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[Presente-Honduras] UNAH; UN; Ahuas; Berta - Impunity; Sexual Violence; Renewable Energy; Campesinas; Fire Arms; OAS; (Re)Elections; Public Health; World Bank; and Clandestine Cemeteries

As Congress presented its plan to resolve the crisis at UNAH yesterday, ATIC searched the house of Mirtha Gutiérrez, a spokesperson of the student movement MEU. They excuse: investigating a crime that happened over a year ago at that address. It rather seems that this was meant as a new act of intimidation to have MEU accept the terms of Congress' proposal.

Congress' president Mauricio Oliva claims that they took up 90% of the proposal by the MEU and presents this as something historic, given that it was handed over to Congress as a petition from the public.

The problem is that the remaining 10% contain some points that could even worsen the situation at the UNAH according to the student leader Fausto Cáliz.

The MEU rejected the proposal in a press release, denouncing that it gives legitimacy to an illegally elected University Governing Board.

They called on ADUNAH, UNAH's teacher association, to meet today to discuss a joint position.

Teachers paid by the hour held a protest outside of UNAH, demanding outstanding salaries.

Meanwhile, the National Party praises itself for apparently having solved the crisis at UNAH...

El Pulso presents its analysis of the current crisis at the UNAH, i.e. a threefold crisis of hegemony, legitimacy and institutionalism.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1882-policia-de-investigacion-y-mp-allanaron-apartamento-de-dirigenta-del-movimiento-estudiantil-meu>

<http://tiempo.hn/atic-interviene-casa-vocera-meu/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/08/31/atic-amedrenta-vocera-del-meu-mirtha-gutierrez/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/%E2%80%99Chist%C3%B3rico-es-la-aprobaci%C3%B3n-del-90-por-ciento-de-la-iniciativa-ciudadana-para-resolver-la>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/meu-en-el-dictamen-hay-puntos-de-quebre-que-pueden-agravar-la-situaci%C3%B3n-en-la-unah>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/habra-clases-hasta-que-haya-solucion-definitiva-dice-meu-que-rechaza-dictamen-del-cn.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/08/31/meu-exige-conformacion-del-consejo-general-carrera-docente-garantizar-la-eleccion-nuevas-autoridades-universitarias/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/08/31/catedraticos-que-laboran-por-hora-en-la-unah-exigen-pago-de-salario/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/08/31/35580/>

<http://elpulso.hn/crisis-en-la-unah-ante-proyecto-del-movimiento-estudiantil-y-el-dictamen-del-congreso-nacional/>

El Tiempo cites the UN Human Rights Committee expressing its preoccupation about the reelection bid of JOH in Honduras.

<http://tiempo.hn/comite-la-onu-preocupado-reeleccion-honduras/>

http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CCPR/C/HND/CO/2&Lang=En

US Congressman Hank Johnson sent together with another 13 Democratic lawmakers a letter to both the US Attorney General and the Secretary of

State demanding answers regarding the coming steps by the US Department of Justice and the Department of State in the Ahuas massacre, i.e. in the "killing of innocent bystanders in US-backed counter-narcotics operations".

See Attachment

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-want-answers-dea-operations-honduras-174924316.html>

COPINH invites to a gathering tomorrow in Río Blanco, 18 months after the murder of Berta Cáceres. They denounce the ongoing failure to investigate the intellectual authorship of the assassination.

<https://www.copinh.org/picture/un-ano-y-medio-y-de-impunidad-donde-estan-los-auto/>

Lesbia Pacheco was sentenced to 20 months in prison for having denounced sexual violence against her at her place of work, the Foundation for Development of Housing (FUNDEVI). She was accompanied by the Movement of Women for Peace Visitación Padilla, which condemns the sentence.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/1881-poder-judicial-sigue-mordiendo-a-las-descalzas>

The inhabitants of Villa de San Francisco are protesting against the installation of high-tension electric lines by a sugar company producing energy from it. They were repressed last week by the police and criminalized. A judge decided yesterday that they get alternative measures to imprisonment while awaiting trial, supposed to begin on September 8.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/08/31/dan-medidas-sustitutivas-a-pobladores-que-rechazan-proyecto-electrico/>

Honduran campesinas denounce that the JOH administration failed to comply with its promise to assign 30 million Lempiras to the Credimujer program in the 2018 budget.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/08/31/gobierno-no-cumple-las-mujeres-campesinas-credimujer-sigue-sin-presupuesto/>

The Honduran authorities reacted to an investigation by InSight Crime and the Alliance for a More Just Society (ASJ) into firearms trafficking in Honduras.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-police-respond-insight-crime-firearms-trafficking-investigation>

A new article by El Libertador addresses the dilemma the OAS faces in Honduras. It accepted to observe the general elections and at the same time it is thinking about legal actions against the presidential candidate of the Opposition Alliance, Salvador Nasralla.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2412-el-dilema-de-la-oea-en-honduras>

Even though Honduras failed to implement any substantial reform demanded by the EU after the elections in 2013, the EU announced yesterday that it will send an electoral observation mission to Honduras.

Omar Rivera expresses his hope that politicians will come together after the elections for reforms...

A commissioner at the Clean Politics Unit, Germán Espinal, presents the new law as a way to control excessive spending on electoral campaigns to the benefits of all.

The Liberal Party filed complaints against 25 changes of domicile at the TSE.

According to the TSE, they received 91 complaints in total.

The RNP announced the complete electoral census for September 12.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/union-europea-confirma-su-participacion-como-observador-de-elecciones-hondurenas.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/deben-tomarse-medidas-que-garanticen-la-transparencia-en-elecciones-omar-rivera.html>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/ley-de-pol%C3%ADtica-limpia-se-convirti%C3%B3-en-un-elemento-racional-de-gastos-electorales>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/partido-liberal-present%C3%B3-25-impugnaciones-de-traslados-domiciliarios>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/tse-registra-91-denuncias-sobre-impugnaciones-de-traslados-domiciliarios>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/a-mas-tardar-el-12-de-septiembre-estara-listo-el-nuevo-censo-electoral.html>

The businessman and former president of ANDI, Adolfo Facussé, wrote an open letter to various congresswo/men asking them to stop a bill intending to have pensioners from the national teachers' pension fund IMPREMA being assigned to the IHSS. He believes that this would leave to even more Honduran without access to health care.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/08/31/jubilados-imprema-coticen-al-ihss-improcedente-una-burla-adolfo-facusse-carta-diputados/>

After the US's representative, it is the turn of the World Bank's representative in Honduras to praise the supposed progress in matters of security in Honduras.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/representante-del-bm-elogia-impacto-de-la-seguridad-en-crecimiento-economico-de-honduras.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/hay-cementerios-clandestinos-en-toda-honduras-reconoce-directora-de-medicina-forense.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/08/31/jefa-forense-asegura-que-hay-bastantes-cementerios-clandestinos-en-honduras1/>

02/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] UNAH; HIDROCEP; Indignados; COFADEH; Corruption; (Re)Elections; MACCIH; Judicial Power; Bajo Aguán; Drug Trafficking; National Police; Lawyers; Economy; and 35 Years Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Honduras

ContraCorriente explains why Congress' proposal won't resolve the crisis at the UNAH and why the conflict will continue for the time being.

The most obvious culprit is the criminalization of the student movement. A court in Tegucigalpa decided yesterday to officially commit for trial 19 students for the crimes of aggravate damages, i.e. for their right to protest. Furthermore, they face being expelled for 15 academic periods from the UNAH.

A further reason is the ongoing intimidation of the students, Friday's search by ATIC of a student leaders house being the most recent case.

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/09/01/congreso-nacional-no-pudo-poner-fin-a-crisis-universitaria/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/por-danos-agravados-19-universitarios-iran-al-banquillo-de-los-acusados/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/auto-de-formal-procesamiento-por-danos-agravados-en-la-unah-para-19-estudiantes.html>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/acciones-de-intimidacion-no-cesan-contra-integrantes-del-meu>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/01/honduras-atic-justifica-allanamiento-a-vivienda-de-lider-estudiantil/>

MADJ denounces that the HIDROCEP company continues to fail to implement the measures decided in a dialogue facilitated by the UN Human Rights Office nine days ago.

17 community leaders face charges for protesting against the hydroelectric project. A court decided yesterday to absolve four of them.

<https://www.movimientoamplio.org/single-post/2017/09/01/PRONUNCIAMIENTO-HIDROCEP-irrespeto-acuerdos-del-di%C3%A1logo>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3860-sobreseimiento-definitivo-para-cuatro-dirigentes-comunitarios-de-pajuiles>

After a long break, the Indignados took to the streets against yesterday evening.

According to Criterio, the protests didn't reach the level of 2015 because both the opposition inside the civil society as the political opposition failed to come together.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/01/indignados-encienden-las-antorchas-y-realizan-marcha-anti-joh/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/01/oposicion-no-logra-cohesionarse-protostar-la-reeleccion/>

Defensores en Línea reports on the Memory Route organized by COFADEH for Wednesday's International Day of the Victims of Forceful Disappearance. The representative of the UN Human Rights Office in Honduras, María Soledad Pazo, accompanied a part of the event.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/caminando-con-las-madres-y-la-memoria-de-los-detenidos-desaparecidos/>

La Prensa Gráfica published an investigation into a corruption case involving the former Honduran president Pepe Lobo, the privatizing body COALIANZA and the port in Puerto Cortés.

<http://7s.laprensagrafica.com/serie-correos-involucra-rais-merino-negociacion-ilicita-puerto-cortes/>

Radio Progreso contradicts the statement by the commissioner of the Clean Politics Unit that the Clean Politics Bill will set a reasonable upper limit on campaign spending. According to its article, the body supervising it doesn't have neither the legal nor the human capacity to do its job.

The former TSE magistrate Dennis Gómez claims that Honduras has fulfilled 90% of the recommendations made by the EU after the 2013 elections.

Among the recommendations made by the EU are the de-politization of the TSE as well as of the polling stations, a purge of the RNP census, transparent party financing, a prohibition to campaign for state bodies, at least 40 female candidates,...

JOH claims, just as in 2013, that this electoral process will be the most observed one in Honduras' history.

The former General Attorney, Edmundo Orellana, doesn't believe that the observers will succeed in stopping electoral fraud because they are looking in the wrong place.

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3858-cancelar-publicidad-gubernamental-no-frena-uso-de-fondos-p%C3%BAblicos-en-campa%C3%B1a-reeleccionista>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/ue-manda-observadores-porque-tse-ha-cumplido-el-90-de-recomendaciones-segun-exmagistrado-gomez.html>

http://www.eods.eu/library/EUEOM%20FR%20HONDURAS13.02.2014_es.pdf

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/joh-este-proceso-electoral-ser%C3%A1-el-m%C3%A1s-observado-de-la-historia-de-honduras>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/eduardo-orellana-no-confia-que-veedores-eviten-fraude-en-elecciones-generales.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/eduardo-orellana-no-confia-que-veedores-eviten-fraude-en-elecciones-generales.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/01/efiscal-de-honduras-advierte-que-el-fraude-que-cometa-joh-sera-pan-comido1/>

Nationalist Congressman Antonio Rivera tries to take heat away from them for failing to approve MACCIH's Efficient Collaboration Bill. But at the same time, he only promises an approval by next year, i.e. after the elections.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/01/nacionalistas-tienen-hasta-el-20-de-enero-para-aprobar-ley-de-colaboracion/>

The MP announced that there investigations into the irregularities around the Judiciary Council are about to be concluded.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/01/exconcejales-enfrentaran-la-justicia-por-presunta-corrupcion/>

The campesino company Empresa Campesina Gregorio Chávez denounces in a press release a plan to criminalize campesinos around the Paso Aguan farm.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/01/condenamos-plan-criminalizarnos-cuando-los-guardias-responsables-los-asesinatos-empresa-campesina-trujillo/>

An investigation by the MP links the drug trafficker Wilter Blanco, who was sentenced in the US, to the bank Banco de Occidente.

<http://tiempo.hn/mp-banco-occidente-wilter-blanco/>

A former police agent was declared guilty for the murder of the son of the former Honduras ambassador to the OAS, Carlos Sosa Coello, in 2012.

<http://tiempo.hn/culpable-ex-agente-policial-asesinar-hijo-embajador/>

Óscar Esquivel published a personal note on the sentencing of Rigoberto Paredes, who was found guilty of having murdered Eduardo Montes, one of the lawyers of Congress' vice-president Lena Gutiérrez.

<http://elpulso.hn/yo-acuso/>

The Labor Secretary Carlos Madero claims that a 100'000 jobs have been created so far this year and somehow he believes that until the end of the year there will be 250'000 new jobs. He also reiterates the claim that the Honduran economy will grow by 4%...

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/este-%C3%B1o-se-espera-cerrar-con-la-generaci%C3%B3n-de-unos-250-mil-empleos-en-el-pa%C3%ADs>

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/187782>

03/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] Berta - Impunity; Tasa de Seguridad; Education; UNAH; Military Police; and the Importance of Community Media

COPINH commemorated Berta yesterday, 18 months after her murder, and

reaffirmed its struggle for justice.

The international film festival dedicated to the environment, Ecozine, which takes place in the Spanish city of Zaragoza, renamed its award "Berta Cáceres Award".

<http://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/09/a-18-meses-del-vil-asesinato-de-nuestra.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/02/premio-ecozine-al-compromiso-medioambiental-se-llamara-berta-caceres/>

COFADEH reminds us of another case of (partial) impunity. Members of the Armed Forces murdered the 15 year old Ebed Jassiel Yáñez Cáceres in 2012. His father fought until his death a year ago for justice. Nevertheless, only one of the three members of the Armed Forces involved has been sentenced to prison.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/a-un-ano-de-su-partida-continua-la-exigencia-de-justicia-de-wilfredo-yanez/>

Fosdeh sub-director Ralph Flores makes the connection between the high health costs in Honduras and the Tasa de Seguridad.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/02/cuestionan-brutal-politica-fiscal-del-gobierno-de-honduras/>

<http://hondudiario.com/2017/09/02/gastos-de-la-tasa-de-seguridad-deja-excesivos-costos-en-salud/>

But it is not just public health that is suffering. Casa Alianza denounces the dire situation of the educational infrastructure in Honduras. Furthermore, there is the ongoing problem of insecurity at schools. Just at the Vicente Cáceres Central Institute five pupils have been murdered since 2014 and 38 left the schools for reasons of insecurity.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/02/total-abandono-la-infraestructura-educativa-casa-alianza/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/09/honduras-por-inseguridad-y-miedo-unos.html>

The main media outlets in Honduras report that the students, after meeting with UNAH's teacher association ADUNAH, announced that classes will be held again later this month.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/meu-anuncia-que-este-septiembre-se-reinician-las-clases-en-la-unah.html>

http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1104606-410/meu-anuncia-reanudan-clases-unah-ciudad_universitaria

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1104575-466/meu-retrocede-y-anuncia-que-este-mes-reiniciar%C3%A1n-las-clases-en-la>

Members of the Military Police denounces that they have outstanding paychecks.

