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Penitentiary System; Social Cohesion; National Party; Corruption; National Police; Security; Political Reform; Journalists; Eviction; Opposition Alliance; Human Rights; IMF; and Indigenous Women and their Right to Land

Prison authorities identified no less than 2000 inmates with more than one name. José Virgilio Sánchez Montoya called "Pechocho is one of them. He is sentenced to 500 years in prison, but the police just captured him this week in San Pedro Sula, while someone else with his name was sitting in the El Pozo prison.

Luis Chávez shares his artistic comment about this with us.

<http://elpulso.hn/autoridades-penitenciarias-identificaron-2000-privados-de-libertad-que-tenian-varios-nombres/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/01/desmienten-al-instituto-penitenciario-por-captura-del-pandillero-el-pechocho/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1076256-466/honduras-con-huellas-dactilares-confirman-que-pechocho-s-%C3%AD-es-el-pandillero-enviado>

<https://hondurasculturepolitics.blogspot.ch/2017/05/honduran-prisoner-leaves-prison-no-one.html>

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

Pasos de Animal Grande spoke with several experts about the death of four Hondurans at the National Stadium and how it and its aftermath manifested the rupture in the social cohesion of Honduras.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1758-ante-muertes-en-el-estadio-nacional-segun-especialistas-la-sociedad-no-se-encuentra-cohesionada-y-ha-sufrido-una-ruptura-del-tejido-social>

Businessman John Charles Bográn was sentenced for his participation in the IHSS corruption case. Now ConfidencialHN publishes a contribution certificate signed by JOH which shows that he paid 20 million Lempiras to the National Party for the 2013 election.

And in the presence, the president of the National Party's Central Committee Reinaldo Sánchez claims that transparency in the coming elections is of great interest to them.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/01/empresario-condenado-por-mega fraude-al-ihss-aporto-dinero-para-la-campana-de-juan-hernandez/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/01/revelan-que-corriente-azules-unidos-de-juan-hernandez-recibio-dinero-del-mega fraude-al-ihss/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/somos-los-principales-interesados-que-las-proximas-elecciones-sean-transparentes-reinaldo-sanchez.html>

ATIC seized documents at the Health Secretariat two days ago. Now El Pulso reports that they have started investigating its purchases back to the year 2008.

<http://elpulso.hn/atic-investiga-compras-de-salud-desde-2008/>

The MACCIH presents 14 recommendations for the new Organic Law for the National Police Force, among them it highlights the importance of a community police force.

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, believes that most of the recommendations are already part of the new law.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/01/maccih-presenta-14-recomendaciones-ley-organica-la-policia-nacional/>

<http://tiempo.hn/maccih-apoya-depuracion-y-transformacion-de-nueva-policia-nacional/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/01/recomendaciones-la-maccih-ya-están-incluidas-la-ley-organica-la-policia-omar-rivera/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/esencia-de-recomendaciones-de-maccih-contenidas-en-ley-de-policia-se-defienden-depuradores.html>

El Pulso republishes an article by the International Crisis Group on the failed security policy in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-deja-vu-de-las-politicas-de-seguridad-en-honduras/>

UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos critically comments on the Clean Politics Act.

<http://elpulso.hn/julieta-castellanos-si-la-ley-no-se-cumple-no-sirve-de-nada/>

The cameraman of Televisión, René Alberto Ortega, was gravely hurt in an attack in Tegucigalpa. He was shot 6 times, but wasn't robbed. At the UN level, meanwhile, new measures are presented to improve the security of journalists.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/camar%C3%B3grafo-de-televisión-gravemente-herido-en-atentado>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1759-la-onu-anuncio-canal-para-promover-la-proteccion-de-periodistas-en-todo-el-mundo>

At least 60 families were evicted in Agua Prieta in the north of Honduras. El Libertador writes of 80 poor families that were evicted and seven men arrested for opposing it.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/06/es-esta-la-vida-mejor-que-pregona-el.html>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2290-justicia-hondurena-deja-sin-techo-80-familias-empobrecidas>

Chaco de la Pitoreta calls for an alliance for Honduras, not an alliance for power.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/shortcodes/accordion/item/3675-una-alianza-por-el-pa%C3%ADs-no-por-el-poder>

28 Honduran human rights organizations greet the reopening of the Human Rights Secretariat, which had been downgraded by JOH some 3 years ago.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/01/mesa-interlocucion-los-derechos-humanos-ve-buenos-ojos-reapertura-la-secretaria-dd-hh/>

The IMF is "satisfied" with Honduras...

<http://tiempo.hn/fmi-se-siente-satisfecho-fortalecimiento-la-economia-hondurena/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/06/01/wifredo-cerrato-honduras-se-gana-la-confianza-del-fmi/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/01/estudios-revelan-mujeres-indigenas-no-tienen-asegurado-derecho-la-tierra/>

02/06/17

IHSS; MACCIH; Hydroelectricity; Criminalization; Labor Rights; Judicial Power; Mining; Canada; National Party; UNAH; RNP; Aguán; ENEE; SWAT; and How Trump's Environmental Policy Undermines LatAm Security

The lawyer of José Ramón Bertetti, who is accused for participating in the IHSS corruption case, told Radio Globo that the mother of Deputy

Attorney General Rigoberto Cuéllar received stolen money from the IHSS. The trial in the sub-case of the fake companies to hand out money continues on Monday.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/02/madre-del-fiscal-adjunto-de-honduras-recibio-dinero-del-megafraude-contr-el-ihss/>

<http://tiempo.hn/juicios-empresas-fantasmas-del-ihss-continua-lunes/>

The MACCIH states that the investigation into the IHSS case continue and there will be new lines of investigation. Ciprodeh's president Wilfredo Méndez criticizes that the MACCIH still doesn't go after "mayors, presidents and high officials." OAS's president Luis Almagro comments on the rising pressure against the MACCIH. Luis Zelaya, Liberal presidential candidate, promises more support for the MACCIH if he wins.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/02/trabajos-investigacion-caso-del-ihss-siguen-dice-vocero-la-maccih/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/02/si-maccih-no-presenta-resultados-en-combate-a-la-corrupcion-sera-mejor-que-se-marchen/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/02/almagro-presagia-aumento-presiones-la-maccih-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/luis-zelaya-promete-colmillos-a-la-maccih-si-lo-eligen-presidente-de-honduras.html>

In Atlántida, there are currently two permanent protest camps against hydroelectric projects, one in the Pajiles sector in Tela, the other in Arizona.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3678-atl%C3%A1ntida-se-resiste-a-entregar-sus-fuentes-de-agua>

In the criminalizing trial against three human rights defender from Zacate Grande, the court will announce the individual sentences on June 20.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/el-20-de-junio-tribunal-de-sentencia-individualizara-la-pena-contr-defensores-de-la-tierra-de-zacate-grande/>

Radio Progreso reports on labor struggles at Delta Apparel Honduras, where in April 25 workers were fired after they had qualified for health benefits for severe occupational diseases.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3680-%E2%80%9Cnos-despidieron-porque-ya-nos-explotaron%E2%80%9D-denuncian-obreras-de-maquila-en-honduras>

Defensores en Línea reports how the Honduran Judicial System ignored both expert recommendations by the UN Human Rights Office in Honduras and the will of the family of the victim in the case of Juan Humberto Sánchez.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/caso-juan-humberto-sanchez-tribunal-rechaza-participacion-de-perita-experta-en-ddhh/>

Radio Progreso published a video on mining activities in Macuelizo, Santa Barbara. A Canadian mining firm left the place without taking care of mining tailings and the community now faces a health hazard.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/audiovisual/item/3682-conflicto-minero-en-macuelizo-santa-b%C3%A1rbara>

It fits that "[t]he United Nations Working Group on business and human rights has urged the Canadian authorities and business sector to step up their efforts to prevent and address adverse human rights impacts of business activities, both at home and abroad."

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21683&LangID=E>

ConfidencialHN reports on a struggle that erupted around the so-called solidarity bags - a social program by the JOH administration. Apparently it was only handed out to National Party supporters which caused a struggle.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/02/politizacion-de-bolsas-solidarias-provoca-agresiones-contra-mujeres-y-ninos-en-intibuca/>

Both C-Libre and COFADEH denounce the defamation of students by UNAH dean Julieta Castellanos.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/rectora-castellanos-hace-apolog%C3%ADa-del-odio-contra-estudiantes>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/comunicado-cofadeh-las-otras-formas-de-matar/>

El Pulso reports on the recent exhumations which took place in the Bajo Aguán region.

<http://elpulso.hn/exhuman-cuerpos-en-tocoa-para-esclarecer-muertes-violentas-en-bajo-aguan/>

Yesterday was the International Day of Sex Workers and in Honduras they demanded that the state respects their rights.

<http://tiempo.hn/trabajadoras-sexuales-exigen-al-estado-reconocer-sus-derechos/>

400 employees of the RNP are "suspended" because its budget run out on May 31. Their hope is that Congress will soon approve the budget for the remaining months of the year.

<http://tiempo.hn/400-empleados-del-rnp-quedan-sin-trabajo/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/al-menos-400-empleados-del-rnp-quedan-sin-empleo-al-vencer-contratos.html>

ENEE's labor STENEE union held an irregular election in which the controversial Miguel Aguilar was elected as its president.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/02/golpe-de-estado-en-stenee-nombran-de-manera-irregular-a-Inveterado-sindicalista-miguel-aguilar/>

Honduras is about to have its own SWAT team (even though some think that the TIGRES are already one).

The graduation event was also used by the US State Department to laud Honduras for its supposed improvement in reducing crime and gaining the trust of its people...

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/02/honduras-tendra-unidad-swat/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/se-graduan-en-estados-unidos-primeros-agentes-hondurenos-de-unidad-swat.html>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/depto-de-estado-destaca-reducci%C3%B3n-en-%C3%ADndices-de-criminalidad-y-aumento-de-confianza-en-la>

"US President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from a global agreement to fight climate change hinders efforts to tackle environmental challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean, which have compounded longstanding problems related to organized crime."

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/how-trump-environmental-policy-undermines-latam-security>

03/06/17

(Re)Elections; FPIC; Journalists; IFI; Migration; National Police; Public Health; UNA; and Gabriel García Márquez and His House in Honduras

CESPAD warns about the negative consequences of the new bill supposed to regulate party finances. According to them, it allows the financing of parties by companies linked to the Honduran state.

The Opposition Alliance announced the creation of an anti-fraud unit for the coming general elections.

The EU still hasn't decided if they will send an electoral observation mission. In an interview with journalist, EU ambassador Ketil Karlsen said that they first had to revise if Honduras has, on balance, complied with the recommendations made in 2013.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/03/ley-politica-limpia-permite-empresas-concesionarias-estado-puedan-financiar-campanas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/03/alianza-opositora-anuncia-unidad-antifraude-para-evitar-robo-de-votos-en-elecciones/>

<http://tiempo.hn/nasralla-realizaremos-operativos-anti-fraude-electoral-nivel-nacional/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/03/31370/>

The Honduran state will present its FPIC bill next week to the ILO in Geneva.

In a new article, OFRANEH explains why it is rather a distortion of a previous consultation.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/honduras-presentar%C3%A1-informe-en-ginebra-sobre-la-ley-de-consulta-de-pueblos-ind%C3%ADgenas>

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/06/02/honduras-la-distorsion-de-la-consulta-previa-y-la-negacion-de-la-libre-determinacion/>

CONADEH demands protective measures for the recently assaulted cameraman René Alberto Ortega.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1763-conadeh-pide-medidas-de-proteccion-para-camarografo-victima-de-atentado>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/conadeh-pide-medidas-de-proteccion-para-camarografo-victima-de-atentado.html>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the deadly consequences in Honduras of some projects financed by international financial institutions (IFI) such as the World Bank.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1761-fondos-internacionales-financian-proyectos-de-muerte-en-honduras>

Under the title "Children on the Run" the UNHCR has started a campaign to collect funding for humanitarian assistance for Central American refugees.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/03/acnur-recauda-fondos-ninos-huyen-centroamerica/>

<http://www.unhcr.org/children-on-the-run.html>

An active police agent was arrested for murder.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/polic%C3%AD-es-capturado-por-el-delito-de-homicidio>

The University Hospital (HEU) changed its managing board after several irregularities have been reported at the hospital.

<http://tiempo.hn/nombran-nueva-directora-general-y-director-administrativo-del-heu/>

The former vice-dean of the National University of Agriculture (UNA) was detained for attempted bribery.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/06/03/detienen-exvicerektor-la-una-intento-soborno/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/03/gabriel-garcia-marquez-casa-honduras/>

04/06/17

Berta - Agua Zarca; (Re)Elections; Criminalization; Aguán; ENEE; National Police; Deportation

"The international funders behind the hydroelectric dam opposed by murdered Honduran environmentalist Berta Cáceres are withdrawing from the project, the Guardian can reveal." !!!

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jun/04/honduras-dam-activist-bertha-caceres>

Radio Progreso analyzes the "strategy of distraction" by JOH before the general elections.

The TSE has received 57 applications of independent candidatures.

One of them belongs to PAC congresswoman Fátima Mena, who will run for the mayor in San Pedro Sula.

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3683-%C2%BFpieza-de-un-fraude-en-construcci%C3%B3n?-03-junio-2017>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/tse-ha-recibido-57-candidaturas-independientes.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/04/fatima-mena-inscribe-candidatura-independiente-alcaldia-sanpedrana/>

<http://tiempo.hn/fatima-mena-presenta-candidatura-independiente-al-tse-alcaldia-sps/>

Hernán Silva, who's running as a candidate for Congress for PINU and the Oppositional Alliance, denounces that the police arbitrarily detained him on his way to Choluteca.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/03/retenido-en-sabanagrande-candidato-a-diputado-por-la-alianza/>

The Agrarian Platform requests an internationally recognized commission to investigate the failing justice mechanisms in the Aguán Valley.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/04/solicitan-comision-investigacion-los-mecanismos-aplicacion-justicia-aguan/>

The crisis at ENEE's labor union continues. Its leadership announced new elections, after the controversial election of Miguel Aguilar. The latter claims that he will continue to be STENEE's president.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/04/autoridad-legitima-del-stenee-convocara-a-elecciones-para-solventar-crisis-creada-por-aguilar/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/denunciamos-la-malversaci%C3%B3n-de-fondos-de-miguel-aguilar-castellanos>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/miguel-aguilar-asegura-que-continua-como-presidente-del-stenee.html>

The MACCIH announced that Congress will discuss its recommendations for the Police Career Bill.

Meanwhile, the plan to raise the number of police agents to 26'000 by 2022 is greeted by the member of the purging committee Omar Rivera.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/jimenez-mayor-dice-que-cn-discutira-recomendaciones-de-la-maccih-en-ley-de-la-carrera-policia.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/04/policia-nacional-honduras-contara-26-mil-agentes-ano-2022/>

A Honduran man died in a detention center by ICE in the US awaiting deportation.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/minisitios/hondurenosenelmundo/1077226-471/eeuu-inmigrante-hondure%C3%B1o-muere-en-centro-de-detenci%C3%B3n-de-ice>

05/06/17

HRDs; Human Rights; Journalists; Political Reform; (Re)Elections; JOH; MACCIH; Penal Code; IMF; Penitentiary System; UNAH; Remittances; EU; and a Moving Consulate

The IACHR calls out to its member states to better protect environmental defenders emphasizing their important contribution to a democratic society and sustainable development.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/cidh-urge-protoger-defensoras-y-defensores-de-la-tierra-y-el-medio-ambiente>

Radio Progreso offers an important history lesson for those lauding JOH for his promise to upgrade the Human Rights Secretariat.

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3684-es-usted-un-impresentable-se%C3%B1or-presidente-05-junio-2017>

The president of the Honduran Journalists' College (CPH), Dagoberto Rodríguez, announced that he won't accept that the Banks and Securities Commission (CNBS) audits its pension fund. The fund and its leadership, among them the same Dagoberto Rodríguez, have been the target of corruption allegations.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/05/26/presidente-del-cph-no-quiere-la-comision-bancos-audite-ipp/>

Lester Ramírez Irías offers an analysis on political corruption in Honduras and its effect on the Clean Politics Bill.

The MACCIH announces that the bill allows the Clean Politics Unit to investigate bank accounts of politicians without the need of a judge's approval.

The National Party wrote a letter to the unit claiming its willingness to collaborate with them.

The Opposition Alliance, meanwhile, blames the old bipartisan system for the absence of a thorough electoral reform.

<http://elpulso.hn/ensucieron-la-ley-de-politica-limpia-y-ahora-que/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/05/sin-acudir-jueces-la-unidad-politica-limpia-podra-levantar-secreto-bancario/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/unidad-de-pol%C3%ADtica-limpia-podr%C3%A1-levantar-secreto-bancario-sin-acudir-jueces>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/05/partido-nacional-se-declara-abanderado-las-elecciones-limpias/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/mel-culpa-a-capricho-del-bipartidismo-para-que-no-haya-reformas-electorales.html>

Luís Zelaya, Liberal presidential candidate, presents his plans for the economy.

El Pulso lists all independent candidates for the coming general elections.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/05/macroeconomia-anda-bien-la-pobreza-aumenta-dia-luis-zelaya/>

<http://elpulso.hn/57-candidaturas-independientes-registra-el-tse/>

JOH presents his security policy as a great success.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/presidente-hernandez-%E2%80%9Cpor-qu%C3%A9-ex-funcionarios-y-un-presidente-critican-y-no-hicieron-nada>

In an interview with Proceso Digital, the MACCIH's spoke person Juan Jiménez Mayor presents his hope for the Efficient Collaboration Bill in promoting a successful investigation of the IHSS corruption case.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/la-maccih-apremia-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz.html>

Rolando Argueta Pérez, the president of the Supreme Court of Justice, told Radio HRD that they are currently analyzing the effects of lowering the punishable age and if they find that it helps in fighting crime, they will approve it.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/en-%A1lisis-se-encuentra-la-propuesta-para-reducir-la-edad-punible-seg%BA-la-csj>

According to Ismael Zepeda, economic analyst at FOSDEH, political instability is the main challenge to sign a new agreement with the IMF.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/05/la-inestabilidad-politica-honduras-impide-firmar-acuerdo-fmi/>

InSight Crime took up the case of "José Virgilio Sánchez Montoya, alias "Pechocho," was captured by authorities on May 27 despite the fact that he should have been serving a 500-year sentence for alleged ties to a massacre of 17 people."

