the attention towards the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) which audited the project. Radio Progreso published more details on the case in a new article.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/24/magistrado-anticorrupcion-manda-a-periodistas-preguntarle-al-bid-sobre-trans450/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3602-una-posible-red-de-corrupcion-rodea-el-proyecto-trans-450-en-tegucigalpa>

Transparency International's representative in Honduras, Carlos Hernández, raises serious questions about irregularities at the University Hospital.

ConfidencialHN lists some of the irregularities.

The former Cohep president Adolfo Facussé also ways in by criticizing the government for breaking social security (in the form of the IHSS) and then demands from the University Hospital to pick up the pieces, which resulted in higher, unfavorable prices for services.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/24/porque-con-todas-sus-deficiencias-el-hospital-escuela-tiene-remanentes-en-su-presupuesto/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/24/hospital-escuela-cobra-caro-al-ihss-por-usar-maquina-laser-donada-por-fundacion-de-ee-uu/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/24/no-me-importa-si-son-empleados-del-partido-en-el-poder-los-ladrones-deben-ser-juzgados/>

Defensores en Línea reports on the proposal by Somos Muchas and the Articulation 611, both networks of human and women's rights organization, regarding the abortion debate.

Hiding behind the label of "Christian Humanism", the National Party, meanwhile, opposes decriminalizing any form of abortion.

At the same time, the priest Ana Ruth García speaks out in favor of the therapeutic abortion.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/sin-propuestas-no-lancen-piedras-en-tema-del-aborto/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/24/nacionalistas-votaran-despenalizar-aborto/>

<http://tiempo.hn/pastora-hondurena-defiende-aborto-basandose-la-biblia/>

ConexiHon reports on irregularities in the trial of Rigoberto Paredes Vélez, who is accused of murdering the lawyer Eduardo Montes. According to Paredes Vélez' lawyers, the MP hid evidence from them.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/ministerio-publico-oculta-pruebas-defensa-de-rigoberto-paredes-velez>

The Supreme Court's president Rolando Argueta revealed yesterday that the US requested the extradition of 33 Honduran citizens allegedly involved with drug trafficking.

Between 2014 and the present day, Honduras has extradited 19 Hondurans to the US.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/24/poder-judicial-33-extradiciones-pendientes/>

<http://tiempo.hn/de-2014-a-la-fecha-se-han-extraditado-unos-19-hondurenos-hacia-los-ee-uu/>

El Heraldo published an Op-Ed commenting on the opposition against open pit mining in Honduras.

And in Guatemala Rodrigo Tot, an indigenous campesino opposing mining, was awarded the Goldman Prize for the Environment 2017.

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3602-una-posible-red-de-corrupcion-rodea-el-proyecto-trans-450-en-tegucigalpa>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/24/campesino-indigena-guatemalteco-opuesto-la-mineria-gana-premio-goldman/>

El Pulso reports on the Honduran labor market with a focus on the unstable/informal labor relations that constitute a big part of it.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-explotacion-laboral-desde-adentro/>

Former Cohep president Juliette Handal denounces the formula with which Honduran authorities calculate the fuel prices. It goes back to

Micheletti in 2009, who made changes to the formula to raise the profits of the importers.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/24/expresidenta-de-empresarios-cuestiona-elevados-precios-de-los-combustibles/>

COFADEH's Bertha Oliva held a speech on the challenges faced by communitarian media in Honduras.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/bertha-oliva-plantea-grandes-desafios-a-los-medios-comunitarios-de-honduras/>

Conadeh published a report on the deficiencies of the Honduran penitentiary system.

<http://tiempo.hn/violacion-de-derechos-en-centros-penitenciarios-del-pais/>

The countries of the Northern Triangle presented the Fortress Plan for a joint combat against drug trafficking, organized crime, gangs and human trafficking.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/centroamerica-se-blinda-contra-las-maras-y-los-narcos-con-el-plan-fortaleza.html>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1065336-466/embajador-de-honduras-en-estados-unidos-marlon-t%C3%A1bora-se-re%C3%BAne-con-presidente>

26/04/17

Abortion; Impunity; Public Health; IHSS; Penal Code; Private Security; Penitentiary System; UNAH; Education; and Change so that Nothing Changes

Congress will debate today the decriminalization of therapeutic

abortion. Both the National and the Liberal Party oppose it. And what has become a horrible custom in these discussion, there is also in Honduras the insinuation that its somehow the woman's fault to be violated.