<http://tiempo.hn/deben-dos-meses-salario-policia-militar/>

Radio Progreso writes about the difficult situation of community media projects and at the same time it underlines their importance.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3861-los-embates-contrala-comunicaci%C3%B3n-alternativa-02-septiembre-2017>

04/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] Hydroelectricity; National Party; Garífunas; Berta - Impunity; Journalists; Reelection; (Re)Elections; Extradition; and a Tribute to Juan Almendares Bonilla

The indigenous Lenca leader of MILPAH, Roberto Gómez, denounces that the hydroelectric project by the Nationalist vice-president of Congress, Gladis Aurora López, has been reactivated.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/03/reactivan-proyecto-hidroelectrico-gladis-aurora-lopez-santa-elena-la-paz/>

According to Criterio, the same Gladis Aurora López violated the electoral law by using children for campaigning. And this in the same week that the TSE president called out to the parties not to use children in their campaigns.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/03/partido-nacional-utiliza-ninas-campana-electoral/>

Pasos de Animal Grande published the first part of an in-depth report on what they call "The Garífuna Apartheid" in Honduras.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/apartheid-garifuna/item/1880-apartheid-garifuna-en-el-caribe-de-honduras-i>

Olivia Zúniga published a public message to commemorate her mother and her struggle 18 months after her assassination.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/03/mensaje-olivia-zuniga-18-meses-del-asesinato-madre-bertha-caceres-video/>

The journalist Ronnie Huete Salgado was declared innocent after having been arrested and criminalized for covering a student protest on May 25. Nevertheless, 19 of the students protesting that day still face charges.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/absuelven-periodista-de-criminalizacion-promovida-desde-la-unah>

Congress' president Mauricio Oliva tries to defend the illegal presidential reelection by i) claiming that Manuel Zelaya will run for elections in 2021 and by ii) emphasizing that even though there is no legal basis, the other parties as well as the international community by sending observers made the reelection valid. There is something to think about for the OAS and the EU...

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/manuel-zelaya-sera-el-candidato-en-las-proximas-elecciones-mauricio-oliva.html>

Salvador Nasralla, the Opposition Alliance's presidential candidate, reiterated that they won't participate in the elections if there are no substantial electoral reforms.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/03/si-no-hay-reformas-no-vamos-a-participar-en-las-elecciones/>

Honduras' Security Minister Julián Pacheco told the press on Sunday that they are investigating various outstanding cases of persons wanted by the US for drug trafficking.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/03/policia-de-honduras-busca-a-sujetos-pedidos-por-ee-uu-por-narcotrafico/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/ministro-pacheco-reafirma-que-hay-pendientes-varias-ordenes-de-capturas-para-extraditables.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/03/rinden-homenaje-juan-almendares-bonilla-enorme-trayectoria/>

05/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] Berta; UNAH; Bajo Aguán; Campesinas; Int. Delegations; Reelection; (Re)Election; Children; Journalists; MACCIH; IACtHR; National Police; Homicides; Forced Displacement; Judicial Power; and a Toilet Story

COPINH published some impressions from Saturday's commemoration of Berta, 18 months after her murder.

<http://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/09/rio-sin-principio-ni-mar-18-meses-de-la.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/no-se-olvida-que-van-18-meses-sin-justicia-para-berta-caceres/>

The student movement MEU presented in a press release the necessary conditions for them to hand over the occupied UNAH facilities and re-start classes on September 27. One important condition is the stop to the criminalization of the students and the sanctions against them, e.g. 19 students are banned from UNAH for 5 years.

In its second installment of a three-part series, El Pulso takes a closer look at MEU and the internal and external challenges it faces.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/hasta-que-salga-castellanos-se-podria-volver-a-clases-en-la-unah/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/04/honduras-meu-propone-liberar-eduficios-de-la-unah-para-este-26-de-septiembre1/>

<http://elpulso.hn/el-meu-ante-la-crisis/>

On August 27 and 28 some 800 campesino families recuperated land from eight farms in the Bajo Aguán. Five of them have already been forcefully evicted again and the campesino denounce in a new press release the violence used by state and non-state forces, as well as the ongoing criminalization of their movement.

The Permanent Human Rights Observatory of the Aguán (OPDHA) denounces intimidations, illegal detentions and further abuses by the police and the armed forces.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/09/honduras-campesinos-denuncian-despojo.html>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1886-aguda-crisis-en-el-aguan-observatorio-permanente-de-ddhh-denuncia-abusos-contra-campesinos-por-parte-de-militares-y-policias>

Campesinas publicly denounced once more this Monday that the JOH administration failed to comply with its promises regarding the CREDIMUJER program. After two years, it still lacks funding.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1887-gobierno-no-cumple-con-las-mujeres-campesinas-credimujer-sigue-sin-presupuesto>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/mujeres-del-campo-demandan-pasar-de-promesas-acciones-en-presupuesto-de-credimujer>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/credimujer-otra-promesa-incumplida-denuncian-mujeres-rurales/>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on a human rights delegation by the Honduras Forum Switzerland, which arrived last Friday in Honduras, which will take end with a press conference this Friday, September 8.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1884-foco-sobre-ddhh-llega-delegacion-del-foro-honduras-suiza-al-pais>

After Congress' president Mauricio Oliva's failed attempt to divert the attention from the missing legal basis of JOH's reelection bid (see yesterday), the discussion has been taken up again in the Honduran media. JOH announced a bill to regulate the reelection.

Manuel Zelaya believes that the US and the EU asked JOH for a regulate the reelection. Otherwise his announcement, would make much sense, as he must know, that he won't get the necessary votes (86) in Congress for it.

The Liberal presidential candidate Luís Zelaya also opposes this.

According to him, Congress can't regulate it, as it is illegal.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/04/joh-y-sus-colaboradores-reglamentan-reeleccion-presidencial/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/reeleccion-por-un-periodo-es-la-iniciativa-de-decreto-del-presidente-herandez.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/04/ee-uu-union-europea-piden-joh-reglamente-reeleccion-mel-zelaya/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/candidato-presidencial-dice-liberales-no-apoyaran-reeleccion-en-honduras.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/04/reeleccion-no-se-puede-reglamentar-congreso-ilegal-luis-zelaya/>

The OAS rejected a petition by the TSE to certify the electoral census in Honduras. This doesn't square with the picture of the most observed elections which both the TSE and the National Party are trying to present. After Salvador Nasralla, it is now also Manuel Zelaya who announces that there won't be any elections without substantial electoral reforms. One of the requested reforms is a representative of the political opposition at the TSE. JOH tried to blame the Liberal Party for the failure to do this.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2017/1105180-508/oea-se-limitar%3%A1-solo-a-observar-elecciones-generales-de-honduras>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/04/sin-reformas-no-elecciones-mel-zelaya/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/si-no-existe-representaci%C3%B3n-en-el-tse-no-habr%C3%A1n-elecciones-generales-en-el-pa%C3%ADs-zelaya>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/04/acuerdo-liberales-nacionalista-impide-magistrado-libre-tse-confiesa-joh/>

El Pulso reports on the past and presence of the use of children for political campaigning in Honduras.

<http://elpulso.hn/si-yo-pudiera-votar-no-estaria-en-este-comercial/>

Víctor Manuel Pineda, journalist and Liberal candidate for Congress, went missing last Friday. El Tiempo reports that he was kidnapped and that they demand 60'000 Lempiras for his release. The journalist Jan Carlo Sevilla Claros was reported missing on Sunday. Criterio reports that he "reappeared" in police custody. According to him, a man tried to rob him and he resisted. This ended in a struggle and just at that moment a patrol by the Military Police arrived and arrested both of them. Nevertheless, they let go the thief and kept him until yesterday afternoon. Jaime A. Flores explains the recent attack against the director of El Libertador, Johnny Lagos, and his wife as part of a more global campaign in Honduras to silence critical voices.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/04/reportan-desaparecimiento-periodista-canal-6/>

<http://tiempo.hn/60-mil-dolares-por-victor-manuel-pineda/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/04/aparece-comunicador-olancha-quien-fue-detenido-la-policia-militar-no-dejarse-asaltar/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/04/quien-beneficia-silencio-libertador/>

The newly created Special Prosecutor Unit against Impunity for Corruption (UFECIC) was officially presented to the public yesterday and it will take up its work alongside the MACCIH.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/04/inicia-operaciones-la-ufecic/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/04/joh-fiscal-general-y-maccih-inauguran-unidad-anticorrupcion/>

COFADEH and other members of the Monitoring Board of the Sentences by the IACTHR invite to a public forum next Wednesday, September 13, in Tegucigalpa.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/invitacion-foro/>

Two police agents will be brought to trial for the violent treatment of the professor Agustina Flores as part of the after-coup d'état violence in September 2009.

A former police agent is accused of having murdered an executive of the Central-American Bank for Economic Integration (BCIE) on Saturday, August 26.

The Security Ministry announced changes in the positions of the higher strata of the National Police Force.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/a-juicio-policias-que-agredieron-a-presa-politica-del-golpe-de-estado/>

<http://tiempo.hn/prision-ex-policia-muerte-ejecutivo-bcie/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/dictan-auto-de-formal-procesamiento-contra-expolicia-por-crimen-de-ejecutivo-del-bcie.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/04/policia-anuncia-cambios-varias-jefaturas/>

<http://tiempo.hn/cambios-en-mandos-policia-nacional/>

Two members of the Armed Forces have been sent to prison, where they will await trial for the murder of two Honduran citizens.

<http://tiempo.hn/militares-a-prision-por-asesinato/>

InSight Crime takes up a recent analysis by El Heraldo on the spatial distribution of homicides in Tegucigalpa. It underlines that "analyzing violence is a complex task, and it's nearly impossible to make an empirical connection between violence and gangs."

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/violence-honduras-capital-city-follows-past-trends>

In a further article in this series, El Heraldo also looks at forced displacement due to the violence in the capital.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/tegucigalpa/1105194-466/es-una-pesadilla-de-la-que-quisi%C3%A9ramos-despertar-violencia-desplaza-a-miles>

Omar Rivera demands a higher share of the national budget for the Judicial Power.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/%E2%80%9Ces-indispensable-aumentar-el-presupuesto-del-mp-y-el-poder-judicial-en-el-%C3%B1o-2018%E2%80%9D-rivera>

<http://tiempo.hn/captan-al-presidente-honduras-cuando-salia-sanitario-movil/>

06/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] OFRANEH; HRDs; Mining; Int. Delegations; UNAH; Homicides; Drug Trafficking; JOH; Reelection; MACCIH; Bajo Aguán; US; Renewable Energy; and a Month for Protest

OFRANEH published an alert that at 12.30pm yesterday two DPI police agents sought out its General Coordinator Miriam Miranda. OFRANEH believes that this is linked to the Canadian investors Patrick Forseth and Randy Jorgensen and CONATEL. As Miriam wasn't there at the moment,

the agents threatened to go and search for her and arrest her.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/09/05/persecucion-contra-la-ofraneh-instigada-por-mafia-canadiense-y-conatel/>

The human rights defender Jessica Sánchez, who among other things represents civil society at National Protection Council of the Protection Mechanism for Human Rights Defenders, denounces yesterday a series of attacks and threats putting in danger her and her family's safety. Bertha Oliva, COFADEH's General Coordinator, denounces that the same protection mechanism failed to offer her protection. Defensores en Línea reprinted the open letter she wrote about the her situation.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/05/ataques-vigilancia-persecucion-denuncia-defensora-derechos-humanos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/05/unidad-publica-de-proteccion-de-la-vida-no-quiere-atender-a-procuradora-amenazada/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/de-persecuciones-y-palabras/>

The inhabitants of Concepción de Soluteca in the municipality La Paz held a open town hall meeting to express their rejection of two mining concessions between La Paz and Cane. The inhabitants are accompanied by COPINH, which spoke with the mayors of the both La Paz and Cane, both of them hold the other one responsible for pushing the mining project.

<http://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/09/comunidades-de-la-paz-piden-declararse.html>

The human rights delegation by the Honduras Forum Switzerland met yesterday with the UN Human Rights Office and later with that day with CONADEH. Hearing about the attacks and threats against the human rights defender Jessica Sánchez, they also met with her.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1888-ronda-de-visitas-de-foro-honduras-suiza-con-oacnudh-y-conadeh-hablaron-hacia-donde-van-sus-actuaciones-en-un-contexto-violento>

In its third article on the crisis at the UNAH, El Pulso looks at possible solutions.

<http://elpulso.hn/salidas-a-la-crisis-universitaria-aproximaciones/>

While the homicide rate grew between 2015 and 2016, it fell in the first half of 2017 compared to the same time in 2016. According to UNAH's Violence Observatory (OV-UNAH), 2029 people were murdered in Honduras in the first six months of 2017, about 11 per day. This means a reduction of around 21%. Nevertheless, El Libertador criticizes that previously safer places have become more dangerous as two new departments, Atlántida and Comayagua, are now also part of the so-called red zones singled out by OV-UNAH. The sociologist Roque Castro emphasizes that the policies intended to improve the social conditions in the country and, therefore, counteract violence have failed and that the 70 billion Lempiras spent by the JOH administration on security haven't brought the desired result.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2415-en-seis-meses-de-2017-mas-de-2-000-asesinatos-en-honduras>

Fabio Lobo, the former president's son, has been convicted of 24 years in prison by a court in New York for drug trafficking. Fabio Lobo has been active in drug trafficking at least since 2009 and he received more than \$500'000 by the Cachiros drug cartel to shield them from police investigations. He tries to disconnect his father Pepe Lobo from his criminal activities. Nevertheless, the MACCIH announced that it will investigate the connections between the Cachiros and Pepe Lobo.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/05/24-anos-carcel-le-dan-fabio-lobo/>

<http://tiempo.hn/condenan-a-24-anos-de-prision-a-fabio-lobo/>

<http://tiempo.hn/fiscal-eeuu-fabio-lobo/>

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

<http://tiempo.hn/maccih-investiga-cachiros-pepe-lobo/>

The controversial evangelical priest Evelio Reyes, who has repeatedly spoken out in favor of JOH in the past, held a prayer day at the RNP, i.e. the state institution who together with the TSE is responsible for the electoral census.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/05/lider-evangelico-alaba-a-joh-en-oficinas-estatales/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/el-verdadero-pol%C3%ADtico-debe-estar-dispuesto-servir-sino-no-es-un-pol%C3%ADtico-sino-un-impostor-y>

The discussion about the reelection continues in Honduras as the Council of Ministers sent a bill to Congress intended to legalize the presidential reelection.