This case gave rise to a new discussion about replacing the current identity cards.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-arrest-gang-member-thought-to-be-prison>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/en-investigaci%3Bn-dos-privados-de-libertad-ambos-registrados-como-el-pechocho>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/sustituci%3Bn-de-la-actual-tarjeta-de-identidad-debe-abordarse-desde-una-perspectiva-de>

El Pulso published a critical comment by history and philosophy student Fernando Ramírez on the current situation at the UNAH.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-movimiento-estudiantil-universitario-meu-un-cadaver-sin-enterrador/>

Between May 2016 and May 2017, the amount of remittances increased by \$200 million.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/en-m%3A1s-de-200-millones-de-d%3Blares-se-ha-incrementado-el-env%3ADo-de-remesas>

Honduras vice-president Ricardo Alvarez and its chancellor María Dolores Agüero Lara are currently in Europe to discuss cooperation, investment and migration.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/canciller-hondurena-en-europa-para-abordar-cooperacion-inversiones-y-migracion.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/05/honduras-pondra-servicio-consulado-movil-columbus-ohio/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/honduras-pondr%3A1-en-servicio-un-consulado-m%3Bvil-en-eeuu>

06/06/17

Berta - Trial; (Re)Elections; FoE; Corruption; Military Police; TSE; UNAH; Human Rights; IMF; JOH; Development Banks; Drug Trafficking; Penitentiary System; MACCIH; Public Health; and Good News from Across the Border

The preliminary hearing in the case of Berta will continue today at 10am.
COPINH announce a press conference for 9.30am outside of the court building.
El Tiempo published a public letter by one of the accused, Sergio Rodriguez, who claims that he is innocent.

<https://hondurasresists.blogspot.ch/2017/06/first-hearing-in-case-of-assassination.html?m=1>

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/06/llamado-las-organizaciones-nacionales-e.html>

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/06/convocatoria-conferencia-de-prensa.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/implicado-caso-berta-temprano-tendre-la-alegria-regresa-hogar/>

Liberal presidential candidate Luís Zelaya denounces that Mapa Soluciones, the company responsible for treating data at the TSE, has links to the Honduran government.

The TSE does not agree with this criticism.

The newly created Clean Politics Unit, meanwhile, presented how they will calculate what candidates spend for their campaign.

Radio Progreso asks, if there is any chance that the general elections can be legitimate under the current circumstances in Honduras.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2293-mapa-soluciones-debe-salir-del-proceso-electoral-por-nexos-con-el-gobierno>

<http://tiempo.hn/luis-zelaya-mapas-soluciones-vinculos-partido-nacional/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/tse-rechaza-que-el-pl-haga-p%C3%BAblico-que-no-est%C3%A1-de-acuerdo-con-la-contrataci%C3%B3n-de-empresa>

<http://tiempo.hn/honduras-formula-matematica-se-calculara-lo-gasten-candidatos/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3687-%C2%BFpueden-ser-leg%C3%ADtimas-las-pr%C3%B3ximas-elecciones?-06-junio-2017>

An analysis by the MP found that Article 335-B of the Penal Code violates the constitution.

Honduras' Journalist College demands that Congress takes this analysis seriously.

But C-Libre criticizes that the exclusion is only for journalists, meanwhile, citizens can still be sanctioned.

And also regarding freedom of expression: Pasos de Animal Grande reports on a TV host who lost his jobs, one for a parody of JOH.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/seg%C3%BAn-el-ministerio-p%C3%BAblico-art%C3%ADculo-335-b-es-inconstitucional>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/cn-debe-tomar-en-cuenta-opinion-de-la-fiscalia-sobre-articulo-335-b-sugiere-presidente-del-cph.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/06/resolucion-aprobada-mp-torno-ley-mordaza-solo-excluye-periodistas/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1764-despidieron-a-presentadores-del-programa-televisivo-el-cuarto-de-luis-por-parodiar-a-joh>

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace published a study on corruption in Honduras: " When Corruption Is the Operating System: The Case of Honduras".

<http://carnegieendowment.org/2017/05/30/when-corruption-is-operating-system-case-of-honduras-pub-69999>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports, that a member of the Military Police sexually harassed a woman in Tegucigalpa and when her boyfriend complained he was detained.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1765-joven-esta-tras-las-rejas-por-protestar-ante-acoso-de-policia-militar-contra-su-novia>

The TSE informed that Salvador Nasralla won't get any financial support, the so-called deuda política, because according to them he doesn't belong to any political party.

<http://elpulso.hn/salvador-nasralla-no-recibira-deuda-politica-segun-el-tse/>

Journalist Ronnie Huete speaks with ConexiHon about the criminalizing trial against him instigated by UNAH.

A further trial against three students will continue today.

A new article by Defensores en Línea focuses on the role of UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/estoy-en-indefension-responde-periodista-criminalizado-luego-de-proceso-en-su-contr>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/juicio-contr-estudiantes-de-la-unah-continua-manana-en-csj>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/las-incoherencias-de-julieta/>

El Pulso speaks with Jessica Sánchez, representative of the Civil Society Group, about the government's decision to re-upgrade the Human Rights Bureau to the status of a secretariat.

<http://elpulso.hn/restitucion-de-la-secretaria-de-derechos-humanos/>

Rodolfo Pastor Fasquelle criticizes that the IMF doesn't take a closer look at JOH's policies and its effects for Hondurans.

Maybe we can detect a similar critique in the words of the former Cohep

president Amilcar Bulnes who says that the quality of life in Honduras has worsened.

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/item/3688-juan-hernandez-y-el-fm-ficha-de-puntuacion-y-calificacion>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/hay-indicadores-que-reflejan-que-el-pa%C3%ADs-esta-retrocediendo-en-calidad-de-vida>

In electoral mode, JOH promises to prolong the TPS status for Hondurans in the US...

...and he announces to take to the streets to demand lower interests on credit cards.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/06/joh-cree-se-puede-lograr-ampliacion-del-tps/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/06/joh-anuncia-se-ira-las-calles-protestar-tarjetas-credito/>

The Coalition for Human Rights in Development held a workshop in May on the notorious role of development banks. A video of the presentations as well as the slides are now online.

<http://movimientom4.org/2017/06/herramientas-para-defensoras-y-defensores-de-derechos-humanos-desmitificando-a-los-bancos-de-desarrollo/>

The MP announced the destruction of the first discovered coca plantation in Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/06/mp-procedera-erradicar-primera-plantacion-coca-descubierta-honduras/>

12 inmates were transferred to El Pozo.

Police commissioner José Francisco Blanco claims that these transfers of inmates are a key determinant for the, again claimed, reduction of the homicide rate.

<http://tiempo.hn/traslado-de-reos-en-trujillo/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/traslado-de-reos-c%C3%A1rceles-de-m%C3%A1xima-seguridad-es-determinante-en-la-reduccion-de-homicidios>

The MACCIH announced that they will receive a visit by Iván Velásquez, the head commissioner at the CICIG.

<http://tiempo.hn/este-miercoles-llega-honduras-comisionado-jefe-la-cicig-guatemala/>

Young doctors conducting social work announced a strike for today as they still await the promised financial support.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/medicos-en-servicio-social-a-paro-este-miercoles-por-pago-incompleto-de-salario-beca.html>

<http://movimientom4.org/2017/06/comunicado-m4-la-resistencia-pacifica-de-la-puya-logra-suspender-proyecto-minero/>

07/06/17

Berta - Investigation; (Re)Elections; LGTBI; Students; Penal Code; National Police; Journalists; Hydroelectricity; Lencas; HRDs; Penitentiary System; SANAA; and Climate Change in Honduras

COPINH and MADJ invite to an information event about Berta's case today at 9am in Tegucigalpa.

Before yesterday's preliminary hearing, COPINH held a press conference outside the court building demanding more transparency by the Honduran state.

Two of the accused, Douglas Bustillo and Mariano Díaz, confess their participation and they await a abbreviated procedure. Sergio Rodríguez, meanwhile, claims that he is innocent. During the trial, the EU ambassador Ketil Karlsen as well as Spain's ambassador Miguel Albero Suarez were present.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/06/foro-caso-berta-caceres.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/copinh-exige-se-transparenten-avances-por-el-asesinato-de-berta-caceres/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2295-asesinos-confesos-de-berta-caceres-buscan-clemencia-del-juez>

The denouncement by the Liberal Party about the company Mapa Soluciones and its involvement in the General Elections caused a series of reactions.

The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) reveals that they already were investigating the company and they will present their results to the MP shortly.

El Tiempo makes public some further information about the company. Apparently it was registered in September 2009 with only a 10'000 Lempiras capital basis.

Mapa Soluciones' director Faustino Reyes Rodríguez tries to defend his company and its work.

And the National Party tries to turn the tables by accusing the Liberal Party of having links to the company.

CESPAD urges swift reforms to forbid the use of public resources for campaigning.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/cna-refrenda-denuncia-contr-mapasoluciones.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/cna-revela-ya-investigan-tentaculos-mapasoluciones/>

<http://tiempo.hn/mapa-soluciones-se-constituyo-10-mil-lempiras/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/07/luis-zelaya-gano-elecciones-transmision-mapasoluciones-ahora-la-rechaza-video/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/06/07/mapa-soluciones-no-contrato-no-sea-del-tse/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/07/urgen-reformas-prohiban-uso-recursos-publicos-proselitismo-electoral/>

LGTBI groups demand the possibility to have candidates inscribed at the TSE with their chosen first name.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/07/gays-transexuales-deberan-inscritos-nombre-pila-tse/>

A member of ATIC stated yesterday during the criminalizing trial against three students that they had infiltrated the student movement at UNAH. The three students, Félix Cesario Padilla, Sergio Ulloa and Moisés

Cáceres were found guilty of usurpation. They denounce the sentence as a message to intimidate the student movement. Their legal representatives will appeal the sentence.

Other students protested in support of their colleagues.

Meanwhile in Honduras' north, the Technological Institute for Business Administration (Intae) has been closed for 28 days due to student protests. Radio Progreso laments the unwillingness by the authorities for dialogue.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/07/agente-la-atic-declara-autoridades-la-unah-infiltraron-movimiento-estudiantil/>

<http://tiempo.hn/agente-revelo-unah-infiltrarse-meu/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/declaran-culpables-a-tres-estudiantes-universitarios-por-usurpacion.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/07/tribunal-sentencia-declara-culpables-tres-estudiantes-acusados-usurpacion/>

<http://tiempo.hn/estudiantes-realizan-protesta-en-contra-de-la-condena-de-universitarios/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3690-crisis-educativa-en-zona-norte-se-agudiza-por-falta-de-di%C3%A1logo>

The civil society coalition Articulation 611 asks critical questions about the role of Spain's cooperation agency in elaborating the highly criticized new Penal Code in a Spanish newspaper.

<http://blogs.publico.es/otrasmiradas/9112/la-cooperacion-espanola-apoya-una-agenda-de-represion-en-derechos-humanos-para-el-pueblo-hondureno/>

ConfidencialHN reveals that four former high officials of the National Police Force handed over themselves to the US authorities, which accused them of drug trafficking.

Meanwhile, the reform of the police continues and ConfidencialHN reports on some particularities.

As part of the reform, the Bureau of Disciplinary Police Matters (DIDAPOL) was created.

Police commissioner José Amílcar Mejía promises that by the end of the year, Honduras will count with at least 20 community policing units.

The MACCIH met yesterday with the purging commission to discuss the reform.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/07/extraoficial-cuatro-exoficiales-de-la-policia-nacional-se-entregaron-a-ee-uu-acusados-de-narcotrafico/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/07/con-apoyo-del-gobierno-y-la-tasa-de-seguridad-la-reforma-policial-vino-aparejada-con-la-dotacion-de-equipo/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/07/didapol-la-estructura-de-control-y-eficacia-del-nuevo-policia/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2294-policia-integrara-7-000-oficiales-comunitarios>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/maccih-y-comision-depuradora-unidos-para-reestructurar-la-policia-nacional.html>

The director of ENEE verbally attacked a journalist for asking critical questions about irregularities around the Patuca III hydroelectric project.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/07/jefe-de-la-enee-tilda-de-malcriado-a-periodista-al-no-justificar-multimillonarias-perdidas/>

Another hydroelectric project causing problems is Cuyamel II. Pasos de Animal Grande reports how the project by the CONERSA company is violating the rights of the inhabitants of San Francisco, Atlántida.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1766-cuyamel-lucha-contra-poderes-escondidos-en-defensa-de-su-derecho-al-agua>

Defensores en Línea reports on the case of 9 Lenca campesino families whose family members are being criminalized for cultivating land for their survival. So far, they have suffered no less than 28 evictions from their land in Las Huertas in San Pedro de Tutule, La Paz.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/persecucion-y-criminalizacion-son-una-constante-en-contra-de-indigenas-lencas-en-la-paz/>

Radio Progreso informs about the "Defending Without Fear" campaign which intends to "make visible the work of defenders of territories, revealing their problems, promoting protective measures and demystify their work for the public opinion."

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3691-campa%C3%B1a-defender-sin-miedo-apuesta-por-rescatar-labor-de-defensores-y-defensoras-de-los-bienes-y-territorios>

Representatives of the Security Secretariat and the National Penitentiary Institute informed yesterday about changes to the Honduran penitentiary system. They claimed for example that prisons in Honduras aren't "universities of crime" any more and that no one will escape from the new Pozo I and Pozo II prisons. Amnesty International demands a census of Honduras' prison population.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/autoridades-de-seguridad-y-del-inp-confirman-que-de-las-c%C3%A1rces-pozo-1-y-2-nadie-se-escapa>

<http://www.proceso.hn/salud-y-sociedad/5-salud-y-sociedad/amnistia-internacional-exige-censo-real-de-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras.html>

SANAA announced that it will only keep about 400 of its 2100 employees.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/m%C3%A1s-de-dos-mil-empleados-ser%C3%A1n-despedidos-del-sanaa>

<http://elpulso.hn/impacto-del-cambio-climatico-en-honduras/>

08/06/17

Students; (Re)Elections; TSE; MACCIH; National Police; Extortion; Corruption; Journalists; HRDs; Insecurity; Cyclones; and Facebook Murders

The UN Human Rights Office in Honduras expressed its "grave concern" regarding the conviction of three students.

UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos plays innocent.

UNAH even denied the infiltration of the student movement by ATIC.

The student movement MEU denounces a new defamation attack. A car was burnt inside a UNAH building and they were accused of it. But according to them, this place is always being watched by UNAH's private security guards and it is rather them who burnt the car.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/oacnudh-muestra-grave-preocupacion-por-condena-contra-estudiantes-de-la-unah>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1767-fallo-parcializado-tribunal-de-sentencia-declaro-culpables-a-tres-estudiantes-por-usurpacion-en-la-unah>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/08/rectora-de-la-unah-se-lava-las-manos-por-condena-contra-tres-estudiantes/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1769-autoridades-de-la-unah-niegan-que-hayan-solicitado-a-la-atic-infiltrar-el-movimiento-estudiantil>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/08/movimiento-estudiantil-denuncia-campana-de-desprestigio-en-su-contra/>

Human rights lawyer Joaquín Mejía poses "urgent questions to OAS's Secretary General and the IACHR regarding the political crisis in Honduras" making a link to Venezuela.

El Pulso offers a good overview of the Mapa Soluciones controversy. David Matamoros, TSE's president, announced that they will cancel the contract should they find any irregularities.

The Armed Forces will hand over 16'000 soldiers and a 1000 vehicles to the TSE for the elections.

<http://radioprogreso.net/index.php/comunicaciones/item/3692-preguntas-urgentes-al-secretario-general-de-la-oea-y-la-cidh-frente-a-la-crisis-pol%C3%ADtica-hondure%C3%B1a>

<http://elpulso.hn/luis-zelaya-en-contra-de-mapa-soluciones/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/06/08/salvador-nasralla-desde-2013-se-la-denuncia/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/08/tribunal-electoral-revisara-y-podria-rescindir-contrato-con-mapa-soluciones/>

<http://tiempo.hn/16-mil-soldados-custodiaran-elecciones-generales-noviembre/>

Óscar Borge Mejía sees critically the calls to depoliticize the TSE. One such request came from Liberal presidential candidate Luis Zelaya.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-despolitizacion-del-tribunal-supremo-electoral-cinismo-o-ignorancia/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/06/08/luis-zelaya-tse-organismo-tecnico/>

Libre congressman Rasél Tome claims that the National Party is afraid of the MACCIH's Efficient Collaboration Bill and tries to weaken its implementation.

The MACCIH's head Jiménez Mayor, meanwhile, requested an immediate approval of the bill.

This request was made during a joint forum with the CICIG about the fight against corruption.

Jiménez Mayor also underlined the importance of good public prosecutors. CICIG's head asked from Honduran citizens to actively participate in this fight.

He also said that it is impossible to fight corruption with a corrupt judicial system.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/08/involucrados-en-saqueo-del-estado-temen-la-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz-rasel-tome/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/08/jefe-de-maccih-pide-aprobacion-inmediata-de-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/08/trabajo-mancomunado-maccih-fiscalia-exito-la-corrupcion-videos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/tenemos-que-evitar-que-los-malos-cuestionen-trabajo-de-los-fiscales-jimenez-mayor.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/08/comisionado-cicig-pide-sociedad-hondurena-involucrarse-la-lucha-la-corrupcion-e-impunidad/>

<http://tiempo.hn/jefe-la-cicig-insta-los-hondurenos-integrarse-la-lucha-la-corrupcion/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/imposible-combatir-corrupcion-con-sistema-judicial-corrupto-dice-comisionado-de-cicig.html>

Radio HRN reports of a crime network inside the National Police uncovered by the MACCIH and the MP:

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/la-maccih-identifica-redes-de-polic%C3%AD-vinculados-al-crimen-organizado>

The passenger transport company EmtraioI partially stopped its services as a reaction to the ongoing extortion suffered by the transport sector.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/08/empresa-de-transportes-amenaza-con-cerrar-operaciones-por-extorsion/>

ConfidencialHN reports that the mayor of Valle de Ángeles, Wilfredo Ponce, is involved in corrupt acts. And Criterio reveals irregularities by the director of the General Office for Marine Trade, Roberto Enrique Cardona López.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/08/revelan-turbios-negocios-y-argollas-del-alcalde-de-valle-de-angeles/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/08/director-de-marina-mercante-otorga-jugosos-contratos-amigos/>

El Tiempo reports that the attacker of René Alberto Ortega, a cameraman at Televisión, was caught.

<http://tiempo.hn/capturan-supuesto-atacante-camarografo-televisión/>

Defensores en Línea commemorates human rights defender Gladys Lanza who would have turned 75 yesterday.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/en-nombre-de-gladys-lanza-hagamos-algo-por-honduras/>

300 teachers alone in the Francisco Morazán department had to be moved to other schools due to threats.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/uno-300-docentes-han-sido-trasladados-por-inseguridad-solo-en-el-departamento-de-fm>

Radio Progreso warns of Honduras' vulnerability for the coming cyclone season.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3694-con-alta-vulnerabilidad-honduras-inicia-temporada-cicl%C3%B3nica>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2298-matan-a-mujeres-que-asistieron-a-cita-por-facebook>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/las-citas-de-amor-que-matan-a-jovenes-en-honduras.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/08/morgue-no-entrega-cuerpos-de-jovenes-asesinadas-por-novio-de-facebook/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1078591-466/entierran-a-j%C3%B3venes-halladas-muertas-en-colonia-villa-uni%C3%B3n-de-la-capital>

09/06/17

Berta - Investigation; Students; Tolupan; Torture; (Re)Elections; Electoral Reforms; Mining; Liberal Party; Militarization; Libre; Fourth Ballot; IHSS; Poverty; Electric Energy; and a Decade of Violence against Women

Víctor Fernández, representing Berta's family, speaks of a conspiracy between state and non-state actors in the murder of Berta Cáceres.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1771-segun-abogado-hubo-una-conspiracion-contra-bertha-caceres-fraguada-con-la-complicidad-de-las-fuerzas-de-seguridad-del-estado>

PEN Honduras condemns the criminalization of three students Cesario Padilla, Sergio Ulloa and Moisés Cáceres. Cesario Padilla also works as a journalist and is on the board of directors at PEN Honduras.

UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos now speaks of interference by the UN Human Rights Office because they dared to criticize the conviction of three students of usurpation for participating in a protest.

Some months back, UNAH authorities and student organizations came to an agreement which said that the latter can't be prosecuted solely for protesting. Now they claim that this agreement doesn't cover the three sentenced students, but student leader Fausto Cáliz denounces that the agreement has been dead for weeks, when student movements were forbidden to elect their leadership.

Yesterday's statement by the UN Human Rights Office in Honduras also mentions the agreement.

The Coalition against Impunity and the Articulation 611 think out loud about possible legal actions against the UNAH...

...and they request an investigation by Congress.

Human rights lawyer Joaquín A. Mejía Rivera lists four concerns for democracy resulting from the conviction of the three students.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1770-pen-honduras-expresa-su-repudio-ante-condena-contramiembro-pen-y-dos-estudiantes-de-la-unah>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/09/julieta-castellanos-califica-injerencia-inadmisible-pronunciamiento-la-oacnudh/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/respuesta-de-la-unah-al-pronunciamiento-de-la-oficina-del-alto-comisionado-de-las-naciones-unidas-para-los-derechos-humanos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/09/denuncian-persecucion-selectiva-contrae-studiantes-condenados/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/oacnudh-destaca-acuerdo-firmado-entre-la-unah-y-el-meu/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/organizaciones-no-descartan-procesos-para-autoridades-que-criminalizan-universitarios>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/solicitan-investigar-la-conducta-administrativa-de-la-rectora-julieta-castellanos>

<https://joaquinmejia.rivera.blogspot.ch/2017/06/cuatro-preocupaciones-democraticas-y.html>

Radio Progreso reports in a new article on the rise of threats against the indigenous Tolupan people in Honduras.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3697-incrementan-amenazas-a-muerte-contrapueblo-tolup%C3%A1n-en-honduras>

A criminal court in Siguatepeque will held a trial from June 12-14 in the case of the tortured and murdered Honduran citizen Mario Orlando Sequeira at the hands of members of the police.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/policias-torturadores-seran-sometidos-a-juicio/>

According to calculations by Criterio, presidential candidates can spend up to \$19.9 million for their campaign to still be conform with the new Clean Politics Bill.

The former TSE magistrate Enrique Ortez Sequeira reveals some particularities about Mapa Soluciones and its link to the National Party.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/09/470-millones-lempiras-podran-gastar-campanas-candidatos-presidenciales-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/09/exmagistrado-electoral-rechaza-criticas-de-su-excompaero-nacionalista/>

Liberal congresswoman and vice-presidential candidate Yadira Bendaña is

critical of electoral reforms shortly before the general elections.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/como-sospechoso-califica-diputada-bendana-que-ahora-se-propongan-reformas-electorales.html>

Radio Progreso reports on the mining conflict in Macuelizo, Santa Bárbara.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3699-ausencia-de-estado-agudiza-conflicto-minero-en-macuelizo-santa-b%C3%A1rbara>

Libre's Honorary Tribunal will inform the public next week about its view on a report on possible vote inflation in Libre's primary election. The report by a specially created commission finds that a lack of transparency by the current electoral system doesn't allow for an exhaustive investigation.

Wilfredo Méndez, meanwhile, already renounced from running as a city councilor for Libre.

And there are further critical voices regarding the report.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/09/tribunal-de-honor-de-libre-promete-imparcialidad-por-informe-de-comision-electoral/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2302-comision-de-libre-ratifica-candidato-para-alcaldia-capitalina>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/08/wilfredo-mendez-renunciara-este-viernes-a-planilla-de-libre/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/09/carlos-andino-benitez-descalifica-informe-comision-auditora-libre/>

Víctor Sevilla, a Liberal Party leader in El Patate, El Paraíso was shot dead Thursday night.

<http://tiempo.hn/asesinan-dirigente-victor-sevilla/>

Over one hundred civil society organizations signed a joint statement against the military presence of the US in Mexico and Central America.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/185573>

For an English translation, see the attachment

According to reports by various newspapers, Salvador Nasralla, the Opposition Alliance's presidential candidate, wants to have the so-called Fourth Ballot corruption case investigated when he comes to power.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2300-defensa-se-queda-con-fondos-de-cuarta-urna-nasralla>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/09/se-necesita-una-nueva-corte-para-juzgar-a-flores-lanza-y-los-responsables-del-carretillazo/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/09/parlamentario-anticorupcion-evade-opinar-sobre-actos-irregulares-de-exfuncionarios/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/nasralla-dice-que-mel-ya-le-rindio-cuentas-a-el-sobre-fondos-de-la-cuarta-urna.html>

Once more, the Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) speaks of new lines of investigations into the IHSS corruption case.

<http://tiempo.hn/cna-la-mira-los-corruptos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/ahora-que-maccih-toma-con-fuerza-casos-del-ihss-esperamos-salgan-a-relucir-otros-actores-en-la-corrupcion-cna.html>

According to the Chamber of Commerce of Cortés (CCIC), the constant power cuts cost them over 60 million Lempiras.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/09/masivos-cortes-de-energia-dejan-perdidas-de-hasta-60-millones-de-lempiras/>

El Tiempo reports on poverty levels in Honduras which still reach over 60%, that is some 5 million Hondurans are qualified as poor.

<http://tiempo.hn/pobreza-en-honduras-economia/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/mas-de-97-mil-mujeres-fueron-victimas-de-violencia-en-la-ultima-decada-segun-investigadora.html>

10/06/17

(Re)Elections; Ahuas; Students; Private Security; Penitentiary System; Journalists; National Police; Political Opposition; US; Rain; and Protesting Doctors

"The Hernandez administration cut the budget of the Registro Nacional de Personas (RNP) which issues official identity cards by \$170 million lempiras this year. As a direct result, up to 1,000,000 Honduran voters, who need the card for the next election, may not be able to vote."

<https://hondurasculturepolitics.blogspot.ch/2017/06/rnp-budget-may-disenfranchise-votes.html>

InSight Crime published an interview with Mattathias Schwartz, a national security reporter for The Intercept, about the Ahuas massacre and the role of the DEA.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/weekly-insight-what-the-dea-can-learn-from-the-honduras-debacle>

New protests by students against the criminalization of their colleagues are announced for today.

<http://tiempo.hn/mega-marcha-realizaran-estudiantes-este-domingo/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/10/anuncian-mas-protestas-contr-a-autoritarismo-de-la-rectora-de-unah/>

In its press conference on Friday, the Coalition against Impunity and the Articulation 611 emphasized the role of private security in spreading violence at the UNAH.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1772-coalicion-contr-a-la-impunidad-seguridad-privada-es-uno-de-los-instrumentos-utilizados-para-generar-violencia-en-la-unah>

A month has passed since the mass prison break at the Támara prison and so far no one was found guilty for it nor are there more details about what exactly happened. It is not even clear how many of the 18 men have been recaptured.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/no-hay-culpables-ni-se-conocen-detalles-a-un-mes-de-fuga-masiva.html>

The Teleprogreso and Radio HRN journalist Moisés Jovel died in a car accident.

<http://tiempo.hn/periodista-de-teleprogreso-y-hrn/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/10/fallece-periodista-hondureno-en-un-volcamiento-en-el-progreso/>

ATIC caught a 28 year old man accused of homicide. El Tiempo reports that he is the son of a police sub-commissioner.

<http://tiempo.hn/cae-supuesto-homicidio-hijo-una-subcomisionada-la-policia/>

The former Nationalist activist Eva Fernández announced that she now will run as a congresswoman for the Oppositional Alliance.

<http://tiempo.hn/eva-fernandez-ira-candidata-diputada-libre-las-proximas-elecciones/>

US ambassador James D. Nealon says goodbye to Honduras after three years.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/10/embajador-ee-uu-james-nealon-dice-luego-queridos-amigos-hondurenos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/embajador-nealon-se-despidio-de-honduras-con-emotivo-mensaje.html>

COPECO first issued a green alert level for 14 departments and then changed it to yellow for 8 due to the ongoing rain.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/10/copeco-decreta-alerta-verde-72-horas-14-departamentos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/10/copeco-decreta-alerta-amarilla-8-departamentos/>

<http://tiempo.hn/mas-100-medicos-servicio-social-siguen-paro-calamidad-economica/>

11/06/17

IHSS; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; RNP; MACCIH; Children; and Third Time's a Charm

A new verdict in the IHSS corruption case is expected for this week. IHSS' former director still claims that he is innocent and he now also says that it had been a mistake to accept the job of directing the IHSS.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/11/sentencia-contra-saqueadores-del-ihss-sera-a-mitad-de-esta-semana/>

<http://tiempo.hn/mario-zelaya-dice-fue-error-aceptar-dirigir-ihss/>

TSE magistrate David Andrés Matamoros Batson tries to defend their track record with the company Mapa Soluciones against the recent accusations.

<http://elpulso.hn/mapasoc-pl/>

El Pulso speaks with Fátima Mena, who is running for mayor in San Pedro Sula for PAC, about her candidacy and the Oppositional Alliance. In a second article, El Pulso looks at the case of Wilfredo Méndez, who just days ago announced that he won't run as councilor for Libre. El Pulso speaks with him and other involved actors about their view on what happened.

<http://elpulso.hn/candidata-fatimamena/>

<http://elpulso.hn/la-renuncia-de-wilfredo-mendez/>

I mentioned yesterday the article by Honduras Culture and Politics about the lack of funds at the RNP to print enough new identity cards for the coming general elections.

Now the Secretary of Finance, Wilfredo Cerrato, tries to turn things around criticizing that the RNP has only spent 32% of its yearly budget so far.

<https://hondurasculturepolitics.blogspot.ch/2017/06/rnp-budget-may-disenfranchise-votes.html>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/06/11/rnp-ejecuto-32-del-presupuesto-asegura-ministro-finanzas/>

Carlos Hernández, president of Transparency International Honduras,

urges the Honduran public to demand from their congresswo/men to approve the Efficient Collaboration Bill proposed by the MACCIH.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/11/piden-al-parlamento-de-honduras-aprobar-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz/>

According to the Save the Children report "Stolen Childhoos", Honduras has the highest child homicide rate in the world. (The El Tiempo article wrongly says that it is the highest in Latin America, but sadly the ten countries with the highest rate are all in Latin America). In the End of Childhood ranking, Honduras is on position 142 out of 172 and only Guatemala (147) is on a worse rank of all the Latin-American countries.

<https://campaigns.savethechildren.net/end-of-childhood>

<http://tiempo.hn/honduras-lidera-indice-homicidio-infantil-latinoamerica-caribe/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/11/por-tercera-vez-detienen-al-mortifero-pandillero-el-cara-quemada/>

12/06/17

Berta - Agua Zarca; Students; UN; Corruption; Bajo Aguán; (Re)Elections; Electoral Reforms; Irregularities; MACCIH; Insecurity; Massacres; Customs; Penitentiary System; Labor RIGHTS; National Police; and the Problem with Electricity Is...

COPINH demands in a new press release that the international banks officially announce their withdrawal. A recent Guardian article stated that they (BCIE, FMO and FINNFUND) are about to do so, but according to COPINH nothing has happened on the ground.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/06/copinh-la-trampa-de-los-bancos.html>

The International Cooperation Association (ACI), constituted by 28 international NGOs, expresses its worries about the "growing persecution and criminalization" of UNAH students. UNAH's dean continues to be on the defensive against the press releases by national and international organizations.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/3097-2/>

<http://tiempo.hn/la-asociacion-de-cooperacion-internacional-emite-un-fuerte-comunicado-en-contra-de-las-acciones-de-julieta-castellanos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/12/esta-vez-responde-al-pronunciamiento-de-espacio-aci/>

<http://tiempo.hn/unah-ahora-le-responde-la-aci-posicion-favor-los-estudiantes-acusados/>

The Coalition against Impunity, with the support of the CCPR-Centre, the International Platform against Impunity and the OMCT, handed in the civil society report to the UN's Human Rights Committee.

See Attachment

InSight Crime took up the recent report by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, titled "When Corruption is the Operating System: The Case of Honduras". USAID and the CNA signed a cooperation agreement to fight corruption.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/corruption-honduras-result-of-functioning-system-report>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/12/usaid-cna-firman-acuerdo-cooperacion-combate-la-corrupcion-e-honduras/>

Defensores en Línea reports on the ongoing impunity reigning in the Aguán Valley. In the last three months, four individuals singled out by the MP's special unit to investigate violent deaths in the region were

released from custody.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/prevalece-la-impunidad-en-el-bajo-aguan/>

The story of the unprinted identity cards continues. Now the former TSE magistrate Dennis Gómez proposes to use money from the tasa de seguridad to print and distribute the cards.

Radio Progreso denounces the use of public money for the electoral campaign of JOH.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/plantean-utilizar-fondos-de-tasa-de-seguridad-para-emisi%C3%B3n-de-tarjetas-de-identidad>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3701-el-excesivo-gasto-para-mantenerse-en-el-poder-12-junio-2017>

TSE magistrate Erick Rodríguez believes that there is still enough time for electoral reforms.

PINU congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez, meanwhile, denounces that there never was political will for such reforms.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/12/magistrado-del-tribunal-electoral-asegura-que-aun-hay-tiempo-para-reformas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/12/nunca-hubo-voluntad-politica-para-reformas-electorales-doris-gutierrez/>

A new investigation by ConfidencialHN finds that Congress' vice-president Gladis Aurora López Calderón makes big profits with renewable energy contracts.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/12/vicepresidenta-del-parlamento-ganara-mas-de-dos-mil-millones-por-energia/>

El Pulso reports on last weeks public encounter between CICIG and MACCIH intended to show their similarities and foster public support.

<http://elpulso.hn/maccih-cicig/>

Miguel Ángel Barrios and Norberto Emmerich offer their analysis of the insecurity reigning in Latin America from a geopolitical perspective.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-inseguridad-en-america-latina-desde-la-geopolitica-de-la-seguridad/>

On manifestation of this insecurity in Honduras are massacres. Yesterday, in two separate events, five and three people violently lost their lives.

In 2017, there were already 28 massacres with 101 victims in total.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/12/masacre-deja-cinco-muertos-santa-rita-copan/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/12/masacre-choloma-cortes-termina-la-vida-tres-jovenes/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1079845-466/al-menos-28-masacres-en-honduras-en-lo-que-va-del-2017>

The customs union between Guatemala and Honduras encounters some difficulties.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/problemas-en-uni%C3%B3n-aduanera-entre-honduras-y-guatemala>

Labor Notes reports on the struggle by Honduran melon workers for their labor rights.

<http://labornotes.org/blogs/2017/06/honduran-melon-workers-push-union-rights>

The number of inmates in Honduras has jumped from 12'000 in 2013 to

17'000 in 2016 and more than 18'000 now. According to Radio HRN, some 60% of them are in a legal limbo, i.e. have not been sentenced yet.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/unos-18200-reos-de-alta-peligrosidad-no-han-sido-sentenciados>

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, calls the election of the new leadership for the National Police Force the biggest challenge for their committee.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/reto-de-comision-depuradora-es-el-nombramiento-de-nueva-cupula-policial-omar-rivera.html>

The new regulating body for electric energy, CREE, receives every month some 4 million Lempiras from electricity bills.

Meanwhile in Cortés, inhabitants took to the street to protest against the constant blackouts.

And in La Ceiba, the municipality failed to pay its electricity bills and its line has now been cut.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/cuatro-millones-de-lempiras-mensuales-son-trasladados-la-cree>

http://www.honduratierralibre.com/2017/06/honduras-pobladores-se-toman-carretera_12.html

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/12/cortan-servicio-de-energia-electrica-a-alcaldia-de-la-ceiba/>

13/06/17

FPIC; Students; Torture; MP; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; National Police; Children's Rights; IMF; JOH; Libre; Drug Trafficking; Remittances; US; and the Inter-American Human Rights System

Radio Progreso takes up the comments by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, on the FPIC bill in Honduras. As human rights and indigenous organizations in Honduras, she also criticizes parts of its content as well as the elaboration and socialization process.

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3702-las-recomendaciones-de-la-relatora-en-materia-de-consulta-previa-13-junio-2017>

In a joint press release, the UN Human Rights Office in Honduras and CONADEH ask for an integral solution to the crisis at UNAH and they also ask that UNAH respects the agreement signed with the student movement. Both institutions were present when the agreement was signed. Nevertheless, both JOH and UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos criticize foreign inference.

The Regional Human Rights Monitoring and Analysis Team in Central America also denounces the criminalizing sentence of the three students Cesario Padilla, Sergio Ulloa and Moisés Cáceres.

UNAH vice-dean Belida Flores tries to defend their position by further denigrating the students. She claims that they have an obligation to protect their 90'000 students from 50 hooded protesters.

UNAH students, meanwhile, continue to protest in solidarity with their colleagues.

And the only answer the UNAH knows is to file a complaint against them at the MP.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/comunicado-conjunto-conadeh-oacnudh/>

<http://tiempo.hn/crisis-unah-organizaciones-dd-hh-piden-resolver-problema-cuanto/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/13/comunicado-conjunto-oacnudh-conadeh-llaman-autoridades-la-unah-respetar-acuerdo-firmado/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/13/molestia-de-joh-y-julieta-criticar-injerencia-de-onu-y-cooperantes/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1773-rectora-desbocada-en-la-intolerancia-ante-la-critica-internacional-sobre-situacion-de-los-derechos-humanos-en-la-unah>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/13/critican-puno-de-hierro-del-estado-de-honduras-contradefensores-de-ddhh/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/13/belinda-flores-mi-deber-es-proteger-la-unah-y-los-90-mil-estudiantes-de-los-50-encapuchados/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/13/estudiantes-liberan-portones-de-la-unah-autoridades-alegan-toma-y-suspenden-clases/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/unah-instalaciones-ministerio-publico-julieta-castellanos.html>

Defensores en Línea reports on the first day of trial against a police official and seven police agents for torture and the murder of Mario Sequeira.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/caso-sequeira-el-juicio-contralos-policias-torturadores/>

Wendy Funes reports on the problems with criminal investigation in Honduras, e.g. only 4% of violent murders are investigated and only 20% of all criminal acts.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-desafio-de-la-investigacion-criminal-en-honduras/>

Radio Progreso speaks with political analyst Hermilo Soto about the coming general elections. Retired general Romeo Vásquez Velásquez, meanwhile, hopes for a second coup d'état in Honduras.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3703-honduras-tendr%C3%A1-un-escenario-electoral-de-mucha-disputa-y-controversias-se%C3%B1ala-analista-hermilo-soto>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/13/romeo-vasquez-invita-la-oposicion-ir-las-calles-la-reeleccion/>

The former president of Congress and aspiring presidential candidate for the Liberal Party Carlos Orbin Montoya announced that he will run for Congress for the Oppositional Alliance.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/13/carlos-montoya-sera-candidato-diputado-la-alianza-opositora/>

Omar Rivera claims that the idea of a community police is central to the creation of a new police force.

