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COPINH; UNAH; ZEDE; Judicial Power; LGTBI; MACCIH; (Re)Elections; Education; Social Security; Corruption; Penitentiary System; ENEE; and Justice and Social Health

COPINH denounces an attack against Bertha Zúniga, Sotero Chavarría and Asunción Martínez. Three men with machetes tried to stop them on their way back from Cancire, La Paz. Their driver was able to circumvent the men but a stone hit their car. One of the men then followed them with his car trying to cause an accident.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/07/alerta-atentan-contr-bertha-zuniga-y.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/30/alerta-atentan-bertha-zuniga-hija-bertha-caceres/>

Pasos de Animal Grande describes the hostile and repressive environment for the students during yesterday's trial.

The president of the anti-corruption lawyers, José Antonio Ávila, blames UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos for the worsening of the crisis.

Radio Progreso summarizes the last three weeks of students protesting ending with a bleak view regarding the chance of a dialogue.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/component/k2/item/1793-exacerbada-la-represion-en-la-unah>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/abogados-anticorrupti%C3%B3n%E2%80%9Cprepotencia-de-rectora-de-la-unah-hace-que-se-agudice-la-crisis%E2%80%9D>

<http://tiempo.hn/abogado-anti-corrupcion-actitud-de-julieta-castellanos-solo-agudiza-crisis-en-unah/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3739-sin-esperanzas-de-di%C3%A1logo-conflicto-en-la-unah>

On June 25, the secretary of the Council of Ministers, Ebal Díaz, announced that the first information regarding the investors for the first ZEDEs will be made public soon. According to Díaz, these are national investors.

<http://elpulso.hn/honduras-zedes/>

Teodoro Bonilla, the former vice-president of the Judiciary Council, was found guilty for influence peddling. His exact sentence is to be expected on August 21.

MACCIH's Juan Jiménez Mayor greets the sentence.

El Libertador speak of an historic event.

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, also welcomes the sentence.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/30/declaran-culpable-a-teodoro-bonilla-por-pedir-libertad-para-dos-primos-mafiosos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/30/teodoro-bonilla-encontrado-culpable/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/condena-a-bonilla-es-clara-senal-que-combate-a-la-corrupcion-da-resultados-maccih.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/condena-contr-teodoro-bonilla-es-ejemplar/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2332-historica-condena-a-exfuncionario-judicial-hondureno>

<http://tiempo.hn/rivera-sobre-teodoro-bonilla-es-una-condena-ejemplar-historica-y-esperanzadora/>

The evangelical priest Alberto Solórzano lashes out against a gay couple and speaks of the "global gay agenda". At least the article in El Tiempo ends with a statement by sociologist Karla Aguilar denouncing this statement.

<http://tiempo.hn/pastor-solorzano-pide-proceso-a-pareja-gay/>

MACCIH member Jacobo Domínguez withdrew as the head of the electoral division and he will now be an electoral assessor at the OAS. He was criticized in the past for a questionable visit to the National Party's headquarters.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/30/jacobo-dominguez-ya-no-sera-jefe-de-la-division-electoral-de-la-maccih/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/06/30/jacobo-dominguez-la-maccih/>

Radio Progreso ponders the question of the role of social movements in the coming general elections.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3741-%C2%BFd%C3%B3nde-ha-de-estar-el-lugar-del-movimiento-social-en-estos-tiempos-electorales?-01-julio-2017>

The president of the teachers' union Copemh, Jaime Rodríguez, denounces that the militarization of schools won't solve the problems of violence at schools, rather it makes the situation worse by creating another space where students are repressed.

In a press release, the authorities of the Central Institute Vicente Cárceles hold the JOH regime responsible for the murder of its students and they demand the presence of police to guarantee a secure environment around the schools.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/30/militarizacion-no-resolvera-la-violencia-en-centros-educativos-copemh/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/30/centralistas-culpan-al-gobierno-por-muerte-de-estudiantes/>

Radio Progreso warns of the recently adopted National Program of Financial Inclusion and Debt Consolidation Bill. It plans to let banks use money from pension funds to lend to small businesses.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3740-alertan-sobre-uso-que-bancos-dar%C3%A1n-a-los-fondos-de-pensiones>

The SOPTRAVI minister under Zelaya, José Rosario Bonano, was acquitted in a corruption case. El Pulso doesn't agree and hopes for a reaction by the MACCIH.

<http://elpulso.hn/hoy-se-conocera-fallo-contr-a-ex-ministro-del-gobierno-de-zelaya-rosario-bonano/>

The Military Police once more raided the youth detention center Renaciendo.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/30/fuerzas-de-seguridad-intervienen-la-carcel-juvenil-renaciendo/>

ConfidencialHN reports that ENEE currently loses 16 million Lempiras per day for theft, missing energy counters and more.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/30/enee-pierde-16-millones-de-lempiras-por-hurto-y-robo-de-energia/>

<http://elpulso.hn/justicia-y-salud-social/>

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UNAH; MACCIH; Militarization; LGTBI; Political Opposition; Penitentiary System; US; and a Song for Julieta

OFRANEH denounces the attempts by UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos to divert attention from her failures by blaming NGOs for the crisis at UNAH.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/07/01/julieta-castellanos-elude-responsabilidad-de-la-crisis-universitaria-y-acusa-al-movimiento-social/>

The MACCIH continues to highlight the importance of the sentencing of Teodoro Bonilla, the former vice-president of the Judiciary Council.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/01/jefe-de-la-maccih-pide-maxima-condena-para-teodoro-bonilla/>

Two new Military Police battalions will start their operations in the coming week.

This contradicts, once more, the promise made on June 27, 2016 by the then vice-minister of human rights to demilitarize Honduras.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/dos-batallones-de-la-policia-militar-entraran-en-operaciones-a-partir-de-la-proxima-semana.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/01/incumpliendo-promesa-desmilitarizacion-joh-crea-dos-nuevos-batallones/>

El Tiempo interviews TV host and trans woman Shantal Munguía.

<http://tiempo.hn/shantal-munguia-no-me-cortaria-cosita-perderia-esencia-transexual/>

Political analyst Raúl Pineda believes that the Oppositional Alliance still has the best chance to win with Salvador Nasralla as its presidential candidate.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/01/las-maniobras-del-expresidente-manuel-zelaya-no-son-por-caridad-son-por-supervivencia/>

The National Penitentiary Institute announced that the selection of prison guards will be conducted more rigorously.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1085656-466/instituto-nacional-penitenciario-implementar%C3%A1-m%C3%A1s-rigurosidad-en-elecci%C3%B3n-de-agentes-penitenciarios>

Rodolfo Pastor Fasquelle writes an open letter to the new US ambassador, highlighting the particularities of US-Honduran relations in the Trump era.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2334-bienvenida-al-primer-embajador-de-trump-en-honduras>

<http://tiempo.hn/estudiantes-le-cantan-despacito-a-castellanos/>

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UNAH; Drug Trafficking; Military Police; LGTBI; (Re)Elections; IMF; Sex Work; and Berta Cáceres Heirs

UNAH student and member of the student movement MAU, Armando Velásquez, was detained by the police on his way to San Pedro Sula yesterday evening. He is one of the 20 students criminalized after a solidarity protest on May 24.

About two hours later, he was released.

CONADEH continues to demand the reactivation of a dialogue via the mediating board at the UNAH.

Political analyst Julio Navarro believes that the protesting students are ill-advised. According to him, the crisis can not be resolved while demanding the departure of UNAH dean Julieta Castellanos.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1795-persecucion-sin-limites-detienen-a-estudiante-de-la-unah-armando-velasquez>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1796-despues-de-unas-dos-horas-de-retencion-policia-deja-en-libertad-a-estudiante-armando-velasquez>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/02/policia-libera-estudiante-criminalizado-la-unah-retuvo-ilegalmente/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/02/ombudsman-exige-reinstalar-el-dialogo-en-la-universidad-autonoma/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/03/julio-navarro-los-del-movimiento-estudiantil-universitario-esta-mal-asesorados/>

A former Honduran police official testified in a US court to have organized the trafficking of 500kg of cocaine into the US.

In another US court, the Honduran head of a drug trafficking organization, Wilter Neptali Blanco Ruíz, declared himself guilty for drug trafficking. He hopes to have his prison sentence lowered by providing names to US authorities.

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, wants Blanco Ruíz to also face Honduran justice.

<http://tiempo.hn/policia-victor-lopez/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/02/exoficial-de-policia-se-declara-culpable-en-ee-uu-por-narcotrafico/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/02/exjefe-narco-wilter-blanco-se-declara-culpable-y-colaborara-con-ee-uu/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/02/wilter-blanco-victor-lopez-flores-se-declaran-culpables-ante-corte-ee-uu-prometen-cantar-redaccion-criterio-redaccioncriterio-hn-tegucigalpa-narcotraficante-hondur/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/wilter-blanco-tambien-debe-de-enfrentar-justicia-hondurena-omar-rivera.html>

ConfidencialHN reports that a three-year old girl died on Friday morning run over by a Military Police patrol car.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/06/30/patrulla-de-la-policia-militar-atropella-y-mata-a-menor-de-edad-en-choluteca/>

El Tiempo reports that Salvador Nasralla, the presidential candidate of the Oppositional Alliance, is on a personal level against same-sex marriage.

<http://tiempo.hn/salvador-nasralla-desaprueba-matrimonio-gay/>

The Nationalist congressman Francisco Rivera claims that there is still time for electoral reforms.

According to Javier Franco, member of the Clean Politics Unit, parties

show openness to their work and things are moving.
The Alliance for Peace and Justice (APJ) met with representatives of the three parties VAMOS, PAC and UD to present their campaign Three out of Three - Honduras, a civil society campaign to promote transparency in the coming elections.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/estoy-seguro-que-hay-tiempo-para-aprobar-reformas-electorales-diputado-francisco-rivera.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/unidad-de-politica-limpia-asegura-que-han-encontrado-receptibilidad-en-los-partidos.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/segun-apj-ud-pac-estan-anuentes-publicas-las-declaraciones-patrimoniales/>

The IMF comments on the Honduran budget.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/fmi-asiste-al-gobierno-en-formulacion-de-presupuesto-por-resultados.html>

El Heraldo published three article on sex work and sex workers in Honduras.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1085867-466/la-insalubridad-campea-en-centros-de-prostituci%C3%B3n-en-honduras>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1085863-466/tegucigalpa-principal-sede-del-servicio-sexual-del-pa%C3%ADs>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1085862-466/me-vendo-me-prostituyo-no-tengo-otra-opci%C3%B3n-para-vivir>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/02/los-herederos-berta-caceres/>

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UNAH; UN; Femicide; Ahuas; US; Migration; Campesinx; Judicial Power; Insecurity; (Re)Elections; National Party; JOH; Political Opposition; Armed Forces; Penitentiary System; Sex Work; Journalists; Public Health; Transport Sector; License Plates; and Once upon a Time in Achuria

UNAH's vice-dean Ayay Irías continues to denigrate the protesting students. The former dean of the Agriculture University, Marlon Escoto, who himself showed a repressive management style, now criticizes UNAH dean Julieta Castellanos exactly for this.

Defensores en Línea looks back to student protests in the 1980s and one of their leaders, Roger González Zelaya, who was forcefully disappeared on November 19, 1988.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/03/vicerrector-tilda-de-arrogantes-a-estudiantes-de-la-unah-en-protesta/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/03/mea-culpa-exrector-cuestiona-politica-represiva-de-dirigente-de-la-unah/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/represion-no-es-buen-indicador-porque-despues-de-rectora-puede-ser-el-presidente-de-un-pais-escoto.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/la-alegria-de-roger-gonzalez-presente-en-la-lucha-estudiantil/>

As mentioned before, the UN Human Rights Committee will review Honduras this Wednesday and Thursday. The public session will be webcast, on Wednesday at 3pm (Swiss time) and on Thursday at 10am (Swiss time).

<http://webtv.un.org/>

<http://tiempo.hn/honduras-presente-reunion-la-onu-ginebra-suiza/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/honduras-presentara-informe-sobre-la-situacion-de-derechos-humanos.html>

Womens' organizations announced a "red alert" yesterday due to the high number of femicides and the impunity surrounding them. Criterio reports that the MP only investigates high impact cases and the rest are shelved.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/03/mujeres-organizadas-se-declaran-alerta-roja-ante-tanto-feminicidio/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/03/90-los-feminicidios-honduras-estan-engavetados-ministerio-publico/>

<http://tiempo.hn/femicidios-en-san-pedro-sula-otros/>

Annie Bird and Alexander Main have an Op-Ed published in the New York Times about the Ahuas massacre which took place in May 2012.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/02/opinion/-dea-honduras-drugs.html>

According to the article by Jeremy Krypt in the Daily Beast, more of the same or even worse may await Honduras with Trump's foreign policy.

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/inside-trumps-disastrous-secret-drug-war-plans-for-central-america>

Kirk Semple reports in the New York Time about Trump's immigration policy and its repercussions in Honduras.

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/03/world/americas/honduras-migration-border-wall.html?emc=edit_tnt_20170703&nid=45556342&tntemail0=y&r=0

The Agrarian Platform denounces that missing investigations into a clandestine cemetery found in the Finca Paso in the Aguán Valley.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-más-noticias/plataforma-agraria-denuncia-impunidad-por-cementerio-clandestino-en-finca-paso-aguan.html>

The MP announced to go after the judge Delmy Elisabeth López Paz, who is thought to also be involved in the Shalom Case - the case for which former vice-president of the Judiciary Council, Teodoro Bonilla, was sentenced for influence peddling.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/03/enjuiciaran-a-jueza-y-amiga-de-exconsejal-condenado/>

<http://tiempo.hn/a-lugar-solicitud-de-antejuicio-contramagistrada-delmy-lopez-en-caso-shalom/>

About a week ago, I already reported on the misuse of the Global Peace Index by the Honduran media. This report has in the last week become the poster child of main media and now even JOH. ConfidencialHN now reacts to this misinformation.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/03/contradicciones-mientras-joh-dice-que-honduras-no-es-violento-cifras-lo-desmienten/>

Even though the TSE's president David Matamoros appeared various time in the Honduran media promising to resolve the doubts regarding the Mapa Soluciones company, Proceso Digital now reports that the TSE doesn't have the necessary fund to audit the company.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/tema-de-mapa-soluciones-se-dilata-por-falta-de-fondos-para-pagar-audidores.html>

According to the political analyst Raúl Pineda, there are strong divisions growing inside the National Party.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/03/el-gobierno-no-es-fuerte-lo-que-pasa-es-que-la-oposicion-es-debil-y-a-veces-corrupta/>

In election mode, JOH promises to pay back 14 million Lempiras from the ENEE to Honduran citizens.

This effort may be needed, as InSight Crime writes about the recent trial of Honduran drug trafficker Wilter Neptalí Blanco Ruíz: "His testimony could implicate high-ranking members of Honduras' security forces and possibly even a member of President Juan Orlando Hernández's family just as the president revs up his re-election campaign." Liberal presidential candidate Luis Zelaya criticizes JOH for not standing up for his government's failure, i.e. act presidential, but rather present scape goats in form of his underlings.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/03/joh-promete-devolver-dinero-a-los-electrocutados-con-recibo-de-energia/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/gobierno-anuncia-devolucion-de-l-14-millones-por-cobro-ina apropiado-a-33-mil-542-clientes-de-la-enee.html>

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-kingpin-pleads-guilty-sets-stage-for-damning-revelations>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1086218-410/wilter-neptali-blanco-narco-hondure%C3%B1o-coca-%C3%ADna->

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2338-luis-zelaya-a-joh-sea-menos-cinico-y-reprochese-usted>

The Opposition Alliance succeeded in inscribing itself at the TSE. In a press release, the Alliance denounces the existence of one million people in the national electoral census who are presumably dead. The Honduran sociologist Julio Navarro told El Tiempo that the electoral censi by the TSE and the RNP don't accord with each other. The RNP's secretary Fernando Anduray claims that the one million people presumably dead are the one million Hondurans living abroad.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/03/tribunal-supremo-electoral-inscribe-la-alianza-opositora/>

<http://tiempo.hn/tse-queda-abierto-camino-la-alianza-pueda-participar/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/03/mas-millon-muertos-habilitados-votar-elecciones-generales-libre/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2337-un-millon-de-muertos-listos-para-votar-en-honduras>

<http://tiempo.hn/oposicion-denuncia-millon-muertos-habilitados-votar/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/un-millon-de-personas-estan-fuera-del-pais-y-no-son-muertos-que-votaran-secretario-del-rnp.html>

Liberal congressman Wenceslao Lara calls the head of the Armed Forces, Francisco Álvarez Urbina, a "coward, accomplice and a national traitor" for not acting against the illegal reelection bid by JOH.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2336-exdiputado-cuestiona-jefe-del-ejercito-por-permitir-reeleccion-2>

El Heraldo reports that a minor died in the custody of the Cobras special unit.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1086255-466/reyerta-de-menores-en-los-cobras-deja-un-muerto>

El Heraldo continues to report on sex work in Honduras.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1086171-466/sexoservidoras-piden-mejorar-el-servicio-de-salud-en-honduras>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1086172-466/en-el-centro-de-salud-nos-ven-como-foco-de-infecci%C3%B3n>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1086179-466/hospedajes-son-centros-de-prostituci%C3%B3n-en-honduras>

Dagoberto Rodríguez, president of the Honduran Journalists College (CPH), denounces the use of untrained and uneducated journalists by media outlets undercutting the minimum pay for journalists.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/03/presidente-de-periodistas-molesto-por-contratacion-de-ilegales/>

Juliette Handal, the coordinator of the Citizens Convergence, announced another constitutional challenge intended to stop the price rise for medical care at the University Hospital.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/03/interpondran-otro-recurso-en-reclamo-de-salud-gratuita-y-de-calidad-para-todos/>

Jorge Lanza, a representative of the transport sector, announced that there will be a strike if the government doesn't allow them to raise their fares. He further believes that JOH intends to have their yellow buses disappeared to avoid paying them subsidies.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/03/transportistas-amenazan-aumento-buses-amarillos-lo-contrario-desaparecen/>

Hondurans intend to spend \$125 million for new license plates.

<http://tiempo.hn/emision-nuevas-placas-asciende-mas-125-millones-dolares/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3742-%C3%A9rase-una-y-varias-veces-en-anchuria-03-julio-2017>

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UNAH; Femicides; UN; Militarization; Impunity; Insecurity; Homicides; Penitentiary System; Public Health; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; Mining; Drug Trafficking; La Gaceta; Poverty; Sex Work; Workers' Rights; and US Ambassadors in Honduras

The hunger strike by five students reached its seventh day and they intend to continue. So far, UNAH authorities haven't even sought a conversation with them.

The authorities at the CURLP university intimidated students in a solidarity protest with their fellow students at the UNAH.