Nevertheless, even if Congress approved the bill (which is unlikely, as the Liberal Party spoke out against it), there is still the problem that from a legal standpoint, only a plebiscite could change the constitutional article prohibiting the presidential reelection.

Well aware of the missing support for that in Congress, its president Mauricio Oliva pretends it doesn't matter if the reelection will be regulated before or after the elections...

Xiomara Castro, vice-presidential candidate of the Opposition Alliance, calls the whole discussion a farce and a smoke-screen to not approve substantial electoral reforms.

<http://tiempo.hn/reeleccion-presidencial-en-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/05/secretario-liberal-si-joh-piensa-que-seguira-jugando-enchute-con-nosotros-esta-equivocado/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/oliva-dice-que-si-no-es-ahora-se-tratara-de-regular-la-reeleccion-despues-de-elecciones.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/05/tildan-de-farsa-y-circo-intentona-para-reglamentar-reeleccion-presidencial11/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/xiomara-castro-senala-que-reeleccion-es-cortina-de-humo-para-no-aprobar-reformas-electorales.html>

The Supreme Court finally sent the Efficient Collaboration Bill to Congress recommending its approval. The MACCIH has been pushing for months for this.

The MACCIH congratulates Honduras for the new Special Prosecutor Unit against Impunity for Corruption (UFECIC).

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/05/ley-colaboracion-eficaz-ya-se-encuentra-la-secretaria-general-del-congreso/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/csj-envia-al-cn-opinion-favorable-de-la-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz.html>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/en-honduras-hay-decisi%C3%B3n-pol%C3%ADtica-para-enfrentar-la-corrupci%C3%B3n-afirma-vocero-de-la-maccih>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/maccih-destaca-transformacion-del-mp-y-pide-a-nuevos-fiscales-combatir-el-crimen.html>

El Tiempo reports that the special unit for the Aguán has so far exhumed 18 bodies in the region.

<http://tiempo.hn/exhumaciones-en-el-bajo-aguan/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/05/unos-18-cadaveres-de-campesinos-asesinados-en-el-aguan-exhuma-ministerio-publico/>

Proceso Digital reports on the fear that Trump's decision to cancel DACA bodes ill for the desired prolongation of the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) for Honduran migrants. El Pulso also reports on the cancelation of DACA, which could affect some 35'000 Hondurans.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/eliminacion-del-daca-es-un-aviso-de-lo-que-puede-ocurrir-con-tps-alerta-lider-hondureno.html>

<http://elpulso.hn/el-daca-y-los-dreamers-un-tema-que-nos-incumbe/>

<http://tiempo.hn/hondurenos-con-el-daca/>

In a new publication by the World Economic Forum, Honduras was highlighted for the amount of investment it receives in renewable energy production.

<http://www.laprensa.hn/economia/1105536-410/honduras-destaca-adopcion-energ%C3%ADa-solar>

07/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] Berta - Trial; Documentary; COPINH; HIDROCEP; Bajo Aguán; UNAH; Reelection; (Re)Elections; Drug Trafficking; Journalists; IACtHR; Extortion; Penitentiary System; Ambassadors; US; and the National Party and the Constitution

The second time in a row the trial against the remaining four accused in the case of Berta Cáceres was postponed because the MP failed to comply with its duties, i.e. sharing information with the lawyers of Berta's family.

<http://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/09/copinh-nuevamente-fue-pospuesta.html>

The Honduran director Katia Lara is currently working on a new documentary on Berta. The movie called "Berta Soy Yo" will be presented to the public next year.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/bertha-soy-yo-asi-contamos-la-historia>

COPINH denounces that a court in Intibucá sentenced three indigenous Lenca campesinos to three years in prison for sowing corn in a protected forest area, or so the Honduran state claimed. The indigenous community San Pedrito was never made aware of this and they have cultivated the land for over half a century.

<http://copinhonduras.blogspot.ch/2017/09/alerta-copinh-el-estado-hondureno.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/06/alerta-copinh-estado-hondureno-condena-tres-anos-carcel-companeros-cultivar-la-tierra/>

Radio Progreso reports on the ongoing failure of both the company HIDROCEP and the municipality of Tela to comply with the agreement made with the inhabitants of Pajuiles.

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3865-hidrocep-y-municipalidad-de-tela-incumplen-acuerdos-de-di%C3%A1logo-denuncian-comunidades-del-sector-pajuiles>

11 campesinxs arrested yesterday for recuperating land in El Tumbador in the Bajo Aguán were release from prison with measures alternative to

prison.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/medidas-sustitutivas-para-once-defensores-de-la-tierra-en-el-bajo-aguan/>

Julieta Castellanos, UNAH's dean, pretends that the second academic period will re-start on Monday. Nevertheless, the students disagree. Radio Progreso doesn't see a solution to the crisis at the UNAH on the horizon, even less if the criminalization of the students continues.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3864-crisis-universitaria-cada-m%C3%A1s-lejos-de-ser-solucionada>

<http://tiempo.hn/unah-meu-clases/>

Congress received yesterday the bill pretending to regulate the presidential reelection.

According to the constitutional lawyer Juan Carlos Barrientos, this won't change the fact that the presidential reelection is unconstitutional. The presidential candidate for the Liberal Party, Luis Zelaya, told the press that the reelection can only be approved by a plebiscite. After Mauricio Oliva, now JOH also claims that it doesn't matter if Congress regulates the reelection before or after the elections. The director of Caritas, Carlos Patiño, warns that with these discussions Honduras is on the brink of breaking its social pact.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/06/congreso-nacional-recibe-proyecto-reglamentar-la-reeleccion/>

<http://tiempo.hn/reglamentar-la-reeleccion-solo-darle-ropaje-legal-lo-ilegal-barrientos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/06/reeleccion-presidencial-no-es-derecho-humano-exfiscal-de-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/presidenciable-liberal-dice-que-la-reeleccion-solo-es-factible-via-plebiscito.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/06/liberales-se-declaran-defensores-de-la-constitucion-y-dicen-que-no-reglamentaran-reeleccion/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/el-proximo-ano-nos-encontraremos-una-oposicion-ansiosa-de-reglamentar-la-reeleccion-hernandez.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/06/honduras-nuevamente-las-puertas-del-rompimiento-del-pacto-social-caritas/>

I previously listed some of the recommendations for electoral reforms made by the EU after the last general elections in 2013. Most of these recommendations were never implemented. ConexiHon now published a list of 22 recommendations made by the OAS in 2013. The result is the same, the National Party successfully blocked the most pertinent reforms in the last four years.

Omar Rivera calls on the political parties to join a mediating body to discuss the needed electoral reforms.

CotraCorriente's fact checker agrees with Salvador Nasralla that the Clean Politics Bill failed to led to more transparency. The newly created unit has not been able to investigate the finances of any party. Furthermore, it has failed to present proof that the National Party doesn't use state funds for its electoral propaganda.

It is more than doubtful that the newly presented "3for3" Platform will change this. It asks politicians to present their financial information of their own accord.

Something most "pre-paid" congresswo/men, as Arturo Rendón Pineda calls them, won't do.

The RNP believes that about 6 million Hondurans will be eligible to vote in the coming elections.

And the TSE boasts that it has already signed 21 agreements with bodies observing the elections.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/22-recomendaciones-que-hizo-la-oea-para-las-proximas-elecciones>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/06/excanciller-culpa-al-partido-de-gobierno-por-el-fracaso-en-reformas-electorales/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/alrededor-de-mesa-de-di%C3%A1logo-partidos-deben-pactar-pertinentes-reformas-electorales>

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/09/06/4643/#1504021598804-a37f4648-34f9>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/06/lanzan-plataforma-3de3hn-com-exigir-rendicion-cuentas-politicos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/3de3hn-una-plataforma-ciudadana-que-invita-a-los-candidatos-a-ser-transparentes.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/06/diputados-pre-pago/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/aproximadamente-de-seis-millones-de-electores-se-prev%C3%A9-ser-%C3%A1-el-censo-nacional-para-las>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2017/1105874-508/el-tse-ya-lleva-21-convenios-para-observar-elecciones>

The sentencing of Pebe Lobo's son Fabio Lobo caused many reactions. Honduras Culture and Politics offers a short summary of events. InSight Crime, meanwhile, believes that "Lobo is just the tip of the iceberg. As detailed in Rivera Maradiaga's testimony, the reach of criminal organizations like the Cachiros touched the presidency." The former Attorney General Edmundo Orellana doesn't believe that the sentence will affect the National Party in the coming elections.

<http://hondurasculturepolitics.blogspot.ch/2017/09/fabio-lobo-sentenced-to-24-years-fined.html>

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-ex-president-son-sentenced-24-years-us>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/fabio-lobo-no-era-dirigente-politico-por-lo-tanto-su-condena-no-afectara-al-pn-dice-exfiscal-orellana.html>

The journalist Víctor Manuel Pineda has been reported by various media outlets as being kidnapped. This was five days ago and so far there is no official statement by the authorities.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/periodista-cumple-cinco-d%C3%ADas-desaparecido>

Defensores en Línea published further information on next week's forum on the 11 sentences by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights regarding Honduras.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/honduras-frente-a-la-corte-interamericana-avances-y-desafios/>

According to Aconsume, 30% of all small food vendors closed shop in the last two years due to extortion in Tegucigalpa.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/tegucigalpa/1105934-466/por-extorsi%C3%B3n-cerraron-1500-pulper%C3%ADas-en-la-capital-de-honduras>

The prison authorities at the Támara prison found more buried bodies.

<http://tiempo.hn/encuentran-restos-humanos-modulo-la-ms-13-tamara/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/mas-osamentas-encuentran-en-penitenciaria-de-tamara.html>

Five new ambassadors presented themselves to the Honduran government.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/embajadores-de-cinco-paises-presentan-cartas-credenciales-en-honduras.html>

The Honduran government announced to lobby the US congress to reconsider DACA.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/06/honduras-cabildeara-en-washington-para-reactivar-programa-daca/>

http://www.laprensa.hn/opinion/caricatura/1105862-411/partido_nacional-elecciones-reeleccion-constitucion

08/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] OFRANEH; Community Radios; HRDs; FPIC; HIDROCEP; Penal Code; Bajo Aguán; MACCIH; Reelection; (Re)Elections; Women; National Police; IACHR; SANAA; Budget; Morazán; and the Real Destabilizing Force

Giorgio Trucchi reports of the new threat by state security force to arrest OFRANEH's general coordinator Miriam Miranda. The article also offers a good overview of all the recent attacks against OFRANEH from the legal actions by the Canadian businessman Patrick Daniel Forseth against Miriam to CONATEL's attempt to take the Garífuna radio Waruguma of the air.

Pasos de Animal Grande publishes the second part on the apartheid system the Garífuna communities suffer from in the Honduran Caribbean coast.

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/187920>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/apartheid-garifuna/item/1891-apartheid-garifuna-en-el-caribe-de-honduras-ii>

The newest yearly report by the Latin American Observatory of Media Regulation and Convergence (Observacom) finds that the regulation of community media outlets in many Latin American countries are incompatible with freedom of expression standards.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/regulacion-de-medios-comunitarios-en-latinoamerica-una-libertad-medias>

CEHPRODEC denounces in a press release a wave of attacks the organization recently suffered, from having their phones and computer intercepted to theft of their cars and threats.

See Attachment

Martín Gómez of the Sectoral Lenca Committee told Criterio that the Honduran government is the main promoter of the Prior Consultation Bill in Honduras. He fears that the bill mostly promotes business interests and he accuses Congress' vice-president Gladis Aurora López, whose own hydroelectric project is opposed by indigenous communities, of being one of the main promoters.

The same criticism comes for the Alliance for Human Rights, denouncing the current bill as a consultation bill without consultation.

OFRANEH offers some background information on the currently discussed by and its failings.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/07/gobierno-hondureno-urgido-aprobar-ley-consulta-previa-video/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/07/35837/>

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/09/07/honduras-consulta-previa-y-la-urgencia-del-estado-en-la-aprobacion-de-una-ley-espuria/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/07/denuncian-que-cohep-busca-controlar-consultas-a-poblaciones-indigenas/>

In a new report, Jennifer Ávila presents the repression and

criminalization of the peaceful protesters in Pajuiles as a clear sign that the Honduran government and its institution failed to learn its lesson from Agua Zaraca and its continues on the same path that led to the murder of Berta Cáceres.

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/09/07/pajuiles-y-las-lecciones-nunca-aprendidas/>

According to José Luis Ramírez, a Spanish expert in Criminal Law, the Honduran Penal Code aims at protecting powerful interests and not the public. He expresses his preoccupations about its content, e.g. the criminalization of protest.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/07/codigo-penal-hondureno-esta-dirigido-la-proteccion-los-intereses-del-poder-establecido-no-la-poblacion-penalista-espanol/>

Radio HRN reports that on September 6, the Honduran police arrested Miguel Ángel Fuentes Barralaga. He is accused of having murdered in 2011 the campesino leader Luis Alonso Ortiz and a member of his group, Constantino Enamorado.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/pr%C3%B3ximo-11-de-septiembre-audiencia-inicial-presunto-homicida-de-presidente-del-grupo>

Honduras Culture and Politics reports on the MACCIH's announcement to investigate the former president Porfirio "Pepe" Lobo Sosa and his wife Rosa Elena de Lobo, Pepe Lobo asks not to be judged for something his son did. In a public forum held in Tegucigalpa, the MACCIH underlines that it won't be neutral when it comes to impunity and corruption. And it further emphasized the importance of being backed up by the Honduran public.