The civil society platform Somos Muchas published a further press release on the occasion.

According to Criterio, the peaceful protesters were attacked by anti-abortionist groups.

And the evangelical churches continue to make politics. One of its leaders claims that a "foreign agenda" is trying to impose with a lot of money abortion, same-sex marriage and more on Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/25/liberales-linea-nacionalistas-despenalizar-aborto/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2225-hay-que-ver-tambien-porque-las-violan-a-las-mujeres-diputada-nacionalista>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/somos-muchas-ante-inminente-discusion-sobre-la-despenalizacion-del-aborto-en-el-nuevo-codigo-penal/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/penalizar-el-aborto-es-una-violacion-derechos-de-mujeres-hondurenas-advierten-defensoras>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/25/antibortistas-supuestamente-nacionalistas-agreden-grupos-pro-aborto-terapeutico/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/25/pastor-asegura-que-una-minoria-con-mucho-dinero-intenta-imponer-agendas-extranjeras/>

Radio Progreso denounces that the murder of journalist Herlyn Espinal in

October 2014 remains unpunished.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3603-asesinato-de-herlyn-espinal-sigue-sin-aclararse-despu%C3%A9s-de-m%C3%A1s-de-dos-a%C3%B1os>

About a week ago, the president of the Doctors' Association of the University Hospital Dennis Rigoberto Chirinos Santos was suspended because he opposed price rises for basic health services. Now he even receives death threats.

Not wanting to leave his patients without medical care, doctor Chirinos Santos continues to attend them in an improvised medical center.

At the same time, the protest against the price rises continue.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/m%C3%A9dico-suspendido-por-dar-declaraciones-recibe-amenazas>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/04/honduras-doctor-dennis-chirinos-atiende.html>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2226-ilegal-cualquier-cobro-que-hace-el-hospital-escuela-convergencia-ciudadana>

The MP announced, once more, new lines of investigation in the IHSS case.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/25/abren-nuevas-lineas-investigacion-droguerias-suplen-ihss/>

The resistance against the new Penal Code hasn't broken down, as can be seen by a new press release by the Articulation 611, a network of some 50 Honduran human rights organizations.

Meanwhile, Congress continues to approve new articles step by step.

Yesterday, the topics were cruel, inhuman and degrading behavior and kidnapping, but also begging and artificial insemination.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/con-mas-de-50-organizaciones-la-articulacion-611-rechaza-pretendidas-reformas-al-codigo-penal/>

<http://tiempo.hn/congreso-aprueba-leyes-favor-mendigos-esclavos-ancianos/>

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, also demands a better control of private security firms. In the same article, he also comments on the need to certify the members of the Municipal Police.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/25/companias-seguridad-privada-no-tienen-corona-deben-controladas-omar-rivera/>

The number of inmates in Honduras has increased by almost 1100 in just one year. There are now almost 18'100 people incarcerated in Honduras, of which only about 8'500 have been sentenced.

In a surprise move, 378 inmates were transferred to the new "El Pozo" prison.

<http://tiempo.hn/mas-mil-nuevos-presos-las-carceles-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/25/trasladan-por-sorpresa-a-casi-400-reos-a-la-carcel-el-pozo-en-santa-barbara-honduras/>

Javier Suazo continues to analyze the decentralization debate in Honduras.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/185016>

The Education Secretariat is currently evaluating its politics regarding the automatic promotion from one class to the next in primary school as well as how to calculate the final marks.

At the same time, protests by students demanding a change to the evaluation system were repressed by the police.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/25/autoridades-educativas-analizaran-si-es-prudente-regresar-a-la-metodologia-escoto/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/25/reprimen-a-estudiantes-que-reclaman-nueva-metodologia-de-evaluacion-educativa/>

Intellectual and STIBYS president Carlos H. Reyes published an analysis of the current state of Honduras.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/pinceladas-sobre-la-realidad-nacional/>

27/04/17

Journalists; Abortion; Students; Homicide Rate; Corruption; Trans 450; Drug Trafficking; Public Health; Mayors;

The National Transparency (!) Minister, Renán Sagastume, attacked the

media outlet Criterio for reporting on Honduras' ill-fate for accessing the US' Millenium Challenge Funds. He claimed that the results weren't out yet just to concede minutes later that they had been published but that he hadn't had the time to read it...