The Social Network for Public Education in América denounces the criminalization of student protests in Honduras.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/huelga-de-hambre-de-universitarios-aun-no-logra-respuestas/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/autoridades-del-curlp-intimidan-universitarios-en-protesta>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/04/red-sepa-manifiesta-indignacion-criminalizacion-estudiantil/>

Women's organization protested outside of the MP demanding a stop to femicides. According to a CONADEH report, on average 46 femicides take place per month in Honduras and in 90% of the cases no one is sentenced for it.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1797-mujeres-ante-el-ministerio-publico-el-gobierno-deberia-declarar-alerta-roja-porque-el-femicidio-se-ha-convertido-en-una-epidemia>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/04/mujeres-hondurenas-exigen-alto-los-femicidios-justicia-los-ya-ocurridos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/grupos-de-mujeres-organizadas-protestan-ante-mp-por-180-femicidios-este-ano.html>

Reacting to the announcement by the Honduran government to send two more Military Police battalions to the streets, Radio Progreso calculates the costs of this militarized approach to public security.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3743-militarizaci%C3%B3n-costos-y-mentiras-04-julio-2017>

The Honduran governments strategy at the UN session seems to be to focus on the disputed decrease in the homicide rate. According to this, JOH announces that he won't back up not even one millimeter in questions of security and defense.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/reduccion-en-tasa-de-homicidios-tema-principal-a-destacar-en-examen-ante-onu.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/en-seguridad-y-en-defensa-no-podemos-retroceder-ni-un-milimetro-presidente-hernandez.html>

El Tiempo reports on the high numbers of impunity in Honduras, listing some disturbing numbers, e.g. i) 96% of all cases brought to the MP rest unpunished ii) between 2010 and 2017, over 100 lawyers were murdered iii) based on 2014 numbers, in 23% of all households someone was assaulted.

<http://tiempo.hn/impunidad-en-honduras-mensaje-crimen/>

Criminologist Arabezka Sánchez denounces that the militarization approach to offer security has failed. As long as the government doesn't offer rehabilitation to young offenders, the situation won't change. A similar criticism comes from Caritas. Casa Alianza's Guadalupe Ruelas highlights the missing political will by the government to support Honduran minors.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/04/criminologa-cuestiona-militarizacion-al-cuidado-de-la-ninez/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/04/caritas-la-paz-no-se-construye-con-armas-y-militares/>

<http://tiempo.hn/casa-alianza-gobierno-no-la-voluntad-politica-ayudar-los-ninos/>

Ruelas also denounces that Honduras still is the country with the highest homicide rate of minors in Latin America (32.8 homicides per 100'000 minors).

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/04/indiferencia-del-orladismo-ha-ocasionado-mas-de-700-muertes-de-ninos-y-jovenes-en-el-2017/>

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, promotes the privatization of Honduran prisons. The minor who died in custody of the Cobras special unit has been identified as Jairo Francisco Estrada Maradiaga.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/omar-rivera-propone-buscar-empresas-extranjeras-para-manejar-centros-penitenciarios.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/identifican-muerto-en-cobras/>

The president of the Honduran Medical College (CMH), Suyapa Figueroa, denounces that the JOH administration is creating fake NGOs to take over medical services which then offer them to make a profit.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/04/gobierno-entrega-servicios-salud-ongs-maletin-hagan-negocio-colegio-medico-honduras/>

The Oppositional Alliance gets support by Caritas which also claims that

there are "aberrant" anomalies in the registry at the RNP. Criterio reports that the numbers by the RNP and the TSE don't correspond with the numbers at the National Statistics Institute. According to Salvador Nasralla, the Alliance presidential candidate, their activists are currently revising the census all over the country and after revising 76% of the them, they found more than 800'000 presumably dead Hondurans eligible to vote. The TSE tries to present some advances by the newly created Clean Politics Unit, but these are anecdotal at best. René Bendaña, who aspired to run for president as an independent candidate, denounces that the TSE didn't accept his candidacy. According to him, the National Party feared that he would hand over his credentials to the Alliance - something he denies.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/04/aberrantes-anomalias-en-registro-de-las-personas-deben-ser-investigadas-german-calix/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/04/censo-manejado-rnp-tse-no-concuerta-datos-oficiales-del-ine/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/04/nasralla-explica-sacado-millon-muertos-listos-votar/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/04/tribunal-electoral-habla-de-los-avances-de-la-unidad-de-politica-limpia/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/elaboracion-de-proyectos-de-reglamentos-destacan-en-primeros-30-dias-de-la-unidad-de-politica-limpia.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/rene-bendana-denuncia-atropello-por-parte-del-tse-al-no-inscribir-su-candidatura-presidencial-independiente.html>

Oppositional Alliance announces in a new press release, that they would get rid of the Phone Tapping Law and the Secrecy Law and that they further would have the tasa de seguridad audited.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/alianza-promete-eliminar-ley-de-escuchas-ley-de-secretos-y-auditar-tasa-de-seguridad.html>

Defensores en Línea reports on the resistance by the inhabitants of Perspire, Choluteca against mining projects in their region. The inhabitants of Sabá, Colón, declared their municipality free of mining.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/no-queremos-la-mineria-que-mata-nuestra-lucha-es-por-la-vida/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3744-ratifican-a-sab%C3%A1-col%C3%B3n-como-territorio-libre-de-miner%C3%ADa>

Fabio Lobo, son of the former president Pepe Lobo, will be sentenced for drug trafficking at the end of this month in the US. El Pulso reports on the arrest of Víctor Hugo Díaz Morales, alias «El Rojo», who was arrested in Guatemala in March. He is thought to be behind an attack on US DEA agents in San Pedro Sula in October 2016.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/04/fabio-lobo-sera-sentenciado-a-finales-de-julio-por-nexos-con-el-narco/>

<http://elpulso.hn/el-origen-del-rojo/>

César Cáceres is the new head of the National Graphic Arts Company (ENAG), which is responsible for printing La Gaceta.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2339-tras-escandalo-en-la-gaceta-nombran-nuevo-gerente>

According to the Finance Secretariat, Honduras spends 2% of GDP on poverty alleviation.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/04/honduras-destina-2-del-pib-atacar-pobreza/>

El Heraldo dedicates this whole week to reporting on sex work in Honduras.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1086524-466/eval%C3%BAan-propuesta-para-reabrirlos-prost%C3%ADbulos-en-tegucigalpa>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1086519-466/la-violencia-acecha-a-las-trabajadoras-sexuales>

Employees at the Star maquila in Zip, Yoro, protest against the announced firing of 750 employees.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/07/honduras-empleados-de-maquila-protestan.html>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1086351-466/los-embajadores-de-estados-unidos-y-su-sello-de-la-pol%C3%ADtica-americana>

06/07/17

Berta - US Bill; HRDs; COPINH; UNAH; Journalists; (Re)Elections; Femicides; Domestic Violence; Mayors; Extortion; Military Police; Penitentiary System; Drug Trafficking; Maras; Minors; Workers' Rights; Mining; Congress; Palmerola; and the Dead are Rising...to Vote

COPINH launched a new campaign in support of the US Berta Cáceres Bill.

<https://bertavivecopinhsigue.copinh.org/article/carta-del-copinh-ley-berta-caceres/>

Front Line Defenders launched two urgent actions, one regarding the recent attack against COPINH's Bertha Zúniga Cáceres, Sotero Chavarría, and Asunción Martínez; and one regarding the murder of Roberto Antonio Gómez, human rights defender and father of criminalized student Andy Johan Gómez Jerónimo.

<https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/case/attempted-killing-berta-zuniga-caceres-and-other-copinh-members-1>

<https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/case/andy-johan-gomez-jeronimos-father-killed-amidst-wave-repression-against-student-movement>

In the case of the attack against COPINH, an arrest warrant was release against Jesús Martínez Benítez, who is presumed to have been driving the car used in the attack.

The US senator Ben Cardin denounces the ongoing attacks against COPINH and calls for protection for human rights defenders as well as justice in the case of Berta Cáceres.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/05/policia-no-cree-atentado-hija-berta-caceres-investigara-caso/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/policia-requiere-a-una-persona-para-investigacion-tras-atentado-a-hija-de-berta-caceres.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/05/senador-estadounidense-condena-atentado-hija-berta-caceres/>

The student movement MEU denounces an act of defamation by the TV Channel HCH. In a video, the channel denigrates the five students in a hunger strike for already eight days.

According to the Honduran Red Cross, the health of the five students is starting to deteriorate.

In Choluteca, meanwhile, the authorities of the CURLP university continue to deny a dialogue with their protesting students.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/meu-condena-difamacion-contra-huelga-de-hambre-en-la-unah/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/07/honduras-comienza-deteriorarse-salud-de.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/las-autoridades-del-curlp-le-huyen-al-dialogo/>

After publishing information about corruption, the journalist Miguel Dubón was received death threats by an employee of the Education Department in Trujillo, Colón.

A further journalist, Ramón Romero, received threats for criticizing the quality of road works in Roatán.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/comunicador-amenazado-por-divulgar-actos-de-corrupcion-de-funcionario>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/empleado-municipal-amenaza-periodista-por-denunciar-ejecucion-de-obras-publicas>

The denouncements regarding the Honduran voter census continue to grow.

According to the Liberal Party, 600'000 young women and men so far haven't received their documents enabling them to vote.

Even Nationalist congressman David Chávez felt the need to urge for a purge of the census.

Just days after negating the problem, the RNP now speaks of 200'000 presumably dead Hondurans appearing in the census.

Finally, it is worth highlighting once more the discrepancy between the TSE and INE. The latter says that 5.4 million Hondurans can vote, the former has a census of 6.2 million possible voters.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/luis-zelaya-denuncia-que-600-mil-jovenes-no-han-recibido-su-identidad-para-votar-en-elecciones.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/diputado-nacionalista-david-chavez-tambien-exige-se-depure-censo-electoral.html>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2017/1086900-508/unos-200000-muertos-siguen-en-el-censo-nacional-electoral-de-honduras>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/05/quien-tiene-la-razon-autoridad-estadistica-afirma-que-5-4-millones-de-hondurenos-pueden-votar/>

<http://elpulso.hn/muertos-votan/>

The Women's Forum for Life emitted a press release emphasizing their ongoing fight against femicides and against the impunity that reigns in these cases.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/05/foro-mujeres-la-vida-anuncian-no-pararan-lucha-los-femicidios/>

FUSINA speaks of an increase in arrests for domestic violence.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/05/se-incrementan-los-casos-violencia-domestica/>

ConfidencialHN reports on a Mara nexus of the mayor of Valle de Ángeles, Wilfredo Ponce. According to their sources, the mayor's nephew Daniel Ponce is responsible for various violent acts in recent months.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/05/revelan-nexos-de-pandilleros-con-el-alcalde-de-valle-de-angeles/>

Hugo Maldonado, director of CODEH, demands that the Honduran authorities first investigate extortion cases before arresting possible suspects. He reports of cases where innocent people were arrested, which later were stigmatized.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/codeh-pide-seguridad-no-extralimitarse-con-la-detencion-de-personas>

In the same article, Maldonado also informs that CODEH documented six cases of abuse by members of the Military Police against citizens.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/codeh-pide-seguridad-no-extralimitarse-con-la-detencion-de-personas>

One of the inmates recently fled from the Támara prison was found dead in Comayagüela.

A prison guard was arrested for trying to bring cell phones into the El Pozo prison.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/encuentran-sin-vida-uno-de-los-reos-fugados-de-la-penitenciaria-de-tamara>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/05/capturan-agente-penitenciario-por-intentar-ingresar-objetos-prohibidos-en-el-pozo/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/05/advierten-severas-repercusiones-penales-contra-agentes-penitenciarios/>

El Tiempo reports that Fabio Lobo, the former president's son, has to pay back more than a quarter million dollars to the US government for trafficked drugs.

In an interview with La Prensa, security minister Julián Pacheco Tinoco tries once more to distance himself from Fabio Lobo which he had met before his arrest.

<http://tiempo.hn/mas-de-un-cuarto-de-millon-de-dolares-debe-pagar-fabio-lobo-a-ee-uu/>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1086909-410/julian-pacheco-fabio-lobo-narcotrafico-droga-eua-honduras->

La Prensa reports on the use of minors by Maras.

http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1086915-410/menores-pandillas-casas_locas-maras-honduras-video-matan-asesinan-

According to World Vision, more than 700'000 young Hondurans neither study nor work and one million children don't have access to education. At the same time, 433'000 children have to work.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/05/vision-mundial-se-podrian-llenar-32-estadios-con-jovenes-que-no-estudian-ni-trabajan-en-honduras/>

The IHSS' labor union held a protest against the firing of 200 security personnel intended to be replaced by private security guards. At the INA, workers still wait for unpaid salaries, which are blocked by the Finance Secretary Wilfredo Cerrato.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/05/despido-masivo-de-empleados-de-seguridad-del-ihss-provoca-movilizaciones/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/05/denuncian-hostigamiento-permanente-contra-trabajadores-del-ina/>

According to the MiAmbiente secretariat, Honduras exports mining resources worth \$300 million per year.

<http://tiempo.hn/explotacion-mineria-honduras-300-millones/>

El Tiempo presents the longest sitting members of Congress.

<http://tiempo.hn/diputados-con-mas-anos-en-el-congreso/>

El Heraldo reports that a two million gallon oil tank risks the certification of the planned Palmerola airport.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1086887-466/tanque-de-combustible-pone-en-riesgo-certificaci%C3%B3n-del-aeropuerto-de-palmerola>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/05/muertos-votando-encienden-los-memes-las-redes-sociales/>

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Berta - Investigation; Agua Zarca; COPINH; UN; UNAH; MACCIH; Campesinas; (Re)Elections; ENEE; IACtHR; Judicial Power; Journalists; Organized Crime; Economy; Monotributo; APP; Deportation; Debt; and a Swiss Woman with a Garífuna Spirit

The Supreme Court of Justice (CSJ) attacked in a press release Honduran civil society groups claiming that they spread false information about the investigation into Berta Cáceres murder. This defamation is related to Honduras' exam by the UN Human Rights Committee (see further down).

This is a very common line of attack by the Honduran government and similar accusations were made during previous UN exams. As a result, the Committee against Torture wrote in its final observations last year: "Lastly, the Committee also expresses its concern about reports of public statements made by high-ranking State officials discrediting the work of human rights defenders and journalists, thereby putting them at risk of physical harm (arts. 2, 12, 13 and 16)."

And to portray its claimed commitment, the Honduran National Police Force even emitted a press release about its thorough investigation into the recent attacks against Bertita Zúñiga Cáceres and other COPINH leaders.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/06/onu-recibia-informacion-equivocada-caso-berta-caceres/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1087255-466/gobierno-de-honduras-rechaza-informaciones-falsas-sobre-el-crimen-de-bertha-c%C3%A1ceres>

<http://docstore.ohchr.org/SelfServices/FilesHandler.ashx?enc=6QkG1d%2fPPRiCAqhKb7yhspR0ZUWF1UBfV7uhJtKqR3nBITYWafck7SregoeXvjTouyHQUqXLLmHMeNRqpyqqXFItiAMzs3MpA%2b%2bgkYC08gvYLTNyYehCiBLAK6KZ1A1h>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/polic%C3%AD-nacional-investiga-profundidad-atentado-criminal-contrabertha-z%C3%BAniga-c%C3%A1ceres>

"Two of the lenders of the Agua Zarca hydropower project in Honduras, FMO (Netherlands Development Finance Institution), Finnfund (Finnish Fund for Industrial Cooperation), together with owner and developer DESA, mutually agreed to end their existing contractual relations. This joint conclusion was reached after extensive consultations with a large number of local and international stakeholders and through the work of an independent fact finding mission and an independent consultant." COPINH reacts to these announcement by denouncing that "the FMO and Finn Fund have ignored COPINH's recommendations about a responsible exit. To the contrary, the banks continue promoting a decision-making process about a hydroelectric dam project that could generate more violence and repression."

<https://www.fmo.nl/news-detail/21a7c615-a32b-471c-9378-60317196daf6/fmo-and-finnfund-finalize-exit-agua-zarca>

<https://copinhenglish.blogspot.com/2017/07/copinh-communicates-that-fmo-and-finn.html>

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.com/2017/07/copinh-comunica-que-los-bancos-fmo-y.html>

Democracy Now! talked with Bertita Zúñiga Cáceres about the recent attacks against her and other COPINH leaders as well as the US Berta Cáceres Bill.

https://www.democracynow.org/2017/7/6/bertha_caceres_daughter_survives_attempted_attack

The Coalition against Impunity emitted a press release about the first day of the exam of Honduras by the UN Human Rights Committee. This was before the press release by the CSJ.

The Honduran government promised before the committee that crimes against someones honor won't be punished by prison sentences anymore. Media outlets close to the government, meanwhile, write of an "excellent qualification" of the Honduran government by the UN committee.

See Attachment

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/06/sera-cierto-estado-hondureno-se-compromete-en-despenalizar-delitos-contr-el-honor/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/presidente-del-comit%C3%A9-de-derechos-humanos-de-la-onu-aplaude-creaci%C3%B3n-de-la-macch>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/onu-destaca-logros-de-honduras-en-ddhh-y-reduccion-de-indices-de-violencia.html>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/06/onu-valora-positivamente-proteccion-personas-amenazadas/>

Natalya Reynott, journalist at the TVS Channel 42, was forced to leave the set after covering the students protest favorably.

Once more, the UNAH authorities emitted a press release, this time claiming that not all protesters at the UNAH are students.

The students, meanwhile, get new support by the Agape Church.

<http://tiempo.hn/choluteca-periodista-abandona-set-tv-tras-discutir-jefe/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/queondaconesto/1087060-466/periodista-de-choluteca-abandona-set-de-televi%C3%B3n-molesta-con-su-jefe>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/autoridades-de-la-unah-denuncian-que-personas-ajenas-ase-centro-participan-en-tomas-de-edificios.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/06/iglesia-cristiana-agape-se-solidariza-con-estudiantes-en-protesta/>

The MACCIH demands the derogation of the Secrecy Law and the complete reinstatement of the Transparency and Access to Public Information Law. According to the MACCIH, the latter offers adequate protection while maintaining the right to access to public information.

The Student Anti-Corruption Council (CEA) filed a complaint at the OAS regarding the role of former MACCIH employee Jacobo Domínguez in the last-minute changes to the Clean Politics Bill. They greet his departure, but denounce that he was awarded a position at the OAS still related with electoral matters.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/06/macch-demanda-derogar-la-ley-secretos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/06/cea-denuncia-manoseo-ley-politica-limpia-premio-parte-la-oea-al-autor/>

Defensores en Línea dedicates an article to the struggle by indigenous Lenca campesina women in La Paz.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/indigenas-de-la-paz-sin-acceso-a-tierra-ni-justicia/>

The RNP reacted once more the mounting pressure regarding presumably dead Hondurans in its census. According to its deputy director, Gerardo Martínez, there aren't 1 million dead in the census, but "only" 200'000. The civil society coalition Observación N-26 demands a purge of the census. The TSE intends to implement one recommendation by the EU observation mission from 2013, to let hospitalized people vote. ConfidencialHN republished a very insightful interview with Padre Melo about the elections, JOH, drug trafficking and more.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/06/solo-200-mil-los-muertos-listos-votar-rnp/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/06/observacion-n-26-pide-al-tse-depurar-censo-nacional-electoral/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/observacion-n-26-pide-depurar-el-censo-nacional-electoral-2017.html>

<http://elpulso.hn/sufragio-activo/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/06/los-dolares-de-los-pobres-sostienen-a-los-ricos-en-honduras/>

After JOH's promise to pay back money to the public, ENEE announced that

it will take four months. Maybe it will be finished just before the elections...