<http://hondurasculturepolitics.blogspot.ch/2017/09/maccih-investigating-porfirio-lobo-sosa.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/pepe-lobo-no-me-juzguen-por-mi-hijo/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/la-maccih-no-debe-ser-neutral-es-parte-acusadora-recuerda-juan-jimenez-mayor.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/07/maccihque-hacen-ustedes-por-su-pais/>

The Liberal Party held a press conference yesterday in which it declared the presidential reelection illegal. The newly created Platform for Democracy announced that its members will march tonight together with the Indignados to protest against the reelection and corruption in Honduras. According to human rights defender Wilfredo Méndez, only a strong social movement can stop the reelection bid by JOH.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/07/partido-liberal-considera-la-reeleccion-ilegal-reafirma-no-apoyara-reglamentacion/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2417-liberales-ratifican-oposicion-a-la-reeleccion-nacionalista>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/07/antorchas-la-reeleccion-saldran-nuevamente-este-viernes-las-calles-tegucigalpa/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/07/solo-movimiento-social-podria-parar-la-reeleccion-wilfredo-mendez/>

The TSE informed the diplomatic corps about the current state of the electoral process. The RNP has registered so far some 80'000 changes of domicile. In the past, they have been one source of electoral fraud.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/cuerpo-diplomatico-del-pais-conoce-avances-del-proceso-electoral-hondureno.html>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/aproximadamente-80-mil-registros-domiciliario-se-realizaron-en-el-rnp>

The National Democratic Institute (NDI) published a report this Tuesday on violence against female politicians in Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/07/mujeres-politicas-honduras-victima-la-violencia/>

A former police agent and current Libre mayoral candidate was arrested for presumed drug trafficking.

The US sub-secretary John Creamer met with the Honduran purging committee accompanied by the current highest US representative in Honduras, Heidi Fulton. They ratified the technical and financial support for the reform process of the Honduran police.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/07/arrestan-a-expolicia-y-candidato-a-alcalde-de-libre-por-trafico-de-drogas/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/eeuu-ratifica-apoyo-tecnico-y-financiero-a-la-depuracion-policia.html>

In a IACHR session, human rights organizations demanded from the Honduran state to guarantee the rights of Honduran children and teenagers.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/09/ong-piden-ante-cidh-garantizar.html>

Hondurans protested outside the Casa Presidencial against the privatization plans of the water provider SANAA.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/07/exigen-a-joh-que-no-privatice-el-agua/>

The Honduran government presented its budget plan for the next year. The amount rose from 214'800 million to 242'700 million Lempiras.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/07/gobierno-eleva-el-presupuesto-hasta-los-242-mil-millones-recursos-proviene-de-los-hondurenos/>

ContraCorriente published an interview with the film maker José Dagoberto Martínez. His newest production is about Francisco Morazán and it will be shown to the public on September 14.

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/09/07/queremos-mostrar-a-un-morazan-bajado-de-la-estatua/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3863-los-verdaderos-desestabilizadores-del-pa%C3%ADs-06-septiembre-2017>

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[Presente-Honduras] UNAH; HRDs; Int. Delegation; Reelection; Military Police; Children; Extortion; Illiteracy; Budget; Mayors; and War Games

Yesterday's events are probably best summarized by the title ConexiHon gave its article on it: "Barbarism!" A brutal repression of state security forces at the UNAH led to 26 arrests and one disappeared person. Several people were hurt by the excessive use of tear gas and force by the police. Four human rights defenders accompanying the students were attacked by the police, when they drove off from the UNAH in a car from CONADEH, spraying tear gas inside the car. Inside the car were Carlos del Cid of the Ecumenical Human Rights Observation Center (OEIDH), Tomy Morales of the Association for Democracy and Human Rights

(Asoprodehu), Hedme Castro of ACI-Participa and Ariel Díaz of the Youth for Democracy Association (AJDH). They were all detained and brought to the offices of the Police Investigation Bureau (DPI). Tomy Morales was so badly hurt by the tear gas, that she was hospitalized - not in a normal hospital, but in a military hospital. The journalist and human rights defender Darwin Steven Carías Álvarez of the CPTRT accompanied the students at the campus and was disappeared. C-Libre presented an Habeas Corpus in his favor.

C-Libre calls what happened yesterday a "hunt for the leaders and speakers of the university student movement".

The repressions started with a press release by the Honduran government announcing that an expulsion order has been given to the police to "restore order (...) based on the principle of legality and human rights" at the UNAH.

El Libertador lists 22 detained students and outstanding arrests warrants for further 9 students.

COFADEH presented Habeas Corpus in favor of the detained human rights defenders and students. In their article you can also see the attack on the CONADEH bus with the HRDs in it.

HCH TV was present at the court when they Habeas Corpus were admitted and they interviewed one of the present human rights defender.

COFADEH denounces that their human rights lawyers were not allowed to see the detained students.

ConexiHon published an article explaining what international norms say about the use of tear gas.

The Costa Rican Human Rights Association (ACODEHU) denounces the events in a press release as "state terrorism".

The human rights organization Madre Tierra wrote a public letter to Honduras government denouncing the detention of one of their student collaborators.

Amongst all this, UNAH's dean announced that next week classes at the UNAH will start again...

<http://www.conexihon.hn/barbarie>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/08/vayan-a-combatir-los-mareros-policias-agreden-a-defensores-de-ddhh-y-estudiantes-de-la-unah/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3873-desalojo-violento-duplica-cantidad-de-procesos-criminales-en-la-unah>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/cacer%C3%ADa-en-contra-de-l%C3%ADderes-y-voceros-de-movimiento-estudiantil-universitario>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/presentan-requerimiento-para-nueve-estudiantes-de-la-unah-por-usurpacion.html>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/polic%C3%AD-nacional-ejecuta-orden-de-desalojo-en-la-unah>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2420-policia-irrumpe-en-la-nacional-y-arresta-estudiantes>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/alerta-policia-retiene-a-defensores-de-derechos-humanos-en-la-unah/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JABqRtl-Mno&feature=youtu.be>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/alerta-unah-retenes-policiales-impiden-ver-a-los-y-las-universitarias-detenido-esta-manana-en-la-unah-y-remetidas-al-core7/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/conozca-los-instrumentos-internacionales-relacionados-con-la-conducta-policial>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/08/terrorismo-estado-honduras/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/08/madre-tierra-denuncia-detencion-uno-integrantes/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/08/viento-marea-julieta-castellanos-anuncia-reinicio-clases-la-proxima-semana/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/rectora-anuncia-reinicio-de-clases-para-el-martes-si-meu-sigue-tomas-se-suspende-periodo.html>

The attacks against Tomy Morales and Carlos del Cid are of further significance, because both of them have just accompanied a week-long human rights delegation by the Honduras Forum Switzerland which presented their findings in a press conference the same day. UNAH authorities denigrate the work of human rights defenders. In their press release (in which they misspell the name of Tomy Morales and falsely attribute her to C-Libre) they accuse both Tomy Morales and CONADEH of having tried to harbor criminal students. Radio Progreso offers an overview of the most recent cases of criminalization (Without yesterday's events at the UNAH), e.g. against OFRANEH's general coordinator Miriam Miranda, campesinos in the Bajo Aguán or indigenous Tolupan in Azacualpa, Copán.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/unah-lamenta-actuar-de-defensores-de-ddhh-en-desalojo.html>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3875-aumenta-criminalizaci%C3%B3n-contra-defensores-y-defensoras-en-honduras>

As mentioned above, the Honduras Forum Switzerland held a press conference after one week in Honduras, visiting communities in the Honduran south who suffer from human rights violations at the hands of renewable energy companies and holding dozens of meetings with social movements, NGOs, as well as state and international actors in Honduras. The press release will be followed by a more detailed report in about two weeks, which should also be available in English.

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Yesterday evening, Hondurans took to the streets to protest in the newest edition of the March of the Torches against the presidential reelection and corruption.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/08/antorchas-la-reeleccion-cobran-fuerza-tegucigalpa/>

In a confrontation between the Military Police and presumed criminals, six people were killed. The press speaker of the Military Police tries to defend their use of firearms in a residential area. The now widow of one of the killed men, Odalis Mejía, told reporters that her husband was only a bus driver and she accuses the Military Police of having murdered him.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/08/portavoz-justifica-respuesta-desproporcionada-de-policia-militar/>

<http://tiempo.hn/video-tiroteo-residencial-honduras-deja-varios-muertos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/caliente/12-caliente/sube-a-seis-los-muertos-tras-enfrentamiento-entre-supuestos-antisociales-y-la-policia.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/08/esposa-de-chofer-de-bus-abatido-por-militares-exige-respuestas-y-justicia/>

Honduras celebrates tomorrow the Day of the Child. Radio Progreso explains why there is not much to celebrate for Honduras' children.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3872-entre-la-violencia-y-el-abandono-ni%C3%B1ez-hondure%C3%B1a-conmemora-su-d%C3%ADa>

InSight Crime takes up the newest analysis on shop closures due to extortion calling its scale "nothing short of a national emergency, as each closed business likely affects multiple families beyond just the store owners."

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/extortion-honduras-capital-shutting-stores-causing-migration>

According to an article by Radio HRN, Honduras has the third highest illiteracy rate in the region.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/honduras-el-tercer-pa%C3%ADs-con-indices-m%C3%A1s-altos-de-analfabetismo>

When presenting the budget plans for the coming year, Honduras' Minister of Finance, Wilfredo Cerrato, tried to present his numbers in a good light by comparing it to the time under the Zelaya government. The problem is, that when looking at the data, economic growth and fiscal deficits both have worsened.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2423-miente-el-golpismo-responde-mel-a-secretario-de-finanzas>

At least 40 mayors have faced criminal charges in the last four years, six have been imprisoned and two further have already been sentenced.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/al-menos-40-alcaldes-hondurenos-enfrentan-acusaciones-en-tribunales-de-justicia.html>

<https://dialogo-americas.com/en/articles/honduras-holds-seventh-central-american-and-caribbean-war-games>

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[Presente-Honduras] UNAH and HRDs; HRDs; Mining; (Re)Elections; JOH; MACCIH; Children; and Drunk Diplomacy

In a press release, the UN Human Rights Office in Honduras expressed its preoccupations about the most recent cases of criminalization against human rights defenders and students. The office laments the lack of response by both the Security Secretariat and the National Police to its inquiries about the cases. Furthermore, it has identified an excessive use of force by state security forces and demands swift and impartial investigations into this.

The Honduras Forum Switzerland emitted a press release condemning Friday's repression against human rights defenders and students by state security forces.

REDEHSUR also condemns the attacks.

Criterio reports on the attack and arrest of the four human rights defenders. According to their article, the human rights defender Hedme Castro was released from custody after pressure by the US embassy. Nevertheless, the other three are still in custody and treated like criminals.

15 of the newly criminalized students already faced a judge yesterday in an initial audience.

El Pulso presents the events at the UNAH as a culmination in a limited area of what is happening on a nation-wide level: violent evictions, repression, authoritarianism and criminalization.

El Tiempo also took up the events criticizing the role of the National Police.

Defensores en Línea published the press release by the Honduran authorities which was emitted after the attacks. It speaks of upholding human rights and calls the arrested students "supposed students" and accuses the arrested human rights defenders of having physically harmed a police official.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/09/35960/>

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<http://defensoresenlinea.com/redehsur-condena-actos-violentos-de-la-policia-contra-universitarios-y-defensores-de-ddhh/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/09/defensores-derechos-humanos-honduras-tratados-cono-criminales/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/en-audiencia-inicial-15-estudiantes-de-la-unah-por-usurpacion.html>

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

<http://tiempo.hn/policia-muestra-nueva-cara-desalojo-estudiantes-la-unah/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/comunicado-de-prensa-de-la-policia/>

Defensores en Línea reports that the Honduran police ordered an attack against the human rights defenders Edwin Robelo Espinal, who should benefit from special protection measures granted by the IACHR.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/policia-dio-orden-que-ataca-contra-el-defensor-edwin-espinal/>

Riccy Ponce reports on the human rights violations around the mining project of the Canadian company Aura Minerals INC and its Honduran counterpart MINOSA. Carlos Chinchilla, the coordinator of the local human rights organization EROC, denounces the collusion of the mayor and the police with the mining company.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/azacualpa-peligra-por-el-extractivismo-minero/>

El Pulso presents the interpretation of both Libre congressman Rasel Tomé Flores and Liberal congressional candidate Miriam Mejía about the OAS refusal to certify the Honduran electoral census. Both see it as a blow to the strategy of the TSE and the National Party to present the coming elections as transparent.

<http://elpulso.hn/rasel-tome-no-vamos-aceptar-de-ir-a-elecciones-estilo-burro-amarrado-contra-tigre-suelto/>

JOH continues to inaugurate public works, mixing his role as a president and a presidential candidate further.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/presidente-hernandez-inaugura-moderno-estadio-de-f%C3%BAtbol-en-choluteca>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/son-balseras-de-votos-los-que-vamos-a-sacar-en-las-proximas-elecciones-mauricio-oliva.html>

Criterio reports that the US Senate decided on Thursday to keep the funding for both the MACCIH and CICIG in place.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/09/la-cicig-la-maccih-esenciales-la-lucha-la-corrupcion-centroamerica-senado-usa/>

Jennifer Ávila wrote a thoughtful commentary on today's Day of the Child in Honduras - "Celebrating children without listening to them"

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/09/09/celebrando-la-ninez-sin-escucharla/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3876-la-realidad-de-nuestra-ni%C3%B1ez-09-septiembre-2017>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/09/honduras-mandan-a-audiencia-de-descargo-a-diplomatico-patan/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1106734-466/diplom%C3%A1tico-dice-que-por-presi%C3%B3n-del-trabajo-hizo-bochornoso-acto>

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Friday's arrested students received alternative measures to imprisonment, meaning that they have to show up at the court on a regular basis, can't leave the country and aren't allowed to participate in protests. They had to wait over twelve hours in handcuffs and shackles at the court to have a judge hear their case.

The remaining human rights defenders attacked and arrested on Friday have been released at 2.30am on Sunday.

ACI-Participa, whose coordinator Hedme Castro was among the arrested, denounces in a press release the events and holds the JOH government responsible for it.