The date has been set for the criminalizing trial of journalist Armando Villanueva. This November he faces charges by the Nationalist congressman accusing him of defamation.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/26/renan-sagastume-arremete-criterio-publicar-la-verdad-la-cuenta-del-milenio/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/26/en-noviembre-sera-enjuiciado-el-periodista-armando-villanueva-por-calumniar-a-diputado-nacionalista/>

El Pulso offers some historic background on the abortion debate (e.g. that is was part of the 1982 constitution, but pressure by churches and conservative groups led to the withdrawal of the corresponding articles). Part of the article is an interview with the feminist, writer Jessica Sanchez and the historian Anarella Vélez.

Libre presidential candidate Xiomara Castro demands a plebiscite on the question.

C-Libre denounces the recent attacks by anti-abortionists against a protest by Somos Muchas.

Women's organizations denounce that the attackers were sent by the National Party.

<http://elpulso.hn/ganar-perdiendo-en-el-debate-del-aborto/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/26/xiomara-propone-un-plebiscito-para-consultar-a-los-hondurenos-sobre-la-despenalizacion-del-aborto/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/turba-pro-gobierno-agrede-mujeres-que-se-manifestaban-favor-de-la-despenalizacion-del-aborto>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1730-mujeres-denuncian-que-partido-nacional-y-gobierno-de-joh-les-enviaron-turba-para-agredirlas>

Secondary school students protested on Tuesday in front of the Caa Presidencial. The protest was repressed by the police and five students (all minors) were arrested. CIPRODEH presented a habeas corpus in favor of them.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/detencion-en-lugar-de-dialogo-reciben-estudiantes-luego-de-represion-frente-casa-presidencial>

<http://tiempo.hn/habeas-corpus-presentan-estudiantes-detenido-protesta-tegucigalpa/>

According to UNAH's Violence Observatory the homicide rate dropped to 12 per day in the first three months of 2017 in comparison to 14 in 2016. PAC president Nasralla finds it too convenient that the numbers are published just a day after the announcement that Honduras once more

stays out of the US' Millennium Challenge Fund.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/ov-unah-confirma-baja-en-homicidios-en-primer-trimestre-y-destaca-que-en-abril-no-hay-masacres.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/existe-intencion-de-arreglo-si-tse-y-pac-quedan-contentos-es-bueno-para-democracia-nasralla.html>

The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) questions the lack of interest by the MP. According to the CNA's president Gabriela Castellanos, they presented more than 60 lines of investigation to the MP and there are 11 requests for prosecution that await a response.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/26/jefa-de-oficina-anticorrupcion-cuestiona-lentitud-del-ministerio-publico/>

El Pulso reports from the press conference on the irregularities regarding the Trans 450 infrastructure project and the article reproduces the questions to TSC president José Juan Pineda.

<http://elpulso.hn/jose-juan-pineda-la-corrupcion-se-combate-poniendo-control/>

In the Operation Styx the Honduran government is currently seizing houses of persons with possible links to drug trafficking.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/26/prosigue-masiva-incautacion-de-viviendas-en-honduras/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/26/operacion-estigia-tercer-dia-sigue-asegurando-lujosas-viviendas/>

Doctor Dennis Chirinos, who has been suspended from the University Hospital for opposing price rises to health services, now filed a complaint against the coordinator of the board of directors, Elsa Palou.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/26/querellan-a-jefa-medica-del-hospital-escuela-por-andar-calumniando-al-doctor-chirinos/>

The three-times mayor for the National Party in Juticalpa, Olancho, Ramón Sarmiento, was found guilty of various crimes.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/26/condenan-alcalde-juticalpa-ramon-sarmiento/>

28/04/17

Impunity; Political Opposition; Abortion; HRDs; Airports; Migration; Inequality; Public Debt; Mayors; Remittances; Labor Market; Transparency; and 220 Years of Resistance

According to CONADEH's 2016 report, more than 10'000 people denounced

violations of their human rights and 89% of them belong to vulnerable groups. At the same time impunity reigns in most of these cases and according to CONADEH, it is impunity itself which increases human rights violations even more.