The former director of the Honduran Central Bank (BCH), Hugo Noé Pino, calls this whole process "an error disguised as an exit or compensation". He demands an audit to guarantee that the errors won't happen again.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/06/enee-tardara-unos-cuatro-meses-en-devolver-dinero-a-usuarios-afectados/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/06/hugo-noe-pino-quieren-venderle-a-la-poblacion-errores-disfrazados-de-recompensa/>

Honduran civil society organizations, organized as the Compliance Monitoring Board of Sentences by the IACtHR, are currently preparing for a meeting with the Honduran government to follow up on ten sentences by the IACtHR.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/preparan-encuentro-con-el-estado-para-asegurar-cumplimiento-efectivo-de-sentencias-emitidas-por-la-corte-idh/>

Human rights defender Joaquín A. Mejía Rivera published a book on judicial independence in Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByYToOmVWPIrVINOYkRjenFvdjA/view>

The journalist Jorge Oseguera denounces that his news program was taken of the air through an unilateral decision by the owners with the intention to silence him.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/periodista-denuncia-censura-por-parte-de-propietarios-de-emisora-radial>

Radio Progreso writes about the selective investigative approach towards organized crime in Honduras.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3746-crimen-organizado-y-sus-protegidos-06-julio-2017>

There is growing criticism by business leader of the JOH administration.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/06/adolfo-facusse-el-gobierno-cada-dia-hace-menos-y-cobra-mas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/06/el-pueblo-mas-que-promesas-pide-resultados/>

The consumers' protection organization ACONSUMEH the so-called monotributo and demands an institutionalized dialogue with the government.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/06/aconsume-rechaza-la-aplicacion-del-monotributo-exige-mesa-dialogo/>

Representatives in the Northern Triangle of Transparency International announce the creation of a citizen observatory of the Alliance for Prosperity.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/06/transparencia-internacional-centroamerica-creara-observatorio-ciudadano-del-plan-alianza-la-prosperidad/>

According to Conmigho, the deportations to Honduras by Mexico and the US have fallen by 29.5% in the first half year of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1087248-466/deportaciones-de-hondure%C3%B1os-disminuyen-en-295-en-seis-meses>

FOSDEH denounces that Honduras uses up to 40% of its income to pay back debt.

<http://www.hispanTV.com/noticias/honduras/346700/economistas-fosdeh-analisis-politica-fiscal-tributaria>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/07/honduras-una-suiza-con-alma-garifuna.html>

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Berta - Agua Zarca; UN; UNAH; Penal Code; National Police; Femicide; Worker's Rights; Maras; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; Poverty; Judicial Power; Corruption; transparency; and Community Libraries

Berta's family members demand a definitive cancellation of the Agua Zarca Project and an end to impunity in the murder case of Berta but also all other indigenous Lenca who violently lost their lives because of Agua Zarca.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/07/familia-bertha-caceres-pedira-cancelacion-definitiva-del-proyecto-agua-zarca/>

<https://indiancountrymedianetwork.com/news/indigenous-peoples/win-honor-bertha-carceres-investors-pull-funding-controversial-project/>

The Coalition against Impunity emitted a second press release about exam of Honduras by the UN Human Rights Committee and the governments' intent to denigrate the human rights organization.

Radio Progreso has a good overview on the events in Geneva and the recommendations for the Honduran state (even though it falsely writes that the exam was part of an Universal Periodic Review).

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<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3750-sociedad-civil-llama-a-estado-a-cumplir-recomendaciones-de-epu>

UNAH's vice-dean Ayay Irias announces new legal actions against the protesting students.

The new threats arose due to a protest by the student movement MEU against the misuse by UNAH of its sport center. According to MEU, their protest didn't lead to any physical damage.

ConfidencialHN reports, that two more students joined the hunger strike. La Tribuna, meanwhile, tries to denigrate the students. Based on a video published in Facebook, it claims that the hunger strike is fake.

Nevertheless, it ends its article by citing the Red Cross which speaks of a deterioration of the health of the students due to the hunger strike...

And CONADEH called out again to all involved parties to put an end to violence, hate and discrimination.

Liberal congresswoman Waldina Paz told Proceso Digital that she met both with ADUNAH as well as MEU to discuss the possibility of a transition commission for UNAH.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/07/anuncian-mas-persecucion-penal-contra-estudiantes-universitarios/>

<http://tiempo.hn/unah-meu-responsable-disturbios-dentro-del-polideportivo/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/07/mas-problemas-para-julieta-dos-estudiantes-mas-de-la-unah-van-a-huelga-de-hambre/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/07/unah-video-demuestra-no-hambre-huelga-hambre/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/07/conadeh-llama-poner-fin-violencia-odio-conflicto-la-unah/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/diputada-paz-acepta-sostuvo-reuniones-con-adunah-y-meu-para-discutir-proyecto-que-ordena-transicion-en-unah.html>

Back from their vacations, Congress intends to discuss next Tuesday the lowering of the age for sentencing minors.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/07/tras-vacaciones-diputados-regresan-para-discutir-normas-de-persecucion-a-infantes/>

Congress will also take up again the discussion about the Police Career Bill and a bill to regulate private security companies.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/07/congreso-retomara-aprobacion-la-ley-la-carrera-policial/>

Radio Progreso reports on this weeks' protest against femicides in Honduras.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3752-hondure%C3%B1as-en-rebelde-y-en-lucha-contra-la-violencia-hacia-las-mujeres>

Giorgio Trucchi speaks with agribusiness worker Waldina Aiestas, who suffers from carpal tunnel syndrome, which neither Chiquita Honduras nor the Health Secretariat accepts as an occupational illness.

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/186677>

"Female gang members in Honduras are taking a more active role in criminal activities as gang leaders are transferred into maximum security prisons, a Honduras newspaper reported. If true, the long-term implications could be devastating."

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/role-of-female-gang-members-evolving-in-honduras-report>

Hondurans have until August 28, 2017 to change their domicile at the RNP for the coming elections. In previous years, fraudulent changes to domicile was frequently used in previous elections to commit fraud.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2340-hondurenos-habilitados-para-cambiar-domicilio-de-votacion>

Coup general and head of the Patriotic Alliance party, Romeo Vásquez, filed a complaint at the TSE because the Oppositional Alliance against the Dictatorship (which is its full name) used the word "alliance" in its name.

According to TSE Marco Ramiro Lobo, the Oppositional Alliance has the right to call itself like that.

Proceso Digital reports on the rise of independent candidates.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/07/exjefe-militar-reclama-por-uso-de-palabra-alianza/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/alianza-de-oposicion-tiene-el-derecho-de-denominar-su-fuerza-como-les-parezca-segun-magistrado-lobo.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/seis-departamentos-concentran-candidaturas-independientes.html>

Economist Martin Barahona criticizes the government's short-sighted and politically motivated approach to alleviate poverty.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/07/bonos-y-asistencialismo-gubernamental-fomentan-la-espiral-de-pobreza/>

Radio Progreso reports on what the MACCIH calls "a historic conviction" of the former vice-president of the Judiciary Council, Teodoro Bonilla.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3749-condena-contra-teodoro-bonilla-es-un-acto-ejemplar-de-combate-a-la-corrupci%C3%B3n-e-impunidad>

The TSC found that two former functionaries of the now disappeared Culture, Arts and Sports Secretariat were involved in corruption.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/07/tribunal-de-cuentas-imputa-a-dos-exfuncionarios-por-corrupcion/>

Based on a study by the Democracy without Borders Foundation (FDFS) on transparency in public institutions and political parties, Melisa Elvir demands from the Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP) to rigorously apply its law and to start working with sanctions for those that don't comply.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/07/piden-sancionar-a-los-que-no-cumplen-ley-de-transparencia/>

<http://elpulso.hn/las-bibliotecas-comunitarias-cambian-el-mundo-de-los-ninos-y-ninas-en-lempira/>

09/07/17

Berta - Investigation; UNAH; Impunity; Credit Cards; Political Opposition; (Re)Elections; Fiscal Policy; Garífunas; Penitentiary System; Sex Work; Public Health; and a New Police Manual

Honduran authorities continue to denigrate human rights organizations who spoke in Geneva about the case of Berta Cáceres. This time it is the turn of army colonel Jorge Cerrato.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/ffaa-recuerda-que-dos-miembros-fueron-dados-de-baja-deshonrosa-por-muerte-de-berta-caceres.html>

Pasos de Animal Grand dedicates an article to the compassionate mothers and fathers of the criminalized students. They formed a committee to support their childrens' struggle.

El Tiempo published an interview with student leader Fausto Manuel Cáliz Márquez.

The journalist Natalia Reynott recently left the studio of TVS 42 during a show as she was denigrated for supporting the student protests. In a public letter, she now gives some more information about the incident.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1801-quien-puede-contra-la-paz-las-madres-de-los-panuelos-blancos-en-la-unah>

<http://tiempo.hn/entrevista-fausto-calix-joven-campesino-quiere-cambios-la-unah/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/queondaconesto/1087356-466/periodista-natalya-reynott-no-ten%C3%ADa-sentido-quedarme-compartiendo-set-con-una>

According to CONADEH, about 220 journalist, social communicators and lawyers violently lost their lives in Honduras in the last 16 years and more than 90% of their cases rest in impunity.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/alrededor-de-220-abogados-y-de-profesionales-de-la-comunicacion-han-muerto-violentamente-en-honduras.html>

El Libertador published an investigative piece on the big business with credit cards in Honduras.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2341-tarjetas-usura-bancaria-y-estafa-continuada-en-honduras>

Honduran businessman Adolfo "Fito" Facussé praises the Oppositional Alliance's plan for the Honduran economy.

In a gathering with their base in Marcala, the Alliance in the form of its presidential candidate Salvador Nasralla promised not to accept corrupt congresswo/men in its lines.

Luis Alfonso Santos, the former bishop of Santa Rosa de Copán and also known as the Red Bishop, prefers Luis Zelaya to win against JOH in November.

<http://tiempo.hn/adolfo-facusse-califica-excelente-la-propuesta-los-empresarios-parte-la-alianza-oposicion/>

<http://tiempo.hn/salvador-nasralla-los-diputados-la-alianza-se-vendan-los-meter-pozo/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/nasralla-es-soberbio-y-creido-para-que-aconsejarlo-no-vale-la-pena-monsenor-santos.html>

El Pulso has already previously criticizes the dubious elections of the three commissioners of the Clean Politics Unit. In a new article, it reports that the MACCIH opposed the election of Libre candidate German Espinal for his presumed role in the El Cubanazo corruption case.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-cubanazo-german-espinal-y-las-mafias-en-el-gobierno-de-manuel-zelaya/>

The newly created Promoting Group of a Fiscal Dialogue (GPDF) intends to petition the Honduran presidential candidates to form a fiscal pact for a fairer fiscal policy, e.g. eradicating tax evasion and to reduce tax exemptions.

The group, whose member are renowned economists such as the former president of the Honduran Central Bank Hugo Noé Pino, also demands the derogation of the Secrecy Law, which recently the MACCIH has also demanded once more.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/08/pediran-a-candidatos-presidenciales-que-apliquen-politicas-fiscales-justas/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/08/proponen-derogar-ley-secretos-reducir-las-exoneraciones-fiscales/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3747-alianza-por-un-pacto-fiscal-en-honduras-07-julio-2017>

El Tiempo reports of the murder of Rogelio Antonio Maquezi, a Garífuna, in La Ceiba.

<http://tiempo.hn/asesinado-en-quebrada-de-la-ceiba/>

The National Penitentiary Institute (INP) had another group of inmates transferred to El Pozo II.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/08/trasladan-peligrosos-reos-a-cuestionada-carcel-el-pozo-ii/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/medio-centenar-de-reos-trasladados-este-sabado-hacia-la-tolva.html>

After a petition to legalize sex work, some congresswo/men showed openness to discuss it.

<http://elpulso.hn/legalizar-la-prostitucion-un-reto-para-el-estado-hondureno/>

For lack of the promised pay, junior doctors withdrew yesterday from their "voluntary" work at the University Hospital.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/medicos-internos-y-en-servicio-social-se-retiran-voluntariamente-del-heu.html>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/09/policias-evangelicos-aplican-la-ley-cristo/>

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HRDs; UNAH; (Re)Elections; Journalists; National Police; ENEE; Maras; Penitentiary System; and the CNDS - the Hearth of Honduras Dictatorship

KOFF - The Swiss platform for peacebuilding published together with HEKS

and Peace Watch Switzerland a report on the shrinking space for civil society in Honduras.

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The Liberal congresswoman Waldina Paz will present a decree to Congress tomorrow calling for the nomination of a board of transition for the UNAH. According to Paz, a simple majority (65 votes) would suffice to approve it.

There seems to be no common understanding among the students regarding such a intervention.

UNAH's law students will hold a vote today trying to decide if they should occupy their faculties' building.

A vote has also been announced by the students at UNAH's Valle de Sula campus.

The journalist Ronnie Huete Salgado, who is being criminalized for covering the UNAH protests, published a new article allowing an overview of the current situation.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/10/proponen-que-una-junta-de-transicion-tome-control-inmediato-de-la-unah/>

<http://tiempo.hn/meu-continuaran-las-tomas-renuncie-julieta-castellanos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/division-estudiantil-ante-propuesta-de-junta-interventora-en-la-unah.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/crisis-unah-estudiantes-derecho-votaciones-decidir-se-toman-edificio/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/estudiantes-entregan-instalaciones-de-la-unah-vs-pero-anuncian-asambleas-para-el-lunes.html>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/07/la-universidad-nacional-penitenciaria.html>

The former TSE magistrate Enrique Ortez list various problems for the coming general elections, all of which could lead to a fraud.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/09/advierten-que-partidos-bonsai-y-muertos-que-votan-pueden-hacer-mega-fraude/>

In January this year, the Honduran journalist Igor Padilla was murdered. Yesterday, the camera man who used to work with him, Edwin Rivera Paz, was also murdered in Mexico, where he presumably went after Padilla's murder to hide.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/09/asesinan-mexico-camarografo-igor-padilla/>

Two police agents of the Police Investigation Bureau (DPI) were suspended for presumably assaulting two citizens.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/10/suspenden-policias-por-atracar-dos-ciudadanos-en-comayaguela/>

Consumer protection organizations believe that ENEE should not just return 14 million Lempiras to the public, but rather 500 million Lempiras.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/consumidores-organizados-calculan-en-500-millones-cobros-abusivos-por-consumo-de-energ%C3%AD>

The investigative unit of Heraldo published a report called "Living among Maras".

<http://especial.elheraldo.hn/viviendo-entre-maras/>

El Heraldo wonders about the future of the El Porvenir prison.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1088007-466/por-qu%C3%A9-est%C3%A1-en-el-abandono-el-centro-penal-de-el-porvenir>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/09/consejo-nacional-defensa-seguridad-corazon-la-dictadura-honduras/>

11/07/17

Berta - Investigation; UNAH; (Re)Elections; Secrecy Law; Femicides; National Police; IHSS; Public Health; Fiscal Policy; and the Youth We Need.

TeleSur published a 25min-long interview with Olivia Zúniga, daughter of Berta Cáceres, about her mother's murder, its background and the problems with its investigation.

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

Pasos de Animal Grande tells the story of Melisa Rodríguez, one of the students participating since 12 days in a hunger strike. UNAH's vice-dean Ajax Irías fears a possible intervention of UNAH. For different reasons, the student movement MEU also rejects the proposal. They announced a seven-day ultimatum for Julieta Castellanos to step down, otherwise they will set off a new wave of protests. MEU also announced a second protest march culminating in handing over their own draft bill for a transition to Congress. Proceso Digital, meanwhile, claims that the crisis is being partly resolved as a majority of law students voted against the continuation of the protests by their faculty.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1802-la-historia-de-melisa-no-me-puedo-quedar-durmiendo-tranquila-mientras-mis-demas-companeros-estan-alli-aguantando-hambre>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/10/autoridades-de-la-unah-estan-aterrados-por-una-eventual-intervencion/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/una-junta-de-transicion-atentaria-contr-forma-de-gobierno-de-la-unah-ayax-irias.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/10/meu-rechaza-junta-transicion-propone-diputada-waldina-paz/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/07/honduras-meu-anuncia-madre-de-todas-las.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/estudiantes-de-derecho-votan-y-deciden-volver-a-clases-en-la-unah.html>

According to recent statements by Juan Pineda, the representative of the National Party at the TSC, their joint investigation with the MACCIH may threaten the participation of various politicians in the general elections. Caritas' advocacy director Carlos Patiño criticizes that once more Honduras failed to implement the electoral reforms demanded by civil society for 15 years.

According to the Honduran intellectual Rodolfo Pastor Fasquelle: "Fraud is not an error in the electoral system, it is the form in which it operates."

The TSE, meanwhile, announced the audit by party mandated experts of its transmission system.

El Tiempo spoke with political analyst Julio Navarro on how the National Party succeeded in always having the TSE's president being one of their own during general elections.

The recently created Clean Politics Unit still has no proper regulation nor any personnel expect the three commissioners.

According to the Clean Politics Bill, every citizen can support a political party with up to 2 million Lempiras and a legal entity such a company may donate up to 10.1 million Lempiras.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/10/tribunal-de-cuentas-a-punto-de-revelar-irregularidades-de-funcionarios-y-politicos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/10/los-procesos-electorales-vez-tienen-menos-credibilidad-caritas/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/10/tomar-la-bastilla-parabola/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/10/informaticos-los-partidos-politicos-inician-auditaria-del-sistema-transmision-del-tse/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/ingenieros-informaticos-de-los-partidos-auditaran-el-sistema-de-transmision-del-tse.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/quienes-han-sido-los-ultimos-magistrados-presidentes-del-tse-durante-las-elecciones-generales/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/unidad-de-politica-limpia-urge-reglamento-y-personal.html>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2017/1088294-508/personas-jur%C3%ADdicas-podr%C3%A1n-aportar-hasta-10-millones-de-lempiras-a-partidos-de>

Carlos Hernández, representative of Transparency International, demands a reform of the secrecy law, believing that a derogation is not possible. But exactly such a derogation is requested by the MACCIH. Nationalist congressman and Congress' secretary Mario Pérez tries to defend Honduras' secrecy law, even speaking of a disinformation campaign against it.

Pérez even claims that so far, there was not formal request to discuss the law, but no less than four legislative initiatives have been presented in Congress to do that.

And a new one will be presented this week.

Libre congressman Rasel Tomé highlights one reason why its derogation has such an importance in this electoral cycle: it hides the misuse of funds by the tasa de seguridad.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/10/organizaciones-civiles-se-conforman-con-reformas-a-ley-de-secretos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/10/secretario-del-parlamento-dice-que-ley-de-secretos-no-es-como-una-baleada/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/10/ley-secretos-escudo-los-corruptos/>

<http://tiempo.hn/congresistas-oposicion-pedirán-esta-semana-la-derogación-la-ley-secretos/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/10/tason-seguridad-coalianza-apestan-corrupcion-rasel-tome/>

CONADEH condemned the violence against women in Honduras: almost 5000 women were murdered in the last 11 years, one third of them since 2014; in 2016, CONADEH received 4529 complaints by women who had their rights violated.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/10/casi-5-mil-mujeres-muerto-honduras-los-ultimos-11-anos/>

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, criticizes that the TSC still has not investigated some 30 cases of illicit enrichment by members of the National Police.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/tsc-debe-dar-resultados-sobre-enriquecimiento-ilicito-de-policias-dice-omar-rivera.html>

Mario Antonio Rojas Rodríguez, uncle of former IHSS director Mario Zelaya, will face trial on July 25 for presumably participating in the IHSS corruption case.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/10/tio-de-mario-zelaya-comparecera-a-juicio-el-proximo-25-de-julio/>

The Health Secretariat reacts to pressure by junior doctors who demand their promised financial support. According to the secretariat, there are 20 million Lempiras set aside for this. Meanwhile at the San Felipe Hospital, workers announced a protest for tomorrow.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/10/secretaria-de-salud-promete-saldar-deuda-con-medicos-huelguistas/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/07/honduras-trabajadores-del-hospital-san.html>

The Promoting Group of a Fiscal Dialogue (GPDF) highlights the problems with tax exemptions in the Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/10/33307/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/medicos-internos-y-en-servicio-social-empiezan-a-recibir-salario-beca-y-se-reintegran-a-sus-labores.html>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3753-la-juventud-que-necesitamos-10-julio-2017>

12/07/17

HRDs; Berta - Investigation; IACHR; UNAH; MACCIH; Secrecy Law; LGTBI; Privatization; FoE; Corruption; National Police; Penitentiary System; US; Children; Disappearance; and an Autocratic Democracy

The Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, supported by the World Organization against Torture (OMCT) and the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) demands from JOH to stop the ongoing situation of harassment and persecution of human rights defenders in Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/11/piden-honduras-cese-hostigamiento-defensores-derechos-humanos/>

COPINH held a joint press conference with MADJ about the newest accusations by the Honduran state in Geneva regarding the investigation into the assassination of Berta.