In the third statement by the Honduran state, they continue to defend their brutal attack on the human rights defenders and students which at that time were in a bus by the state's human rights ombudsman CONADEH. They even imply that the human rights defenders stole the bus by CONADEH. The UNAH authorities announced more repression if the students continue to protest.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/10/en-la-madregada-del-domingo-estudiantes-reprimidos-de-la-unah-reciben-medidas/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/10/gobierno-juan-hernandez-ataca-violentamente-defensores-los-derechos-humanos-honduras/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/10/secretaria-seguridad-justifica-policias-rocién-gas-cara-defensores-estudiantes/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/policia-pide-a-conadeh-que-indique-si-un-vehiculo-de-su-propiedad-lo-presto-o-lo-usurparon-miembros-del-meu.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/10/julieta-castellanos-anuncia-militarizacion-la-unah/>

In the opening statement for the new session of the UN Human Rights Council, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein especially mentioned Honduras: "Corruption violates the rights of millions of people across the world, by robbing them of what should be common goods and depriving them of fundamental rights such as health and education or equal access to justice. Recent scandals, including very serious allegations levelled at high-ranking officials in Brazil and Honduras, have revealed how deeply corruption is embedded in all levels of governance in many countries in the Americas, often linked to organized crime and drug trafficking. This undermines democratic institutions and erodes public trust. Progress towards uncovering, and prosecuting, corruption at high levels of government is an essential step forward in ensuring respect for the people's rights, including justice."

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El Pulso brings together three views on the Consultation Bill, all of which agree that the Honduran government failed to present an inclusive bill taking into account the views of all relevant indigenous organizations.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-ley-de-consulta-libre-previa-e-informada-que-excluye-a-las-comunidades-indigenas/>

El Pulso reports on last week's forum by the National Democratic Institute (NDI) on violence against women in politics. NDI's own investigation shows how Honduras systematically violates the two bills regulating the participation of women in politics.

<http://elpulso.hn/directora-de-genero-ndi-la-igualdad-y-la-no-discriminacion-hacia-la-mujer-en-politica-sigue-siendo-un-reto/>

The TSE announces a test run in October for the general elections.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/10/autoridad-electoral-realizara-simulacro-de-comicios-en-octubre/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/10/universitarios/>

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[Presente-Honduras] UNAH and HRDs; HRDs; UNAH; National Police; Bajo Aguán; Corruption; MACCIH; JOH; (Re)Elections; Maras; Cybersecurity; Education; Remittances; and Media of Non-Communication

Please find attached the translated statement by the UN Human Rights Office in Honduras on Friday's repression against students and human rights defenders (hat-tip to Pat).

ConexiHon reports on the time three of the four human rights defenders attacked and arrested as part of the repression in Friday spent in custody until 3am on Sunday.

Defensores en Línea spoke with two of them, Carlos Del Cid and Hedme Castro, after their release. They further report that the criminalizing trial against them and the students continues on September 18 and 21. The director of some 20 human rights organizations held a joint denouncing the attacks against human rights defenders and students on Friday. They demand among other things a thorough investigations of the events, a resignation of both the security minister and the dean of the UNAH and a stop to the criminalization. Furthermore, they denounce that the NGOs Association for a More Just Society (ASJ), Alliance for Peace and Justice (APJ) and FOPRIDEH "irregularly and irrespectively" assume the representation of human rights organizations.

The newly formed Convergence against Continuity (CCC) also emitted a press release, criticizing among other things the role of the MP: "We denounce and repudiate the behavior of the public prosecutor, which has given unequivocal signals to respond exclusively--and protect-- the particular political interests of the mafia leading Juan Orlando Hernández over its function to represent the interests of the Honduran people before the state. We repudiate the behavior of the national police who, with the repressive action of Friday, September 8, reveals the useless and false police purge, so officially publicized and hypocritically endorsed by national agencies promoted and financed by the Government of the United States"

A further statement comes from the Coalition against Impunity. COFADEH's Bertha Oliva interprets Friday's attack as a wake-up call for Honduran human rights defenders. She proposes the creation of an observation body documenting of all the acts of aggression by state bodies against human rights defenders.

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<http://www.conexihon.hn/tortura-fisica-y-judicial-reciben-defensores-de-derechos-humanos>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/consecuencias-de-agresion-a-estudiantes-y-defensores-de-derechos-humanos/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1892-ante-torturas-contradefensores-y-estudiantes-en-la-unah-organizaciones-exigen-destitucion-del-ministro-de-seguridad-altos-oficiales-y-de-la-rectora-julieta-castellanos>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/ante-las-ultimas-agresiones-a-defensores-organizaciones-de-derechos-humanos-de-honduras-se-declararon-en-alerta-permanente/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/convergencia-contrael-continuismo-pronunciamiento-ante-los-acontecimientos-represivos-en-la-unah/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1893-coalicion-contra-la-impunidad-demandamos-castigo-al-comportamiento-complice-y-servil-del-ministerio-publico>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/11/36033/>

Merly Eguigure, the coordinator of the women's organization Paz Visitación Padilla, had received various threatening phone calls before someone put nails in the four wheels of her car and cut one cable.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1894-vuelven-los-ataques-contra-las-chonas-sabotaje-a-vehiculo-de-coordinadora-nacional-del-movimiento-visitacion-padilla>

Even after Friday's attack, protests continue at the UNAH and the classes didn't start again yesterday. UNAH authorities immediately announced new measures of criminalization. They asked the judicial system to revise the alternative measures to imprisonment for 22 students. Defensores en Línea emitted an alert.

<http://tiempo.hn/unah-convoca-a-clases-no-responden/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/unah-pedira-revision-de-medidas-para-22-miembros-del-meu-a-tribunales-de-justicia.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/alerta-autoridades-universitarias-amenazan-con-solicitar-revision-de-medidas-a-estudiantes-liberados-luego-de-desalojo/>

ConfidencialHN wonders after the brutal attack by members of the National Police Force on human rights defenders and students what the benefits of the trainings they receive really is.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/11/mientras-tanto-en-hondurasformaran-a-policias-en-ddhh/>

The Agrarian Platform denounces new evictions of dozens of campesino families in Los Laureles, Colón.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/09/honduras-continuan-represion-contra.html>

The former vice-president of the Judiciary Council, Teodoro Bonilla, was sentenced to six years in prison for influence peddling. El Tiempo has taken up the statement by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on corruption in Honduras. InSight Crime reports on the US Congress' decision to further support the anti-corruption bodies in Guatemala and Honduras. In Honduras, meanwhile, the anti-corruption courts took up their work.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2426-seis-anos-de-prision-para-funcionario-judicial-hondureno>

<http://tiempo.hn/seis-anos-carcel-teodoro-bonilla/http://tiempo.hn/salvador-nasralla-unah/>

<http://tiempo.hn/onu-alerta-corrupcion-honduras-paises-latinoamericanos/>

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/us-congress-doubles-down-support-for-centam-anti-corruption-efforts>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/en-marcha-tribunales-especiales-en-circuito-de-corrupcion.html>

JOH declares that Honduras is strengthening its institution through the collaboration with the MACCIH. At the same time, JOH put the MACCIH in its place underling that they are only there to "accompany" Honduras. The MACCIH continues to demand an approval of the Efficient Collaboration Bill.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/con-la-maccih-estoy-convencido-que-estamos-fortaleciendo-las-instituciones-hernandez.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/11/joh-exalta-dignidad-de-los-hondurenos-ataca-sutil-y-diplomaticamente-a-la-maccih/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/11/maccih-pide-a-joh-inmediata-aprobacion-de-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz/>

ConfidencialHN continues its reporting on the misuse by JOH and his administration of the funds coming from the Tasa de Seguridad.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/11/joh-usa-tason-para-posicionarse-como-salvador-y-ganar-reeleccion/>

The Clean Politics Unit announced that it has so far received two complaints about possible links to illegal activities by candidates in the coming election.

The TSE published the ballot papers.

Radio Progreso, meanwhile, classifies the whole electoral process as "paranormal elections".

<http://tiempo.hn/unidad-de-politica-limpia-4/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2017/1107363-508/honduras-tse-divulga-dise%C3%B1o-de-papeletas-para-elecciones-del-26-de-noviembre>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3878-elecciones-paranormales-11-septiembre-2017>

El Pulso wonders if the Maras should be classified as insurgent armed groups and presents what this would mean.

<http://elpulso.hn/debemos-considerar-a-las-maras-pandillas-grupos-armados-insurgentes/>

According to an analysis by Kaspersky Lab, Honduras suffers the second most cyber attacks in Latin America just after Brazil.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/11/honduras-segundo-pais-latinoamerica-mas-ataques-ciberneticos/>

COIPRODEN denounces that over one million children aged between 3 and 17 are outside of Honduras' educational system.

But at least the judicial system works for them: El Tiempo reports that an arrest warrant was wrongly released against a ten year old for murder.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/m%C3%A1s-de-un-mill%C3%B3n-de-ni%C3%B1os-y-ni%C3%B1as-est%C3%A1n-fuera-del-sistema-educadito-nacional-coiproden>

<http://tiempo.hn/nino-de-10-anos-a-juicio-por-error/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/11/presidente-del-poder-judicial-nadie-esta-por-encima-de-la-ley/>

According to the Honduran Central Bank, Honduras receives \$12 million in remittances per day. This represents an increase by 13.8% in comparison to 2016.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/11/12-millones-diarios-remesas-recibe-honduras/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/el-gobierno-y-la-informacion-manipulada>

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[Presente-Honduras] UNAH and HRDs; HRDs; Civil Society; Militarization; Femicide; Women; Impunity; TSC; Reelection; Debt; and the Fear of Democracy

The condemnation of Friday's attack by state security forces on human rights defenders and students has reached the purging committee of the police force. In a press release, they demand the suspension of the police officials and agents involved in the attack.

Human rights organization, meanwhile, reiterate that also Security Minister Julián Pacheco and UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos have to go immediately.

CONADEH also announced to file a complaint at the MP against the police and the Security Secretariat.

Undeterred, UNAH authorities continue to criminalize the students.

Yesterday, six more students were banned from university for 5 years, totaling 25 students robbed of their right to education.

Even worse, they started a new campaign to portray the students as violent protestors. Nevertheless, this backfired when it was shown that the person breaking the glass door to an administrative building at the UNAH was a private security guard from ESPA. These guards have not only been used frequently to repress the students, but also to infiltrate them and commit such acts under their name.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/depuradora-pide-suspender-a-policias-involucrados-en-incidentes-con-desalojo-en-la-unah.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/12/policias-que-agredieron-a-estudiantes-de-la-unah-se-excedieron-depurador/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/policias-que-atacaron-a-defensores-podrian-ser-depurados/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/12/expediente-policias-utilizaron-gas-pimienta-reprimir-estudiantes-sera-remitido-al-mp/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/conadeh-presentar%C3%A1-ante-el-mp-una-denuncia-en-contra-de-la-secretaria-de-seguridad>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/continuan-las-expulsiones-en-la-unah/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/12/al-verse-descubiertas-autoridades-la-unah-dan-explicaciones-descabelladas/>

<http://tiempo.hn/estudiantes-meu-rompen-puerta-vidrio/>

In a protest against a high-tension electric line in Villa de San Francisco, Francisco Morazán, seven human rights defenders have been criminalized. Today, the initial audience in their case will take place. On this occasions, the local organizations emitted a press release.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/12/36080/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/12/alertan-mayor-criminalizacion-contra-pobladores-que-rechazan-proyecto-lesivo-a-la-salud/>

Wilfredo Méndez, director of Ciprodeh, explains why he and other directors of Honduran human rights organizations (see yesterday) believe that the Alliance for Peace and Justice (APJ), the Association for a More Just Society (ASJ) and Foprideh are too close to the Honduran government and shouldn't be allowed to speak in the name of the Honduran civil society.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/12/falsa-sociedad-civil-se-puso-de-lado-del-opresor-y-de-joh-wilfredo-mendez/>

Defensores en Línea lists some of the criminal and violent acts

committed by members of the Armed Forces to underline why the militarization of state security forces continues to be the wrong answer for guaranteeing public security.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/la-militarizacion-en-honduras-lo-unico-que-esta-dejando-son-muertes/>

The women's rights organization Visitación Padilla denounces that 250 women have been murdered so far this year with an impunity rate of 96%.

<http://tiempo.hn/visitacion-padilla-unas-250-mujeres-asesinadas-lo-va-del-2017/>

The online platform Polétika Honduras should serve as a tool to observe the compliance of presidential candidates with women's rights.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/12/lanzan-plataforma-vigilar-compromiso-presidenciables-los-derechos-las-mujeres/>

<http://rd.poletika.org/es/>

Defensores en Línea reports on the case of Tomas Enrique García Castillo. During the coup, he received various threats and suffered intents of kidnapping. Nevertheless, he stayed in the country to finish his studies. On May 1, 2016, after having participated at the march, he was murdered and his case has rested in impunity ever since.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/verdad-y-justicia-derechos-que-aun-no-llegan-a-victimas-del-golpe-de-estado/>

El Pulso reports on the announced changes to the Organic Law of the High Court of Auditors (TSC). Some criticism about these changes erupted some weeks ago (see previous news round-ups), mostly regarding lowering oversight of the use of public money. This article now concentrates on the question if more financial independence would benefit the institution.

<http://elpulso.hn/es-favorable-para-honduras-otorgar-autonomia-financiera-al-tsc/>

JOH continues to ask Congress to proceed with the bill intended to make the presidential reelection look legal. In the same statement, JOH also spoke out in favor of the right to vote for members of the police and armed forces.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/poder-ejecutivo-pide-al-congreso-discutir-iniciativa-para-reglamentar-la-reeleccion.html>

The total external debt has increased by almost 10% between July 2016 and 2017.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/12/unos-726-5-millones-subio-la-deuda-externa-julio/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3880-dem%C3%B3fobos-12-septiembre-2017>

14/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] Journalists; UNAH; National Police; JOH; Mining; Bajo Aguán; IHSS; Corruption; IACtHR; Migration; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; MACCIH; and in Search of Good Politicians

Carlos Willian Flores, a social communicator working for Channel 22, was murdered yesterday. He was known for his critical reports on palm oil plantations and deforestation. OAS General Secretary Luis Almagro condemns the assassination.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/asesinan-comunicador-en-omoa-cortes>

<http://tiempo.hn/asesinan-comunicador-social-omoa-cortes/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/oea-condena-el-asesinato-del-comunicador-social-en-omoa.html>

C-Libre denounces the recent announcement by UNAH's dean to further criminalize the students if they don't stop their protests. According to C-Libre there are now 73 students with criminal charges for participating in peaceful protests.

Defensores en Línea denounces that the legal accompaniment of the 15 newly criminalized students is being hindered by the secrecy law. COFADEH's lawyer was denied access to the case files when preparing the defense of one of the students.