<http://tiempo.hn/conadeh-en-honduras-nueve-de-cada-diez-delitos-queda-en-impunidad/>

Liberal presidential candidate Luis Zelaya won't decide yet if he joins the alliance by the political opposition.

But the head of the Liberal Party in Congress already demands that Luis Zelaya would be the presidential candidate, if they were to join the alliance.

Libre president Manuel Zelaya called out to Luis Zelaya to join the oppositional alliance, but without any preconditions.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/miedo-reflejan-los-que-adelantan-fechas-para-definir-alianzas-de-oposicion-asegura-luis-zelaya.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/27/tenemos-un-candidato-de-lujo-como-luis-no-podemos-ceder-su-candidatura/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/27/expresidente-manuel-zelaya-llama-nuevamente-luis-zelaya-unirse-la-alianza/>

CONADEH joins the abortion debate with a press release.

See Attachment

Human rights organization published a press release in La Prensa in support of the human rights defender Suyapa Martínez.

See Attachment

The Honduran government made a deal in the past with the Spanish airline Air Europa to pay for the line San Pedro Sula Madrid. According to CONfidencialHN, this results in payments of over 120 million Lempiras per year by the Honduran government to Air Europe for one flight per week.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/27/joh-hace-negocios-con-aerolinea-acusada-por-fraude-en-espana-y-tiene-que-pagarle-126-millones/>

ERIC held together with the vice-dean of the UNAH and the Latin American Social Sciences Institute a two-day conference on migration in Honduras.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3609-academia-se-re%C3%BAna-para-estudiar-reflexionar-y-actuar-sobre-fen%C3%B3meno-migratorio-en-honduras>

The Central American Institute for Fiscal Studies (ICEFI) and the Association of Technical, Legal and Economic Services (SETELEC) found that the Honduran government succeeded in lowering the fiscal deficit but only by raising inequality, e.g. increased tax incomes came mostly from indirect taxes such as VAT which affect the poor more.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/27/honduras-ha-reducido-deficit-fiscal-costa-aumentar-las-desigualdades/>

Given the above-mentioned reality of an unequal society, it doesn't help if the social program trying to combat this, doesn't help. This is denounced by the economist Ana Ortega who claims that the "Bono 10 Mil" program only raises debts in Honduras and doesn't lower poverty.

<http://tiempo.hn/ana-ortega-bono-10-mil-solo-incrementa-la-deuda-honduras/>

The MP is investigating possible acts of corruption at the mayoralty in El Negrito, Yoro.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/27/ministerio-publico-investiga-supuestos-corrupcion-alcaldia-negrito-yoro/>

A debate has broken out about the taxation of remittances both in Honduras as in the US.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/27/inmigrantes-pagaran-doble-impuesto-remesas/>

EU ambassador Ketil Karlsen announced that the EU will invest some €80 million to generate employment in Honduras.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/ue-destina-80-millones-de-euros-para-generaci%C3%B3n-de-empleos-en-el-pa%C3%ADs>

74 out of 194 Honduran institution audited by the Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP) failed.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1066082-466/instituto-de-acceso-a-la-informaci%C3%B3n-p%C3%BAblica-hay-74-instituciones-aplazadas-en>

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/04/27/honduras-220-anos-de-resistencia-y-la-sobrevivencia-de-la-matrifocalidad-del-pueblo-garifuna/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/27/honduras-la-resistencia-la-matrifocalidad-del-pueblo-garifuna/>

29/04/17

HRDs; Hydroelectricity; Abortion; Garífunas; Bajo Aguán; Berta - DESA; Drug Trafficking; Judicial Power; Toll Booths; Forced Disappearance; (Re)Elections; Public Health; Air Europe; Penitentiary System; Mayors; and the Evangelical Churches in Honduras

The indigenous leader Carlos Eduardo López was arrested yesterday

morning in San Pedro de Tutule, La Paz. COFADEH denounces the arbitrary arrest as a sign of discrimination and judicial racism.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/detencion-arbitraria-de-lider-indigena-en-la-paz-confirma-discriminacion-y-racismo-judicial/>

Radio Progreso reports on increased harassment of communities and their inhabitants who oppose the HIDROCEP hydroelectricity project by business man Jason Hawit Bueso.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3613-incrementa-hostigamiento-a-comunidades-de-tela-que-lucha-contra-hidroel%C3%A9ctrica>

"Honduras must allow wider scope for legal abortions in new legislation due to be put to the country's parliament, so that women and girls can enjoy their full human rights to sexual and reproductive health, UN experts* have urged."