<https://www.facebook.com/MovAmplioHn/videos/1412380345522527/>

<https://www.movimientoamplio.org/single-post/2017/07/11/MADJ-COPINH-Exigimos-romper-con-la-impunidad-reacciones-ante-informe-del-Estado-en-el-examen-del-Comit%C3%A9-de-DDHH-de-la-ONU>

ERIC filed together with the Law Faculty of the University of California (UCLA) a complaint at the IACHR against Honduras for the impunity in the murder case of journalist Nery Geremías Orellana in 2011.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3754-una-nueva-demanda-internacional-contr-la-impunidad-11-julio-2017>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3755-cr%C3%B3nica-de-una-muerte-no-investigada>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/demanda-contr-el-estado-de-honduras-por-asesinato-de-comunicador-social/>

According to La Tribuna, two students stopped the hunger strike, after a deterioration of the health status. No other news outlet has so far confirmed this.

The student movement MEU intends to present its draft bill as a citizens initiative to Congress, that means they will have to collect 3000 signatures.

El Tiempo reports that Chemistry and Pharmacy students will also hold a vote on the future of the protests.

The Alliance for Peace and Justice (APJ) opposes an intervention of the UNAH.

Congress' secretary Mario Pérez warns that an ongoing crisis at the UNAH may force them to nominate an intervention committee.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/11/dos-alumnos-la-unah-dejan-la-huelga-hambre/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/meu-presentar%C3%A1-propuesta-ante-el-cn-para-solucionar-la-crisis-en-la-unah>

<http://tiempo.hn/unah-quimica-farmacia-tambien-ira-votaciones-definir-toma-edificios/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/sociedad-civil-se-opone-a-que-congreso-intervenga-la-unah.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/11/parlamento-de-honduras-podria-intervenir-en-crisis-de-universidad-autonoma/>

The MACCIH's head investigator William Ramírez announced his departure from the institution.

Juan Jiménez Mayor tries to calm the public by speaking of a "natural process". There are still 28 international experts working at the MACCIH and the two open positions have already been filed again. Regarding the departure of the controversial figure Jacobo Domínguez some weeks back, his position will be filled again next month.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/11/tercera-baja-sensible-sufre-la-maccih-se-marcha-jefe-de-investigacion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/11/jefe-de-la-maccih-descarta-crisis-interna-por-salida-de-tres-expertos/>

The pressure on the secrecy law is growing. The political analyst Raúl Pineda, who is close to the National Party, also demands a reform of the law. He even fears that a possible reelection by JOH under the current circumstances could lead to Venezuela-like protests.

PAC congressman Virgilio Padilla accuses Carlos Hernández, the representative of Transparency International in Honduras, of being to

close to the government. A case in point is the latter's statements regarding the secrecy law.

Padilla also emphasizes the contradictory role of the Liberal Party when it comes to derogating the secrecy law.

MACCIH, meanwhile, reminded Congress that they presented already in December 2016 a proposal to derogate the law.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/11/piden-reformas-a-ley-de-secretos-y-cambios-electorales/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/11/carlos-hernandez-una-posicion-oficialista-virgilio-padilla/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/11/bancada-liberal-congreso-taimada-virgilio-padilla/>

<http://www.web.llibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2343-maccih-sigue-exigiendo-derogar-ley-de-secretos>

David Valle, human rights defender and LGTBI activist, denounces an assassination attempt against him on Monday.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1803-honduras-intentan-asesinar-a-david-valle-defensor-de-la-comunidad-lgtbi>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/11/intentan-asesinar-david-valle-defensor-derechos-humanos-las-personas-lgtbi/>

Albany Flores lays out in a new article why Honduras already is a semi-private state.

<http://elpulso.hn/hn-estado-semiprivado/>

Congress requested a decision by the Supreme Court of Justice about the controversial Article 335B of the Penal Code, which violates freedom of expression.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/11/parlamento-hondureno-respetara-decision-judicial-sobre-ley-mordaza/>

The Association for a More Just Society (ASJ) demands better protection for those denouncing acts of corruption.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/11/solicitan-proteccion-para-los-que-denuncien-actos-de-corrupcion/>

As part of the purge at the National Police Force, 40 lawyers had their contracts canceled. Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, demands legal actions against those lawyers linked to illicit behaviour.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/11/omar-rivera-demanda-acciones-legales-contra-abogados-depurados/>

<http://tiempo.hn/unos-40-abogados-seran-depurados-la-policia-los-proximos-dias/>

Fusina conducted an operation at the El Pozo II prison arresting prison guards who were too close to the inmates.

The National Penitentiary Institute (INP) announces that the El Porvenir prison will be reopened in five months.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/11/honduras-realizan-operativos-en-conflictiva-carcel-el-pozo-ii/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/11/prometen-que-dentro-de-cinco-meses-reactivaran-carcel-de-el-porvenir/>

The Honduran writer Samuel Trigueros denounces being harassed by a presumed DEA agent at the El Salvador-Honduras border.

And the former US ambassador to Honduras has a new job.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1804-agente-de-la-dea-en-el-salvador-interrogo-e-insulto-a-escritor-hondureno-samuel-trigueros-quien-participo-en-homenaje-a-poeta-guerrillera>

<http://www.proceso.hn/portadas/10-portada/nombran-a-nealon-subsecretario-de-seguridad-nacional-de-eeuu.html>

Congress intends to forbid marriage for under 18 year-old.

<http://tiempo.hn/congreso-prohibira-matrimonio-infantil-honduras/>

According to the Police Investigation Bureau (DPI), almost 500 Hondurans have been reported missing since January.

<http://tiempo.hn/casi-500-personas-reportadas-desaparecidas-desde-enero/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3756-honduras-una-democracia-autoritaria>

13/07/17

UNAH; LGTBI; Privatization; (Re)Elections; Political Parties; Political Opposition; PAC; Militarization; Secrecy Law; Private Security; UNA; Deforestation; Maquiladora; Colombia; and Discovering the Already Discovered

Luis Joel Rivera Perdomo, sociology student and member of the board of the Sociology Student Association, was brutally murdered yesterday night. MEU spokesperson Fausto Cáliz condemns the murder. The student movement MEU officially filed a complaint at the TSC against UNAH dean Julieta Castellanos for misusing public funds for a denigrating and criminalizing campaign against students. El Tiempo confirms yesterday's announcement that after 15 days in hunger strike, two students had to stop, i.e. they were brought to the University Hospital.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1089060-466/matan-a-estudiante-de-sociolog%C3%ADa-de-la-unah-en-el-pedregal>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protستا-social-unah/item/1806-denuncian-ante-tsc-a-rectora-de-la-unah-por-despilfarro-de-fondos-en-campana-de-odio-contra-universitarios>

<http://tiempo.hn/universitarios-huelga-hambre-llevados-al-heu-problemas-salud/>

Human rights defender and LGBTI activist David Valle was visited in the hospital by Defensores en Línea after the attack against him on Monday night.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/en-riesgo-defensor-de-ddhh-que-fue-victima-de-un-ataque-de-odio/>

Honduran public workers announced a march for August 3 against the misuse of pension funds money by private banks, the privatization of the health sector and more.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/12/empleados-publicos-preparan-movilizacion-3-agosto/>

Former president and Libre congressman Manuel Zelaya presented a draft bill for an Anti-Fraud Law. It proposes among other things the use of digital fingerprints to cast a vote.

Congress approved an emergency credit for the RNP to print and distribute identity cards.

El Libertador wonders when the RNP will clean up its census, in which there are still some 200'000 presumably deceased Hondurans.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/12/mel-zelaya-presenta-proyecto-ley-aplicar-huella-dactilar-al-ejercer-sufragio/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/mel-presenta-iniciativa-para-registrar-huella-dactilar-en-elecciones-generales.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/aprueban-modificacion-presupuestaria-al-rnp-para-emision-de-tarjetas-de-identidad.html>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2345-cuando-eliminara-los-200-mil-muertos-tribunal-electoral-hondureno>

EL Pulso offers a succinct overview of the seven smaller parties competing (or serving as a source for representation at the Mesas Electorales Receptoras) in the coming elections.

<http://elpulso.hn/partidos-politicos-inscritos-en-el-tse/>

Sociologist Eugenio Sosa criticizes a recent statement by Salvador Nasralla announcing that he intends to have congresswo/men who change their affiliation from the Oppositional Alliance to another party incarcerated.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/12/la-alianza-debe-encerrar-a-nasralla-unos-15-dias-y-darle-un-curso-de-politica-y-democracia/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/12/a-veces-las-declaraciones-de-nasralla-resultan-con-algunas-pinceladas-de-brutalidad-y-torpeza-raul-pineda-alvarado/>

The already diminished PAC suffers a further blow as its leader in Congress, Walter Banegas, and its Secretary, Lilian Villatoro, step down. The same day, two PAC congressmen, David Reyes and Virgilio Padilla, decided to join the Oppositional Alliance. According to Criterio, there are even three congressmen who joined the Alliance.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/12/otro-golpe-a-marlene-renuncia-walter-banegas-a-jefatura-de-bancada-del-pac/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/12/doris-gutierrez-se-convierte-la-jefa-bancada/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/diputados-walter-banegas-y-lilian-villatoro-ponen-a-disposicion-sus-cargos-como-coordinador-y-secretaria-de-bancada-del-pac.html>

Education secretary Rutilia Calderón believes that the schools should be militarized for 10 years to guarantee the security of the students...

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/por-10-%C3%B1os-deber%C3%A1n-permanecer-militarizados-los-centros-de-ense%C3%B1anza-calder%C3%B3n>

<http://tiempo.hn/colegios-militarizados-en-tegucigalpa/>

Congress' president Mauricio Oliva opposes the derogation of the secrecy law.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/12/oliva-dice-que-no-esta-dispuesto-a-derogar-ley-de-secretos-oficiales/>

Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, continues to advocate for a better oversight of private security firms and its employees.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/omar-rivera-debe-soc%C3%A1rsele-las-roscas-las-empresas-privadas-de-seguridad>

The Miskitu students association at the National Agriculture University (UNA) denounce that the intervention committee closed down the Social Inclusion and Multiculturalism Bureau and with it the financial support for indigenous students.

Criterio reports that the former dean of the UNA, Marlon Oniel Escoto, fed the students with false information. In a press release, the committee explained that the financial support won't be cut.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/12/cancelan-ingreso-jovenes-etnicos-la-una-catacamas-olancho/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/12/junta-interventora-la-una-no-cerrara-becas-jovenes-las-etnias/>

La Prensa reports on deforestation caused by the spreading oil palm mono-cultures. It has even spread to protected areas.

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1089075-410/palma-aceitera-bosques-honduras-deforestacion-reserva>

El Pulso reports on the Honduran Maquiladora sector, its scope and its working conditions.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-sector-maquilero-avanza-pero-sus-condiciones-laborales-no/>

Honduras and Colombia intend to strengthen their cooperation in various areas.

They even intend to organize a joint Meso-American and US Summit.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/honduras-y-colombia-han-fortalecido-sus-lazos-de-cooperaci%C3%B3n>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/12/honduras-colombia-convocaran-cumbre-mesoamerica-estados-unidos/>

<https://aeon.co/ideas/ancient-ruins-keep-being-discovered-were-they-ever-lost>

14/07/17

UNAH; Berta - Agua Zarca; HRDs; Ahuas; Hydroelectricity; Mining; (Re)Elections; Corruption; National Police; Militarization; and Culture and Propaganda

Private security forces together with the Military Police violently evicted protesting students yesterday evening from the UNAH.

The same day, before the violent eviction, UNAH dean Julieta Castellanos had announced new security measures against the protest for the coming week. She also gave an interview to El Herald.

Defensores en Línea reports on a sad day at the UNAH where protesting students commemorated another victim, Luis Joel Perdomo Rivera, a sociology student, student leader, and theater director, who was brutally murdered on Wednesday evening.

The main press tries everything to present him as a victim of the general violence in Honduras.

Another student withdrew from the hunger strike due to health reasons.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2349-alerta-reprimen-estudiantes-de-la-nacional>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/13/policias-empleados-espas-desalojan-estudiantes-la-unah/>

<http://tiempo.hn/proxima-semana-se-vienen-fuerte-medidas-seguridad-unah/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1089407-466/julieta-castellanos-no-voy-a-renunciar-hay-procesos-que-se-deben-seguir>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/unah-sociologia-pierde-un-valioso-companero/>

http://www.laprensa.hn/sucesos/1089417-410/universitario-violencia-matan-el_pedregal

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/tres-universitarios-en-huelga-de-hambre-abandonan-la-protesta-por-mal-estado-de-salud.html>

The MACCIH announced yesterday that it has opened lines of investigation into the Agua Zarca Project and DESA focusing on abuse of authority, fraud, and possible money laundering. This can also be read as a direct criticism of international lenders of the project which failed to see the various red flags (or wished to look the other way).

The UN Human Rights Office in Honduras welcomes the investigation.

DESA disputes the corruption accusations and demands a public apology by the MACCIH.

The former secretary of the now defunct Natural Resources and the Environment Secretariat (SERNA), Rafael Canales, tries to defend SERNA's role in the whole process.

The MACCIH, meanwhile, wonders why there is no arrest warrant for SERNA's secretary during the licensing of Agua Zarca, Rigoberto Cuéllar (who now is the Deputy Attorney General).

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/component/k2/item/1807-maccih-investigara-actos-de-corrupcion-en-proyecto-hidroelectrico-agua-zarca>

http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1089209-410/berta_caceres-honduras-maccih-desaguarda-agua_zarca-corrupcion-rigoberto_cuellar

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2348-maccih-confirma-investigacion-a-desaguarda>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/alto-comisionado-de-ddhh-de-la-onu-felicita-a-la-maccih-por-investigaciones-en-caso-denunciado-por-caceres.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/13/desa-refuta-hipotesis-de-corrupcion-de-la-maccih-sobre-proyecto-agua-zarca/>

<http://tiempo.hn/desa-agua-zarca-piden-disculpa-publica-la-maccih-presunciones/>

<http://tiempo.hn/investigacion-maccih-desaguarda-secretario-serna-pide-no-se-manche-la-imagen/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/13/maccih-esta-impresionada-que-fiscal-rigoberto-cuellar-no-tenga-orden-de-captura/>

Global Witness published yesterday its newest report "Defenders of the Earth" which found that "nearly four people were murdered every week in 2016 protecting their land and the natural world from industries like mining, logging and agribusiness."

Latin America is the most dangerous region in the world and Honduras had

the highest average rate per capita over the past decade.

<https://www.globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/environmental-activists/defenders-earth/>

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/latam-is-most-murderous-region-for-land-environmental-activists-report>

Four top-ranking US senators wrote an open letter to US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson regarding the role of the DEA in the Ahuas massacre.

<http://cepr.net/images/stories/7-11-17-BLC-joint-letter-to-Tillerson-and-Sessions-on-counterdrug-operation.pdf>

Communities in Santa Barbara voice their protest against the Cuyagual hydroelectric project through a peaceful occupation intended to last until the project is canceled.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/comunidades-de-santa-barbara-en-permanente-toma-pacifica-hasta-que-se-cancele-operaciones-del-proyecto-de-la-hidroelectrica-cuyagual/>

Rights Action launched an alert regarding the comportment of the Aura Minerals mining company.

<http://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/aura-minerals-alert-in-honduras-illegal-cyanide-release-aura-minerals-preparing-to-exhume-bodies-from-200-year-old-cemetery-to-get-at-more-gold>

About a month ago, the Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) presented its findings about the irregularities in contracting the Mapa Soluciones company at the MP. But nothing has happened so far and the general elections are getting closer. The civil society coalition Observación N-26 now demands a swift reaction by the MP.

Radio Progreso criticizes that the chance for real changes to the electoral system has now, four months before the general elections, once more been wasted.

Congress' president Mauricio Oliva warns that JOH has the police and armed forces ready should the political opposition dare to protest against a possible fraud during the general elections.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/13/observacion-26-urge-respuestas-definitivas-al-tse-caso-mapa-soluciones/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/on-26-solicita-al-tse-respuestas-definitivas-en-caso-mapa-soluciones.html>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3758-elecciones-generales-otra-oportunidad-que-se-agota-13-julio-2017>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/13/honduras-presidente-del-parlamento-anuncia-represion-contra-alianza-opositora-si-denuncian-fraude/>

The Honduran sociologist Eugenio Sosa presented yesterday his study "Corruption Kills. Corruption and the Human Right to Health".

<http://www.defensoresenlinea.com/la-impunidad-es-la-sangre-vital-de-la-corrupcion/>

A judge opened trial against two agents at the Police Investigation Bureau (DPI) for various crimes.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/13/dos-agentes-la-dpi-la-pn-robo-agravado/>

Casa Alianza's Guadalupe Ruelas denounces the militarization of schools as an absolutely wrong response to insecurity and violence.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/%E2%80%99Cla-militarizaci%C3%B3n-no-resuelve-la-problem%C3%A1tica-en-centros-educativos%E2%80%9D-ruelas>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/13/militarizacion-nunca-sera-la-respuesta-para-frenar-violencia-casa-alianza/>

<http://elpulso.hn/la-cultura-al-servicio-de-la-propaganda/>

15/07/17

Berta - Agua Zarca; UNAH; LGTBI; Human Trafficking; Poverty; Political Opposition; EU; Liberal Party; Penitentiary System; Transport Sector; and 14 Assassinations

Defensores en Línea spoke with Berta's daughter Olivia Marcela Zúniga Cáceres about the MACCIH's decision to investigate the Agua Zarca case. Former SERNA-Secretary and current Deputy Attorney General Rigoberto Cuellar claims that he never signed the environmental permit for Agua Zarca. As always, Honduras Culture and Politics offers a good overview in English. The lawyer of Berta's family denounces that they were always confronted with the same Rigoberto Cuellar when discussing about the concession for Agua Zarca.

The MACCIH's announcement to investigate the corruption surrounding the Agua Zarca case caused several defensive reactions by the individuals and companies involved. The private business council COHEP accuses the MACCIH to violate the presumption of innocence.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/maccih-investigara-virtual-corrupcion-en-concesion-de-desa-y-el-asesinato-de-bertha-caceres/>

<https://hondurasculturepolitics.blogspot.ch/2017/07/maccih-to-investigate-desa-government.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/mediante-carta-el-fiscal-rigoberto-cuellar-desmiente-firma-del-permiso-ambiental-de-agua-zarca/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/14/abogado-de-familia-de-bertha-sorprendido-porque-cuellar-sigue-impune/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/fiscal-adjunto-dice-a-la-maccih-que-no-tiene-responsabilidad-en-licencias-ambientales.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/cohep-dice-que-senalamientos-de-maccih-violan-principio-de-inocencia.html>

Walter Rivera, uncle of the recently murdered student leader Luis Joel Rivera Perdomo, denounces that he had called the police for protection for his nephew but the police only showed up 50 minutes after the murder. Pasos de Animal Grande presents some disturbing similarities between this assassination and the recent murder of Roberto Gómez, a father of a criminalized student.

UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos recently declared that she will stay in power because she is accompanying "processes that can't be stopped". The Honduran intellectual Rodolfo Pastor Fasquelle, meanwhile, thinks aloud about the end of her reign and who it could come about.

Pasos de Animal Grande continues with its reporting on the faces behind the student protests. This time it portrays Mario Villalobos, another student who participated in the hunger strike.

C-Libre denounces Thursday night's repression and they report of a video showing retired army man Roger Aguilar joined by private security guards threatening students.

The students reacted with new occupations.

The student movement MEU continues to push its draft bill to resolve the crisis at the UNAH. They intend to present it next week to Congress.

UNAH's authorities canceled the second term at the Choluteca campus blaming MEU for it.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/14/la-policia-fue-alertada-y-no-hizo-nada-por-salvar-a-director-de-teatro/>

<http://tiempo.hn/trasciende-audio-llamada-al-911-denunciando-atentado-joven-universitario/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1809-vehiculos-similares-a-los-utilizados-en-el-crimen-de-luis-joel-rivera-se-habria-usado-en-la-muerte-de-padre-de-estudiante-de-la-unah>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2350-rectora-de-la-nacional-afirma-que-no-renunciara>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/el-final-de-julieta-pudo-ser-de-otra-manera>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1810-de-las-historias-no-contadas-de-una-huelga-de-hambre-hay-que-despojarse-de-las-comodidades-para-poder-pensar-en-los-derechos-colectivos>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/guardias-de-la-unah-agreden-estudiantes-que-mantienen-tomada-facultad-de-odontolog%C3%ADa>

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

<http://tiempo.hn/meu-presentara-la-proxima-semana-proyecto-ley-salir-crisis/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/14/por-terquedad-de-rectora-de-la-unah-cancelan-periodo-en-universidad-de-choluteca/>

Various national and international human rights organizations denounced in a joint statement the recent attack against human rights defender and LGBTI activist David Valle.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/pronunciamiento-no-mas-persecucion-contr-activistas-lgbti-en-honduras/>

COIPRODEN launched a new campaign against human trafficking and denounces the involvement of powerful groups linked to businessmen, politicians, the Armed Forces and the police.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1812-grupos-de-poder-lideran-la-explotacion-sexual-comercial-de-ninas-ninos-y-jovenes-en-honduras>

The Oppositional Alliance against the Dictatorship announced to the TSE that they won't change their name. This was requested by the political party Honduran Patriotic Alliance.

<http://tiempo.hn/alianza-de-oposicion-contr-cambio-nombre/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/quieren-que-la-alianza-se-llame-x-o-ironiza-mel-zelaya.html>

In an conversation with Pasos de Animal Grande, economist Nelson Ávila denounces poverty as an ongoing human rights violation.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1811-economista-nelson-avila-la-pobreza-es-una-violacion-sistematica-a-los-derechos-humanos>

The EU published its National Human Rights and Democracy Strategy 2016-2020 for Honduras.

https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/honduras/27949/estrategia-nacional-de-derechos-humanos-y-democracia-2016-2020_es

The Liberal Party found no place to run for its aspiring presidential candidate Gabriela Núñez. Its presidential candidate Luis Zelaya told her that her running wasn't in the best interest of the party.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2351-partido-liberal-apaga-aspiracion-politica-de-gabriela-nunez>

FUSINA inspected the women's prison Támara in Tegucigalpa.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/culmina-operativos-en-centro-penal-femenino-de-tamara>

The urban transport sector announced that they requested a 5 Lempiras rise in their fares.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/14/transportistas-piden-grosero-aumento-de-cinco-lempiras-al-pasaje-del-autobus/>

<http://radioprogreso.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3764-por-segundo-a%C3%B1o-consecutivo-honduras-es-el-pa%C3%ADs-m%C3%A1s-peligroso-para-defensores-del-ambiente>

16/07/17

HRDs; UNAH; (Re)Elections; MACCIH; Deportation; Migration; IHSS; and a Tweeting Priest

Front Line Defenders launched an urgent action for human rights defender and LGBTI activist David Valle.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1813-front-line-defenders-condena-energicamente-el-intento-de-asesinato-contradavid-valle-defensor-de-derechos-lgtbi>

The criminalizing trial against six UNAH students was postponed to August 26.

C-Libre denounces the strategy by UNAH authorities to publicly blame protesting students at UNAH's campus in Choluteca for the cancellation of the second term.

In Tegucigalpa, almost all of UNAH's buildings at the main campus are occupied and the students announced new protests to force through a dialogue.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/15/reprograman-audiencia-contrae-studiantes-de-la-unah-reprimidos-por-la-rectora/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/autoridades-universitarias-estigmatizan-y-criminalizan-estudiantes>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/15/estudiantes-anuncian-mas-medidas-de-presion-para-forzar-dialogo-en-la-unah/>

According to the TSE, Manuel Zelaya's proposal to use digital fingerprints to vote is feasible, but it would require specialized equipment and trained personnel.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2017/1089897-508/tse-y-rnp-har%C3%A1n-estudio-sobre-uso-de-huella-dactilar-en-las>

Luis Zelaya, presidential candidate for the Liberal Party, believes that there is still time for Congress to approve the Efficient Collaboration Bill and he urges the MACCIH to continue pressuring for its approval.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/luis-zelaya-considera-que-cn-tiene-tiempo-para-aprobar-la-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz.html>

The International Migration Organization informed yesterday that the number of deportation to Central America from the US and Mexico has dropped by 33.1% so far this year. The number for Honduras is 29.6%. Criterio reports about a new plan by the Trump administration to speed up deportation procedures.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/caen-un-33-las-deportaciones-al-triangulo-norte-de-centroamerica.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/15/gobierno-trump-analiza-acelerar-deportaciones/>

At the same time, the Mexican Human Rights Commission reports that the number of migrating unaccompanied minors has, contrary to official

numbers, not decreased.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/flujos-migratorios-de-menores-a-mexico-siguen-igual-a-2014-cndh.html>

A report by CIPRODEH finds that 70% of all beneficiaries of the IHSS are not satisfied with the work of the intervention committee.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/15/70-los-derechohabientes-del-ihss-esta-insatisfechos-resultados-la-comision-interventora/>

The mouth of the just yields wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off - Proverbs 10:31

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2354-hondurenos-repudian-tuit-de-evangelista-estadounidense>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/07/igual-que-algunos-pastores-no-conoce-el.html>

17/07/17

MACCIH; UNAH; IHSS; Violence; Penitentiary System; Penal Code; Organized Crime; Credit Cards; and a Marshall Plan for Central America?

A Peruvian homepage links the MACCIH's director Juan Jiménez Mayor to the Latin-American-wide Odebrecht corruption scandal. The MACCIH reacted with a press release negating the accusations. They identify it as the newest attack in a series of attempts to denigrate their work in Honduras. They didn't mince word, writing in their press release that since they started to investigate possible illicit contracts in the Agua Zarca project, a denigration campaign against Juan Jiménez Mayor has taken off.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/16/publicacion-relaciona-vocero-la-maccih-caso-odebrecht/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/16/maccih-niega-vinculacion-juan-jimenez-mayor-caso-odebrecht/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/16/las-incomodidades-la-maccih/>

Once more, UNAH authorities start a smear campaign alleging damage done to UNAH buildings by protesting students. Student leader Fausto Cáliz denounces that these accusations are never accompanied by any proof.

<http://tiempo.hn/crisis-la-unah-autoridades-ya-reportan-graves-danos-instalaciones/>

Sociologist Eugenio Sosa criticizes that most complaints regarding the IHSS corruption case have not go beyond the media and it is time for more investigations and sentences.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/16/se-enjuiciar-los-ladrones-del-ihss-las-muertes-provocaron-eugenio-sosa/>

According to UNAH's Violence Observatory, about 21'000 students (most of them in secondary level schools) were assassinated in the last seven years in Honduras.

University professor Armando Euceda declares this week crucial for finding a solution to the crisis at UNAH.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/16/honduras-alrededor-21-mil-estudiantes-asesinados-los-ultimos-7-anos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/esta-semana-debe-encontrarse-solucion-al-conflicto-en-la-unah-segun-armando-euceda.html>

A doctor was detained for transporting extortion notes out of the El Pozo prison.

The problem with the arrest is, that the National Penitentiary System published the name and photo of the supposed criminal offender. The

person to whom the name and picture belongs reacted that he has no relation to the penitentiary system and denounces the use of his personal data.

An inmate in the prison in La Ceiba took his own life.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/16/detienen-a-medico-penitenciario-por-intentar-transportar-notas-extorsivas/>

<http://tiempo.hn/doctor-desmiente-haya-capturado-trabaja-pozo/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/16/planchon-del-sistema-penitenciario-culpa-a-ciudadano-por-notas-extorsivas/>

<http://tiempo.hn/reo-se-quita-la-vida-dentro-celda-penal-la-ceiba/>

As part of the reform of the Penal Code, Honduras intends to promote electronic bracelets as an alternative to imprisonment.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1090154-466/honduras-jueces-podr%C3%A1n-ordenar-grilletes-electr%C3%B3nicos>

Omar Rivera criticizes that complaints to the National Banks and Securities Commission (CNBS) about presumably illicit financial flows are not being investigated.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/piden-desmantelar-andamiaje-economico-del-crimen-organizado-en-el-pais.html>

El Pulso sheds some light on the credit card debate promoted by JOH.

<http://elpulso.hn/honduras-busca-reducir-interes-en-tarjetas-de-pago/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3765-%C2%BFplan-marshall-para-centroam%C3%A9rica?-15-julio-2017>

18/07/17

UNAH; (Re)Elections; COPINH; MACCIH; Int. Delegations; Youth; Public Health; Economy; Coalianza; Journalists; Tourism; Schools; and the Slow Death of Hondutel

UNAH authorities hired a private security firm "to protect and guarantee the right to education".

In reality, it was a brutal attack on students.

At least seven students were badly hurt and had to be hospitalized.

Human rights organization filed a complaint against Julieta Castellanos at the MP.

Ciprodeh's director Wilfredo Méndez called the attack a desperate and irrational act.

The UN Human Rights Office in Honduras reacted with a press release calling for a pacific dialogue.

The UNAH, meanwhile, claimed the students were drunk and on drugs.

JOH reacted by asking the students to "stop their violent acts" and sit down for a dialogue...

The students denounce links between the UNAH authorities, the National Party and the private security firm hired to repress them.

The legal representative of the private security company Spartan, Roger Ordñez, claims that their name is being misused and that they don't work with the UNAH.

The student movement MEU announces the presentation of the draft bill to Congress for tomorrow, accompanied by the "Mother of All Marches Two".

Criterion published the draft bill.

The pressure on Julieta Castellanos to retire grows even within previous allies.

Libre congressman Rafael Alegría also demands her retirement.

In what can only be declared as cynicism, Castellanos told the press that she won't retire as long as the students don't justify their demand...

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/17/autoridades-la-unah-admiten-contrato/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/17/julieta-castellanos-envia-paramilitares-reprimir-estudiantes-la-unah/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/videos/?mId=ISkR8LGy>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1090220-466/video-as%C3%AD-fue-el-zafarrancho-entre-universitarios-y-equipo-de-seguridad-en>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/fotogalerias/1090223-468/en-fotos-as%C3%AD-se-vivi%C3%B3-el-zafarrancho-entre-universitarios-y-miembros-de?mainImg=1>

<http://tiempo.hn/unah-nueve-personas-heridas-deja/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/17/los-vamos-a-matar-denuncian-criminalmente-a-jefa-de-la-unah-por-tortura/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/17/defensor-de-ddhh-condena-ataques-de-rectora-contra-universitarios/>

See Attachment

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/17/autoridades-la-unah-dicen-estudiantes-estaban-drogados-borrachos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/presidente-hernandez-pide-a-estudiantes-y-autoridades-sentarse-a-dialogar-para-resolver-conflicto-en-la-unah.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/17/estudiantes-denuncian-confabulacion-policia-partido-nacional-autoridades-la-unah/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/17/spartan-denuncia-usurpacion-por-paramilitares-que-torturaron-a-universitarios/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/meu-anuncia-megamarcha-para-el-miercoles-con-acompanamiento-de-centros-universitarios.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/17/meu-plantea-gobierno-universitario-provisional/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/17/los-voceros-del-sistema-piden-salida-julieta-castellanos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/la-rectora-castellanos-debe-renunciar-rafael-alegria.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/si-estudiantes-quieren-mi-renuncia-deben-justificar-las-razones-contesta-rectora-de-unah.html>

The RNP announced that they have re-employed 400 fired employees to purge the electoral census.

Victor Meza offers his insights regarding the debate about the number of deceased Hondurans in the electoral census.

Libre congressman Rasel Tomé voices doubts if the one million identity cards will be handed out to the public in time for the general elections. He comes to a straightforward conclusion: either thoroughly reform or even replace the current electoral law or reject the whole electoral process.

Liberal magistrate at the TSE, Marco Ramiro Lobo, announced that in two weeks party-elected experts will present their reports about the Mapa Soluciones company to the TSE. The promise is that based on these reports the TSE will decide if it continues to collaborate with the company. Congress' vice-president Antonio Rivera tries to calm the spirits by declaring that the general elections will take place with or without Mapa Soluciones.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/rnp-recontrata-a-400-empleados-para-labores-de-depuracion-del-censo.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/17/la-guerra-las-cifras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/preocupa-que-modificacion-al-presupuesto-del-rnp-dificulte-entrega-de-identidades-segun-diputado-tome.html>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/presentar%C3%A1n-informe-de-auditor%C3%AD-realizada-mapa-solucionespara-definir-participaci%C3%B3n-en-las>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/17/antonio-rivera-si-van-hacerlo-algo-haganlo-ya/>

In an attempt to delegitimize the work by COPINH, a staged protest was held in Marcala, La Paz last week. The protesters also handed out a letter with the stamp of the National Indigenous Lenca Organization (ONILH). ONILH's president Rosario García denounces that their logo and name was misused and distances himself from the letter.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/onilh-desconoce-acciones-con-pretension-de-dividir-a-la-poblacion-lenca/>

Once more, Radio HRN stands out by selecting misleading titles to its articles. This time it writes that "the MACCIH is still putting on pressure so that the Secrecy Law is approved" even though in its main text it writes clearly that it is exactly the opposite, the MACCIH wants the Secrecy Law to be derogated. Honi soit qui mal y pense.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/maccih-sigue-presionando-para-que-se-apruebe-la-ley-de-secretos>

An international delegation from the Basque country is currently visiting Honduras to find out about the human rights situation in the country.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/mision-del-pais-vasco-conoce-realidad-socio-politica-de-honduras/>

According to the Health Secretariat, 25% of all adolescents are pregnant and most of them as the result of sexual violence.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/honduras-ocupa-el-primer-lugar-en-adolescentes-embarazadas-nivel-al>

The Clementina Suárez University and the Hospital without Walls medically attended more than 400 inhabitants of the Kennedy Neighborhood in Tegucigalpa in the Berta Cáceres Medical Brigade.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2357-mas-de-400-capitalinos-hallan-salud-en-hospital-sin-paredes>

Radio Progreso criticizes that the JOH administration doesn't offer a perspective for the Honduran economy. In the last seven years, the average growth has been 3.5% with a 2% annual growth in the population.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3766-cambio-de-reglas-para-generar-desarrollo-17-julio-2017>

El Pulso reports on problems with another Coalianza project, the municipal market in Danlí.

<http://elpulso.hn/polemica-en-el-nuevo-mercado-municipal-de-danli/>

The directors of the Social Security Institute for Journalists (IPP) once more deny informing about their actions, claiming that they are outside of the scope of the transparency law.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/17/directivos-periodistas-reinciden-ocultar-informacion/>

The Honduran government has big plans for its tourism sector.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/honduras-planifica-repotenciar-el-turismo-con-nueva-ley.html>

The FAO spends \$1 million each year in Honduras to train public administrators about school feeding.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/un-mill%C3%B3n-de-d%C3%B3lares-destina-la-fao-en-programa-de-alimentaci%C3%B3n-escolar>

<http://tiempo.hn/hondutel-esta-muriendo-poco-poco-necesita-inversion/>

19/07/17

Campesinxs; UNAH; ZEDE; Hydroelectricity; Homicide; Journalists; Corruption; National Police; Int. Delegations; Penal Code; Unemployment; Migration; Liberal Party; Civic Center; and How Many Freudian Slips are Too Much?

Defensores en Línea reports on the newest act in a criminalization process of campesinxs in La Paz. The judge Hugo Danilo Torres Pérez decided on preventive imprisonment for two campesino leaders of the group 09 de julio, Samuel Edgardo Martínez López and Carlos Eduardo López. They are accused of usurpation. Given that this comes with a sentence of less than five years in prison, there was no need for preventive imprisonment.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/juez-de-la-paz-envia-a-prision-lideres-campesinos-acusados-de-usurpacion/>

Pasos de Animal Grande offers a distressing overview of Monday's repression and violence against the students, UNAH's reaction and the one-sided response by the Honduran legal system. After the repression and the announced march for today, Radio Progreso writes of a crucial week for UNAH. While some student groups will present their draft bill to Congress today, the former president of the University Governing Board, Ramón Romero, presents his own proposal. It is a seven points plan, point five being that Julieta Castellanos resigns at the end of her term this September. The Honduras' Worker Confederation (CTH) also demands the resignation of Castellanos. Libre's Manuel Zelaya emphasizes that they ideologically support the student protest but dismisses the attempts to denigrate it as a Libre-controlled protest.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1815-a-casi-dos-dias-del-terror-y-torturas-en-la-unah-la-justicia-no-llega-para-estudiantes>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3769-anuncian-entrega-de-anteproyecto-ley-para-solucionar-crisis-en-la-unah>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/18/expresidente-junta-direccion-universitaria-propone-fin-al-conflicto-sin-intervencion-del-congreso/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/18/gremio-sindical-tambien-pedira-la-cabeza-de-rectora-de-la-unah/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/mel-zelaya-apoyamos-las-causas-justas-y-la-de-los-estudiantes-de-la-unah-es-una-de-esas.html>

OFRANEH denounces that the Inter-American Development Bank spoke a \$20 million credit for Honduras to construct charter cities, i.e. ZEDes as they are now known.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/07/18/honduras-el-banco-interamericano-de-desarrollo-y-su-apoyo-incnsulto-al-proyecto-neocolonial-de-las-zede/>

http://www.iadb.org/es/proyectos/project-information-page_1303.html?id=HO-L1191

More than 20 communities in Quimistán, Santa Bárbara fear being displaced due to damage done by the Santa Lucia hydroelectric plant. AS a result of protests held on July 14, a tripartite commission was formed which now will investigate the damages.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3768-verifican-da%C3%B1os-provocados-por-hidroel%C3%A9ctrica-en-quimist%C3%A1n-santa-b%C3%A1rbara>

The Security Secretariat is in the defensive after a critique by the renowned criminologist Arabeska Sánchez about the numbers presented by the Online Police Statistics System (SEPOL).

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/polic%C3%AD-rechaza-se%C3%B1alamientos-de-la-crimin%C3%B3loga-arabeska-s%C3%A1nchez-sobre-cifras-de-la-sepol>

Journalist Luis Almeyda denounces threats by the Comayagua mayoralty against him.