The representative of the UN Human Rights Office in Honduras, Maria Soledad Pazo, announced that her office met with CONADEH to discuss Friday's attack by the police on human rights defenders and students. In an interview with journalists, Maria Soledad Pazo said that they were denied access to the university by the police.

The police also continues with the repressive acts.

The police and the main press continue with the denigration of the student movement and try to present their own narratives.

At the same time, UNAH authorities announced that they will elect an ad-interim dean to replace Julieta Castellanos after September 25, 2017.

Javier Suazo offers his insightful analysis of the most recent events and he believes that the replacement by Castellanos can be seen as an important victory of the students.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/autoridades-de-la-unah-amenazan-con-m%C3%A1s-represi%C3%B3n-contra-estudiantes-en-protesta>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/en-secretividad-expediente-de-universitarios-criminalizados/>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/13/instituciones-buscan-aclarar-accion-policias-unah/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/oficina-de-ddhh-promete-observar-conflicto-en-la-unah1/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/conadeh-reprocha-brutalidad-policial-contra-universitarios/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/13/sigue-la-represion-estudiantil-la-unah/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/policia-reporta-cinco-agentes-agredidos-por-el-meu.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/13/autoridades-universitarias-aseguran-elegiran-rector-interino/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/achichincles-de-julieta-defenderan-a-su-jefa-hasta-el-ultimo-momento/>

In a recent raid on gang members, a booklet appeared with the name of police officials and agents receiving monthly salaries from the MS-13. The purging committee announced an investigation.

<http://tiempo.hn/investigaran-policias-libros-ms-13/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/investigaran-a-policias-identificados-en-libros-contables-de-la-ms-13.html>

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/188037>

Confidencial published the first part of an investigation into the powerful groups who want JOH to be reelected and how they went about it.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/consorcio-del-crimen-opero-para-instalar-en-la-presidencia-a-juan-orlando-parte-i/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/12/confirmado-el-crimen-se-enquisto-en-el-gobierno-de-juan-orlando-herandez/>

Radio Progreso reports from Azacualpa, Copán, where a mining firm is currently displacing a cemetery against the will of the local inhabitants. The cemetery is inside the mining concession and the company announced that it will exhume more than 250 graves. To counteract protests, the cemetery is occupied by the Military Police.

<http://radioprogreso.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3884-ni-la-memoria-ni-los-muertos-frenan-la-extracci%C3%B3n-minera-en-honduras>

In just two weeks, 21 campesinxs were newly criminalized in the Bajo Aguán.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/criminalizan-a-21-campesinos-y-campesinas-en-las-ultimas-dos-semanas-en-el-bajo-aguan/>

ConfidencialHN reports on statements by the Attorney General (of the PGR not the MP) Abrahán Alvarenga that some of the stolen funds from the IHSS corruption scandal ended up at the Administrative Office for Seized Goods (OABI).

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/procurador-asegura-que-dinero-de-empresas-fachadas-utilizado-en-campana-de-joh-esta-en-la-oabi/>

InSight Crime criticizes that El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras don't show the same political will to go after corruption than to go after Maras. They write that the latest arrest of gang members as part of the Operation Regional Shield "suggest that authorities are continuing with business as usual when it comes to localized, heavy-handed anti-gang operations, rather than shifting their efforts towards the elite corruption that facilitates so much criminality in the region." Criterio reports on the two different approaches chosen by the pensions funds of the Honduran lawyer and journalist associations respectively. While the former demands an investigation by the MP, the latter actively blocks one.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/elite-crime-scandals-centam-anti-gang-focus>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/13/abogados-tras-saqueadores-pensiones-periodistas-ocultan-informacion/>

Honduran human rights organization held a forum on the compliance of Honduras with sentences by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. A court's representative, Gabriela Pacheco, called out to the Honduran government to do more to combat impunity. The general impunity reigning in Honduras was also highlighted by CEJIL's Ana Marcia Águiz. Out of the 11 cases seen by the IACtHR, nine haven't been complied with.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/tribunal-latinoamericano-pide-a-honduras-combatir-la-impunidad/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/denuncian-indolencia-de-estado-hondureno-ante-fallos-judiciales/>

Regional and international human rights organization asked the IACHR to demand better protection by El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras for returning migrants.

<http://radioprogreso.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3885-istan-a-gobiernos-del-tri%C3%A1ngulo-norte-a-proteger-a-migrantes-retornados-v%C3%ADctimas-de-la-violencia>

The Opposition Alliance announced that they will decide until the end of the month if they will participate in the elections. Rodolfo Pastor compares the environmental policies of the three main parties, the Liberal Party, the Opposition Alliance and the National Party. He highlights the plan by the Opposition Alliance in which the protection of the environment is cross-cutting all government policies. The TSE hopes to get the necessary funds to print the ballot papers next

month.

Human rights defender Reina Rivera fears that attacks on human rights defenders such as the one on Friday will increase in the light of the coming elections.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/alianza-definira-muy-pronto-si-va-o-no-a-elecciones/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/13/medio-ambiente-los-planes-gobierno-voto/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/tse-la-espera-de-desembolso-para-la-impresi%C3%B3n-de-papeletas-electorales>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/entre-mas-se-acerque-el-proceso-electoral-mas-se-violentaran-los-derechos-humanos/>

Libre denounces the persecution of various of their political leaders on Olancho by the National Party.

<http://tiempo.hn/libre-denuncia-persecucion-del-gobierno/>

To further push for the approval of the Efficient Collaboration Bill, the MACCIH presented an Internet platform showing the voting intention of congresswo/men.

PINU congressman Aníbal Cálix denounces that there are congresswo/men actively working against the approval of the bill.

The Honduran businesswoman and former COHEP president, Juliette Handal, calls the Hondurans to the streets to protest against the illegal reelection and in support of the MACCIH and its investigations.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/plataforma-virtual-identificara-intencion-de-voto-sobre-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz.html>

<http://lostenemos.com/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/denuncian-que-algunos-diputados-entorpecen-aprobacion-de-ley-de-colaboracion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/13/empresaria-recomienda-seguir-ejemplo-de-guatemala-y-salir-a-las-calles/>

<http://elpulso.hn/buscar-politicos-buenos-para-honduras/>

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[Presente-Honduras] UNAH; National Police; Repression; OFRANEH; Bajo Aguán; Reelection; JOH; (Re)Elections; Political Opposition; IACtHR; MACCIH; Corruption; Journalists; Penitentiary System; Infrastructure; IMF; and This is not Normal

Police sub-commissioner Meza negated in a TV program the use of excessive force by the police when attacking students and human rights defenders last Friday.

The International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) doesn't agree, calling out to the Honduran government to investigate the behavior by the police and to end all criminalization and defamation of both the students and human rights defenders.

The US embassy also published a press release. It asks of the Honduran police force to "guarantee the physical safety of the protesters", to "uphold high ethical standards and to avoid excessive use of force".

In their press release, the US embassy writes that they meet with the police, human rights organization and other interested parties. UNAH authorities complain that they haven't meet with the embassy so far. Nevertheless, they still use to US' press release to present their actions as justified.

A judge dismissed the criminalizing charges against 6 of the over 70 students facing trial.

<http://ciprodeh.org.hn/campanas/policia-sigue-negando-que-hubo-abuso-excesivo-de-la-fuerza-en-los-hechos-contra-defensores-el-pasado-8-de-septiembre/>

<https://www.fidh.org/es/temas/defensores-de-derechos-humanos/honduras-unah-12-defensores-de-ddhh-detenido-arbitrariamente>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/14/embajada-ee-uu-pide-la-policia-hondurena-garantizar-seguridad-fisica-los-universitarios/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/14/autoridades-la-unah/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/unah-aplaude-postura-de-embajada-de-eeuu-al-llamar-a-respetar-ddhh-de-todos.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/el-juez-los-libera-y-la-unah-los-expulsa/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/14/dictan-sobreseimiento-definitivo-favor-seis-universitarios/>

Believing the police to be involved in the murder of an 18-year old teenager, inhabitants of Chiquila, Santa Bárbara, burnt down the local police station.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/14/enardecidos-pobladores-queman-posta-policial/>

Guadalupe Ruelas, director of Casa Alianza, denounces the growing use of so-called wild hordes ("tubas fugaces") by the state to have them attack human rights defenders and protesters in general.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/turbas-fugaces-la-formula-del-gobierno-para-lavarse-las-manos/>

OFRANEH juxtaposes the ten year anniversary of the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing criminalization of Garífunas in Honduras.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/09/14/honduras-una-decada-de-la-declaracion-de-naciones-unidas-sobre-pueblos-indigenas-y-persecucion-garifunas-en-honduras/>

The Agrarian Platform of the Aguán Valley reports in its newest press release on the trial of the campesino Salvador Enrique. He as granted conditional liberty. He has to sign in at the court every other week and he is not allowed to approach the land being recuperated.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/09/honduras-campesinos-exigen-tierras-de.html>

Writing about the presidential reelection, Albany Flores doesn't mince words: "The petition of the current president to have Congress regulate the presidential reelection is high treason."

<http://elpulso.hn/regular-la-reeleccion-no-gracias/>

The former president of the business lobby COHEP, Eduardo Facussé, denounces the collusion between corrupt businessmen and the Honduran government.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/14/empresario-cuestiona-la-falta-de-institucionalidad-en-el-orlandismo/>

The RNP announced that it will succeed in delivering on time the missing one million identity card for the general elections.

The TSE postponed several times this week the presentation of the electoral census. Now they announced that it will take another two weeks, apparently for investigating the denouncements about illegal changes of domicile.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/m%C3%A1s-de-un-mill%C3%B3n-de-tarjetas-de-identidad-ser%C3%A1n-entregadas-ante-el-26-de-noviembre>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/tse-prorroga-por-15-dias-revision-de-los-traslados-electorales.html>

Salvador Nasralla, presidential candidate of the Opposition Alliance, meet with the G-16.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/nasralla-pide-al-g16-que-participe-activamente-en-elecciones-generales.html>

Defensores en Línea reports on Wednesday's event on the sentences by the IACtHR regarding Honduras and the missing compliance by the Honduran state. Human rights expert Joaquín Mejía Rivera published a five-minute video commentary.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/sin-investigaciones-que-conduzcan-a-identificar-procesar-y-sancionar-a-las-personas-responsables-continua-la-desproteccion-de-las-victimas/>

<https://joaquinmejiaivera.blogspot.ch/2017/09/video-estado-de-honduras-padece-de.html>

<http://www.hispantv.com/noticias/honduras/353482/gobierno-incapaz-justicia-ciudadanos-ddhh>

The MACCIH recommends some changes to the organic law of the TSC to strengthen the investigation into illicit enrichment.

MACCIH's Juan Jiménez Mayor gave an interview to Proceso Digital. He says that they lack the necessary tools to do their job, e.g. the Efficient Collaboration Bill has still not been approved.

The former Attorney General, Edmundo Orellana, believes that the MACCIH made a mistake by wanting to collaborate with those sectors of civil society close to the government.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/maccih-recomienda-establecer-la-autonomia-de-la-investigacion-penal-en-casos-de-enriquecimiento-ilicito.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/los-procesos-de-la-maccih-y-la-cicig-son-irreversibles-jimenez-mayor.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/14/el-error-de-jimenez-fue-confiar-en-organizaciones-civiles-que-son-apendices-del-gobierno/>

Criterio presents some new disturbing facts about the corruption surrounding the pension funds of journalists.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/14/miente-presidente-de-los-periodistas-el-gobierno-asigno-fondos-para-pensiones-pero-no-los-cobraron/>

The social communicator and Liberal candidate for Congress, Víctor Manuel Pineda, was kidnapped on September 4. The police says that they won't investigate if the family doesn't want them to.

PEN Honduras and PEN Canada held their annual prize ceremony "Writing The three winners are Wendy Fúnes, El Libertador and Suyapa Banegas.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1108383-466/polic%C3%ADa-nacional-no-investiga-secuestro-del-comunicador-social-v%C3%ADctor-manuel-pineda>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/14/pen-honduras-entrega-hoy-los-premios-escribir-sin-miedo-2017/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2428-el-libertador-gana-premio-internacional-periodismo-de-investigacion>

Conaprev reports on the first cases of Tuberculosis in the new prisons El Pozo and La Tolva.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/14/reportan-los-primeros-enfermos-de-tuberculosis-en-el-pozo-y-la-tolva/>

The Infrastructure and Public Services Secretary Roberto Pineda announced a \$100 million investment for the reconstruction of the highway to Honduras' east.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/reconstrucci%C3%B3n-de-carretera-que-conduce-al-orient-del-pa%C3%ADs-costar%C3%A1-100-millones>

The IMF praises Honduras economic policy after a four-day visit to the country.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/economia/1108391-466/fondo-monetario-internacional-alaba-logros-econ%C3%B3micos-del-gobierno-de-honduras>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3728-no-es-normal-27-junio-2017>

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[Presente-Honduras] Journalists; Independence; Reelection; Women's Rights; ZEDE; Extractive Industries; Judicial Power; Political Opposition; Maras; Pech; and Photoshop Addiction by Honduran Politicians

The Inter-American Press Society (SIP) demands swift and efficient investigations by the Honduran and Mexican authorities in the most recent murders of journalists in their countries.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/sip-pide-indagacion-de-asesinato-de-periodistas-en-honduras-y-mexico.html>

Honduras went to the street on its independence day. Popular movements, the newly formed Convergence against Continuity as well as the the political oppositions seized the opportunity to protest against the presidential reelection. They were greeted by police repression and tear gas.

Albany Flores emphasizes that on this day, the only independence than can be celebrated is the one from the Spanish Imperium. But there are other dependencies still in place today, i.e. from the US and international financial institutions.

Defensores en Línea writes of an "repressed independence".

ContraCorriente put together some photographic impressions from the march in San Pedro Sula.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1898-policia-reprime-manifestantes-disidentes-al-gobierno-en-movilizacion-del-15-de-septiembre>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/como-en-el-golpe-de-estado-policias-y-cobras-reprimen-movilizacion-popular>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/gas-lacrimogeno-y-agua-quimica-tambien-estuvieron-presentes-en-la-movilizacion-contra-el-continuismo/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/unidad-frente-a-los-delincuentes/>

<http://elpulso.hn/cual-independencia-la-de-centroamerica-del-imperio-espanol/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/independencia-reprimida/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3888-construir-soberan%C3%ADa-el-gran-reto-de-nuestros-tiempos>

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/09/15/los-rostros-de-la-independencia/>

ContraCorriente explains how it came to a de facto - but not de jure -

reelection bid by JOH. It is another lesson of Machiavellian statesmanship which left the opposition with their back to the wall, either accepting the regulation of the reelection in Congress (which still wouldn't make it legal) or leaving the option open for a more than one-term reelection.