The need of such an approach became evident once more during a confrontation of the municipal police and street vendors in Tegucigalpa.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/filosof%C3%AD-comunitaria-es-transversal-en-la-nueva-polic%C3%AD-nacional-que-estamos-construyendo-en>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/tegucigalpa/1080052-466/vendedores-ambulantes-desalojo-policias-zafarrancho-centro-tegucigalpa>

A new article by El Pulso reports on the state of childrens' rights in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/como-estan-los-derechos-de-la-ninez-en-honduras/>

Former COHEP president Oscar Galeano accuses the IMF to distort the national economy in Honduras.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/el-fmi-trae-distorsi%C3%B3n-la-econom%C3%AD-nacional-seg%C3%BA-galeano>

JOH presented this Monday a bill regarding Honduran cinema, but no one

really knows its content nor its purpose.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/13/desde-casa-presidencial-quieren-imponer-ley-cine-sin-consensuarla-cineastas/>

Miguel Humberto Rodríguez Carrión, who is running for Libre as an alternate (deputy congressman) for the Central-American Parliament, was arrested in Panamá. He is accused of extortion and illicit association.

<http://elpulso.hn/capturan-en-panama-a-candidato-a-diputado-de-libre/>

InSightCrime reports that Honduran "[o]fficials believe a coca plantation recently discovered in Honduras was set up by Colombians, suggesting a criminal migration that could potentially not only import the drug production businesses to Central America but also the coca curse that has long ravaged Colombia."

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/are-colombians-spreading-coca-curse-honduras>

The Honduran Central Bank estimates that the amount of remittances will decrease by \$200 million if the US doesn't prolong the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) for Hondurans.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/bch-envio-de-remesas-a-honduras-se-reduciria-en-200-millones-si-no-se-aprueba-tps.html>

"Central America is bracing itself for a return to military-led US foreign policy amid rising fears that sweeping aid cuts and mass deportations could destabilise the region."

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/jun/13/central-america-us-foreign-policy-deportations-aid>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/cidh-y-corteidh-confian-que-oea-duplicara-presupuesto-para-sistema-interamericano-de-derechos-humanos-en-la-asamblea-general/>

14/06/17

Lawyers; UNAH; Corruption; Bajo Aguán; National Party; Churches; Extradition; National Police; BCH; UNESCO; and Humanizing the Alliance for Prosperity

The court inspectors Sendy Yoselyth Aguilar was murdered in front of a police station in Tegucigalpa.

The same day, the lawyer Ronmel Fernando Vivas was murdered in San Pedro Sula.

José Díaz, the president of the Honduran Lawyers' College (CAH), demands a thorough investigation of the two murders.

Nevertheless, El Heraldo already spread rumors that the murder of Sendy Yoselyth Aguilar was committed by her former partner.

According to CAH, this was the seventh murder of someone from the legal profession in this year alone.

And exactly this week, an international mission of lawyers is visiting Honduras to observe the situation of Honduran human rights lawyers.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/14/matan-a-inspectora-judicial-frente-a-posta-policial-en-tegucigalpa/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/procuraduria-condena-asesinato-de-abogada-sendy-morales.html>

http://www.laprensa.hn/sucesos/1080319-410/abogado-matan-hombre-san_pedro_sula-asesinan-honduras-

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/14/presidente-del-colegio-de-abogados-exige-investigacion-por-crimenes-contra-sus-colegas/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1080346-466/expareja-estar%C3%ADa-detr%C3%A1s-de-crimen-de-abogada-seg%C3%BAAn-padre-de-la-v%C3%ADctima>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/honduras-es-pais-peligroso-para-defensores-de-ddhh/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/mision-del-observatorio-internacional-para-la-abogacia-en-riesgo-esta-en-honduras/>

ConexiHon published a video interview with journalist and human rights defender Dina Meza about the denigration and criminalization coming from the UNAH against both students and human rights defenders defending them. Nevertheless, UNAH's dean, Julieta Castellanos, continues on this path.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/periodista-y-defensora-denuncia-acciones-legales-en-su-contraparte-de-la-unah>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1775-rectora-de-la-unah-sigue-campana-de-descalificacion-contrala-oficina-del-alto-comisionado-para-los-ddhh>

The head of the Honduran Medical College, Suyapa Figueroa, asks the MACCIH to investigate possible corruption at the Health Secretariat. The former secretary for Public Work, Transport and Housing, Rosario Saro Bonano, faces trial for fraud and abuse of authority. The sentence in the trial against the former Honduran president in the FIFA case was postponed to December.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/14/piden-a-maccih-intervenir-corrupcion-en-secretaria-de-salud/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/14/reprograman-para-el-viernes-audiencia-contrae-funcionario-rosario-bonano/>

<http://tiempo.hn/ex-secretario-de-soptravi-jose-rosario-bonano-inicio-este-dia-juicio-oral-y-publico/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/14/postergan-lectura-de-sentencia-al-expresidente-de-honduras-por-corrupcion/>

The special unit for investigating violent crimes in the Bajo Aguán, UMVIBA, announces that they finished the first part of their investigation consisting of seven exhumations.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/14/mp-exhuma-varios-cadaveres-la-zona-del-aguan-investigar-muertes/>

Jorge Alberto Cálix Orellana, a leader of the National Party, announced his withdrawal from his party to join the Opposition Alliance. Political analyst Víctor Meza calls the alliance a real challenger for JOH and his reelection plans.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/14/renuncia-al-partido-nacional-se-suma-la-alianza-oposicion-reconocido-lider-lempira/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/jorge-calix-se-une-a-la-alianza-opositora-tras-una-diputacion.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/14/alianza-opositora-ha-quitado-triunfalismo-los-nacionalistas-victor-meza/>

The evangelical pastor Evelio Reyes once more denigrated the political opposition in Honduras.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/pastor-evang%C3%A9lico-hizo-apolog%C3%ADa-del-odio-contrala-oposici%C3%B3n-pol%C3%ADtica>

A further alleged drug trafficker wanted by the US was caught in Honduras. In the case of two other alleged drug traffickers, a judge gave the green light to have them extradited to the US.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/14/capturan-extraditable-noe-montes-bobadilla-colon/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1080516-466/capturan-al-hondure%C3%B1o-no%C3%A9-montes-bobadilla-solicitado-en-extradici%C3%B3n-por-estados-unidos>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/14/juez-resuelve-extradicion-king-arthur-victor-lorenzo-flores-pineda/>

In a yet to be investigated incidence, members of the National Anti-Extortion Force (FNA) shot against a police agent hitting him in the face.

<http://tiempo.hn/dispararon-en-el-rostro-a-agente-de-la-policia-nacional/>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/sucesos/1080504-410/polic%C3%ADas-se-enfrentan-a-tiros-con-agentes-antiextorsi%C3%B3n-en-cop%C3%A1nv>

A new article by El Libertador denounces the high salary for the president of the Honduran Central Bank (BCH), Manuel de Jesús Bautista. In March he earned almost 600'000 Lempiras.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2308-presidente-del-bch-gano-casi-600-mil-lempiras-en-salario-de-un-mes>

UNESCO declared the biosphere of San Marcos de Colón as a world heritage site.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/14/biosfera-san-marcos-colon-declarada-patrimonio-la-humanidad-unesco/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/fotogalerias/1080461-468/bi%C3%B3sfera-de-san-marcos-de-col%C3%B3n-y-su-cautivadora-belleza-natural-que>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/14/red-jesuita-migrantes-pide-humanizar-la-conferencia-prosperidad-seguridad-centroamerica/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/bid-y-paises-del-triangulo-norte-invertiran-2-500-millones-de-dolares.html>

15/06/17

Journalists; Torture; Berta - Trial; MACCIH; Electoral Reform; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; UNAH; Mining; PAC; Extradition; Extortion; and a Growing, but Impoverishing Economy

Víctor Funes, a journalist at 45TV, was murdered yesterday when returning home in the morning.

Funes was also an aspiring candidate for Congress for the National Party. With the murder of Funes, 70 journalists have violently lost their lives in Honduras since 2003.

Just hours after his death, the police announced that they had captured his murderer.

According to Proceso Digital, he already confessed.

The Association of Students of Journalism denounces that two of their students may be expelled from UNAH for participating in peaceful protests.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/asesinan-periodista-que-recib%C3%ADa-amenazas-muerte>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/partido-nacional-lamenta-asesinato-de-aspirante-a-diputado-en-el-atlantico-del-pais.html>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/periodista-hondure%C3%B1o-asesinado-tiros-el-n%C3%BAmero-70-desde-2003>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/15/cae-pajaro-asesinato-del-periodista-victor-funez-la-ceiba/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/video-se-declara-confeso-el-presunto-asesino-de-periodista-en-la-ceiba.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/estudiantes-de-excelencia-academica-podrian-ser-expulsados-de-la-unah/>

In its continuing report from the torture trial against a police official and seven police agents, Defensores en Línea denounces that a false testimony was given on day 3.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/caso-sequeira-un-falso-testimonio-se-produjo-en-tercer-dia-del-juicio/>

After the preliminary hearings are over, a judge in Tegucigalpa announced a public trial for four of the accused men in the murder case of Berta Cáceres.

The magazine of the Sierra Club published an article by John Gibler about the investigation of Berta's murder.

<http://radioprogreso.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3705-a-juicio-oral-y-p%C3%BAblico-cuatro-imputados-por-el-asesinato-de-berta-c%C3%A1ceres>

<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2017-4-july-august/feature/under-gun-investigation-murder-berta-c-ceres>

Carlos Patiño, a representative of Cartias, asks the MACCIH to reveal the names its enemies and he asks Hondurans to support the work of the MACCIH.

Political analyst Víctor Meza would also welcome such a move.

The German government continues to support the MACCIH financially. This Thursday the announced another 300'000 Euros in support of their work.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/15/piden-a-ciudadania-apoyar-a-la-maccih/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/15/veo-buenos-ojos-la-maccih-denuncie-quienes-entorpecen-labor-victor-meza/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/15/alemania-da-nuevo-apoyo-financiero-la-maccih/>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1080769-410/maccih-alemania-oea-honduras-millones->

Political analyst emphasizes the need for new electoral rules to guarantee a transparent process and he believes that only pressure from below can bring that forward.

A new report by CESPAD highlights how the so-called Clean Politics Bill is a clear proof that the Honduran elite has and will continue to boycott substantial electoral reforms.

The MACCIH, meanwhile, proposes to declare candidates as politically exposed peoples allowing for better financial oversight.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/15/victor-meza-si-queremos-un-proceso-transparente-hay-que-cambiar-las-reglas/>

<http://cespad.org.hn/2017/06/15/la-ley-de-politica-limpia-una-evidencia-del-boicot-de-la-elite-hondurena-a-reformas-electorales-sustantivas/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/maccih-sugiere-a-la-unidad-de-politica-limpia-que-candidatos-entren-a-las-normas-internacionales-financieras.html>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/maccih-propone-que-candidatos-cargos-de-elecci%C3%B3n-popular-se-rijan-por-medio-de-normas>

Liberal presidential candidate Luís Zelaya announced once more that his party won't accept the results in the coming elections if they are transferred by the company Mapa Soluciones.

El Tiempo investigated three companies close to Mapa Soluciones.

Mapa Soluciones speaks of a persecution by the Liberal Party.

El Pulso tries to bring some light into the discussion.

Yesterday, the TSE installed the Consultative Council for the coming elections. It consists of representatives of all parties funning in the election.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/15/liberales-no-reconoceran-resultados-de-elecciones-si-son-transmitidos-por-mapa-soluciones/>

<http://tiempo.hn/partido-liberal-no-aceptara-resultados-mapa-soluciones/>

<http://tiempo.hn/diario-tiempo-digital-le-presenta-las-tres-empresas-vinculadas-mapa-soluciones/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/mapa-soluciones-acusa-de-persecucion-al-candidato-del-partido-liberal-luis-zelaya.html>

<http://elpulso.hn/marvin-ponce-la-contrata-publica-se-ha-convertido-en-el-metodo-de-los-gobiernos-para-robar/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/15/instalan-consejo-consultivo-para-supervisar-elecciones-generales-en-honduras/>

The Opposition Alliance gets further support, as the Liberal mayor of Roatán, Dorn Ebanks, also abandoned his party to join them. Pasos de Animal Grande speaks with Marlen Lino, who is running for Libre for Congress, about the marginalization of black women in Honduran politics.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/15/dorn-ebanks-alcalde-roatan-tambien-se-va-la-alianza-opositora/>

<http://tiempo.hn/alcalde-de-roatan-nuevo-miembro-de-la-alianza-opositora/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1778-la-pobreza-promueve-la-segregacion-politica-de-las-mujeres-negras-hondurenas>

A new article by Defensores en Línea concentrates on the situation of the parents of criminalized students and how they deal with it.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/sufro-por-mis-hijos-criminalizados-en-la-unah/>

According to Carlos Pineda Fasque, vice-minister of MiAmbiente, Honduras exports mineral resources worth \$300 million per year. He goes on to say that there are currently 256 mining concessions in Honduras.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/honduras-exporta-en-miner%C3%AD-unos-300-millones-de-d%C3%B3lares-anualmente>

The TSE recommends to Salvador Nasralla and Marlene Alvarenga to settle their dispute about the name and logo of PAC in front of a court. Nevertheless, Nasralla seems to have strong arguments on his side as he had the brand and the logo patented in 2012.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/15/tse-no-sabe-dilucidar-la-propiedad-los-sellos-logo-del-pac/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/15/nasralla-gana-la-partida-a-marlene-se-queda-con-el-nombre-del-pac/>

According to the president of the Supreme Court, Rolando Argueta, the US has demanded the extradition of 15 more individuals for drug trafficking.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/15/ee-uu-demanda-al-poder-judicial-hondureno-extraditar-a-mas-narcos/>

The Honduran transport sector still pays 20 million Lempiras per month in extortion money.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/m%C3%A1s-de-20-millones-de-lempiras-paga-el-sector-transporte-por-extorsi%C3%B3n>

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/186199>

16/06/17

UNAH; UN; Torture; (Re)Elections; US; Charter Cities; Journalists; APP; Electric Energy; PAC; and Inmates on the Move Again

Cynicism has taken hold again in Honduras. UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos calls for a dialogue while state and her private security forces violently evict protesting students...

...and according to the students, she is the one giving the orders. Political science lecturer Divina Alvarenga denounces that Castellanos has handed over control to the armed forces and the police.

According to ConfidencialHN, five students were arrested during the violent eviction by the special forces command COBRAS.

Children visiting the dental center at UNAH were also affected by the gas bombs used by the state security forces.

Also in the north of Honduras, at the UNAH in the Sula Valley, police evicted protesting students arresting at least one.

Radio Progreso offers an overview of yesterday's repression.

CONADEH reacts to the repression by rejecting any form of violence and calling for an "open, inclusive and democratic" dialogue.

Various international human rights organization wrote an open letter demanding a stop to the criminalization of students.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2312-brutalidad-policial-contra-universitarios-rectora-pide-dialogo>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/16/vandalismo-julietista-rectora-de-la-unah-detras-de-la-represion-estudiantil/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/16/catedratica-denuncia-julieta-castellanos-le-ha-entregado-la-autonomia-los-militares-la-policia-video/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/16/las-lineas-de-julieta-militarizan-la-unah/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/16/ninos-asistian-la-unah-revision-dental-fueron-afectados-gases-policiales/>

<http://tiempo.hn/unah-policias-estudiantes-unah/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/16/estudiantes-toman-universidad-del-valle-de-sula-denuncian-desalojo/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/16/desalojan-universidad-del-valle-de-sula-y-capturan-a-protestante/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3709-heridos-golpeados-y-detenido-deja-jornada-de-represi%C3%B3n-en-la-unah>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/represi%C3%B3n-y-detenci%C3%B3n-manifestantes-universitarios>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/conadeh-rechaza-todo-tipo-de-violencia-y-aboga-por-el-di%C3%A1logo-abierto-en-la-unah>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/honduras-debe-cesar-la-criminalizacion-de-estudiantes-universitarios/>

Joaquín A. Mejía Rivera believes that there are three important lessons about the role of the UN human rights office in Honduras from the crisis at the UNAH.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/item/3713-tres-lecciones-universitarias-sobre-el-papel-en-honduras-de-la-oficina-del-alto-comisionado-de-las-naciones-unidas-para-los-derechos-humanos>

Defensores en Línea summarizes the first week of trial against a police official and seven police agents for torturing and murdering Mario Sequeira in 2010. The trial will continue next week.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/abran-paso-a-la-justicia/>

After the revelations by the CNA about irregularities regarding TSE contracts, the civil society coalition Observation N-26 expresses its worries about the coming elections and demands better guarantees of a

transparent electoral process.

The TSE had its first meeting with the newly created Consultative Council. In Yoro, a candidate for councilor for the National Party withdrew his candidacy due to threats.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/ante-denuncia-del-cna-observacion-n-26-demanda-garantia-en-el-proceso-electoral.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/tse-y-consejo-consultivo-sostienen-primera-reunion.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/aspirante-a-regidor-en-yoro-por-el-partido-nacional-renuncia-por-amenazas-a-muerte.html>

According to El Libertador, US foreign secretary Rex Tillerson lauded Honduras as an example for protecting human rights...

At the same time, the US congressman Alan Lowenthal wrote an open letter to Tillerson requesting that the defense of human rights be a priority in the US foreign policy in Central America.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2309-lapsus-ee-uu-destaca-honduras-por-proteccion-a-dd-hh>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/el-congresista-lowenthal-solicita-al-departamento-de-estado-que-considere-los-derechos-humanos-en-centroamerica-como-una-prioridad-de-la-politica-exterior-de-ee-uu/>

OFRANEH shows in a new article how they are further marginalized and evicted in the name of the ZEDE a.k.a. Charter City Bill.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/06/16/la-ciudad-modelo-en-trujillo-neocolonialismo-canadiense-y-persecucion-a-dirigentes-garifunas/>

After the murder of journalist Víctor Fúnez, the Honduran police swiftly presented a culprit who also confessed. Now, a day later, he told the press that he was forced to confess and that he didn't murder Fúnez.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/envian-a-prision-a-el-pajaro-supuesto-homicida-dice-que-fue-obligado-a-culparse.html>

At the Security and Prosperity Conference in Miami, JOH praised himself and the other regional presidents for the supposed progress in matters of security.

As part of this conference, Canada announced to support regional stability with \$5.5 million.