UNESCO's director general, Irina Bokova, denounced in a press release the murder of Edwin Rivera Paz, a Honduran journalist living in Mexico after his colleague Igor Padilla had been murdered in January this year.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/07/honduras-periodista-de-comayagua-antes.html>

<http://en.unesco.org/news/director-general-calls-investigation-killing-honduran-video-journalist-edwin-rivera-paz-mexico>

In four different corruption investigations, the CNA found an economic loss for Honduras summing up to 153 million Lempiras.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/un-perjuicio-econ%C3%B3mico-de-153-millones-identific%C3%B3-el-cna-en-cuatro-l%C3%ADneas-de-investigaci%C3%B3n>

The purging committee found some 500 members of the National Police Force who are either deceased, facing trial or in other irregular situations, but they still receive their salary.

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1090774-410/polic%C3%ADas-presos-muertos-enjuiciados-salario-depuracion>

The international delegation from the Basque country meet yesterday with different representatives of social movements.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/delegacion-del-gobierno-vasco-escucho-al-movimiento-social-hondureno/>

Congress took up again the discussion and the approval of the Penal Code yesterday.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/cn-comienza-a-discutir-nueva-ley-de-aeronautica-civil-y-retoma-aprobacion-de-nuevo-codigo-penal.html>

Fosdeh published yesterday their newest investigation into unemployment in Honduras. According to them, 56% of all Hondurans are under-employed, i.e. their income is less than the minimum wage, and 8% are unemployed. The rating agency S&P, meanwhile, upgraded Honduras' rating from a B+ to a BB- ("Instruments with this rating are considered to have moderate risk of default regarding timely servicing of financial obligations").

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/18/mas-de-dos-millones-de-hondurenos-tienen-problemas-de-empleo-fosdeh/>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/economia/1090832-410/sp-standard-poor-calificacion-honduras-finanzas>

<http://www.careratings.com/resources/rating-resources.aspx>

Honduras officially asked the US to prolong the Temporary Protection Status (TPS).

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/18/33672/>

El Pulso spoke with Carlos Patiño, the executive director of Caritas, about the coming elections and the loss of trust in political parties by Hondurans.

The TSE will announced the parties' position on the ballot today.

<http://elpulso.hn/carlos-patino-los-partidos-politicos-se-han-encargado-de-que-la-gente-deje-de-creer/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2017/1090799-508/este-mi%C3%A9coles-es-el-sorteo-para-fijar-posiciones-en-la-papeleta>

Gabriela Núñez, who run against Luis Zelaya for the presidential candidacy for the Liberal Party, withdrew from the latter's campaign team. This is interpreted by some as a mistake by Luis Zelaya lowering his chances to be elected.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/18/se-resquebraja-partido-liberal-gabriela-nunez-abandona-campana-luis-zelaya/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2358-gabriela-dice-adios-a-proceso-electoral-del-partido-liberal>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/luis-zelaya-comete-los-mismos-errores-que-llevaron-a-derrota-de-villeda-el-elecciones-de-2013.html>

Radio HRN promotes the government's Governmental Civic Center, which according to the article is 15% finished.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/ya-se-muestran-avances-en-la-construcci%C3%B3n-del-centro-c%C3%ADvico-gubernamental>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/18/luis-zelaya-mete-la-pata-nuevo/>

20/07/17

Berta - Agua Zarca; UNAH; Femicide; MACCIH; (Re)Elections; Children; Credit Cards; US; and Honduras' South

Various international human rights organizations published a joint statement of support for the MACCIH and its investigation into the corruption around the Agua Zarca case.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2362-sociedad-civil-internacional-respalda-maccih-en-caso-bertha>

Over 130 US academics wrote an open letter to Julieta Castellanos demanding her to withdraw the criminalizing charges against the three students Moisés David Cáceres Velásquez, Sergio Luis Ulloa Rivera and Cesario Alejandro Félix Padilla.

Yesterday's big protest march through Tegucigalpa ended at Congress, where MEU handed in their draft bill to resolve the crisis at UNAH.

Leticia Salomón, director of UNAH's Scientific Investigation Center, warns that the proposed bill may not lead to the hoped changes.

Protesting students in other campuses started occupying their buildings in solidarity with the attacked students in Tegucigalpa and to demand the resignation of Castellanos.

The MP, meanwhile, announced that it would investigate the attacks by private security forces against the students.

ConexiHon reports on some irregularities about the approval of and amendments to the most recent reform to UNAH's organic law in 2013,

which then led to the possibility of a reelection of UNAH's dean.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/academicos-en-eeuu-hacen-llamado-en-apoyo-de-protestas-de-estudiantes-en-honduras/>

<http://www.truth-out.org/speakout/item/41317-more-than-130-academics-call-for-charges-to-be-dropped-against-student-protesters-in-honduras>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/19/masiva-movilizacion-meu-entrega-propuesta-al-congreso-nacional/>

<http://tiempo.hn/inicia-la-marcha-unah/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/fotogalerias/1091094-468/la-marcha-del-movimiento-estudiantil-universitario-en-10-im%C3%A1genes?mainImg=1>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/19/advierte-leticia-salomon-propuesta-estudiantil-traera-nuevo-los-reformistas/>

<http://elpulso.hn/irracionalidad-opportunismo-o-delirio/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/19/estudiantes-de-la-unah-toman-centros-regionales-para-exigir-la-renuncia-de-castellanos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/19/ministerio-publico-investigara-a-paramilitares-contratados-por-rectora-de-la-unah/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/reforma-inconstitucional-de-ley-organica-en-2013-permitio-reeleccion-de-julieta-castellanos>

The Coalición Todas, a of various civil society and women's organization, announced a protest for today against femicides.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/19/chonas-protestarian-desnudas-femicidios/>

In a joint meeting, the MACCIH and civil society organizations demanded a quick decision by the Supreme Court about the Efficient Collaboration bill and its approval in Congress before the general elections. The same demand comes from the MACCIH's Parliamentarian Support Front (FPAM).

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/19/maccih-reclama-aprobacion-de-la-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz-antes-de-elecciones/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/19/frente-parlamentario-urge-la-csj-emitir-opinion-ley-colaboracion-eficaz/>

The TSE presented yesterday the parties' position on the ballot and the National Party landed on the extreme right...

But the Oppositional Alliance and the Liberal Party boycotted the - only ceremonious - event. They see this as a protest against the failure to adopt profound electoral reforms.

The Liberal Part announced street protests if the TSE will decide to keep on working with the Mapa Soluciones company.

And the Oppositional Alliance will take to the streets if no electoral reforms are in place for the elections.

Salvador Nasralla announced that the reforms will be presented to Congress after a protest march on August 6.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/19/hasta-los-cachurecos-reconocen-que-estan-en-la-extrema-derecha/>

<http://tiempo.hn/tse-define-posicion-ocuparan-candidatos-la-papeleta-electoral/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/19/queremos-reformas-alianza-opositora-no-participara-en-sorteo-de-papeletas/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/19/no-nos-vean-la-cara-de-tontos-luis-sacara-a-liberales-a-las-calles/>

<http://tiempo.hn/salvador-nasralla-anuncia-ira-las-calles-no-reformas-electorales/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/nasralla-pide-al-gobierno-negociar-reformas-con-la-alianza-para-evitar-crisis-politica.html>

World Vision launched a new campaign for the elimination of violence against children. According to a report by World Vision, every 22 hours a child is murdered in Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/19/world-vision-lanza-campana-necesitamos-mundo-eliminar-la-violencia-la-ninez/>

<http://tiempo.hn/world-vision-22-horas-asesinan-nino-honduras/>

Congress approved a bill to regulate credit card interest rates.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2363-reformas-a-ley-de-tarjetas-penaliza-usura-de-banqueros>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/inicio/1091106-465/congreso-nacional-aprueba-reducci%C3%B3n-en-tasa-de-inter%C3%A9s-en-tarjetas-de-cr%C3%A9dito>

Honduras tries to convince the US to prolong the Temporary Protection Status by underlining the economic importance of Hondurans in the US economy.

http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1091142-410/hondure%C3%B1os-aportan-impuestos-estados_unidos-tps

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/surenos-conoceran-sobre-constantas-violaciones-a-ddhh-que-se-cometen-en-la-zona/>

21/07/17

UNAH; COPINH; MACCIH; Femicides; (Re)Elections; Corruption; National Party; Liberal Party; CONADEH; National Police; JOH; Penitentiary System; Violence; Credit Cards; HIV/AIDS; and Remembering Lempira

19 already criminalized students facing trial for usurpation have now also been expelled for FIVE years from the UNAH. UNAH's labor union Sidunah demands from the MP to accelerate its investigations regarding the management by Julieta Castellanos. Áyax Irías, UNAH's vice dean, claims that the solution for the crisis at the UNAH now lies in the hands of Congress.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1817-sin-una-investigacion-imparcial-expulsan-a-19-estudiantes-de-la-unah-por-cinco-anos>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/expulsan-por-cinco-anos-a-defensores-de-la-unah/>

<http://tiempo.hn/suspenden-cinco-anos-19-estudiantes-universitarios/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/20/exigen-a-ministerio-publico-acelerar-investigacion-contra-rectora-de-la-unah/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/adunah-y-sitraunah-se-suma-la-lucha-estudiantil-que-mantiene-el-meu-en-la-ciudad>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/21/crisis-la-unah-problema-esta-manos-del-congreso-nacional/>

COPINH announces a celebration in Río Blanco tomorrow for the withdrawal

of FMO and Finfund from the Agua Zarca project.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/07/vamos-celebrar-el-triunfo.html>

A member of the European parliament wrote an open letter to OAS' president Luis Almagro in support of the MACCIH's investigation into the corruption around Agua Zarca. In the letter, the parliamentarian also expressed his preoccupations about the recent attacks against the MACCIH. Cohep emitted a press release in support of the MACCIH, but only if its stays inside the boarder laid out by the contract with the Honduran government or more accurately, what COHEP perceives to be their mandate. At the same time, Cohep rejects the accusations by the MACCIH about money laundering in the private sector.

The US embassy tweeted in support of the MACCIH.

For the lawyer and member of the Association of Judges for Democracy, Guillermo López, these attacks are a clear sign that the mission has touched important points and that it is on the right track.

Due to the same attack, the MACCIH's head Juan Jiménez Mayor traveled to the US to speak with US senators about its situation in Honduras.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/resuenan-en-el-parlamento-europeo-ataques-contr-la-maccih-en-caso-berta-caceres/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/20/atacan-a-maccih-por-ir-por-buen-camino/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/20/cohep-apoya-la-maccih-siempre-cuando-no-se-salga-del-convenio-firmado/>

<http://tiempo.hn/sector-privado-rechaza-acusaciones-lavado-activos-parte-la-maccih/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/eeuu-y-cohep-manifiestan-respaldo-a-la-maccih.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/20/a-que-fue-llamado-a-washington-el-jefe-de-la-maccih/>

The Platform Women against Femicides held a protest outside of the Casa Presidencial.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/20/mujeres-protestan-desnudas-frente-casa-presidencial-video/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/singular-protesta-de-mujeres-frente-a-casa-presidencial-ante-ola-de-femicidios.html>

According to TSE magistrate Marco Ramiro Lobo, there remains only one week to cancel the contract with Mapa Soluciones and look for an alternative.

Congress' president Mauricio Oliva tries to blame the opposition parties for the missing electoral reforms.

Vamos congressman Augusto Cruz doesn't believe that there is enough time for electoral reforms.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/si-se-decide-cancelar-contrato-con-mapa-soluciones-debe-hacerse-a-mas-tardar-en-una-semana-tse.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/20/oliva-pide-al-expresidente-manuel-zelaya-que-consiga-86-votos-si-quiere-reformas/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/oliva-le-recomienda-a-mel-buscar-consensos-para-reformas-electorales.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/no-hay-tiempo-para-aprobar-las-reformas-electorales-diputado-cruz-asensio.html>

El Heraldo reports that the new corruption and extortion courts are almost functional.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1091486-466/casi-listos-los-juzgados-especiales-contra-corrupci%C3%B3n-y-extorsi%C3%B3n-en-honduras>

The former PAC congressman Jaime Villegas changed his affiliation to the National Party.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/20/jaime-villegas-se-suma-oficialmente-al-partido-nacional/>

<http://tiempo.hn/villegas-joh-partido-nacional-pac/>

El Pulso speaks with Eduardo Martell, who run for the Liberal Party to be its presidential candidate, about the internal crisis of his party.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-nuevo-liberalismo-de-luis-zelaya/>

Human rights lawyer Joaquín Mejía criticizes the failure of CONADEH to take position against some irregular measures taken by the current administration, such as the reelection.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/20/por-mantener-postura-pusilanime-recomiendan-al-conadeh-pedirle-perdon-al-pueblo/>

Congress approved the Police Career Bill.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/cn-comienza-aprobacion-en-ultimo-debate-de-ley-de-la-carrera-policia.html>

Miriam Guzmán, the director of the Revenues Administration Service (SAR) and a close ally of JOH, benefited from a step pay rise.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/20/la-dolce-vita-conozca-el-sueldazo-de-la-jefa-de-impuestos-hondurena/>

13 more inmates have been transferred to the El Pozo prison.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/20/trasladan-al-penal-el-pozo-a-13-reos-de-alta-peligrosidad/>

The police found a clandestine cemetery inside the perimeters of the Honduran capital.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2364-policia-encuentra-cementerio-clandestino-en-capital-hondurena>

Cohep opposes the new law regulating credit card interest rates.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/cohep-en-contra-de-la-intervenci%C3%B3n-del-gobierno-al-regular-tasa-de-intereses>

Honduras belongs to a group of Latin American countries with an increase in HIV infections since 2010.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/onusida-crece-contagio-de-vih-en-guatemala-costa-rica-honduras-y-panama.html>

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/07/lempira-desde-los-olvidos-525-anos-de.html>

<http://elpulso.hn/la-verdadera-historia-del-cacique-lenca-elempira/>

<http://elpulso.hn/reconocimiento-a-la-historia-en-la-moneda-nacional/>

22/07/17

UNAH; MACCIH; (Re)Elections; Int. Delegation; Oil Palm; MP; US; Extradition; Corruption; Violence; National Police; Irregularities; Penitentiary System; and a President's Dream

Pamela Sánchez asked what the next steps for the student movement are after handing in their draft bill to Congress.

The criminalized students are forced to come by the court building every Friday to sign in. Now the police arrested a student for supposedly impersonating another student accusing her usurpation.

UNAH social science professors see the main cause of the crisis at UNAH in the constant human rights violations by its authorities.

They also condemn the criminalization of the students.

And Julieta Castellanos continues to denigrate the students.

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/07/19/movimiento-estudiantil-acude-al-congreso-nacional-ahora-que/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/21/estudiantes-reprimidos-y-expulsados-de-la-unah-acuden-a-audiencia-judicial/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/21/arrestan-a-universitaria-en-los-juzgados-cuando-firmaba-a-nombre-de-otra-persona/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/21/crisis-la-unah-provocada-las-violaciones-derechos-humanos-la-ley-profesores-ciencias-sociales/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1091766-466/claustro-de-profesores-de-ciencias-sociales-condena-suspensi%C3%B3n-de-18-estudiantes-de>

<http://tiempo.hn/julieta-castellanos-la-unah-seria-la-primer-universidad-gobernada-estudiantes/>

Radio Progreso reports on the growing pressure on the MACCIH due to its investigation into matters touching powerful interests.

Victor Meza comes to the same conclusions, i.e. that powerful national and international groups are campaigning against the MACCIH.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3773-investigaciones-de-la-maccih-empieza-a-incomodar-a-pol%C3%AAdticos-y-empresarios-en-honduras>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/21/poderosos-grupos-economicos-politicos-nacionales-e-internacionales-hacen-campana-la-maccih-victor-meza/>

The TSE's secretariat Alejandro Martínez claims that they don't have the capacity to impose fines on candidates violating the electoral law. Nationalist congresswoman and vice-president Lorena Herrera announced her opposition to JOH's reelection.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/21/autoridad-electoral-se-declara-incapaz-de-cobrar-multas-a-politicos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/tse-aun-espera-que-candidatos-paguen-multas-por-sanciones-impuestas-en-comicios-primarios.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/21/designada-presidencial-lorena-herrera-reeleccion-joh/>

<http://tiempo.hn/vicepresidenta-de-honduras-no-reeleccion/>

The human rights delegation from the Basque county finished its one week visit to Honduras yesterday. They published a press release expressing their preoccupation about the human rights situation in the country.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/comunicado-delegacion-vasca-de-observacion-de-ddhh-en-honduras/>

Radio Progreso reports on the contamination of the Los Micos Laguna, which some link to the close-by palm oil plantations.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3776-alarma-contaminaci%C3%B3n-de-laguna-los-micos-atl%C3%AIntida>

The trial against the presumed murder of the "Golden Public Prosecutor", Orlan Chávez, will take place on August 7.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/21/en-agosto-sera-la-audiencia-contra-supuestos-asesinos-del-fiscal-de-oro/>

Padre Melo investigates the US-Honduras relations.

<http://radioprogreso.net/index.php/comunicaciones/reportaje/item/3772-%C2%BFqu%C3%A9-seremos?-%C2%BFpatio-trasero-o-casa-propia?>

The US requested the extradition of José Chepe Handal.
According to El Tiempo, there are two new extradition requests.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/21/ee-uu-pide-la-extradicion-del-empresario-jose-chepe-handal/>

<http://tiempo.hn/titular-del-poder-judicial-confirma-dos-nuevos-pedidos-extradicion/>

The provisional acquittal of 15 Inprema functionaries in a corruption case has been revoked.
In another corruption case, the former mayor of San Pedro Sula, Óscar Kilgore, will face trial next Monday.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/21/revocan-sobreseimientos-provisionales-a-exfuncionarios-del-inprema/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/21/excalde-de-san-pedro-sula-ira-a-otro-juicio-por-actos-de-corrupcion/>

The police denies the existence of a clandestine cemetery found in Tegucigalpa.
At the same time, Criterio and El Tiempo report that already three bodies were exhumed there.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/21/autoridades-hablan-demas-secretario-de-seguridad-los-calla-sobre-cementerio-clandestino/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/21/cementerio-clandestino-aldea-lolo-exhuman-tres-cadaveres/>

<http://tiempo.hn/de-mujeres-son-los-tres-cuerpos-exhumados-este-dia-del-cementerio-clandestino/>

A trial was opened against two municipal police agents.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/fiscal%C3%AD-de-derechos-humanos-logra-auto-de-formal-procesamiento-contra-dos-polic%C3%AD>

Miriam Guzmán, the head of the Revenues Administration Service (SAR), dismisses the claims about her steep pay rise.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2368-funcionaria-hondurena-desmiente-informacion-de-el-heraldo>

More than 900 inmates suffer from some physical limitation.

<http://tiempo.hn/mas-900-privados-libertad-padecen-algun-tipo-limitacion-fisica/>

<http://radioprogreso.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3771-los-sue%C3%B1os-de-un-presidente-21-julio-2017>

23/07/17

HRDs; UNAH; CONADEH; Palm Oil; Mining; Penitentiary System; and Urban Poets

Human rights defender and daughter of Berta Cáceres, Olivia Marcela Zúniga Cáceres, suffered from an attack last night. Unknow assailants shot at the police car dispatched to protect her son, i.e. Berta's nephew.

The police calls the attack "a not determined incident".