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/09/15/el-flacido-rechazo-a-una-reeleccion-impuesta/>

The Coalition Todas, a women's rights movement, published a press release outlining why women take to the streets on independence day: to protest intimidation, threats, attacks and criminalization; to protest the growing number of femicides; and to protest the selling of their land to extractive industry projects.

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<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/16/mujeres-organizadas-honduras-se-rebelan-indiferencia-estatal-ante-problematica-viven/>

The Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition published a guide on strategies by women against extractive industry projects.

<http://movimientom4.org/wp-content/docs/tejiendo-la-resistencia-a-traves-de-la-accion-web.pdf>

JOH used the official independence day celebrations to push the idea of the special Employment and Economic Development Zones (ZEDEs). Criterio highlights the irony to present an idea most see as a direct attack on Honduran sovereignty on independence day.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/15/al-festejar-la-independencia-joh-anuncia-arranque-las-ciudades-modelo/>

Criterio juxtaposes the court cases of Rigoberto Paredes Vélez and Lena Gutiérrez. The former was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the murder of Eduardo Montes Manzano, lawyer of Congress' then vice-president Lena Gutierrez. The latter, even though accused of crimes against public health, falsification of documents, fraud and more, had set bail at 20 million Lempiras, which she paid to wait trial outside prison. She continues to receive her paychecks from Congress without being present there.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/16/justicia-hondurena-20-anos-carcel-rigoberto-paredes-frente-los-20-millones-lempiras-fianza-lena-gutierrez-defenderse-libertad/>

Criterio reports on a new strategy by Maras: the use of small business for money laundering. Carlos Carcach speaks of an evolution from a parasitic relationship (paying extortion money) to a symbiotic one (money laundering).

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/15/pandilleros-honduras-se-asocian-pequenos-empresarios/>

For the second time in a bit over a month, the headquarter of PINU was assaulted.

As the last time, the police speaks of common crime.

<http://tiempo.hn/la-sede-del-pinu-asalto/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/policia-atribuye-robo-en-sede-del-pinu-sd-a-delincuencia-comun.html>

Honduras' indigenous Pech are among 15 indigenous communities being celebrated by the UNDP for innovating solutions to poverty and climate change.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/ind%C3%ADgenas-de-la-etnia-pech-ser%C3%A1n-premiados-en-nueva-york>

<http://tiempo.hn/abuso-de-photoshop-politicos-hondurenos-elecciones-generales/>

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The sub-director of the National Penitentiary Institute (INP) holds the police responsible for the escape on Saturday of two members of the Mara 18 from the penal court in Tegucigalpa.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/17/autoridad-penitenciaria-culpa-la-policia-nacional-por-escape-de-pandilleros-de-juzgados/>

Criterio reports on an initiative from Guatemala, where several restaurants publicly announced to stop serving corrupt congresswo/men.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/17/reconocidos-restaurantes-negocios-guatemala-prohiben-la-entrada-diputados/>

Congresswoman Fátima Mena emphasizes there is enough time to approve the Efficient Collaboration Bill needed by the MACCIH to improve its work. She criticizes at the same time the excuses presented so far not to proceed with the bill.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/a-criterio-de-diputada-mena-aun-existe-el-tiempo-para-aprobacion-de-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz.html>

Proceso Digital reports that foreign direct investment (FDI) in Honduras increased by 2.6% in the second quarter of 2017 in comparison with 2016. More FDI came from Europe than from the US, Canada and Mexico combined.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/inversion-extranjera-directa-en-honduras-crece-un-2-6-en-segundo-trimestre.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/capturan-power-rangers-en-el-progreso/>

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[Presente-Honduras] HRDs; Garífunas; Reelection; National Party; (Re)Elections; ZEDE; US; Poverty; MACCIH; Bajo Aguán; Children; Penitentiary System; Judicial Power; IMF; WB; and Believing in Honduras

Pasos de Animal Grande denounces that there have been no substantial consequences regarding the attacks by police agents against students and human rights defenders on Friday, September 8. Meanwhile, the human rights defenders still suffer from the attack.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/1899-sin-castigo-los-policias-responsables-a-dos-semanas-de-la-represion-contra-defensores-de-derechos-humanos>

Pasos de Animal Grande published its third installment on Garífuna apartheid in Honduras, which looks at the most recent wave of criminalization.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/apartheid-garifuna/item/1897-apartheid-garifuna-en-el-caribe-de-honduras-iii>

According to a new report by FOSDEH, the current national budget has been designed for the presidential reelection. It lacks long term objectives, but rather contains elements for the sake of electoral purposes.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/18/presupuesto-general-la-republica-esta-disenado-la-reeleccion-joh-fosdeh/>

The political analyst Raúl Pineda Alvarado believes that the reelection campaign could turn out to be a mistake for the National Party in the long run. According to him, there is not even a consensus inside the National Party. He then criticizes their last eight year in power for their attack on the Republican system by making both the Judicial and the Legislative Power "appendices" of the Executive Power. Speaking to Radio HRN, Pineda says that the 130 Billion Lempiras invested in security the last four years haven't brought forward the wished results.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/18/la-reeleccion-error-le-puede-costar-caro-al-partido-nacional/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/la-inversi%C3%B3n-de-l130-mil-millones-en-seguridad-no-son-acordes-con-los-resultados-dice>

The Clean Politics Unit met yesterday to discuss their failure to have candidates sign up for more transparency in their campaign finances. Only 10% have done it so far. The MACCIH believes that the Clean Politics Bill was successful in reigning in campaign spending. An article in Proceso Digital explains how the bill is supposed to work. Liberal presidential candidate Luis Zelaya repeated yesterday that his party won't recognize the results of the coming elections if they will be transmitted either directly by the company Mapa Soluciones or if their software will be used for it.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/18/comisionados-politica-limpia-daran-ultimatum-candidatos-presenten-cuentas-bancarias/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/18/ley-politica-limpia-neutralizo-la-exagerada-propaganda-electoral-jimenez-mayor/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/fijan-controles-a-los-aportantes-en-campanas.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/18/36301/>

JOH arrived in the US yesterday. Next to participating at the UN, he intends to promote the notorious Special Employment and Economic Development Zones (ZEDEs). Proceso Digital reports that there will be a forum in Dallas called "Honduras is ready for you".

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/18/joh-iniciara-cruzada-ee-uu-la-venta-honduras-traves-ciudades-modelo/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/honduras-promovera-en-estados-unidos-zonas-especiales-de-empleo.html>

In the US, JOH met with Thomas Shannon, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/honduras-y-eeuu-tienen-una-agenda-muy-productiva-fructifera-y-positiva-thomas-shannon.html>

Criterio juxtaposes JOH's pretension of having successfully fought poverty with the reality in Honduras, where according to FOSDEH 65% of all Hondurans live under conditions of poverty.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/18/honduras-esta-sumida-la-pobreza-joh-disertara-las-naciones-unidas-combatir-este-flagelo/>

Congress finally nominated the commission responsible to draft MACCIH's Efficient Collaboration Bill. Both the MACCIH as well as oppositional congresswo/men have demanded this for months.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/18/nombran-comision-dictaminara-ley-colaboracion-eficaz/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/18/diputados-exigen-inmediata-aprobacion-de-ley-de-colaboracion/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2430-activista-suena-que-en-honduras-sardinas-frien-peces-gordos>

Avispa reports on the most recent cases of persecution and criminalization of campesinos in the Bajo Aguán. The police announced the arrest of the supposed murdered of two young campesinos in June 2016.

<http://avispa.org/2017/09/18/honduras-continua-persecucion-campesinos-aguan/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/18/capturan-al-autor-material-del-asesinato-dos-jovenes-campesinos-aguan/>

According to an article by Radio HRN, the Honduran state continues to prosecute an eight-year old for attempted homicide. ConfidencialHN also reports on the case, writing that the child is ten years old.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/ligereza-en-la-justicia-emiten-orden-de-captura-en-contra-de-menor-de-8-%C3%B1os>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/18/solo-en-honduras-enjuician-a-nino-de-10-anos-por-supuesto-crimen/>

After the escape of two maras from the penal court in Tegucigalpa, three guards have been brought to trial. The Honduran government presented plans for a new prison for over 3000 inmates outside San Pedro Sula. The prison inside San Pedro Sula is supposed to be closed down by October 15. For this purpose, inmates were transferred to other prisons. But during this process, a fire broke inside the prison.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/audiencia-de-declaraci%C3%B3n-de-imputado-tres-guardias-implicados-en-la-fuga-de-dos-pandilleros>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/gobierno-construira-centro-penitenciario-industrial-en-naco.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/centro-penal-de-sps-pasara-a-la-historia-a-partir-del-15-de-octubre-joh.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/18/a-punto-de-incendiarse-carcel-sampedrana-cuando-trasladaban-reos/>

The MP wants to bring the former national judge Liz María Núñez to trial. She is accused of having let herself be influenced by the already sentenced former vice-president of the Judicial Council Teodoro Bonilla to let free two members of organized crime.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/18/pediran-juicio-oral-contr-exjueza-que-se-dejo-influenciar-por-exconcejal-corrupto/>

The former president of the Honduran Central Bank, Hugo Noé Pino, raised some questions regarding the recent visit by the IMF. Intended as a revision of Honduras, it took only four days instead of the usual 10-14 days and the resulting statement by the IMF lacks references to quantitative goals. The current president of the Central Bank pretends that everything is alright.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/18/visita-del-fmi-genera-debate-economistas/>

The World Bank has a new president for Central America.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/banco-mundial-designa-nueva-directora-para-centroamerica.html>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3841-creemos-23-agosto-2017>

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[Presente-Honduras] HRDs; UNAH; Journalists; Penal Code; JOH; (Re)Elections; Extradition; Armed Forces; Bajo Aguán; Children; EU; ZEDEs; Penitentiary System; Corruption; National Police; and the March for Non-Violence and Peace

Various directors of Honduran human rights organizations filed an official complaint at the MP for the police attacks against human rights defenders and students on September 8.

PBI emitted an alert about the situation of the four attacked human rights defenders.

<http://ciprodeh.org.hn/noticias/organizaciones-de-derechos-humanos-denuncian-a-policias-y-fiscales-agresores-de-defensores-de-derechos-humanos/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/monitoreo-de-compromisos-internacionales/item/1901-alerta-pbi-honduras-intimidacion-uso-excesivo-de-la-fuerza-y-criminalizacion-de-las-personas-defensoras-en-el-marco-de-la-crisis-de-la-unah>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/19/trato-brutal-de-policias-contra-ciudadanos-no-debe-quedar-impune/>

Another outcome of the repression on September 8 were nine new arrest warrants for students. Six of them presented themselves voluntarily to the court and they were released with alternative measures to imprisonment. Among them is the prohibition to go close to the UNAH impeding not just their participation in protest but also the possibility to study. They denounce this as a violation of their right to study.

Radios Comunitarias published an interview with a spokesperson of MEU, Roxana Corrales Vázquez, who goes back to 2016 to offer some background information of the root causes of today's crisis.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/no-se-acerquen-la-unah-medida-impuesta-por-juez-estudiantes-criminalizados>

<http://tiempo.hn/juez-medidas-sustitutivas-dirigentes-meu/>

<http://www.radioscomunitarias.info/policia-ataca-a-defensores-defensoras-derechos-humanos-estudiantes-en-honduras/>

The IACHR condemns the murder of the Honduran journalist Carlos William Flores on September 13 and demands a thorough investigation.

<http://ciprodeh.org.hn/noticias/relatoria-especial-condena-asesinato-del-periodista-carlos-william-flores-en-honduras-e-insta-a-investigar-relacion-con-su-actividad-periodistica/>

ConfidencialHN reports that Congress approved Article 590 of the Penal Code which equates protest with terrorism.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/19/y-la-oposicion-aprueban- apartado-que-criminaliza-protesta-social/>

Criterion published JOH's discourse at the UN General Assembly in New York. He claims that the murder rate was 75 per 100'000 in 2013 and that they reduced it by 30 points. UNAH's violence observatory reported a murder rate of 79 in 2013 and one of 59. He then claims that Honduras improved its position in the Global Peace Index by 17 positions, while in reality

it was six. And he mentions once more terrorism as a threat for Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/19/joh-pinta-una-honduras-mas-segura-menos-corrupta-ante-asamblea-la-onu/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1032902-466/a-59-lleg%C3%B3-la-tasa-de-homicidios-en-el-a%C3%B1o-2016>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/07/02/honduras-pais-mas-avanza-indice-paz-global/>

Radio Progreso is very pessimistic about the coming general elections writing that the so-called "Honduran-style elections" have reached a new low point.

Not just JOH is currently in the US, Salvador Nasralla also arrived there yesterday. In meetings in DC he denounces a systematic electoral fraud put in place by the JOH administration.

The Clean Politics Unit, meanwhile, gives candidates ten more days to present their account statements.

According to the TSE, there are 6'047'000 eligible voters for the coming elections, an increase of 250'000 compared to 2013.

The political parties received half (30 million Lempiras) of the so-called "political debt" owed to them by the TSE.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3891-el-verdadero-fraude-electoral-19-septiembre-2017>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/19/nasralla-viaja-ee-uu-denunciar-fraude-electoral-sistematico/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/19/unidad-politica-limpia-da-10-dias-plazo-candidatos-presenten-cuentas-bancarias/>

<http://tiempo.hn/251736-votantes-censo-nacional-electoral/>

<http://tiempo.hn/30-millones-lempiras-deuda-politica-partidos/>

Speaking in the US, Salvador Nasralla also mentions the supposed extradition requests by the US for one sitting mayor and two member of Congress. According to Nasralla, JOH is currently ignoring these requests fearing that it could harm his electoral campaign.