The Honduran security minister Pacheco Tinoco is apparently in favor that Mexico, just as the US and Colombia, train Honduran security forces.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/16/lideres-centroamericanos-destacan-avances-en-seguridad-en-la-cumbre-de-prosperidad/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/16/ee-uu-recortara-multimillonaria-asistencia-antidroga-a-centroamerica/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/canada-aportara-5-5-millones-de-dolares-para-la-seguridad-de-centroamerica.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/honduras-esta-a-favor-de-que-mexico-entrene-sus-fuerzas-de-seguridad.html>

Radio Progreso reports on the plight with the constant blackouts and the growing distress by businesswo/men.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3710-apagones-y-altos-costos-de-energ%C3%ADa-electrocutan-a-la-poblaci%C3%B3n-hondure%C3%B1a>

JOH's presidential assessor Ebal Díaz tries to meddle in the dispute about PAC's name and logo.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/16/gobierno-investigara-registro-la-marca-pac-ebal-diaz/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/16/realizan-sorpresivo-traslado-de-reos-a-flamante-carcel-de-moroceli/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/fotogalerias/1081143-468/fotos-traslado-reos-pandilleros-pozo-ii-tolva>

18/06/17

UNAH; MACCIH; Reelection; Corruption; IHSS; Electric Energy; Customs; and the Return of Freud?

ConexiHon investigated the surveillance of the student movement by ATIC and comes to the conclusion that it was illegal.

Six of the students who were arrested on Friday received alternative measures to imprisonment, i.e. they can await the next trial date on July 14 in freedom.

During the hearing, a mother denounced that the crisis at the UNAH has its origin in the behavior of its dean, Julieta Castellanos.

The student movement MEU demands her resignation.

MEU's president, Fausto Cáliz, was stopped by police agents claiming they had an arrest warrant against him.

C-Libre requested an urgent meeting of the National Protection System (SNP) to discuss the conflict between UNAH and the students.

The Oppositional Alliance condemns the repression against students in a press release.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/ilegal-la-vigilancia-universitarios-por-parte-de-la-atic>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/bombardeada-la-autonomia-universitaria/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/dictan-medidas-sustitutivas-a-favor-de-seis-estudiantes-detenido-por-tomas-en-la-unah.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/17/la-culpable-de-la-tesis-en-la-unah-es-julieta-castellanos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/17/32458/>

<http://tiempo.hn/orden-captura-fausto-calix-presidente-del-movimiento-estudiantil-la-unah/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/sistema-nacional-de-proteccion-se-reunira-para-abordar-la-violencia-en-el-conflicto-universitario>

<http://tiempo.hn/alianza-oposicion-condena-represion-universitarios/>

Once more, the MACCIH has to ask Congress not to alter laws proposed by them. This happened previously with the Clean Politics Bill and the MACCIH now fears that it could happen again with the Efficient Collaboration Bill.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/17/maccih-pide-al-parlamento-no-trastocar-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz/>

Political analyst Raúl Pineda Alvarado warns that the forceful imposition of the reelection could generate even more violence in Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/17/la-reeleccion-se-quiere-imponer-sangre-fuego/>

In an Op-Ed in the Washington Post, Sarah Chayes makes the connection between corruption and environmental devastation with Honduras' Patuca III dam as an example.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/a-hidden-cost-of-corruption-environmental-devastation/2017/06/16/03f93c1e-52b8-11e7-b064-828ba60fbb98_story.html?utm_term=.227313d04c0d

OABI expects to make some 192 million Lempiras by selling office seized

properties in the IHSS corruption case.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/17/en-julio-subastaran-propiedades-quitadas-al-crimen-y-saqueadores-del-ihss/>

ConfidencialHN cites the head of ENEE, Jesús Mejía, saying that the electric transmission network in Honduras is collapsing.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/17/preparesse-para-vivir-a-oscuras-seguiran-los-apagones-en-honduras/>

Honduras and Guatemala successfully finished their negotiation about a customs union on Friday.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/honduras-y-guatemala-concluyen-proceso-que-da-vida-la-primera-zona-aduanera-com%C3%BAn-en>

<http://tiempo.hn/luis-zelaya-comete-error/>

19/06/17

IHSS; MACCIH; UNAH; Penitentiary System; Organized Crime; US; APP; Impunity; National Police; and Militarization, What Else?

Unanimously, the sentencing tribunal declared guilty Mario Roberto Zelaya Rojas, John Charles Bográn Velásquez, José Ramón Berttety Osorio, Michell Alejandra Rojas Flores and Vivian Melissa Juárez Fiallos in the IHSS corruption case. Susette Atuán Rojas, meanwhile, was absolved, but the MP already announced to consider appealing this decision. Apparently, the mother of Melissa Juárez Fiallos suffered a heart attack when she witnessed the sentence of her daughter in court. IHSS former director Mario Roberto Zelaya Rojas still disputes the accusations. The MACCIH praised its own work and the collaboration with the MP in the case.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/18/32-anos-carcel-saqueadores-del-seguro-social/>

<http://tiempo.hn/madre-de-extesorera-del-ihss-sufre-infarto-tras-conocer-que-su-hija-es-declarada-culpable/>

<http://tiempo.hn/mario-zelaya-continua-prision/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/sentencia-de-empresas-fantasmas-desata-alegria-y-llanto-en-la-sala-penal.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/18/jefe-de-la-maccih-se-congratula-por-ejemplar-castigo-contra-saqueadores-del-ihss/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/maccih-alaba-fallo-condenatorio-contra-implicados-del-caso-empresas-fantasmas-ihss.html>

Rodolfo Pastor Fasquelle writes an open letter to the MACCIH with open questions for them to investigate.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/18/memo-la-corrupcion-la-maccih-resena-chayes/>

Both Pasos de Animal Grande and Defensores en Línea summarized last weeks repression against and criminalization of the student movement while also emphasizing some historic similarities to earlier confrontations.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1779-semana-de-represion-juridica-y-administrativa-contra-estudiantes-de-la-unah-dejo-evidenciada-la-ilegalidad>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/ataques-en-la-unah-son-consecuencias-del-golpe-de-estado/>

Prison authorities report that an inmate at the so-called Pozo II prison died in a confrontation between gangs.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/18/carcel-segura-muere-reo-en-una-reyerta-con-pandilleros-de-la-18/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/en-enfrentamiento-muere-reo-en-el-interior-de-la-carcel-de-la-tolva.html>

El Heraldo reports on a seventeen-year-long investigation into an organized crime network supposedly headed by Ramón Matta Waldurraga.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1081656-466/fiscal%C3%ADa-de-honduras-tras-la-organizaci%C3%B3n-criminal-de-matta-waldurraga>

Political analyst Raúl Pineda Alvarado warns of the destabilizing effects were the US to cancel the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) for Hondurans.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/18/si-ee-uu-cancela-tps-una-grave-crisis-social-podria-atacar-a-honduras/>

The Central-American Fiscal Studies Institute (IcEFI) questions the effectiveness and transparency of the Alliance for Prosperity Plan.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/18/icEFI-preocupado-la-efectividad-transparencia-del-plan-alianza-la-prosperidad-del-triangulo-norte/>

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee and head of the Alliance for Peace and Justice, emphasized the importance of investigating, sentencing and punishing both material and intellectual authors of crime in order to end with impunity and the violence that comes with it.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/desmantelamiento-de-redes-criminales-e-impunidad-claves-para-evitar-masacres-omar-rivera.html>

Both El Heraldo and La Prensa highlight the new requisites for aspiring police officials mandated by the new Organic Law for the National Police.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1081633-466/agregan-m%C3%A1s-requisitos-para-aspirantes-a-director-de-la-polic%C3%ADa-nacional-de>

http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1081671-410/polic%C3%ADa-nacional-honduras-jerarca_policial-

<http://cepr.net/blogs/the-america-blog/miami-conference-signals-increased-militarization-of-us-policy-in-central-america>

20/06/17

Violence; UNAH; COPINH; Forced Displacement; Penitentiary System; HRDs; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; PAC; Child Labor; Corruption; Organized Crime; US; ENEE; and the IHSS Investigation

The Wilson Center published a new report called "Crime, Corruption and the Loss of the Monopoly on Violence in Honduras".

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/crimen-corrupcion-y-perdida-del-monopolio-de-la-violencia-en-honduras>

<http://elpulso.hn/la-perdida-del-monopolio-de-la-violencia-en-honduras-3-ejemplos-en-la-ciudad-de-la-ceiba/>

The Lecturers' Association of the UNAH (ADUNAH) demands the replacement of UNAH's governing body, the end of the militarization of the campus and with it the dismissal of the private security company ESPA. UNAH students ask the UN to mediate in the ongoing crisis at the university.

In the open letter to the UN Human Rights Office in Honduras, they also ask for the replacement of the current UNAH authorities, believing that a dialogue won't be fruitful without that step.

JOH, meanwhile, blames the whole crisis on Libre...

and Julieta Castellanos still claims that she upheld all the points of the agreements with the students, except one, but that is their fault.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/adunah-exige-la-salida-de-espa-y-de-autoridades-de-la-unah>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/adunah-si-las-autoridades-de-la-unah-no-desean-dialogar-que-renuncien/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/19/estudiantes-universitarios-piden-a-la-onu-medar-en-crisis-de-la-unah/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/meu-sin-la-renuncia-de-julieta-no-hay-dialogo/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/19/joh-da-entender-libre-esta-detras-las-protestas-la-unah/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/%E2%80%9Ctodos-los-acuerdos-se-han-cumplido%E2%80%9D-castellanos>

COPINH denounces the criminalization of indigenous Lencas in the "La Jarcia" case about the recuperation of ejido land.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/06/audiencia-caso-la-jarcia-comunidad.html>

El Pulso speaks with Carlos Sierra from CIPRODEH about "the crisis of forced displacements" in Honduras.

According to a new report by CONADEH and the UNHCR on the topic, Honduras belongs to the worst affected countries for forced displacements due to violence.

Honduras officially recognizes 174'000 forced displacements for violence.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-desplazamiento-forzado-una-tragedia-de-miles-de-familias-en-honduras/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/hondure%C3%B1os-ocupan-los-primeros-lugares-en-solicitar-asilo-por-desplazamiento-causa-de-la>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/comerciantes-maestros-abogados-y-hasta-policias-entre-desplazados-internos-por-violencia-en-honduras.html>

The New York Times reports of the use of spyware by the Mexican government against human rights defenders. From a lack some time back at the Italian Hacking Team company, we know that Honduras also purchased such spyware.

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/19/world/americas/mexico-spyware-anticrime.html?_r=0

<https://theintercept.com/2015/07/27/ak-47-arms-dealer-goes-cyber-supplied-surveillance-tools-honduras-government/>

Another inmate was murdered in JOH's proclaimed maximum security prison the El Pozo II prison, the second in less than 24 hours.

JOH, meanwhile, justifies the murders, claiming that it was something to be expected.

Conaprev demanded an official investigation by the MP.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/19/asesinan-a-otro-reo-de-la-flamante-carcel-el-pozo-ii-en-menos-de-24-horas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/19/joh-justifica-el-asesinato-de-dos-reos-dentro-de-carcel-hondurena/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/conaprev-llama-al-mp-actuar-de-oficio-en-la-investigaci%C3%B3n-de-dos-reos-muertos-en-%E2%80%9Ccla-tolva%E2%80%9D>

I believe it is now the third time that TSE magistrate David Matamoros promises that they will cancel the contract with Mapa Soluciones IF they

come to the conclusion that the company doesn't fulfill all the requisites. The Association for a More Just Society (ASJ) asks the political party to find a solution to this problem.

Mauricio Villeda also continues to highlight irregularities regarding the company.

An EU delegation meet with the TSE yesterday and the TSE claimed afterwards that the EU supports the coming general elections, but there is still no decision if they will send an observation mission.

Caritas speaks in a new press release about the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (i.e. the four main challenges) in the coming elections: i) an archaic electoral system ii) nefarious pacts iii) an insensitive political class and iv) the shadow of a reelection.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/19/si-auditoria-revela-irregularidades-en-logistica-de-mapa-soluciones-se-revocara-su-contrato/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/auditores-revisaran-empresa-mapa-soluciones-luego-se-decidira-futuro-del-contrato-tse.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/asj-pide-a-partidos-politicos-que-resuelvan-con-seriedad-el-problema-de-mapa-soluciones.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/no-dejar-pasar-denuncia-del-cna-sobre-la-empresa-mapa-soluciones-pide-villeda.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/union-europea-respaldara-proceso-electoral-general-2017-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/gobierno-hondureno-pide-a-ue-acompanar-desde-hoy-el-proceso-electoral.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/19/tse-asegura-union-europea-respaldara-elecciones-generales-noviembre/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/19/los-cuatro-jinetes-del-apocalipsis-la-politica-hondurena-caritas-honduras/>

Javier Calderón Castillo is optimistic about the prospect of the Oppositional Alliance.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/186265>

TSE magistrate David Matamoros wants to circumvent the debate about the property rights of PAC because the party is already inscribed under this name at the TSE.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/19/david-matamoros-patentar-el-pac-no-tendra-ninguna-incidencia-en-las-elecciones/>

El Pulso investigates in a new article the causes and realities of child labor in Honduras. Over 50% takes place in agriculture in the widest sense, but still 11% takes place in manufacture.

<http://elpulso.hn/causas-y-realidades-del-trabajo-infantil-en-honduras/>

ConfidencialHN discovered in an investigation that the company Laboratorios Finlay made big profits from contracts with the Health Secretariat while not even fulfilling the contracts, i.e. not delivering the pharmaceuticals.

Further investigation of corruption in the public health sector continues. The MP seized several documents in the hospitals in Trujillo and La Ceiba yesterday.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/19/26453/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/19/decomisan-documentos-de-hospitales-caribenos-por-supuesta-corrupcion/>

The seizure of properties belonging to the Matta family continues. Yesterday, there links to drug trafficking were made public based on a

17-year-long investigation.
BBC Mundo reports on the Los Cachiros trial and its repercussions on Honduran politicians.
Yesterday, the trial against drug trafficker "Chepito" Handal continued.
The MP also started a process against his father and his wife.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/19/a-traves-de-la-operacion-terremoto-continuan-asegurando-bienes-de-familia-matta/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/19/autoridades-hondurenas-confiscan-propiedades-del-hijo-de-ramon-mata/>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1081973-410/aseguramiento-bienes-matta-waldurraga-operativo-terremoto->

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1081971-466/ministerio-p%C3%BAblico-da-segundo-golpe-a-organizaci%C3%B3n-de-los-matta>

<http://www.bbc.com/mundo/noticias-america-latina-40304191>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1081948-466/honduras-comienza-el-juicio-oral-y-p%C3%BAblico-contra-chepito-handal>

InSight Crime also comments on last week's Miami Conference concluding that "In this particular vision of fighting gangs, Washington has, yet again, prioritized an already failed approach, that of heavy-handed policies based merely on police intervention, which works to the detriment of strong cooperation between communities and police forces to banish gang members, as pointed out by one police force to the Trump administration in the Senate less than a month ago."

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/us-reverses-course-central-america-heavy-handed-drug-war>

JOH apparently ordered an investigation into the problems at ENEE.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/sorpresita-con-nombres-y-apellidos-anuncia-hernandez-sobre-responsables-de-atentar-contr-sistema-de-energia.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/19/ministerio-publico-ha-logrado-nueve-fallos-condenatorios-caso-del-robo-al-ihss/>

<http://tiempo.hn/desfalco-del-ihss-nueve-fallos-condenatorios-46-acusados-y-300-millones-asegurados/>

21/06/17

UNAH; Berta - Documentary; Penal Code; National Police; Forced Displacements; Liberal Party; (Re)elections; MACCIH; Corruption; Electric Energy; Organized Crime; Penitentiary System; Poverty; Customs; and Honduras vs. Venezuela

PEN International launched an urgent action in favor of the three criminalized students, one of which (Cesario Alejandro Félix Padilla Figueroa) is a member of PEN Honduras.

UNAH students decided yesterday to continue with their protest against the reign of UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos and the criminalization of their colleagues.

Castellanos continues to deny everything going so far as calling what is happening at the UNAH not a crisis but a conflict of a group of students.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/06/honduras-declaran-culpable-miembro-de.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/prosiguen-las-protestas-en-la-universidad-autonoma-de-honduras-julieta-reacia-al-dialogo/>

<http://tiempo.hn/estudiantes-de-la-unah-ciencias-de-la-salud/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/para-la-rectora-castellanos-la-universidad-no-esta-en-crisis-lo-que-hay-es-un-conflicto.html>

Sam Vinal is currently producing a new documentary about Berta and he just published the first teaser trailer.
A further documentary called "Worth Dying For?" has already been finished.

<https://vimeo.com/220565488/1286343525>

<http://www.thisisplace.org/i/?id=7934f044-f1af-424f-ba69-7cb923e66ca5>

The Inter-Instituional Commission of Criminal Justice didn't recommend to lower the punishable age for minors.
But they made eight recommendations, one of them being to raise the maximum prison penalty for minors from 8 to 15 years.
A further recommendations is to raise the penalty for adults who instigate minors to commit crimes.

<http://elpulso.hn/comision-interinstitucional-de-justicia-penal-no-recomienda-la-reduccion-de-edad-punible-pero-si-el-incremento-de-sanciones-a-menores/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/20/la-comision-interinstitucional-justicia-penal-propone-incremento-las-sanciones-la-ninez-infractora/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/piden-agravar-penas-para-mayores-que-obliguen-a-menores-a-delinquir/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/comision-de-justicia-penal-en-contra-de-bajar-edad-punible-y-pide-incrementar-penas-a-menores.html>

Radio Progreso denounces that police commissioner Héctor Iván Mejía Velásquez is found on a list of possible candidates for the new head of police. He is held responsible for the brutal repression of peaceful protests both shortly after the coup d'état on August 14, 2009 and also on September 15, 2010.

<http://radioprogressohn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3716-los-nombres-para-nuevo-jefe-de-la-polic%C3%ADa-nacional-20-junio-2017>

El Herald reports that last year over 10'000 Hondurans asked sought refuge in other countries and according to the UNHCR, in total 34'800 Hondurans still await answers to their request.
The UNHCR even believes that Latin America is on the brink of a refugee crisis due to forced displacement by violence.
The same Proceso Digital, which reported on the forced displacement by violence in Honduras, entitles another news article "Honduras is

offering refuge to citizens of Nicaragua, El Salvador, Haití y Venezuela"...

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/inicio/1082305-465/m%C3%A1s-de-10-mil-hondure%C3%B1os-pidieron-refugio-en-2016>

<http://www.proceso.hn/migrantes/1-migrantes/latinoamerica-mas-cerca-de-una-crisis-de-refugiados-de-lo-que-se-piensa-dice-acnur.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/honduras-ofrece-refugio-a-ciudadanos-de-nicaragua-el-salvador-haiti-y-venezuela.html>

Criterio reports that a complaint has been filed against the Liberal presidential candidate for fraud during a sale of land. But it is not yet clear how the supposed victim is nor which lawyer filed the complaint. According to ConfidencialHN, he is sued for \$585'000.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/20/demandan-al-presidenciable-liberal-luis-zelaya-medrano-delito-estafa/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/demandan-al-candidato-liberal-luis-zelaya-por-venta-irregular-de-terrenos/>

The former Attorney General Edmundo Orellana Mercado views critically a possible participation of the European Union in the coming general elections.

As you may expect, yesterday's publication of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse by Caritas on the Honduran elections has made quite a splash. The former TSE magistrate Enrique Ortez agrees with the points raised by Caritas and according to him, there is only one conclusion: Honduras needs a new electoral system.