Libre, meanwhile, thinks about proposing a motion to have the anti-contraceptive emergency pill legalized.

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21549&LangID=E>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/ante-nuevo-codigo-penal-honduras-tiene-la-oportunidad-de-garantizar-derechos-de-mujeres>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3610-el-aborto-%C2%BFproblema-pol%C3%ADtico-religioso-o-cultural?-28-abril-2017>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/bancada-de-libre-analiza-proponer-legalizar-la-pildora-del-dia-despues.html>

As part of the "Responsible Tourism, Human Rights and Decent Work" project, Giorgio Trucchi published a report on the effects of big tourism projects on the Garífuna communities in Honduras.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/185131>

Defensores en Línea reports on a new wave of criminalization in the Bajo Aguán. On March 24 an arrest warrant against several campesinxs appeared, among them beneficiaries of special protection measures granted by the IACHR.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/libran-orden-de-capturas-contra-lideres-campesinos-del-aguan/>

The MP seized documents related to DESA and Agua Zarta at the National Electric Energy Company (ENEE) and the environment secretariat MiAmbiente.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/28/secuestran-documentos-relacionados-al-caso-des-a-agua-zarcar/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/28/ministerio-publico-secuestra-documentacion-la-secretaria-ambiente/>

The MP and ATIC also conducted widespread investigations into several state institutions in the Los Cachiros case.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/28/ministerio-publico-sigue-secuestrando-informacion-relacionada-con-los-cachiros/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/28/fiscales-secuestran-documentacion-tribunal-superior-cuentas/>

As part of the same operation that led to the above-mentioned raids, the MP and ATIC are investigating employees of the judicial sector for abuse of authority, bribery and subtraction of evidence.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/investigacion-operadores-de-justicia-por-abuso-de-autoridad-cohecho-y-sustracci%C3%B3n-de>

Pasos de Animal Grande published an article on the women who keep up the protest against the toll booths in EL Progreso.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1731-el-coraje-de-las-mujeres-progresenas-mantiene-vivo-el-campamento-permanente-contra-el-peaje>

Several human rights organizations from Latin America formed the Latin-American Network against Forced Disappearances.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/proclama-de-constitucion-red-latinoamericana-contra-desapariciones-forzadas/>

It seems as the TSE wants to confuse everyone on purpose. After last week's announcement that political alliances must be inscribed by May 17, the TSE now says that it is May 25 after all. The president's secretary Reinaldo Sánchez resigned from his post to take over the position of Secretary General of the National Party and to run for Congress.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/04/28/erick-rodriguez-plazo-inscripcion-las-alianzas-termina-25-mayo/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/04/28/renuncia-ministro-la-presidencia-trabajar-llevo-la-reeleccion/>

The Honduran Medical College (CMH) criticizes a recent statement by Health Secretary Delia Rivas, who claimed that Honduras is lacking medical personnel. According to CMH there are currently 6000 general practitioners and specialists without a job in Honduras.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/28/primer-reves-del-vuelo-de-air-europa-detienen-a-hondurenos-en-aeropuerto-de-madrid/>

The problems with Air Europe continues ((see yesterday's news roundup)). On the first flight from San Pedro Sula to Madrid, several Hondurans were stopped by the migration office and weren't allowed to enter Spain.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/28/primer-reves-del-vuelo-de-air-europa-detienen-a-hondurenos-en-aeropuerto-de-madrid/>

Some 30 supposed gang members escaped from the juvenile prison Renaciendo.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/04/28/se-fugan-30-miembros-de-la-mara-18-y-los-chirizos-de-carcel-juvenil-en-honduras/>

Libre congressman Denis Sánchez wants to introduce a term limit for mayors.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/diputado-sanchez-mocionara-para-que-alcaldes-solo-sean-reelectos-por-dos-periodos.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/salud-y-sociedad/5-salud-y-sociedad/evangelicos-crecieron-50-por-ciento-los-ultimos-anos.html>