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/22/denuncian-supuesto-atentado-olivia-la-hija-mayor-berta-caceres/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/22/policia-hondurena-califica-incidente-no-determinado-supuesto-atentado-hija-berta-caceres/>

Julieta Castellano hindered access to information about a smear campaign against the protesting students.

Pasos de Animal Grande published its third portrait of a student participating in the hunger strike.

The UNAH student who signed for her criminalized colleague was liberated after coming to an agreement with the MP.

The MEU is building up pressure on Congress to approve its draft bill for a transition committee.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/rectora-de-la-unah-niega-informacion-sobre-campana-de-odio-contra-estudiantes>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1818-de-las-historias-no-contadas-de-una-huelga-de-hambre-cristina-sueno-ver-a-la-unah-vestida-de-pueblo>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/22/honduras-liberan-a-universitaria-acusada-de-firmar-por-otra-persona/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/gobierno-de-transicion-exige-el-meu-como-salida-a-las-crisis-de-la-unah.html>

The Coalition against Impunity invited last week to a forum on the role of CONADEH. According to their analysis, the state human rights ombudsman lacks independence and sometimes acts in favor of powerful groups.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1819-segun-experto-el-comisionado-nacional-de-ddhh-es-un-comodin-de-los-grupos-de-poder>

El Pulso reports on the effects of palm oil production on deforestation in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-palma-africana-mata-el-bosque-hondureno/>

COPINH, PMSPH and Red Comal invite to a forum on the impacts of mining and the resistance against it. The forum will take place tomorrow at the Utopia center.

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/07/foro-impactos-de-la-mineria-y.html>

Two inmates of the new high security prison La Tolva were hospitalized for intoxication.

"The new federal penitentiary in Santa Barbara, Honduras, occupies a strip of land between a highway and cloudy, forested hills. "El Pozo," or The Pit, as it's known, is surrounded by barbed wire and has two additional checkpoints beyond the first gate. It's a maximum-security facility, one of three that have popped up since 2009. Before these were built, Honduras had no maximum-security prisons. El Pozo is one of the products of a United States international prison management program that infuses Latin American penitentiary cultures with some of the most inhumane aspects of US prison systems, and provides no benefit in terms of real security."

<http://tiempo.hn/dos-reos-la-tolva-fueron-trasladados-al-hospital-intoxicacion/>

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/41326-how-the-us-imposes-the-worst-of-its-prison-paradigm-abroad>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/item/3777-poetas-urbanos>

24/07/17

UNAH; MP; UN; National Police; Drug Trafficking; Militarization; Penitentiary System; Violence; Economy; and Protecting Families from Politics

UNAH student Engels López denounces that an unknown person came to his place of living yesterday night to take pictures. According to him, the harassment and surveillance already started in 2015 and got worse from 2016 onwards.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1820-tacticas-de-terror-para-ablandar-movimiento-estudiante-de-la-unah-denuncia-vigilancia>

According to an analysis by ERIC's Brenda Mejía, the High-Impact Crimes Unit at the MP, among other things dedicated to crimes against journalists, is dysfunctional.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1821-recipiente-de-impunidad-es-la-fiscalia-de-delitos-contra-la-vida-del-ministerio-publico>

The UN's Deputy Secretary General Andrew Gilmour will start a three-day visit to Honduras tomorrow. His main focus will be the protection of human rights defenders, indigenous peoples and impunity.

See Attachment

Last week it was reported that the Police Career Bill had been adopted by Congress, this doesn't seem to be the case and the discussions continue this week. Omar Rivera, member of the purging committee, promotes the bill as an important step forward.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/nueva-ley-de-la-carrera-policial-considera-respeto-a-ddhh-como-aspecto-de-desempeno-de-agentes.html>

The sentencing trial in New York against former Honduran police official Víctor López Flores, accused of drug trafficking, was postponed to September 12.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/24/exoficial-de-policia-vinculado-al-narco-recibira-sentencia-en-septiembre/>

Fusina announced that they will strengthen the security at the already militarized schools. This announcement is linked to an incident last week when a woman entered a school intending to murder a student.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/23/reforzaran-seguridad-de-los-colegios-y-escuelas-de-honduras/>

Conaprev criticizes the missing medical attention for withdrawing drug users in prison.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/falta-de-drogas-provoca-multiples-reacciones-en-reos-recluidos-en-carceles-de-maxima-seguridad-conaprev.html>

Honduras suffered a violent weekend.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2371-tres-masacres-dejan-14-muertos-el-fin-de-semana>

Honduras ranks 109th in the newest Doing Business Index by the World Bank, worse than the other Central American countries.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/economia/1092230-466/atrasos-en-las-aduanas-ubicaron-a-honduras-en-el-lugar-109-en>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/la-campana-politica-hace-una-invasion-mental-y-afecta-las-familias-colegio-de-psicologos.html>

25/07/17

HRDs; Penal Code; UNAH; Femicides; MACCIH; UN; MADJ; REDEHSUR; LGTBI; Irregularities; Mental Health; Human Trafficking; Mining; Climate Change; APP; Transport Sector; Congress; Penitentiary System; Credit Cards; and Four More Years?

The campaign against national and international human rights organization continues. Congress' vice-president Gladis Aurora López filed a complaint at the MP against Global Witness for defamation.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/24/vicepresidenta-del-parlamento-denuncia-a-global-witness-por-difamacion/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/24/gladys-aurora-lopez-sigue-proceso-global-witness/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1822-segun-global-witness-2016-el-peor-ano-en-la-historia-para-personas-defensoras-de-la-tierra-y-el-medio-ambiente>

While Congress didn't hold back on adding new crimes and harsher punishments to the Penal Code, one crime is about to disappear: treason. JOH is exactly accused of that for his reelection bid...

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/07/22/a-punto-de-desaparecer-el-delito-de-traicion-a-la-patria-en-honduras/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/24/nuevo-codigo-penal-elimina-delito-traicion-la-patria-los-promotores-la-reeleccion/>

ContraCorriente reports that the expulsion of 19 students from the UNAH may open up the possibility to access international actions against the university. The students movement MEU denounces new acts of infiltration intended to denigrate their struggle.

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/07/24/unah-a-las-puertas-de-una-demanda-internacional/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/24/bandera-falsa-supuestos-encapuchados-intentan-desalojar-a-vice-rector-de-la-unah/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/07/honduras-la-maldad-mater-universitaria.html>

UNAH's Violence Observatory warns that Honduras is about to become the Central American country with the highest number of femicides.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/ov-unah-advierte-que-honduras-se-convierte-en-el-pais-con-mas-muertes-violentas-de-mujeres-en-ca.html>

The Coalition against Impunity underlined in a new press release the importance of MACCIH's decision to investigate the Agua Zarca case.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/coalicion-contra-la-impunidad-fundamental-que-maccih-investigue-irregularidades-en-concesion-de>

UN's Deputy Secretary General Andrew Gilmour's visit to Honduras is greeted by the Honduran civil society.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/situacion-de-derechos-humanos-motiva-visita-de-alto-funcionario-de-la-onu>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/24/secretario-general-adjunto-de-la-onu-para-los-dd-hh-visitara-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/un-alto-funcionario-de-la-onu-evaluara-situacion-derechos-humanos-en-honduras.html>

MADJ filed a complaint at the MP for various human rights violations in relation to the mass death by fish in the Los Micos Laguna.

<https://www.movimientoamplio.org/single-post/2017/07/24/Movimiento-Amplio-presenta-denuncia-por-muerte-masiva-de-peces-en-la-Laguna-Los-Micos-en-Tela-At%C3%A1ntida>

REDEHSUR requested information from the MP about the attack against a human rights defenders by men dressed as soldiers on March 12 in Apacilagua, Choluteca.

In a press release, REDEHSUR also denounces the criminalization of the two human rights defenders Abel Antonino Pérez and Santos Hernandez. COFADEH and REDEHSUR organize a forum today on the human rights situation in the south of Honduras.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/pronunciamiento-ante-condena-de-defensores-de-la-tierra/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/por-atentado-contra-defensor-redehsur-solicita-informacion-al-mp/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/foro-situacion-de-violaciones-de-derechos-humanos-de-la-zona-sur/>

LGTBI organizations met with representatives of the human rights delegations from the Basque country to present their situation.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/asesinatos-en-contra-de-la-comunidad-lgtbi-en-el-pais-siguen-igual/>

ConfidencialHN reports on suspiciously high salaries for consultants employed by the Health Secretariat.

The board of the Social Security Institute for Journalists (IPP) lawyered up to prevent having to inform about their use of 300 million Lempiras.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/24/asesores-de-la-secretaria-de-salud-cobran-cinco-millones-por-misteriosas-funciones/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/24/directivos-periodistas-pagan-abogados-ocultar-informacion/>

Andrés Pavel reports on the not-attended mental health crisis in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-estado-y-la-salud-mental/>

El Pulso spoke with Coiproden's director Wilmer Vásquez about their new campaign against human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

<http://elpulso.hn/contra-la-trata-de-personas-y-explotacion-sexual/>

Chile presents its mining plans for Honduras.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/miner%C3%AD-chilena-invertir%C3%A1-en-el-desarrollo-del-programa-miner%C3%AD-planetaria>

"In Honduras, coastal communities are embracing native plants as a means to mitigate climate impacts"

http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/planting_resilience_to_climate_change/

Lauren Carasik summarizes the Alliance for Prosperity and Security Summit as follows: "Central America: Open for Business, Not Human Rights"

<https://bostonreview.net/global-justice/lauren-carasik-central-america-open-business-not-human-rights>

The transport sector in Villanueva, Cortés went on strike protesting against the high fines by the Transport Bureau.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/24/paralizan-el-transporte-publico-en-la-zona-norte-de-honduras/>

According to the Democracy without Borders Foundation, only 25 out of

128 congresswo/men presented bills during the first legislation period between 2014-2015.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/24/los-diputados-menos-productivos-buscan-reelegirse-en-el-parlamento/>

<http://tiempo.hn/70-diputados-del-congreso-nacional-no-presentan-mociones-ley/>

Salvador Nasralla, the presidential candidate of the Opposition Alliance, announced that once president he would close down the newly opened prisons El Pozo and La Tolva. The National Party uses this to attack the Opposition Alliance.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/24/nasralla-promete-clausurar-penales-de-ultra-alta-seguridad-el-pozo-y-la-tolva/>

<http://tiempo.hn/segun-la-alianza-de-oposicion/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/24/alianza-oposicion-quiere-regresar-la-epoca-del-terror-partido-nacional/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/hernandez-advierte-que-mientras-sea-presidente-no-permitira-cierre-de-la-tolva.html>

JOH continues to campaign on the control of credit card interest rates.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/joh-sobre-ley-de-tarjetas-de-cr%C3%A9dito-%E2%80%9Cmi-obligaci%C3%B3n-es-proteger-al-m%C3%A1s-humilde-de-los>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/24/honduras-cuatro-anos-mas-infierno-nacionalista/>

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UNAH; HRDs; Penal Code; COPINH; Bajo Aguán; (Re)Elections; Mining; MACCIH; Private Security; Penitentiary System; Education; Economy; Tourism;

UNAH authorities ordered another violent eviction which resulted in various hurt students.

Criterio reports of four students and a cameraman who got injured.

In a press release, CODEH denounces the use of tear gas against human rights defenders who were trying to mediate.

Julieta Castellano ones more tries to denigrate the students' protest as a purely ideological battle.

She claims that the Oppositional Alliance is behind the protests.

She also singles out Pinu congresswoman for supporting the student movement MEU without presenting any proof.

René Escobar is the fourth student who participates in the hunger strike, portrayed by Pasos de Animal Grande

Radio Progreso explains why the expulsion of 19 students from the UNAH for 5 years dramatically violates the proportionality principle.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/heridos-y-desmayados-deja-violento-desalojo-en-la-unah/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/25/cuatro-estudiantes-camarografo-resultan-heridos-la-unah/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1830-policia-agrede-a-defensores-de-derechos-humanos-cuando-intentaban-medar-en-acciones-violentas-contra-estudiantes-de-la-unah>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/25/otra-vez-jefa-de-la-unah-insiste-que-grupos-ideologicos-quieren-sacarla/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/26/julieta-castellanos-lo-hacen-la-unah-hara-la-alianza-las-elecciones/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/rectora-senala-a-diputada-doris-gutierrez-de-apoyar-al-meu-legisladora-le-exige-pruebas.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/25/julieta-acusa-a-libre-al-padre-melo-y-a-la-diputada-gutierrez-de-crisis-en-la-unah/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1826-rene-suena-que-su-lucha-de-acceso-y-participacion-a-las-siguientes-generaciones>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3778-la-expulsi%C3%B3n-de-19-estudiantes-y-el-principio-de-proporcionalidad-25-julio-2017>

ContraCorriente reports on the hate campaigns against the daughters of Berta Cáceres, putting their lives in danger as the recent attacks have shown.

The IACHR just yesterday condemned the attack against Berta Zúniga Cáceres and two further COPINH leaders, Sotero Chavarría and Asunción Martínez.

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/07/24/campanas-de-odio-ponen-en-mayor-riesgo-a-hijas-de-berta-caceres/>

<https://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2017/104.asp>

Pinu congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez denounces that Congress' Security Commission doesn't share the complete Penal Code with the members of Congress.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/25/legisladora-denuncia-que-les-dan-por-pedazos-nueva-legislacion-penal/>

MADJ presented an appeal in the criminalizing case of three COPINH members, a father and his two sons, for cultivating forest land.

<https://www.movimientoamplio.org/single-post/2017/07/25/Movimiento-Amplio-en-defensa-del-pueblo-lenca-COPINH-nuevamente-v%C3%ADctima-de-criminalizaci%C3%B3n>

The Agrarian Platform of the Aguán denounces that the National Agrarian Institute suspended the legal status of the campesino company Empresa Asociativa Campesina de Producción Unidos Lucharemos.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/07/honduras-implementan-estrategia-por.html>

The Oppositional Alliance demands more transparency regarding the men and women overseeing the polling stations.

According to Scarleth Romero, a leader of the Allinace in Copán, they found more than 1500 inconsistencies in the electoral census of the San Antonio de Copán municipality.

The TSE announced that Mapa Soluciones won't handle the data transmission during the elections.

The MP announced an investigation into the financing of mayors of their political campaigns. Some 80% of all Honduran mayors seek reelection.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/25/alianza-pide-credenciales-mesas-electorales-nombre-apellido/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/25/mas-1500-inconsistencias-censo-electoral-municipio-departamento-copan/>

<http://tiempo.hn/tse-decide-que-mapa-soluciones/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/25/honduras-investigaran-como-alcaldes-financian-sus-campanas-politicas/>

The Social and Popular Movement Platform has organized for this week a regional forum in Honduras to allow communities in resistance against mining projects to share experiences and strategies. COPINH protested outside of an international mining congress in Tegucigalpa.

Juan Almeyda shares his view of the mining sector in Honduras.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3779-inicia-gira-internacional-contrala-miner%C3%ADa-en-honduras>

<https://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/07/el-copinh-dice-no-la-mineria-si-la-vida.html>

<http://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/187065>

Switzerland supports the work of the MACCIH with 59 million Lempiras. The MACCIH announced the incorporation of a new international expert for electoral matters this Thursday.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/cooperacion-suiza-da-59-millones-de-lempiras-a-la-macch-para-luchar-contrala-corrupcion.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/macch-incorporara-un-experto-electoral-internacional.html>

Under protest, the IHSS privatized its security team a month ago. Now the new guards are already causing problems.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1092827-466/nuevos-guardias-del-ihss-agreden-a-paciente-de-avanzada-edad-qu%C3%A9-le>

Daniilo Orellano, police commissioner and the former director of the Honduran prisons, believes that most prisons in Honduras should be demolished and replaced. Not only with high-security prisons, but also with medium- and minimum-security facilities to guarantee a better rehabilitation of inmates.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/25/piden-demoler-carceles-hondurenas-porque-cumplieron-vida-util/>

FOSDEH critically comments on the new qualification for Honduras by Standard and Poor's.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/25/lo-no-dicen-la-nueva-calificacion-standard-and-poors/>

The newest report on education in Honduras paints a bleak picture. According to the deputy secretary for education, Elia del Cid, more than 40 schools are controlled by Maras. Nevertheless, militarization is not the solution as was recently explained by Jaime Rodríguez, the president of COPEMH.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/25/educacion-honduras-varada-reduccion-presupuesto/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/25/alrededor-de-40-centro-educativos-dominados-por-maras-y-pandillas/>

<http://elpulso.hn/jaime-rodriguez-no-están-atacando-las-causas-del-problema-de-inseguridad/>

The Central-American Institute for Fiscal Studies (Icefi) opposes the new tourism bill. It believes that the tourism sector has benefited already enough from fiscal exonerations in the past without proof of its benefits.

Prison authorities still have problems identifying their inmates.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/25/ley-fomento-al-turismo-no-aprobada-icefi/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/25/cabecilla-de-la-pandilla-18-burlo-a-custodios-de-el-pozo-para-salir-libre/>

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Berta - Family; UNAH; (Re)Elections; TSE; Garífunas; REDEHSUR; Journalists; Corruption; Armed Forces; Deforestation; Penitentiary System; PAC; and Flashbacks

Berta's family reacted with a press conference to a new surge of attacks and a hate campaign against them. They highlight similar patterns that preceded the murder of their mother, Berta Cáceres. COFADEH's Mery Agurcia express her concerns about the attacks, which indicate a use of state intelligence.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/comunicado-de-la-familia-de-bertha-caceres-en-conferencia-de-prensa/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/grupos-de-poder-estarian-detras-de-atentados-e-intimidacion-contra-hijas-de-bertha-caceres/>

ConfidencialHN gained access to UNAH's on-going budget which reveals that the university spend some 180 million Lempiras for the repression of students.

UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos threatens to send more students to the courts.

Radio Progreso published an open letter to her.

Six of the 28 criminalized students, assisted a five hours audience yesterday. They are all accused of usurpation and unjust deprivation of liberty of private security guards.

Today, the individualization of the sentence will take place against the three already convicted students Cesario Padilla, Moisés Cáceres and Sergio Ulloa.

Libre congressman Jari Dixon calls for a stop to the persecution of students as a prerequisite of a dialogue.

UNAH's lecturers' association Adunah also speaks out in favor of the students.

National congressman Tomás Zambrano proposes to wait until after the election to solve the crisis at UNAH...

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/unah-gasta-mas-de-180-millones-para-reprimir-poblacion-estudiantil/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/julieta-amenaza-con-mandar-a-los-tribunales-mas-estudiantes/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3781-do%C3%B1a-julieta-26-julio-2017>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1831-a-audiencia-inicial-seis-estudiantes-de-quimica-y-farmacia-de-la-unah>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/continua-el-viacrucis-judicial-de-estudiantes-de-la-unah-criminalizados>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/jari-dixon-la-rectora-debe-frenar-la-persecucion-y-los-estudiantes-dialogar/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/docentes-reiteran-apoyo-a-estudiantes-en-protesta-contra-julietismo/>

<http://tiempo.hn/abordar-crisis-universitaria-elecciones/>

The TSE admitted that there are 358'345 deceased Hondurans in the electoral census.

A new debate surged in Honduras about what at first sight may seem a technicality: to add the possibility to vote with a continuous line in the coming general elections (the El Heraldo article has a picture explaining this). The opposition parties fear that this may benefit solely the National Party.