Current TSE magistrate David Matamoros gives the Oppositional Alliance one week to decide how to split up the financial support every party running in the elections gets.

There are 123 million Lempiras to hand out to nine parties.

Matamoros also tries once more to defend the TSE's position regarding their contract with Mapa Soluciones and he makes clear that the electoral process won't be stopped.

Liberal presidential candidate Luis Zelaya disagrees with Matamoros' statements.

Meanwhile, the newly established and already disputed Clean Politics Unit met with a Dutch delegation.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/20/la-union-europea-no-le-conviene-avalar-elecciones-honduras/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2314-iglesia-catolica-en-contra-de-reeleccion-presidencial>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/caritas-advierte-sobre-los-cuatro-jinetes-del-apocalipsis-de-la-politica-hondurena.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/enrique-ortez-mi-gran-conclusion-es-que-honduras-necesita-un-nuevo-sistema-electoral/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/emplazan-a-la-alianza-para-definir-quien-recibira-la-deuda-politica/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/tse-pagara-l-123-millones-por-anticipo-de-deuda-politica-a-nueve-partidos.html>

<http://elpulso.hn/matamoros-batson-las-elecciones-no-se-van-a-parar/>

<http://elpulso.hn/luis-zelaya-yo-no-me-chupo-el-dedo-ni-soy-tonto/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/listo-el-reglamento-de-la-unidad-de-politica-limpia.html>

The MACCIH announced that the newly created National Anti-Corruption Jurisdiction body will be ready in the coming weeks to take up its work. The United Kingdom has reaffirmed its support for the work of the MACCIH and its program on judicial independence.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/en-tres-semanas-funcionara-la-unidad-antimafias-del-ministerio-publico-y-maccih/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/20/reino-unido-brinda-nuevo-respaldo-financiero-la-maccih/>

The Open Data Charter has published a guide in English and Spanish on how to use open data to combat corruption.

<http://opendatacharter.net/anticorruption/>

Salvador Nasralla, presidential candidate of the Oppositional Alliance, demands that the contract with the private operator Energy Honduras is revised claiming that it belongs to the National Party. Both JOH and the disputed former head of ENEE's labor union Miguel Aguilar try to portray every criticism of the privatization of the electric energy provision as a hidden agenda of those profiting of ENEE

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/nasralla-denuncia-que-energia-honduras-es-empresa-nacionalista/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/en-sintonia-con-joh-cuestionado-sindicalista-habla-de-intereses-salvajes-en-manejo-de-la-enee/>

The Matta family, accused of organized crime, tries to strike back, accusing the government of persecution and defamation.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/denuncia-persecucion-y-estigmatizacion-contrafamilia-matta/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/piden-a-joh-volver-a-leer-sus-apuntes-sobre-derecho/>

The Honduran government once more used its one tool when there is a crisis: it militarized the El Pozo II prison after the murder of two inmates.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/tras-asesinato-de-reos-militarizan-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/fusina-y-pmop-realizan-operativos-de-inspeccion-en-centro-penitenciario-la-tolva.html>

According to the Secretariat for Central-American Social Integration (SISCA), a SICA body, one fourth of all remittances sent to Central America are used to buy food.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/un-cuarto-de-las-remesas-enviadas-se-destina-la-alimentaci%C3%B3n>

The US and Canada will support Honduras in modernizing their customs system.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/canad%C3%A1-y-estados-unidos-apoyar%C3%A1n-modernizaci%C3%B3n-del-sistema-aduanero-de-honduras>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/20/delcy-rodriguez-a-maria-dolores-aguero-ocupese-de-los-altos-indices-de-exclusion-en-honduras/>

22/06/17

COPINH; UNAH; Penal Code; Journalists; Forced Displacement; Corruption; Drug Trafficking; Penitentiary System; Private Security; INA; Health Sector; and Tourism

COPINH denounces an increase in threats by the Madrid family against their members in Río Blanco, even though COPINH has reported them to the Honduran authorities. Yesterday, one of them threatened to kill at any moment the children of Francisco Javier Sanchez, Coordinator of the Indigenous Council of Río Blanco and a member of the General Coordination of COPINH.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.com/2017/06/alerta-el-copinh-exige-que-se-respete.html>

<https://hondurasresists.blogspot.com/2017/06/new-death-threats-in-rio-blanco-against.html>

Julieta Castellanos didn't attend a meeting by the National Council for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Journalists, Social Communicators and Judicial Operators. She was invited to give her declaration about UNAH's agreement with the students as well as about the situation with the private security company ESPA.

The lawyer Carlo Jiménez denounces that the MP on purpose didn't react to a petition by him in favor of the criminalized 20 students and the journalist Ronnie Huete whose audience takes place today.

UNAH's student took to the streets demanding a real dialogue and an end to the crisis at UNAH.

At the end of their protest, the students wanted to hand in a proposal to resolve the crisis but they weren't attended by UNAH authorities.

Roberto Briceño Jiménez sees this ongoing crisis as a battle between an exclusive neoconservative reform and an inclusive democratic one.

Both Proceso Digital and El Heraldito try to portray the students' protest as not representing UNAH students.

But according to the student movement MEU, only the Faculty of Law, which has historic ties with the National Party, didn't participate in the protests.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/rectora-castellanos-desafia-al-consejo-de-proteccion-defensores-y-defensoras>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/21/32670/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/ministerio-publico-y-juez-dejan-en-indefension-los-20-estudiantes>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/21/estudiantes-universitarios-muestran-musculo-a-esquirolas-y-presentan-inciativa-anticrisis/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/autoridades-universitarias-no-recibieron-propuesta-de-estudiantes/>

<http://www.hispantv.com/noticias/honduras/345112/universitarios-hondurenos-unah-lucha-social>

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/186319>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/grupo-de-estudiantes-protesta-para-normalizar-clases-en-la-unah-el-meu-sigue-con-tomas.html>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1082651-466/en-peligro-otra-vez-el-per%C3%ADodo-en-la-unah-por-protestas-estudiantiles>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/21/derecho-la-unica-facultad-no-se-ha-unido-las-protestas-la-unah/>

UNICEF rejects the proposal by the Inter-Institutional Commission of the Criminal Justice to increase the punishment against minors who commit a crime.

Belinda Portillo of the World Movement for Childhood criticizes the Honduran governments lack of support for children and denounces that the government rather hardens the criminal sentencing instead of investing in prevention and opportunities for Honduras' children.

A similar critique is voiced by Coiproden's Wilmer Vásquez.

Luis Pedernera of the Children's Rights Committee laments that Honduras still pursues empirically discredited approaches such as wishing to lower the punishable age for children.

The MACCIH also adds its concerns to the debate, calling the application of penal law the "last resort".

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1082662-466/unicef-rechaza-agravar-penas-contramenores>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/edad-punible-del-debate-publico-en-honduras-al-analisis-internacional.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/21/descuido-de-la-ninez-deuda-eterna-del-estado-hondureno/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/21/wilmer-vasquez-el-estado-es-rapido-y-furioso-pero-para-perseguir-ninos-y-ninas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/21/reduccion-de-edad-punible-fortalecera-carrera-criminal-de-menores-infractores/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/21/maccih-pide-mas-debate-sobre-duros-castigos-a-menores-de-edad/>

<http://tiempo.hn/guadalupe-ruela-ninos-necesitan-mas-anos-de-estudios-y-no-de-carcel/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/el-90-de-j%C3%B3venes-rescatados-por-casa-alianza-fueron-maltratados-por-sus-propios-padres>

A EU delegation meet today with Congress' president Mauricio Oliva and according to Proceso Digital, there is now a possibility that the EU will send an observation mission for the coming elections.

The Electoral Board of the G-16 meet with the civil society coalition Observation N-26.

The TSE announces that they have found at least 800 duplicates in the inscriptions by the political parties. This should be resolved by July 4.

The president of Caritas Honduras, Germán Calix, calls on the TSE magistrates to act not as party representatives but as independent professionals.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/ue-comunica-al-congreso-posibilidad-de-enviar-observadores-a-elecciones-generales.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/21/mesa-electoral-del-g-6-se-reune-observacion-n-26/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/mesa-electoral-del-g-16-se-reune-con-observacion-n-26.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/al-menos-800-casos-de-duplicidad-en-planillas-encuentra-el-tse-a-la-fecha.html>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/piden-magistrados-del-tse-actuar-de-manera-independiente-y-no-como-miembros-de-partidos>

The Special Rapporteur for the Freedom of Expression of the IACHR denounces the murder of Honduran journalist Víctor Fúnez on June 15.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/rele-cidh-condena-asesinato-contra-periodista-victor-funez>

El Pulso continues to report on forced displacement in Honduras based on information by UNHCR and CONADEH.

<http://elpulso.hn/honduras-entre-los-20-paises-de-situacion-compleja-que-atiende-acnur-por-dezplazamiento-forzado/>

ATIC continues its Fire Storm Operation (its already part six) by investigating public institutions and seizing documents. This time it was the turn of the Property Institute (IP) and the Autonomous Sports Confederation of Honduras (Condepah).

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/atic-secuestro-documentos-en-el-ip-y-condepah.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/21/atic-secuestra-documentos-en-distintas-dependencia-del-estado/>

The MP announced the arrest of 24 members of the Los Peludos criminal gang, the apparent successors of Los Cachiros. According to a study by the University of Costa Rica and the University of Ohio, 30%-60% of all deforestation in Central America is caused by drug trafficking.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/21/arrestan-a-24-miembros-de-la-banda-heredera-de-los-cachiros-en-tocoa-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/narcotrafico-causa-30-de-deforestacion-de-zonas-protegidas-de-centroamerica.html>

One of the inmates murdered at Pozo II apparently isn't even registered at the National Persons' Registry (RNP).

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/21/pandillero-asesinado-en-el-pozo-ii-no-aparece-registrado-en-oficina-de-identificacion/>

<http://tiempo.hn/reo-que-murio-en-la-tolva/>

IHSS' labor union denounces that the Intervention Commission decided to fire its security guards and replace them by private security guards.

<http://tiempo.hn/seguro-social-cambiara-guardias-tradicionales-por-empresa-de-seguridad-privada/>

Employees at the National Agrarian Institute (INA) protested outside of the Finance Secretariat demanding the payment of outstanding salaries.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/21/empleados-del-instituto-nacional-agrario-exigen-pago-de-sueldos-atrasados/>

The head of the governing board of the University Hospital (HEU), Elsa

Palou, resigned "strictly for personal reasons".

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/21/por-motivos-personales-renuncia-autoridad-de-hospital/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/crean-fondo-de-inversi%C3%B3n-para-sector-turismo-con-un-monto-de-750-millones>

23/06/17

UNAH; HRDs; IACtHR; Femicide; MACCIH; Penal Code; (Re)Elections; Forced Displacements; Secrecy Law; ENEE; INE; Public Debt; Fiscal Policy; and the Consciousness of the People

Yesterday I was made aware that the UN Special Rapporteur for the Right to Education Koumbou Boly Barry was in Honduras this week. But there was almost no coverage about it except one article in which CONADEH claims that it has put an end to the conflict at the UNAH in 2016 with the joint agreement by the student movements and UNAH authorities, not mentioning that exactly at this moment this conflict has flamed up again. The UNAH authorities still continue to denigrate and criminalize the students. In a new press release they claim that hooded individuals enter the administrative building and caused damages - but no proof was provided.

They also accuse the students against all odds of denying a dialogue. The initial audience for the 20 students and one journalist was suspended yesterday and postponed to July 21.

UNAH authorities cut the financial support for one of the 20 criminalized student.

<http://conadeh.hn/ombudsman-hondureno-se-reune-con-relatora-para-el-derecho-a-la-educacion-de-la-onu-y-abordan-problemativa-educativa/>

<http://v2.campanaderechoeducacion.org/es/noticias/751-2017-06-19-19-20-00.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/22/unah-sigue-criminalizando-las-protestas-a-pesar-del-dialogo/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/22/dirigente-estudiantil-si-algo-me-pasa-es-responsabilidad-de-julieta-castellanos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/22/quien-no-quiere-dialogo-meu-autoridades-unah/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/22/suspenden-audiencia-contr-estudiantes-de-la-unah-vuelven-a-juicio-el-21-de-julio/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/suspenden-beca-a-universitario-por-manifestarse-en-lucha-social/>

The General Coordinator of the Honduran government, Jorge Ramon Hernandez Alcerro, was given the opportunity by the Thomson Reuters Foundation to paint the JOH administration as eager to promote human rights. He even went so far as to claim that "With regards to indigenous land rights, the Hernandez administration has already made unprecedented actions to ensure many indigenous groups hold communal land titles in accordance to their own customs".

<http://www.thisisplace.org/i/?id=fad1a86d-03d7-4763-b945-4164245a0e89>

Honduras' real attitude towards human rights can be rather seen by their continuous unwillingness to comply with a sentence by the IACtHR to reinstate judges purged during the coup d'état. The IACtHR reiterated this demand and denounced the Honduran government's excuses in a new press release.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/estado-continua-renuencia-para-reintegrar-jueces-y-magistrada>

In an interview with El Tiempo, Cristina Alvarado, a member of Visitación Padilla, denounces the ongoing rise in femicide and the

failure by the Honduran state to respond to it.

<http://tiempo.hn/femicidios-en-honduras-aumentan/>

The MACCIH announced in an interview that they are investigating possible corruption cases related to concessions for natural resources. What is more, MACCIH's head Juan Jiménez said that the current vice-president of Congress, the Nationalist Gladis Aurora López is a person of interest.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/22/gladis-aurora-lopez-es-persona-de-interes-para-la-maccih-reuters/>

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, greets the increase of the maximum penalty for minors to 15 years, ignoring all the criticism this step has caused (see yesterday).

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/22/depurador-esta-contento-por-recrudescimiento-de-penas-a-menores-infractores/>

The newly created Clean Politics Unit announced that it singled out critical areas in Honduras where drug trafficking has financed political campaigns in the past. They intend to create centers there in which the public can denounce irregularities.

The EU will announce at the end of July if it will send an electoral observation mission to Honduras.

It is no surprise that the National Party would greet such a mission to have their elections legitimized.

The EU mission that is currently visiting Honduras stated that there is still enough time for electoral reforms.

<http://tiempo.hn/unidad-de-politica-limpia-identifica-donde-hubo-financiamiento-del-narcotrafico-en-campanas-politicas/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/ue-anunciara-a-finales-de-julio-si-participara-como-observador-en-elecciones-hondurenas.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/es-importante-la-presencia-de-la-ue-en-elecciones-dice-secretario-del-ccpn.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/mision-de-ue-asegura-que-aun-hay-tiempo-para-consensuar-reformas-en-honduras.html>

In its third installment on forced displacements, El Pulso speaks with Sofía Martínez Fernández, an analyst at the International Crisis Group.

<http://elpulso.hn/desplazados-la-solucion-del-problema-comienza-por-reconocerlo/>

The head of the Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP), Suyapa Thuman, reacts to the request by the MACCIH to have the Secrecy Law abandoned by stating that she has made some recommendations to change the parts in contradiction to IAIP's law.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/22/presidenta-del-iaip-recomienda-modificar-ciertas-cosas-en-ley-de-secretos/>

JOH continues to speak of a supposed conspiracy inside ENEE as an excuse that the privatization and the creation of the Energy Honduras companies brought a lot of problems with it.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/22/joh-denuncia-conspiracion-dentro-de-la-enee-para-prolongar-crisis-energetica/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1082988-466/joh-teme-boicot-a-investigaci%C3%B3n-en-la-enee>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1082990-466/hondure%C3%B1os-exigen-respuestas-por-altos-cobros-y-apagones>

Criterio reports that criminals use the name of the National Statistics Institute (INE) to break into houses. Its director tries to distance himself and his institutions from these burglaries.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/22/ladrones-usan-nombre-del-ine-meterse-las-casas/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/22/director-del-ine-desmiente-asaltos-personal-la-institucion/>

Radio Progreso reports on the public debt crisis of various mayoralties in Honduras.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3721-crisis-financiera-en-la-alcald%C3%ADa-de-la-ceiba-es-incontrolable>

El Heraldo reports that the Honduran government is currently working on changes to sales taxes and income taxes.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/inicio/1082995-465/gobierno-de-honduras-actualizar%C3%A1-leyes-tributarias-y-aduaneras>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3720-conciencia-de-pueblo-22-junio-2017>

24/06/17

UNAH; MACCIH; Organized Crime; (Re)Elections; Mining; IHSS; Penitentiary System; Homicide Rate; and a Cry from Hell's Prison

The crisis at UNAH arrived at a new tragic low. Roberto Gómez accompanied the criminalizing trial against his son and student Johan André Gómez on June 22 with a poster saying "I want my sons to have a good quality public education without repression and authoritarianism". The next morning at 5:30am he was murdered when leaving his house. This horrible event is seen by many as a sigh of intimidation against the student movement and all other human rights defenders. Libre congressman Rafael Alegría sees in his murder further proof of the existence of death squads in Honduras. The Alliance for Human Rights condemns the murder of the human rights defender Roberto Gómez. The student movement MEU repudiates the crime and demands a thorough investigation. A day before the murder, C-Libre has warned that UNAH's heat campaign endangers the life of the students... University student marched in honor of Roberto Gómez. And the reaction by UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos: "It is normal that a relative of a student dies".

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1785-todas-las-miradas-giran-hacia-la-unah-asesinan-a-padre-de-estudiante-con-proceso-penal>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/apoyo-mi-hijo-en-la-defensa-de-la-educacion-publica-palabras-que-hoy-se-convierten-en-legado>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/mensajes-para-autoridades-de-la-unah-y-policia-dejo-padre-asesinado-de-universitario/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/23/crimen-contra-padre-de-universitario-demuestra-existencia-de-escuadrones-de-la-muerte/>

<http://tiempo.hn/derechos-humanos-condena-asesinato-del-padre-de-joven-universitario/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/alianza-por-los-derechos-humanos-condena-asesinato-de-defensor>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/23/meu-exige-pronta-investigacion-crimen-padre-familia/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/23/funcionarios-de-seguridad-prometen-resolver-crimen-contra-padre-de-estudiante/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/campa%C3%B1a-de-odio-pone-en-peligro-la-vida-de-l%C3%ADderes-y-lideresas-estudiantiles>

<http://tiempo.hn/rinden-tributo-padre-asesinado-universitario-juicio/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1083273-466/matan-a-padre-de-universitario-que-se-uni%C3%B3-a-protesta-estudiantil>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/23/normal-muera-pariente-estudiante-julieta-castellanos/>

Reacting to MACCIH's interest in the business dealings of Gladis Aurora López, the Nationalist congressman Óscar Nájera said that "children of god don't bad business".

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/23/parlamentario-nacionalista-sostiene-que-los-hijos-de-dios-no-hacen-malos-negocios/>

The Mata family came into the limelight this week after a 17-year-long investigation linked them to drug trafficking. Now, Radio Globo published a document showing that JOH signed an energy contract with Ramón Mata Waldurraga.

What is more, the report by the MP about the operations against the Mata family also mentions relatives of first lady Ana García Carías de Hernández.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/23/presidente-de-honduras-autorizo-contrato-de-energia-a-ramon-mata-waldurraga/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/23/siendo-presidente-la-republica-joh-firmo-contrato-suministro-energia-ramon-mata-hijo/>

<http://tiempo.hn/familiares-de-funcionarios-del-gobierno-estarian-involucrados-con-red-de-lavado-de-activos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/23/operacion-terremoto-tambien-alcanzo-a-la-familia-presidencial-de-honduras-informe-fiscal/>

The civil society coalition Observation N-26 also requests an electoral observation mission by the EU.

According to the political analyst Raúl Pineda, the electoral process will be questioned without the presence of a EU electoral mission.

Liberal presidential candidate Luís Zelaya emphasized in a meeting the UN representatives the importance of electoral reforms in the form of a two-turn presidential election.

The Opposition Alliance's presidential candidate Salvador Nasralla will accept the results of the elections only if there are electoral reforms beforehand.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/23/observacion-n-26-solicita-veeduria-la-ue-proceso-electoral/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/observacion-n-26-solicita-veeduria-de-la-ue-en-el-proceso-electoral.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/raul-pineda-si-las-elecciones-no-tienen-la-observacion-de-la-ue-seran-anemicas-y-cuestionadas/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/reformas-electorales-deben-incluir-segunda-vuelta-y-no-ser-selectivas-luis-zelaya.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/las-elecciones-seran-avaladas-si-hay-reformas-electorales-dice-nasralla.html>

The green belt around San Pedro Sula, the Merendón mountain range, is an important source of water and clean air. It is endangered by the growing

extractive industry sector and urbanization.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3724-urbanizaci%C3%B3n-y-proyectos-extractivos-est%C3%A1n-acabando-con-la-cordillera-el-merend%C3%B3n>

The former IHSS director Mario Zealaya and the administrative director Ramón Bertetti were absolved in one of the many accusations against them. Now the MP has officially appealed that decision.

<http://confidencial.hn.com/2017/06/23/promueven-casacion-para-revertir-perdon-de-dos-delitos-cometidos-por-mario-zelaya-y-ramon-bertetti/>

CODEH's president Hugo Maldonado criticizes the high cost for maintaining 17'000 inmates and recommends to the government to invest more in social and preventive policies. The youth detention center Renacimiento was inspected by Honduran authorities yesterday.

<http://confidencial.hn.com/2017/06/23/cuestionan-exorbitantes-gastos-para-mantener-mas-de-17-mil-reos-en-honduras/>

<http://confidencial.hn.com/2017/06/23/autoridades-realizan-inspeccion-en-celdas-de-menores-infractores/>

FUSINA claims that the homicide rate has dropped by 500 between 2017 and the same time in 2016.

<http://confidencial.hn.com/2017/06/23/fusina-reporta-disminucion-de-500-homicidios-en-primer-semestre-del-2017/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/bajan-217-los-homicidios-en-honduras-que-suma-1935-casos-desde-enero>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3725-el-pozo-un-grito-desde-la-c%C3%A1rcel-del-infierno>

25/06/17

UNAH; Indigenous Peoples; IACtHR; Penitentiary System; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition;

Pasos de Animal Grande reports that three UNAH security guards gave false testimonies about the events at the UNAH on May 24, 2017. The MP, furthermore, presented as proof an edited video that showed a skewed picture of the events.

Julieta Castellanos announced on Friday that she won't run for a second turn as dean of the UNAH, not failing to mention that legally she may well have sought a second mandate...

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1784-guardias-de-seguridad-dieron-falso-testimonio-ante-juez-en-audiencia-inicial-contra-universitarios>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/he-decidido-no-ir-a-una-releccion-por-decision-propia-porque-legalmente-estoy-habilitada-castellanos.html>

The UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights published its 24th comment on state obligations in the context of business activities. There are several interesting points regarding indigenous peoples, e.g. "[t]he obligation to respect economic, social and cultural rights is violated when States Parties prioritize the interests of business entities over Covenant rights without adequate justification, or when they pursue policies that negatively affect such rights. This may occur for instance when forced evictions are ordered in the context of investment projects. Indigenous peoples' cultural values and rights associated with their ancestral lands are particularly at risk. States parties and businesses should respect the principle of free, prior and

informed consent of indigenous peoples in relation to all matters that could affect their rights, including their lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired."

See Attachment

[http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B9C2E/\(httpNewsByYear_en\)/583D1FDD557D07DDC12581480043E6A1?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B9C2E/(httpNewsByYear_en)/583D1FDD557D07DDC12581480043E6A1?OpenDocument)

After renewed criticism by the IACtHR for its failure to comply with its sentence regarding the dismissed judges after the coup d'état, the Honduran state tries to force through its own narrative claiming that they have complied 90%...

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/sentencia-de-la-corteidh-sobre-jueces-despedidos-en-2009-se-ha-cumplido-en-90-dice-presidente-de-csj.html>

The National Penitentiary Institute (INP) informed that a "dangerous" inmate escaped from the prison in Danlí. The prisons sub-director and three guards were fired as a consequence. The murdered inmate from the El Pozo II prison, who didn't appear in the National Persons' Registry (RNP) has now been identified.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/24/reos-continuan-escapando-de-carceles-hondurenas/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/suspenden-al-subdirector-y-tres-agentes-del-centro-penitenciario-de-danli.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/24/entregan-cuerpo-de-pandillero-que-no-estaba-inscrito-en-registro-de-las-personas/>

Omar Rivera, president of the Association for Peace and Justice (APJ), demands that public prosecutors pay special attention to departments where historically drug trafficking and politics were (are) strongly interlinked.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/24/lider-civil-y-depurador-policial-pide-a-fiscalizadores-vigilar-dinero-donQCde-operan-narcomafias/>

The Liberal Party (PL) filed a request at the TSE demanding that the Oppositional Alliance doesn't use neither the PL's flag nor its logo. This after various Liberal politicians changed their affiliation from the PL to the Oppositional Alliance.

<http://tiempo.hn/liberales-desautorizan-la-alianza-oposicion-utilizar-logo-bandera-del-pl/>

26/06/17

UNAH; Campesinx; Torture; Judicial Power; National Police; (Re)Elections; National Party; Political Opposition; Liberal Party; Drug Trafficking; Corruption; Transport Sector; Customs; TPS; Security; and When Impunity Reigns...

Julieta Castellanos announced that she is contemplating to extend her position as UNAH's dean if time for a new election becomes scarce. The rest of her airtime in a television interview she used to further denigrate the student movement and denounce political interference into UNAH matters.

UNAH authorities emitted a new defamatory press release accusing the protesting students of having caused the loss of 10'000 hours of lectures. The students announced a new mobilization for this week.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/25/julieta-castellanos-cuestiona-injerencia-politica-dentro-de-la-unah/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/unah-informa-que-se-perdieron-10-mil-horas-de-clase-en-la-semana-de-protesta-estudiantil.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/estudiantes-en-protesta-movilizaciones/>

Defensores en Línea reports on the ongoing legal persecution of the Empresa Asociativa Campesina 9 de julio in Tutule, La Paz. Its president Samuel Martínez López was arrested yesterday morning accused of usurpation. There are seven further arrest warrants open for members of the Empresa Asociativa Campesina 9 de julio.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/continua-la-persecucion-y-encarcelamiento-en-contra-de-campesinos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/25/persecucion-encarcelamiento-campesinos-continua-la-paz/>

In the police torture case, where one police official and seven agents are accused of torturing and murdering Mario Orlando Sequeira in June 2010.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/caso-sequeira-el-28-de-julio-el-tribunal-de-sentencia-emitira-su-fallo/>

Today, the trial against the former vice-president of the Judiciary Council, Teodoro Bonilla, for influence peddling is planned to start at 9am.

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1083745-410/teodoro-bonilla-delito-trafico-influencias-justicia-honduras->

EL Herald reports that "a considerable group" of police officials, sub-officials and agents officially purged from the National Police Force are still in active duty.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1083701-466/oficiales-y-agentes-depurados-siguen-activos-en-la-polic%C3%ADa>

El Pulso spoke with the evangelica priest Alberto Solórzano, who is also a member of the police purging committee, and Carlos Hernández, president of the Association for a More Just Society, about the challenges for the coming general elections. The latter stated that the political parties must resolved the problem regarding the company Mapa Soluciones and not the TSE. The Alliance for Peace and Justice met with different party representatives to promote the Clean Politics Bill.

<http://elpulso.hn/alberto-solorzano-los-politicos-deben-llegar-a-acuerdos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/asj-promueve-rendicion-de-cuentas-de-candidatos-a-cargos-de-eleccion-popular.html>

The National Party held a big gathering composed of "threatened bureaucrats and people having received 50 Lempiras as allowances for their assistance."

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/25/invasion-cachureca-activistas-atestan-la-capital-promoviendo-el-continuismo-de-joh/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/nacionalistas-se-desbordaron-en-la-capital-en-apoyo-a-su-candidato-hernandez.html>

Criterio reprinted an interview by RT with Mel Zelaya on the coming elections, the Oppositional Alliance, coup d'états and the role of the US.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/25/honduras-habra-los-golpes-estado-estados-unidos-le-convenga-mel-zelaya/>

<http://tiempo.hn/mel-zelaya-golpe-estado-honduras/>

Proceso Digital reports that the Liberal presidential candidate Luís Zelaya plans to travel to Germany today to attend "important meetings".

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/luis-zelaya-dio-pausa-a-la-actividad-politica-y-viaja-a-alemania-el-lunes.html>

InSight Crime cites an UN source affirming that Central American Maras

are strengthening its ties to international drug trafficking networks.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/25/segun-funcionario-la-onu-pandillas-centroamerica-venden-servicios-internet/>

The mayor of Choluteca accuses renewable energy firms of not paying their taxes.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1083758-466/bajo-la-lupa-administraci%C3%B3n-de-empresas-fotovoltaicas-en-el-sur-de-honduras>

El Pulso reports on the transport sector in Tegucigalpa. Representatives of this sector claim that the Honduran state owes them no less than 1'400 million Lempiras for its failure to pay a compensatory payment for the last five and a half years.

<http://elpulso.hn/motivos-de-los-buseros-para-aumentar-al-pasaje-en-tegucigalpa/>

Today, the customs union between Guatemala and Honduras will be officially inaugurated.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/25/honduras-y-guatemala-inician-union-aduanera/>

The Honduran authorities bring forward humanitarian reasons to ask the US for the 14th prolongation of the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) for Honduran citizens.

<http://www.proceso.hn/migrantes/1-migrantes/honduras-argumentara-razones-humanitarias-para-solicitar-decimo-cuarto-ampliacion-del-tps.html>

The Alliance for a More Just Society (ASJ) launched a new campaign called Security 101 intended to lower the homicide rate in Honduras.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/06/26/asj-lanza-otra-campana-reducir-homicidios/>

<http://tiempo.hn/pobladores-juticalpa-le-dan-una-buena-linchada-ladron/>

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UNAH; Judicial Power; Hydroelectricity; Campesinx; Penal Code; National Police; MACCIH; Penitentiary System; Impunity; CONADEH; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; Transport Sector; Inter-American System; Insecurity; and No More Torture

ConexiHon denounces that UNAH and during the trial the state prosecutors rely on private security guards as their principal witnesses in the criminalization of UNAH students.

The students react with a public statement against the defamation by UNAH authorities and some media outlets.

A student filed a complaint against UNAH's dean for a hate campaign against her.

Carlos H. Reyes believes that a first step to solve the crisis must involve the reestablishment of parity at the University Council which was previously upheld.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/guardias-de-seguridad-fieles-testigos-protegidos-de-la-unah>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/26/estudiantes-condicionan-dialogo-autoridades-militarizan-la-unah/>

<http://tiempo.hn/universitaria-denuncia-rectora-la-unah-campana-odio/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/soluci%C3%B3n-la-crisis-en-la-unah-pasa-por-devolverle-los-universitarios-la-paridad-estudiantil>

According to ConfidencialHN, the judge trying Teodoro Bonilla, the former vice-president of the Judiciary Council, is a friend of his and he even benefited from him. Back in February, the MP also highlighted

this problem in a press release.

The MACCIH denounces that Bonilla used his position to persecute judges and functionaries who came in his way.

Dimas Echenique is one of those persecuted judges and he states that he can't get get retired because there is still an accusation open against him by Bonilla.

The MP, meanwhile, is confident that they have enough proof to have Bonilla convicted.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/26/riesgo-en-imparticion-de-justicia-teodoro-bonilla-comparece-ante-juez-amigo/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/26/teodoro-bonilla-llamo-las-juezas-intervenir-favor-parientes-maccih/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/condena-ejemplar-pide-la-maccih-para-teodoro-bonilla-y-dice-seguira-de-cerca-el-juicio.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/26/dimas-echenique-contra-la-corrupcion-la-mejor-defensa-es-la-denuncia-publica>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/26/conducta-ilicita-de-teodoro-bonilla-queda-evidenciada-con-pruebas-contundentes/>

COPINH conducted a solidarity visit in the two communities Pajuiles and Jilamito in Atlántida which protest against the construction of hydroelectric dams.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/06/el-copinh-se-solidariza-con-la-lucha-de.html>

Samuel Edgardo Martínez López, the president of the Empresa Asociativa Campesina 9 de julio in Tutule, La Paz, received alternative measures to imprisonment by a judge after being arrested for usurpation. As often in these criminalization cases, these measures include not only the prohibition to leave the country but also the interdiction to approach the disputed land and speak with the persons criminalizing him.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/campesino-volvera-ante-juez-el-5-de-julio/>

Pasos de Animal Grande offers a good overview regarding the dispute about lowering the punishable age for children with a special focus on its electoral dimension.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1787-ninos-y-ninas-se-convierten-en-botin-de-guerra-electoral-en-tema-de-edad-punible>

The purging committee reacts to a news article by El Heraldo claiming that a substantial number of purged members of the police force are still in active duty. According to the committee, there are only 51 left out of almost 4000.

The committee further claims that some purged police agents use doubtful medical records to avoid the cancellation of their contracts.

Since April 2016, the purging committee has payed 644 million Lempiras to separated police agents.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2322-depuradora-de-policia-niega-informacion-de-el-heraldo-2>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/algunos-polic%C3%AD-depurados-evitan-ser-cancelados-utilizando-certificaciones-m%C3%A9dicas-de>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/l-644-millones-ha-erogado-la-policia-en-pago-de-derechos-laborales-a-depurados.html>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1084114-466/honduras-644-millones-de-lempiras-se-han-pagado-a-los-polic%C3%ADas-depurados>

The MACCIH signed an agreement with the TSC to form a special unit to investigate corruption.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/26/especialistas-de-la-maccih-se-suman-a-tribunal-superior-de-cuentas-para-combatir-corrupcion/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/tsc-y-la-maccih-suscriben-acuerdo-de-cooperaci%C3%B3n>

Family members of inmates at the new so-called high-security prisons Pozo I and Pozo II protest for their right to visit. Defensores en Línea reports of harassment and repression against the family members.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/26/familiares-de-recluidos-en-el-pozo-i-y-ii-exigen-ver-a-sus-parientes/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/fuerzas-de-seguridad-del-estado-impiden-manifestacion-pacifica-de-familiares-de-privados-de-libertad/>

ConfidencialHN reports on the case of José Luis Urbina Pineda, who after being accused of raping a 19-year old student only received house arrest. Urbina Pineda is a well-known National activist and the brother of Nora Urbina, who directs the Protection System for Human Rights Defenders...

Four students at the Central Institute Vicente Cárceles were raped but the its authorities tried to keep quite about it.

The Institute now even wants to expel students who held a solidarity protest for a murdered student.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/26/impunidad-dejan-en-arresto-domiciliario-a-nacionalista-y-hermano-de-efiscal-por-ultrajar-a-menor/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/26/autoridades-del-instituto-central-callan-la-violacion-cuatro-estudiantes/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/26/autoridades-del-instituto-central-quieren-expulsar-alumnos-solidarizarse-companera-asesinada/>

According to a new report by CONADEH, five out of every ten complaints at CONADEH have to do with public administration.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/26/conadeh-informa-5-diez-denuncias-atiende-la-administracion-publica/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/cinco-de-cada-10-denuncias-que-atiende-conadeh-son-contra-la-administracion-publica.html>

The RNP still lacks material to print one million identity cards which will also needed for the coming general elections.

<http://tiempo.hn/rnp-presiona-fondos-advirte-millon-cedulas-no-serian-impresas/>

El Pulso interviewed Carlos Montoya, who ran to become the presidential candidate for the Liberal Party and now runs for Congress for the Oppositional Alliance.

<http://elpulso.hn/montoya-lz-inventado/>

Carlos Fonseca, the head of the Cargo Transport Chamber, believes that the construction work at the highway to the south of Honduras has cost his sector some 100 million Lempiras.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/06/honduras-unos-lps-100-millones-pierden.html>

In a press release, the IACHR and the IACtHR thank the general assembly of the OAS to raise the budget for the Inter-American Human Rights System.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/cidh-y-corteidh-gradecen-a-la-asamblea-general-decision-sobre-incremento-presupuestario/>

This is how desinformation works. Radi HRN writes in a title of a recent article that "Honduras progressed 12% in the Global Peace Index". In the main text of the article it says that Honduras "progressed by 12 positions" and checking the original index, one finds that Honduras improved marginally from the 111th position to the 106th position. The report even has Honduras listed in the top ten of the countries most affected by violence in terms of GDP.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/honduras-avanz%C3%B3-un-12-en-el-%C3%ADndice-global-de-paz>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_Peace_Index

<http://visionofhumanity.org/app/uploads/2017/06/GPI17-Report.pdf>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/tortura-nunca-mas-nuestra-solidaridad-con-las-y-los-sobrevivientes/>

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UNAH; Violence; Mining; FoE; RNP; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; Electric Energy; APP; Extradition; AMDC; Customs' Union; and Political Mercy

The former UNAH dean and human rights defender Juan Almeyda Bonilla calls out to the Honduran intellectuals to stand by the struggle of the university students.

A group of students announced yesterday to start a hunger strike. They intend to continue it until the resignation of Julieta Castellanos.

They further denounce that a private security guard cut the tire of one student's car, an act they grabbed on video.

In a press conference, the Human Rights Alliance declared the repression against the students a national shame. They also emphasized their solidarity not only with the protesting students, but with the organizations helping them, such as national human rights organizations and the UN Human Rights Office in Honduras.

During the press conference, ConfidencialHN spoke with Manuel González Cerén, who had his financial support cut for being part of the protests.

The Coalition against Impunity emitted a press release denouncing the ongoing repression and criminalization of the student movement as well as the murder last Friday of Roberto Gómez, a father in solidarity with his sons protest.

The faculty of law offered in a press release to help mediate between the students and the UNAH authorities.