The Liberal Party, meanwhile, has doubts about the TSE' sincerity regarding the role of Mapa Soluciones.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/tse-anuncia-que-en-el-censo-nacional-electoral-hay-358-mil-345-defunciones.html>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1093198-466/el-voto-con-l%C3%A1nea-continua-en-papeleta-divide-a-los-pol%C3%A9ticos>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/denuncian-que-el-partido-de-gobierno-acostumbra-degenerar-el-campo-politico/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/nacionalistas-alaban-implementacion-la-linea-continua-en-proximas-elecciones/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/26/partido-liberal-pide-al-tse-certifique-software-usarse-las-elecciones-generales-propiedad/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/pl-solicita-al-tse-copia-del-contrato-de-recision-de-la-empresa-mapa-soluciones.html>

37 congresswo/men will deposit a constitutional challenge against the election of the TSE magistrate back in 2014, because they were elected by the previous Congress.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/26/diputados-nuevos-interpondran-recurso-inconstitucionalidad-eleccion-los-magistrados-del-tse/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/diputados-de-alianza-de-oposicion-impugnarán-en-csj-eleccion-de-magistrados-del-tribunal-electoral.html>

OFRANEH denounces that CONATEL once more goes after its community radios, this time it hits the Community Radio Waruguma in Trujillo.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/07/26/amenazan-con-clausurar-la-radio-comunitaria-garifuna-waruguma-en-trujillo/>

Defensores en Línea reports on the recently held forum on the human rights situation in the south of Honduras. According to the forum, the main challenges lie in land grabbing, extractivism and solar energy projects.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/acaparamiento-de-tierras-extractivismo-y-proyectos-de-energia-solar-amenazan-a-los-pueblos-del-sur/>

C-Libre denounces that La Tribuna's cameraman Arturo Hernández was injured during a violent eviction of protesting students by the National Police. The cameraman thanked the students for attending him after he was hit during the violent eviction.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/camar%C3%B3grafo-herido-durante-cobertura-desalojo-policial>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/25/hieren-camarografo-la-tribuna-atendido-meu/>

In a US court, the former Liberal congressman and businessman Yani Rosenthal declared himself guilty of illicit monetary transaction worth \$250'000.

Criterio, meanwhile, writes of a sum "of more than \$10'000". This also corresponds to the letter by Rosenthal.

The sentence is expected for October 13, 2017.

The former head of the National Agrarian Institute (INA), José Francisco Fúnez Rodríguez, has been formally accused of abuse of authority.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/yani-roenthal-se-declaro-culpable-por-un-delito-de-250-mil-dolares/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/26/yani-roenthal-de-declara-cuplable-por-haber-lavado-10-000-de-los-cachiros/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/yani-sera-sentenciado-el-13-de-octubre-por-lavado-de-dinero/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/fiscalia-de-eeuu-informa-que-yani-roenthal-sera-sentenciado-en-octubre.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/26/presentan-requerimiento-fiscal-exdirector-del-ina-del-gobierno-del-poder-ciudadano/>

A presumed soldier on drugs died in a shootout with the police in Tocoa, Colón.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/supuesto-militar-dopado-muere-al-enfrentarse-con-la-policia-nacional-en-colon/>

<http://tiempo.hn/abatido-joven-militar-en-tocoa/>

El PUSLO published a new article deepening the link between deforestation and livestock farming in Central America.

<http://elpulso.hn/los-danos-de-la-ganaderia-al-medio-ambiente/>

The Honduran security forces continue to inspect prisons. The political analyst Ramón Barrios sees the inspection and JOH's recent statement about the penitentiary system as an electoral campaign without much substance.

A case in point has been highlighted in a recent Criterio article.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/autoridades-continuan-inspeccionando-centros-penales/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3782-problem%C3%A1tica-penitenciaria-debe-abordarse-sin-intereses-pol%C3%ADticos-afirma-analista>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/26/vergonzosa-escena-celebrada-logro-joh/>

The already diminished PAC of Marlene Alvarenga loses another congresswoman.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/marlene-alvarenga-se-queda-sola-renuncia-otra-diputada-del-pac/>

JOH is using the exact same line as in 2013 for his presidential campaign, i.e. "to do whatever it takes" to guarantee security. What this sadly doesn't contain is preventive measures, a point recently raised anew by Guadalupe Ruelas, the director of Casa Alianza.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/joh-reitera-que-va-hacer-lo-que-tenga-que-hacer-para-mantener-la-seguridad/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/26/casa-alianza-el-gobierno-presume-estadisticas-que-no-reflejan-la-realidad/>

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UNAH; UN; TSE; (Re)Elections; LGTBI; Garífunas; National Police; Education; Economy; and No More Heart Attacks, Please

Two representatives of the student movement MEU were threatened by armed men when they were about to participate in a TV debate.

La Tribuna reports that six more students are being expelled from the university. Some days back, the 19 students facing trial for usurpation were expelled for FIVE years and now the same thing seems to happen to the six further students faced with criminalizing charges.

COFADEH requested an investigation by the MP into UNAH's budget and its security spending.

Members of MEU met with congresswo/men to discuss the crisis at UNAH. According to Omar Rivera, there isn't enough time to nominate and elect the new UNAH authorities until March 2018.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/%E2%80%9Cempistolados%E2%80%9D-amenazan-universitarios-antes-de-ingresar-programa-de-tv>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/27/continua-expulsion-estudiantes-la-unah/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/27/cofadeh-con-quien-esta-guerreando-julieta/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/27/meu-y-parlamentarios-se-reunen-para-analizar-crisis-de-la-unah/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/ya-no-hay-posibilidades-de-elegir-nuevas-autoridades-universitarias-en-tiempo-y-forma>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1093550-410/eleccion-autoridades-universidad-unah-meu>

The Honduran state met yesterday with the UN Deputy Secretary-General for Human Rights, Andrew Gilmour.

The UN Human Rights Committee published its final observations about the recent report presented by Honduras. Among other things, the Committee expressed its preoccupation about the situation of human rights defenders in Honduras and the recent defamatory remarks by Honduran officials against human rights defenders.

Guillermo López, co-coordinator of the Coalition against Impunity, attended the session in Geneva and offers his analysis of the final observations.

The Honduran media highlighted the remarks about the presidential reelection, which the Committee regards with preoccupation.

The media close to the Honduran government, meanwhile, concentrate on the praise by the Committee for the government's fight against corruption.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/27/gobierno-hondureno-se-compromete-ante-representante-la-onu-respetar-los-dd-hh/>

http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CCPR%2fC%2fHND%2fCO%2f2&Lang=en

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1832-a-mentir-fue-gobierno-hondureno-al-comite-de-derechos-humanos-de-la-onu>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/27/omite-dd-hh-la-onu-le-preocupa-joh-busque-reelegirse-violentando-la-constitucion/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2373-preocupa-a-la-onu-candidatura-de-reeleccion-en-honduras>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/comite-de-ddhh-de-la-onu-en-observaciones-finales-destaco-lucha-contra-la-corrupcion-en-honduras.html>

The TSE feels the heat by a constitutional challenge against the election of its magistrates in 2014 and by the remaining doubts about its contract with Mapa Soluciones. TSE president David Matamoros speaks of a denigrating campaign against the institution.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/26/diputados-nuevos-interpondran-recurso-inconstitucionalidad-eleccion-los-magistrados-del-tse/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/partidos-politicos-buscan-desprestigiar-al-tse-por-desconocer-el-proceso-electoral-david-matamoros.html>

According to the TSE, the use of digital fingerprints in the coming general elections is unlikely. They even partly blame the Opposition Alliance, whose proposed its use, for it.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/27/tse-ve-poco-factible-voto-dactilar-exige-la-alianza-opositora/>

The public prosecution unit for crimes against life presented an arrest warrant in the murder of Lester Omar Flores Sevilla, a member of the LGBTBI community in Choloma.

<http://tiempo.hn/asesino-de-miembro-de-comunidad-lgbti/>

C-Libre denounces CONATEL's intention to close the garífuna community radio Waruguma.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/conatel-amenaza-con-cerrar-radio-comunitaria-del-pueblo-gar%C3%ADfuna>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/27/conatel-amenaza-clausurar-la-radio-comunitaria-garifuna-waruguma-trujillo/>

Congress approved another 21 Articles of the Police Career Bill. Article 10 holds that the nature of the service by the National Police is communal.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/pn-ser%C3%A1-comunitaria-y-se-garantizar%C3%A1-la-participaci%C3%B3n-ciudadana-y-la-veedur%C3%AD-social>

Jaime Rodríguez, the president of the teachers' union Copemh, denounces that teachers haven't benefited from a pay adjustment since 2009.

<http://tiempo.hn/presidente-del-copemh-ha-subido-menos-salario-los-maestros/>

It is an electoral year, so the economy is supposed to grow at 4.1% according to the Central Bank of Honduras.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/economia/1093516-466/el-banco-central-de-honduras-prev%C3%A9-que-el-pib-puede-cerrar-2017>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/27/hospital-escuela-decide-no-atender-mas-pacientes-con-problemas-cardiacos/>

29/07/17

UNAH; UN; Campesinxs; Libre; Liberal Party; (Re)Elections; Mining; Corruption; Conadeh; Trans-450; Penitentiary System; and the Trees Shall Stand

The crisis at the UNAH took another turn to the worse. Julieta Castellanos found a new favorite enemy in the Jesuit priest Ismael Moreno and announced that she will cancel the contract with ERIC, which the later directs. She does this by accusing him of promoting anarchy and denigrating the UNAH.

COFADEH published a message of solidarity with Padre Melo, as Ismael Moreno is also known.

Congress' president Mauricio Oliva "doesn't discard the possibility that left wing NGOs from the US and England interfere in the crisis at the UNAH"...

At the same time, UNAH's vice dean Ajax Irías announced that they intend to take up the discussion again about the agreements made with MEU in 2016. The condition is that the students go back to classes.

COFADEH sent out an alert yesterday fearing an imminent eviction of the protesting students.

According to C-Libre, there are now 87 legal complaints against Julieta Castellanos deposited at the MP.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/28/consejo-universitario-rescinde-contrato-jesuitas/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/rectora-cancela-convenio-acad%C3%A9mico-por-una-presentaci%C3%B3n-art%C3%ADstica>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1093835-466/m%C3%A1s-dudas-que-soluciones-arroja-consejo-universitario-sobre-la-crisis-de-la>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/padre-melo/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/mauricio-oliva-no-descarta-presencia-de-ong-de-izquierda-en-conflicto-de-la-unah.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/28/estan-reculando-las-autoridades-de-la-unah-y-dialogaran-con-los-estudiantes/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/alerta-por-posible-desalojo-a-estudiantes-universitarios/>

<http://tiempo.hn/90-denuncias-contrajulieta-castellanos/>

UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Andrew Gilmour ended his three-day visit to Honduras urging the Honduran government for a better protection of human rights defenders.

Radio Progreso published an interview with the human rights expert Joaquín Mejía about the situation in Honduras and the significance of the visit.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=57272#.WXtnp5KwaUc>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/alto-funcionario-de-derechos-humanos-de-la-onu-insta-a-incrementar-la-proteccion-de-defensores-de-derechos-humanos-despues-de-su-visita-a-honduras/>

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<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3786-honduras-un-estado-donde-la-violencia-corrupcion-e-impunidad-son-una-realidad-cotidiana>

Defensores en Línea reports on how it came to the unexpected imprisonment of two campesinos in La Paz, La Paz after a seven-year period of criminalization.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/es-un-tropezon-en-el-camino-pero-no-dejaremos-de-luchar-por-la-tenencia-de-la-tierra/>

Libre congressman and lawyer Jari Dixon announced that the MP intends to legally pursue various Libre congresswo/men for a solidarity protest with journalist David Romero in June 2015. A perfect timing with the coming general elections...

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/28/confirman-persecucion-del-gobierno-contradiputados-de-libre/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/28/es-una-majaderia-del-fiscal-general-de-honduras-perseguir-a-diputados-opositores-david/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/28/ministerio-publico-presentara-requerimiento-fiscal-siete-diputados-libre/>

<http://tiempo.hn/requeriran-diputados-por-sacar-a-david-romero-de-juicio/>

The Judicial Power, meanwhile, rejected a law suit against the Liberal presidential candidate Luís Zelaya for a presumed irregular sale of land.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/28/justicia-rechaza-demanda-contracandidato-liberal-por-venta-de-terrenos/>

The Oppositional Alliance once more requested that the TSE purges the electoral census. According to the Alliance, there are some 800'000 irregularities in the census, while the TSE claimed earlier this week to have found around 350'000.

The TSE allowed, with two votes against one, the possibility to vote with a continuous line.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/28/zelaya-pide-a-la-autoridad-electoral-depurar-el-padron-de-votantes/>

<http://tiempo.hn/honduras-fuego-cruzado-lideres-la-alianza-tse/>

<http://tiempo.hn/voto-magistrados-del-tse-aprueban-voto-linea/>

Radio Progreso offers a good overview of this week's protest against mining in Honduras and the demands by the Platform of Social and Popular Movements. An important step was taken by joining forces with organizations in El Salvador and Nicaragua.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3785-se-articula-plataforma-de-organizaciones-centroamericanas-contra-la-miner%C3%ADa>

"One of Honduras' most powerful and politically-connected business tycoons, Yani Rosenthal, has pleaded guilty to a money laundering charge in the United States, suggesting the possibility that he could provide information on other Honduran elites involved in criminal activities."

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-tycoon-pleads-guilty-money-laundering-us>

Conadeh's labor union protested for better working conditions at the human rights ombudsman's office.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/28/empleados-del-conadeh-realizan-protesta-en-defensa-de-su-dignidad-financiera/>

El Pulso goes back to 1853 to explain the failure of the Trans-450 infrastructure project in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-trans-450-que-nunca-paso/>

An inmate with a 34 year prison sentence for murder didn't return to the prison in Santa Barbara, after he had been allowed to leave the prison for a personal errand.

According to Radio HRN, he was caught later the same day.

The National Penitentiary Institute (INP) announced a plan to lower the overpopulation in Honduras' prisons.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/28/reo-pide-dia-libre-de-carcel-y-se-da-a-la-fuga/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/recapturan-un-reo-penitenciario-en-la-zona-norte-del-pa%C3%ADs>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1093806-410/inp-reos-excarcelacion-carceles-indultos>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/28/gobierno-alcaldia-capitalina-pretenden-talar-arboles-del-cerro-la-felicidad-la-colonia-kennedy/>

30/07/17

UNAH; Garífunas; Congress; (Re)Elections; Naval Forces; Penitentiary System; Migration; Customs Union; and Human Development in Latin America

ConfidencialHN summarizes a meeting by the UNAH's board on Friday as "punishing without hesitation anyone criticizing Julieta Castellanos".

At the same time, there are more messages of support for Padre Melo.

Padre Melo himself wrote an open letter to Castellanos emphasizing that he and others will "continue to call for peace and culture".

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/29/unah-castigara-sin-vacilaciones-a-quienes-critiquen-a-julieta-castellanos/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/el-honor-de-trabajar-con-el-padre-melo>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/29/seguiremos-gritando-la-paz-la-cultura-padre-melo-la-rectora/>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the threat by CONATEL to close down the Garífuna community radio Waruguma.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1833-las-presiones-por-controlar-el-pensamiento-gobierno-acosa-a-la-radio-garifuna-waruguma>

It is an election year and Congress announced that it will punish its

members who don't show up to sessions.

<http://tiempo.hn/sancionaran-diputados-que-no-asistan-reuniones/>

The debate about voting with a continuous line goes on.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/oposicion-reacciona-descontenta-tras-aprobacion-del-voto-en-linea-continua.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/el-voto-en-linea-ya-se-utilizo-en-el-2005-recuerda-david-matamoros.html>

Honduras' Naval Forces received trainings by US, Colombian and Chilean military instructors.

<http://elpulso.hn/fuerzas-navales-hondurenas-reciben-capacitacion-internacional-para-combatir-el-narcotrafico/>

CONADEH asks for better trained employees for the Honduran penitentiary system.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/centros-penales-deben-ser-manejados-por-personas-capacitadas-pide-el-conadeh.html>

UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi announced a visit to Mexico and Central America for the coming month.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/alto-comisionado-para-los-refugiados-de-onu-visitara-centroamerica-y-mexico.html>

JOH hopes that El Salvador and Nicaragua join Honduras' customs union with Guatemala.

Small and medium-sized companies, meanwhile, demand more low-interest funds to make use of the customs union with Guatemala.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/29/presidente-hernandez-expresa-complacencia-inclusion-salvador-union-aduanera/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/29/piden-mas-fondos-aprovechar-union-aduanera/>

<http://elpulso.hn/honduras-al-rezago-del-desarrollo-humano-en-latinoamerica/>

31/07/17

UNAH; National Police; FoE; TSE; (Re)Elections; Penitentiary System; Drug Trafficking; and the Origins of Deportations

JOPRODEH warns of a planned eviction for today of protesting UNAH students.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/07/30/jovenes-defensores-derechos-humanos-alertan-desalojo-la-unah-este-lunes/>

Honduras Culture and Politics offers a great overview of the recent arrest of the former police commander Jorge Barralaga Hernandez, who is accused of money laundering.

Next to Barralaga Hernandez, the police also arrested his sister-in-law as well as an assessor at the Security Secretariat, both for money laundering.

Barralaga Hernandez's lawyer denounces mistreatment by ATIC as they didn't allow her to see her client.

The US welcomes the arrest.

<https://hondurasculturepolitics.blogspot.ch/2017/07/jorge-baralaga-hernandez-arrested-for.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/comisionado-en-retiro-lavado-de-activos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/30/impiden-a-apoderados-legales-acceder-a-vivienda-de-exjefe-policia-detenido/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/eeuu-respalda-captura-del-excomisionado-de-la-policia-barralaga.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/nos-satisface-la-captura-del-subcomisionado-barralaga-aurora-de-pineda.html>

ConexiHon reports on the current state of C-Libre's constitutional challenge against the Article 335B-B of the new Penal Code which violates freedom of expression. C-Libre hopes that the Supreme Court of Justice sends a strong signal in favor of freedom of expression when treating the constitutional challenge.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/sala-constitucional-tiene-en-sus-manos-dejar-mensaje-de-respeto-libertad-de-expresion>

Rumors are spreading that Libre will get a magistrate at the TSE. Luis Zelaya, the Liberal presidential candidate, accuses Libre of shady deals with the National Party.

<http://tiempo.hn/tse-no-ha-notificado-la-integracion-nuevo-magistrado/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/31/luis-zelaya-asegura-que-los-cachurecos-y-libre-tienen-acuerdos-bajo-la-mesa/>

Congress hasn't so far approved the additional money for the RNP to print the among other things new identity cards, needed in the general elections.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1094263-466/finanzas-autorizar%C3%A1-170-millones-para-el-rnp>

Already the third body was found near the new high-security prison La Tolva. The prison in el Progreso has a new director, the lieutenant Santos Sixto García Flores.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/07/30/hallan-otro-cadaver-a-inmediaciones-de-carcel-la-tolva-en-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/encuentran-un-tercer-cadaver-cerca-de-carcel-de-la-tolva.html>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/30/nuevos-directores-amanecio-centro-penal-progreso/>

The presumed life partner of Wilter Blanco was arrested yesterday. Wilter Blanco had been extradited to the US earlier this year where he declared himself guilty of drug trafficking.

<http://tiempo.hn/capturan-esposa-wilter-blanco-la-ceiba/>

Of the almost 70'000 Hondurans deported in 2016, more than half come from only 40 municipalities (out of 298).

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/mas-de-la-mitad-de-hondurenos-retornados-pertenecen-a-40-municipios.html>