The latter, meanwhile, announced a suspension of all academic and administrative activities for today in response to the announced protests by the students which coincides with the 8th anniversary of the coup d'état.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/ex-rector-de-la-unah-insta-a-defender-el-pensamiento-de-los-jovenes/>

<http://tiempo.hn/video-unah-guardia-seguridad-le-puncha-llanta-carro-estudiante/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/27/verguenza-nacional-la-represion-militar-policial-la-protesta-estudiantil/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/27/alianza-por-los-derechos-humanos-en-honduras-denuncia-la-pinochetizacion-de-la-unah/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/27/lo-que-quieren-es-que-uno-sea-borrego-del-sistema-universitario-denuncia-suspension-de-beca/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/condenamos-asesinatos-en-el-marco-de-la-criminalizacion-de-la-protesta-social/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/27/claustro-maestros-derecho-se-ofrece-conciliar-problema-la-unah/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/27/suspenden-actividades-academicas-administrativas-la-unah/>

El Libertador published some more details of the murders of Olman Adalid Castell (18y) and Rebeca Abigail Torres (15y), two students at the Central Institute Vicente Cáceres.

According to El Heraldo, six students of this school have been murdered since 2014.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2324-asesinan-dos-estudiantes-del-central-en-menos-de-una-semana>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/tegucigalpa/1084440-466/temor-se-apodera-de-alumnos-y-docentes-del-instituto-central-vicente-c%C3%A1ceres>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1084422-466/honduras-centralistas-asesinados-residieron-en-sectores-dominados-por-la-pandilla-18>

The Environmental Coalition of Copan denounces that the MINOSA mine is contaminating the Lara River, resulting in the death of hundreds of fish.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/27/coalicion-ambientalista-copan-denuncia-contaminacion-rio-lara-compania-minera/>

According to ConfidencialHN, the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court accepted one of the complaints against the article 335-B of the Penal Code which violates freedom of expression.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/27/congreso-nacional-ahora-esta-obligado-a-explicar-porque-aprobo-ley-mordaza/>

The RNP announces that it will need 150 million Lempiras to imprint the missing identity cards.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/rnp-necesita-de-150-millones-de-lempiras-para-comprar-material-para-impression-de-identidades.html>

TSE magistrate Marco Ramiro Lobo announced after the gathering by the National Party last weekend that they will sanction parties not complying with the Electoral Law which forbids political campaigns more than three months before the elections, i.e. before August 25. Hours later, the Nationalist magistrate at the TSE, David Matamoros Batson, said that they won't sanction the National Party - apparently they had a permission. At the same time, he announced that a meeting by the Oppositional Alliance may lead to sanctions as it was held in an open space.

The Alliance for Peace and Justice (APJ) launched a campaign were candidates in the general election voluntarily publish their assets and interests declaration as well as their taxes.

The US National Democratic Institute signed an agreement with the civil society alliance Observation N-26 to accompany the electoral observation in Honduras.

This announcement inspires TSE magistrate David Matamoros Batson to praise the "democratic process" that are Honduran elections...

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/sancionar%C3%A1n-los-partidos-pol%C3%ADticos-que-realicen-campa%C3%B1a-abiertas-antes-del-tiempo-se%C3%B1alado>

<http://tiempo.hn/tse-analiza-sanciones-pn-alianza-concentraciones-lo-estipulado/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/no-habra-sancion-para-el-partido-nacional-por-la-marcha-tse.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/sociedad-civil-impulsa-primera-iniciativa-de-transparencia-electoral-en-centroamerica.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/tse-nuevo-ente-observador-se-apunta-venir-elecciones-noviembre/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/ndi-firmara-convenio-con-observacion-n-26-para-acompanar-elecciones-generales.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/27/anuncian-conteos-rapidos-durante-elecciones-generales-de-noviembre/>

The Oppositional Alliance faces some challenges after the publication of an open letter by PINU to Manuel Zelaya.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/27/pinu-denuncia-atropellos-y-marginamiento-dentro-de-la-alianza-opositora/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/documento-del-pinu-sd-pone-en-precario-a-la-alianza-dice-mel-valle-exige-reglas-claras-antes-de-ser-gobierno.html>

El Pulso tries in a new article to explain the crisis of the electric energy sector in Honduras, seeing one major source the thermal energy contracts by ENEE and the Energy Company Honduras (EEH).

<http://elpulso.hn/por-que-la-crisis-energetica-en-honduras/>

Criterio reports that the Alliance for Prosperity disproportionately benefits the private sector and security, i.e. the resources for the security secretariat are 845% higher than for the education secretariat and only 1% of the funds are used to strengthen Honduras' institutions and increase their transparency.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/27/fondos-la-alianza-la-prosperidad-priorizan-al-sector-privado/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/27/fondos-del-plan-alianza-la-prosperidad-se-sesgan-favor-del-sector-productivo-hugo-noe-pino/>

Honduras extradited another presumed drug trafficker to the US.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/27/sorpresivo-traslado-de-otro-extraditable-a-ee-uu/>

Óscar Esquivel shares his critical view with the policy choices by Tegucigalpa's and Comayagüela's mayor (the so-called municipal mayoralty of the Central District, AMDC) Nasry Asfura.

<http://elpulso.hn/nasry-asfura-gris/>

FOSDEH believes that Guatemala will benefit more from the customs' union than Honduras.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/la-uni%C3%B3n-aduanera-beneficia-m%C3%A1s-guatemala-por-su-econom%C3%AD-fosdeh>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/uni%C3%B3n-aduanera-puede-generar-un-aumento-de-1-del-pib-entre-honduras-y-guatemala>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/por-misericordia-politica-marlene-alvarenga-retira-cargos-judiciales-contranarralla.html>

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Coup d'état; UNAH; Education; Femicide; Hydroelectricity; LGTBI; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; IHSS; Corruption; Infrastructure; National Police; Electric Energy; Private Security; Judicial Power; and This Is Not Normal

Honduras is remembering the coup d'état from eight years ago. El Pulso dedicates one article to the assassination of the 19 year-old Isis Obed Murillo Mencías

El Pulso also reminds us about the less well-known murder of Pedro Magdiel.

In an interview with Berta Oliva, COFADEH's coordinator, El Pulso offers an analysis of the coup and its still lasting consequences.

The opposition commemorated the anniversary with a protest march.

Both MADJ and Radio Progreso see some disturbing continuity between 2009 and today.

I also list some more links to interpretations of the coup d'état.

<http://elpulso.hn/isis-obed-murillo-mencias-el-martir-bandera/>

Attention, there are some pictures of the murdered Pedro Magdiel

<http://elpulso.hn/pedro-magdiel-y-la-muerte-en-alauca/>

<http://elpulso.hn/los-martires-del-golpe-la-deuda-historica-de-libre-14/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/resistencia-hondurena-conmemora-otro-aniversario-del-golpe-de-estado/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2328-golpe-en-honduras-origen-de-todos-los-males-presentes>

<https://www.movimientoamplio.org/single-post/2017/06/28/Golpe-al-Pueblo-Desde-el-28-de-junio-del-2009-hasta-hoy-%C2%BFcu%C3%A1nto-se-sigue-repitiendo-de-esos-d%C3%ADas>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3729-los-mismos-ocho-a%C3%B1os-despu%C3%A9s-28-junio-2017>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/opinion/item/3732-las-consecuencias-pol%C3%ADticas-y-sociales-del-golpe-de-estado-de-2009-por-rossel-montes>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/28/ocho-anos-golpes/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/28/aquel-28-junio-agrandado-leviatan/>

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/06/8-anos-del-golpe-copinh-en-resistencia.html>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the start of the hunger strike by UNAH students.

Defensores en Línea offers a good overview of the third week of the newest wave of student protests.

The march by the students was postponed to today. They also denounced harassment against the students conducting a hunger strike.

The student movement MEU called for a solidarity protest with the students in hunger strike.

CONADEH requests the installation of a mediating table between UNAH and its students just like in 2016.

The main press continues to denigrate the student protests.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1788-crisis-al-tope-se-instala-huelga-de-hambre-de-estudiantes-en-la-unah>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/entre-huelga-de-hambre-y-cerco-policial-continua-protesta-estudiantil/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/suspenden-marcha-estudiantil-y-denuncian-acoso-contrahuelguistas-de-hambre/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/en-solidaridad-a-huelga-de-hambre-universitarios-convocan-a-planton-en-unah/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/conadeh-pide-reinstalar-mesa-de-dialogo-en-la-unah/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/06/29/huelguistas-la-unah-zafarrancho-simpatizante-libre/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1084813-466/honduras-20-mil-j%C3%B3venes-han-migrado-de-la-unah-por-tomas-y>

After the murder of two of its students in just a few days, the Central Institute Vicente Cáceres suspended classes for the time being. Coiprodeh's director Wilmer Vásquez believes that the murder of these two students as well as of others shows the incapacity of the current government to protect its citizens. The Education Secretary Rutilla Calderón proposes to use funds from the tasa de seguridad to for prevention and protection measures for schools.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/tras-muerte-de-estudiantes-instituto-central-suspende-clases/>

<http://tiempo.hn/coiprodeh-muertes-de-menores-reflejan-incapacidad-del-gobierno-en-brindar-seguridad/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/secretaria-de-educacion-pide-dinero-de-taza-de-seguridad/>

Various Honduran human rights organization condemned in a joint statement the high numbers of femicide - 18 alone in just ten days this month - and the impunity that reigns in their cases.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1789-desafiando-la-impotencia-contralos-femicidios-mas-de-175-torturas-mas-de-175-miedos-y-mas-de-175-angustias>

Radio Progreso continues its reporting on the struggle by two communities in Atlántida to defend their right to clean water.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3730-en-atl%C3%A1ntida-dos-campamentos-encabezan-la-lucha-en-defensa-del-agua>

C-Libre and CEPRES denounce that the Liberal congressman Darío Banegas published an odious message against the LGTBI community.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/comunidad-lgtbi-denuncia-diputado-por-mensaje-de-odio>

Omar Rivera of the Association for a More Just Society (ASJ) demands a purge of the ballots presented by the political parties. According to him, those with possible links to drug trafficking have to go.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/no-puede-haber-politica-limpia-con-planillas-sucias-dice-omar-rivera.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/depurador-policial-y-dirigente-civil-pide-sacar-manzanas-podridas-de-las-planillas/>

Pinu candidate for Congress, Olban Valladares, explains that missing discussions about the joint proposal caused the recent upheaval between them and the rest of the Oppositional Alliance.

At the same time, Pinu's president Guillero Valle guarantees that they stay part of the Alliance.

And also at the same time, the Alliance's chosen presidential candidate Salvador Nasralla spreads new doubts by saying that he won't be bound by documents signed by the Alliance once he is president.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/firma-a-ultimo-segundo-provoca-discrepancias-en-la-alianza/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/presidente-del-pinu-reafirma-compromiso-con-la-alianza/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/28/pinu-ahora-se-retracta-documentos-firmados-la-alianza-opositora/>

<http://tiempo.hn/otra-controversial-declaracion-nasralla-no-respetara-acuerdo-la-alianza/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/28/salvador-nasralla-anuncia-cuando-sea-presidente-mandara-no-la-alianza-video/>

The former sub-secretary of Natural Resources, Darío Cordona, faced a preliminary trial yesterday for influence peddling in the IHSS corruption case.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/exfuncionario-acude-a-audiencia-por-cometer-trafico-de-influencias/>

ConfidentialHN is in the possession of two contracts showing how people close to JOH profit from his presidency.

Employees at the University Hospital denounce acts of corruption by the head of its administrative board, Elsa Palou.

ATIC, meanwhile, investigated the Santa Theresa Hospital in Comayagua.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/27/negocios-nacionalistas-enriquecen-a-cuadros-de-confianza-del-poder/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/28/tachan-de-corrupta-a-directora-medica-del-hospital-escuela-universitario/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/atic-secuestra-documentos-del-hospital-santa-teresa-de-comayagua>

FOSDEH doesn't believe that Public Private Partnerships and neither toll roads are necessary to build and maintain Honduras' highways.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/seg%C3%BAAn-el-fosdeh-no-es-necesario-el-peaje-concesiones-y-endeudamiento-para-las-carreteras-de>

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, appeals to an open made when it comes to electing a new leader for the National Police Force. The coming month, a proposal will presented to JOH.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/ning%C3%BAAn-oficial-est%C3%A1-descartado-o-predestinado-para-dirigir-la-polic%C3%AD-nacional>

http://www.laprensa.hn/inicio/1084838-417/nuevo-jefe-policia-orbin_galo-leonel_sauceda

JOH announced an emergency plan for the electric energy sector.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/ordenan-plan-de-emergencia-para-resolver-crisis-energetica.html>

Proceso Digital reports on the working conditions of the private security guards.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/guardias-privados-victimas-de-inseguridad-laboral.html>

According to the Supreme Court's president Rolando Argueta, judicial backlog has been reduced by 26.3%.

El Herald reports that a judge in Gracias a Dios sent his guard to buy him cocaine and alcohol.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1084852-466/honduras-juez-mandaba-a-su-guardaespaldas-a-comprarle-coca>

http://www.laprensa.hn/inicio/1084835-417/mora_judicial-rolando_argueta-poder_judicial

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1084824-466/en-un-263-por-ciento-se-ha-reducido-la-mora-judicial-en>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3728-no-es-normal-27-junio-2017>

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As announced, the students took to the streets of Tegucigalpa yesterday in their self-proclaimed "Mother of all Mobilizations".

Participating students denounce that police agents were taking their profiles.

After having tried to blame political parties, Julieta Castellanos now blames NGOs to behind the student protests.

And her vice-dean, Alex Irías, even claims that the students haven't officially demanded a dialogue, even though just last week UNAH

authorities denied to attend them when they wanted to hand in a petition exactly demanding that.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/29/lucha-estudiantil-la-unah-crece-dia-reportaje-grafico/>

<http://tiempo.hn/mega-marcha-estudiantes-la-unah-se-dirige-al-cn-exigir-salida-rectora/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/concurrida-marcha-de-estudiantes-sale-de-la-unah-hacia-el-congreso.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/29/denuncian-agentes-policiales-perfilan-universitarios-en-protesta/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/rectora-castellanos-denuncia-que-ongs-estan-detras-de-tomas-de-edificios-en-la-unah.html>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/06/30/rectora-denuncia-ong-estan-detras-tomas-edificios-la-unah/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/no-hay-peticion-formal-estudiantil-para-dialogar-sobre-crisis-en-unah-ajax-irias.html>

Amnesty International handed in a report on the human rights situation in Honduras to the UN Human Rights Committee for the second periodic report by Honduras on civil and political rights.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/fragmentos-de-informe-de-amnistia-internacional/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/AMR3764172017SPANISH.pdf>

The IACHR's Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression greets the adoption of a resolution by the OAS about freedom of expression and the security of journalists.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/resolucion-de-la-asamblea-general-de-la-oea-constituye-un-avance-para-la-libertad-de-expresion-y-seguridad-de-periodistas/>

According to the MACCIH's director Juan Jiménez Mayor, there is ample proof to convict the former vice-president of the Judiciary Council Teodoro Bonilla.

The MP demands a prison sentence between 6 and 9 years.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/teodoro-bonilla-es-senalado-por-maccih.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/29/usted-esta-soltando-a-un-delincuente-la-advertencia-que-tiene-en-la-carcel-a-juez/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/29/piden-condena-contra-exconcejal-bonilla-por-torcer-la-justicia/>

Radio Progreso reports on the importance of community radios in Honduras.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3734-radio-comunitarias-siguen-defendiendo-la-democratizaci%C3%B3n-de-la-palabra>

According to UNAH's Violence Observatory, 23 students have been murdered so far this year.

The Honduran authorities react by militarizing the schools.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/23-estudiantes-han-sido-asesinados-de-enero-la-fecha-seg%C3%BA-unah-ov>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/intervienen-49-centros-educativos-debido-la-inseguridad>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/06/29/militarizado-instituto-central-ante-muerte-estudiantes/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1085181-466/por-drogas-y-pandillas-militarizan-dos-colegios-en-la-capital-de-honduras>

Yesterday, the trial against four members of the Military Police started. They are accused of kidnapping a merchant.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/inicia-juicio-oral-y-p%C3%BAblico-en-contra-de-cuatro-agentes-de-la-pmop-acusados-de-secuestro>

Omar Rivera from the purging committee believes that for a successful reform of the National Police Force legal actions against all police agents who committed crimes are needed.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/29/depurador-clama-por-acciones-penales-contra-policias-infractores/>

The Opposition Alliance seems to have found together again and internal disputes have quieted down.

Nevertheless, TSE magistrate David Matamoros Batson insists that the Alliance still hasn't handed in all necessary documents. The deadline is next Tuesday, July 4.

The Alliance disputes these claims by Matamoros Batson.

While the Alliance held its press conference at the hotel Suits La Aurora, agents by the Police Investigation Bureau (DPI) suddenly appeared. They later claimed that they were investigating if the hotel offers discounts to elderly people...

Its presidential candidate Salvador Nasralla challenged JOH to a public debate, which the latter declined.

<http://tiempo.hn/alianza-reafirma-a-nasralla-como-candidato/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2330-alianza-mas-fuerte-que-nunca-nasralla-presidente>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/29/alianza-opositora-presentan-problemas-inscripcion-presidente-del-tse/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/29/alianza-opositora-no-reformara-documentos-exige-inscripcion-al-tse/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/29/insolito-llegan-agentes-la-dpi-fiscales-hotel-donde-se-desarrolla-reunion-la-alianza-opositores/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/29/joh-no-acepta-debate-salvador-nasralla/>

During a forum organized by the Association for a More Just Society (ASJ), Alberto Precht, director of Transparent Chile, emphasized the importance of transparent electoral processes to keep organized crime out. According to Transparency International's representative Lester Ramírez, no party has so far publicly declared its ballot as clean.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/29/no-podemos-permitir-crimen-organizado-destruya-estado-derecho-honduras-alberto-precht/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/ningun-partido-ha-declarado-a-nivel-publico-que-sus-planillas-están-limpias-representante-de-transparencia.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/no-podemos-permitir-que-crimen-organizado-destruya-estado-de-derecho-de-honduras-director-de-chile-transparente.html>

El Libertador reports that Gladys Aurora López, a National Party leader, causes fear among her neighbors through her heavily armed guards.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2331-escolta-de-gladys-aurora-siembrapanico-en-residencial>

El Libertador reports on Luis Zelaya's visit to Germany.

Meanwhile in Honduras, an arrest warrant was emitted for the Liberal mayor Santos Gabriel Elvir Arteaga.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2329-luis-zelaya-se-reune-en-alemania-con-autoridades-europeas>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/libran-orden-de-captura-en-contra-de-candidato-a-alcalde-del-partido-liberal.html>

The Superintendency for Public Private Alliance (SAPP) will start an investigation into the the Energy Company Honduras (EEH) next Monday.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/29/investigaran-si-energia-honduras-esta-cumpliendo-con-su-contrato/>

In a general assembly, Honduran cab drivers threatened with a national strike due to ongoing harassment by transport authorities.

<http://tiempo.hn/taxistas-anuncian-posible-paro-nacional/>

A new newspaper was launched in San Pedro Sula.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/nueva-apuesta-periodistica-surge-con-el-pais.html>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/las-palabras-se-hacen-canto-en-nueva-produccion-musical-de-karla-lara>