The former police commissioner María Luisa Borjas backs up these claims.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/19/nasralla-viaja-ee-uu-denunciar-fraude-electoral-sistematico/>

<http://tiempo.hn/nasralla-asegura-alcalde-diputado-lista-extradicion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/19/comisionada-de-policia-afirma-que-presidente-del-supremo-tiene-pedidos-de-extradicion-de-exfuncionarios/>

The Opposition Alliance filled a complaint for treason against the head of the Armed Forces, Francisco Isaías Álvarez. They accuse of failing to prohibit an unconstitutional reelection bid by JOH.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/19/por-traicion-a-la-patria-y-otros-delitos-opositores-denuncian-al-jefe-de-las-ff-aa/>

The MP emitted three new arrest warrants for men involved in murders in the Bajo Aguán.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/presentan-nuevos-requerimientos-fiscales-contra-involucrados-en-crmenes-en-el-aguan.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/19/libran-requerimientos-contra-responsables-de-asesinatos-en-el-aguan/>

ConfidencialHN published more information on the eleven year old boy brought to trial for attempted murder.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/19/irresponsabilidad-de-polemico-juez-tiene-en-el-banquillo-de-los-acusados-a-un-nino/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/19/defensor-de-ddhh-ni-sabe-que-hizo-la-fiscalia-en-juicio-de-nino/>

Proceso Digital reports on a meeting by a parliamentary delegation from the EU with Honduran members of Congress.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/parlamentarios-de-la-ue-se-reunen-con-el-cn-para-tratar-temas-comerciales-ddhh-y-elecciones.html>

OFRANEH denounces JOH's attempt to promote the ZEDEs during his visit in the US.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2017/09/19/la-muerte-de-las-ciudades-modelo-zede-y-su-improbable-resurreccion/>

Honduras' penitentiary system suffers another prison break. Two inmates escaped in Nueva Ocotepeque. Family members of inmates imprisoned in El Pozo and La Tolva demand their right to visit.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/19/honduras-dos-reclusos-protagonizan-espectacular-fuga-del-penal-de-ocotepeque/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/19/familiares-de-inquilinos-de-el-pozo-i-y-ii-exigen-derecho-a-la-visita/>

The former mayor of San Pedro Sula, Rodolfo Padilla Sunseri, has been accused of corruption. Up to now he was allowed to await his trial in freedom, but no a judge decided he should be imprisoned preventively.

<http://elpulso.hn/padilla-sunceri-a-la-carcel/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2432-cambian-medidas-y-va-a-la-carcel-exalcalde-hondureno>

171 police officials are being scrutinized to check if they should be promoted.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/19/171-oficiales-policia-evaluados-ascender-al-grado-inmediato-superior/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/171-oficiales-se-someten-a-evaluaciones-para-ascender-de-rango.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/19/marcha-centroamericana-la-noviencia-la-paz-concluye-8-resoluciones/>

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[Presente-Honduras] HRDs; Penal Code; Berta - UN; Agua Zarca; MACCIH; Bajo Aguán; National Police; UNAH; Forced Disappearance; (Re)Elections; Corruption; Violence; and Remembering Padre Guadalupe

The UN Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights, Andrew Gilmour, presented a report to the Human Rights Council about human rights defenders who have suffered retaliation and threats for participating at meetings at the UN. Honduras is one of the 29 countries mentioned in the report.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/20/honduras-venezuela-paises-castigan-activistas-derechos-humanos-onu/>

The approval of Article 590 of the Penal Code makes negative headlines. On the one hand for deepening the already existing criminalization of

protest, on the other hand for the way it came about. Just before the vote, some 30 congresswo/men "disappeared", lowering the necessary quorum to a level that the article was approved by only the votes of the National Party.

This is the second article, after Article 335, which links social protest with terrorism.

<http://elpulso.hn/oposicion-ayuda-a-penalizar-criminalizacion-social/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/congreso-nacional-aprueba-delito-del-terrorismo-con-fines-de-criminalizaci%C3%B3n-la-protesta>

<http://tiempo.hn/aprueban-articulo-que-criminaliza-protestas/>

<http://hondudiario.com/2017/09/20/aprobacion-de-articulo-590-que-criminaliza-la-protesta-social-rasel-tome/>

Bertha Zúniga spoke at the UN about the impunity in her mother's murder case.

<http://copinhonduras.blogspot.co.uk/2017/09/bertha-zuniga-coordinadora-general-del.html>

Emersinde de Strijcker focused in her master thesis at the Utrecht University on the Agua Zarca project, using it "as the catalyst for narrating different types of human-environmental relations occurring in indigenous Lenca territory."

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The MACCIH and the MP seized documents at the ENEE regarding their corruption investigation into the Agua Zarca case.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/20/maccih-mp-secuestran-documentos-la-enee-torno-al-caso-berta-caceres/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/secuestran-documentos-en-dos-alcaldias-de-lempira-enee-y-mi-ambiente.html>

José Alfredo Rodríguez, a member of the campesino group Empresa Campesina Gregorio Chavez was assassinated in the Paso Aguan plantation this morning. According to his family, he had been threatened repeatedly by private security guards working for Dinant Corporation and by soldiers on various occasions.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/09/honduras-asesinan-campesino-en-finca.html>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/09/honduras-coordinadora-de.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/asesinan-campesino-en-finca-paso-aguan-dinant/>

El Tiempo reports on a "brutal beating" by the police of a female street vendor in Tegucigalpa.

<http://tiempo.hn/policias-municipales-golpiza-vendedora/>

The student movement MEU presented a proposal to re-initiate classes on September 26.

There are 28 candidates to replace Julieta Castellanos as UNAH's dean. And already controlling her legacy, Proceso Digital published a 2000 words article praising the work of Julieta Castellanos.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/20/meu-propone-iniciar-de-cero-el-segundo-periodo-academico-en-la-unah/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/meu-desconoce-disposicion-del-cn-y-presenta-otra-propuesta-en-unah.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/unos-28-candidatos-cumplen-requisitos-rector-la-unah/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/salud-y-sociedad/5-salud-y-sociedad/cuando-la-gente-muestra-su-amor-por-la-unah-eso-no-tiene-precio-julieta-castellanos.html>

Defensores en Línea commemorates Elsa Gómez, “doña Elsitita, who died with 88 years after having looked for her detained and disappeared son Miguel Ángel García Gómez for 24 years.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/otra-madre-que-se-va-sin-encontrar-justicia/>

It must be another one of these coincidences that 23'000 public employees and an additional 60'000 teachers were granted a 1000 Lempiras salary adjustment just weeks before the elections.

The TSE received two offers by companies wanting to take over the work by Mapa Soluciones, i.e. to certify the transmission and transcription of the electoral results.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/20/cohep-aplaude-incremento-salarial-sector-publico/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/20/beneficio-economico-aumento-empleados-publicos-casi-nulo-julio-raudales/>

<http://elpulso.hn/empresas-informaticas-presentan-ofertas-al-tse/>

Rodolfo Padilla Sunseri, the former mayor of San Pedro Sula, disappeared after a judge decided that he has to await trial from a prison cell.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2435-policia-desconoce-paradero-de-exedil-padilla-sunseri>

The murder of a teacher at the Technical Institute Honduras (ITH) caused many reactions.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/20/ultiman-a-docente-del-instituto-tecnico-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/20/docente-asesinado-por-supuesto-marero-ya-estaba-realizando-tramites-de-jubilacion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/20/temerosos-estudiantes-exigen-mas-seguridad/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/20/portavoz-policial-asegura-que-crimen-contra-docente-es-un-caso-fortuito-o-aislado/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/20/catedratico-revela-que-estudiante-lo-amenazo-con-encostarlo1/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3893-padre-guadalupe-34-a-%C3%B1os-de-iluminar-luchas-del-campesinado-hondure%C3%B1o>

22/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] UN; HRDs; Journalists; UNAH; Penal Code; Violence; (Re)Elections; PAC; Migration; JOH; Israel; and Luis Zelaya's Loose Tongue

A recently published report by the Assistant Secretary General of the UN makes headlines in Honduras. The report includes Honduras in a list of countries where human rights defenders suffer retaliation for participating in UN bodies.

See attachment

<http://tiempo.hn/honduras-paises-mas-peligrosos-para-los-defensores-de-ddhh/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/onu-incluye-a-honduras-entre-los-paises-que-castigan-a-activistas-de-derechos-humanos/>

According to an investigation by ConfidencialHN, only one person has been sentenced for attacking a human rights defender in Honduras since the coup d'état in 2009.

The Coalition against Impunity launched a new campaign called "I defend" to make the work of human rights defenders in Honduras visible. It is meant as a counter-campaign against the increasing attacks by the Honduran government and the media outlets close to it to denigrate human rights defenders and their work.

One year ago, the human rights defender Gladys Lanza died after having dedicating her life to the defense of women's rights. In her last years, she was increasingly attacked by the Honduran state which led to her being sentenced for defamation for defending a victim of sexual violence. Yesterday, the Women's Peace Movement "Visitación Padilla" commemorated her life and struggle.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/21/impunidad-solo-una-persona-ha-sido-condenada-por-atacar-a-defensores-de-ddhh/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3897-yo-defiendo-una-campa%C3%B1a-que-resalta-labor-de-defensores-y-defensoras-de-derechos-humanos-en-honduras>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/chonas-honran-memoria-de-gladys-lanza/>

Not even a month after an attack against the director of El Libertador and his wife, someone left a threatening message just outside of the newspaper's offices: a chalk drawing of a body with the words "RIP" (rest in peace).

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2438-descanse-en-paz-dejan-mensaje-frente-a-oficinas-de-el-libertador>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/21/frente-al-libertador-dejan-mensaje-descanse-paz/>

UNAH's dean Julieta Castellanos, in her last days in that position, announced a salary reduction for teachers participating in the protests. At the same time, her PR campaign in the main media outlets continues.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/21/julieta-castellanos-advierte-deduccion-salarial-al-menos-30-docentes/>

<http://tiempo.hn/julieta-castellanos-a-pesar-de-las-criticas-me-voy-con-la-frente-en-alto/>

CONADEH asks the Judicial Power to analyze the newly approved Article 590 of the Penal Code on the grounds of it possibly violating international human rights treaties.

For human rights organizations, there is no doubt that this is the case.

The labor unions also denounce that it violates its right to protest.

In resistance to the new article, the March of the Torches announced taking to the streets once more today.

El Pulso lists all the congresswo/men according to how they voted or if they were absent.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/conadeh-llama-al-poder-judicial-analizar-el-art%C3%ADculo-590-del-cp-antes-de-aplicarlo>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn//noticias/con-la-aprobaci%C3%B3n-del-articulo-590-se-violenta-el-derecho-la-protesta-seg%C3%BAAn-espinoza>

<http://tiempo.hn/antorchas-calles-penalizaran-protesta-social/>

<http://elpulso.hn/votacion-cn-terrorismo/>

Frauke Decoodt investigated the violence against the young in Honduras, where over half of murder victims are under 30 years old. In her report she also highlights the important fact that only "verified murders" enter the statistics and that for fear of reprisals, a lot of

disappearances are not being reported.

As part of her investigation, Frauke Decoodt recorded various testimonials. El Pulso published one by the 24 year old Kevin, who fled to the US after being beating and threatened by the police.

<http://elpulso.hn/estan-exterminando-a-nuestros-jovenes/>

<http://elpulso.hn/quien-se-meta-con-la-policia-muere/>

Both the Liberal Party and Libre criticize the most recent CID-Gallup poll for the presidential elections, which has JOH in the lead. According to Libre congressman Jorge Cáliz, CID-Gallup saw Pepe Lobo win by a 12% margin against Manuel Zelaya in 2005, while the latter won by 4%. Furthermore, he claims that the surveys are paid by the Honduran government itself.

Congress nominated a new commission to investigate why congresswo/men have problems opening bank accounts for the coming general elections as the new Clean Politics Bill prescribes them to do.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/21/partido-liberal-libre-descalifican-encuesta-cid-gallup/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/nombran-comision-especial-para-investigar-por-que-bancos-no-abren-cuentas-a-candidatos-electorales.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/21/3480612/>

PAC continues to loose its congresswo/men, as three more left the political institution to join the Liberal Party.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/21/sigue-transfuguismo-se-unen-cuatro-diputados-al-partido-liberal/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/21/con-migracion-de-dos-parlamentarios-al-liberalismo-desaparece-el-partido-anticorrupcion/>

Radio Progreso summarizes what the first nine month of the Trump administration meant for Central American migrants.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3898-pol%C3%ADtica-migratoria-de-trump-provoca-miedos-e-incertidumbre-en-centroam%C3%A9rica>

La Tribuna reports from JOH's "We are open for business" conference held in Dallas.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/21/honduras-invita-empresarios-invertir-foro-honduras-esta-lista-ustedes/>

"Mexico President Enrique Peña Nieto said on Thursday that his country had accepted Israel's offer to help it and the United States develop Central America, as Israel and Mexico seek to deepen business ties."

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-israel/mexico-accepts-israeli-offer-to-help-develop-central-america-idUSKCN1BP2ZA>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/21/luis-zelaya-se-confunde-una-vez-mas-sigue-mencionando-al-partido-nacional/>

<http://tiempo.hn/aspirante-partido-liberal-contagia-lapsus-linguae/>

23/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] Berta - Agua Zarca; UNAH; Renewable Energy; (Re)Elections; National Police; MACCIH; Extradition; Penitentiary System; Corruption; EU; Displacement; and Democracy and Governance in Honduras

After postponing twice the trial against four of the accused in the murder of Berta Cáceres, now also the trial against the former vice-minister of Serna, Darío Cardona, for granting the permit to construct Agua Zarca has been postponed to November 21. And once more it was the fault of the Honduran Judicial System that the trial couldn't take place.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/22/negligencia-juzgado-posponen-audiencia-preliminar-dario-cardona-caso-agua-zarca/>

Carlos del Cid, one of the attacked and then criminalized human rights defenders in the police attack at the UNAH on September 8, invites everyone to attend the trial against the 23 students and three human rights defenders on the coming Monday, September 23, at 9am in Tegucigalpa. UNAH authorities denied information to the journalist Andrés Molina regarding the costs of their media campaign against the student movement.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/09/honduras-audiencia-inicial-contra.html>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/autoridades-de-la-unah-se-niegan-dar-informacion-sobre-contratos-con-medios-de-comunicacion>

In the South of Honduras, in Choluteca, local inhabitants of various communities have been protesting for over two years against the construction of the solar energy project Los Prados. The company behind the project, Scatec Solar, has the Honduran government on his side. Instead of responding to the complaints by the local inhabitants of repression by the company, the MP just released 14 arrest warrants against community leaders for coercion. Radio Progreso published an update on the struggle by the inhabitants of Villa de San Francisco, Francisco Morazán against the company Tres Valles, which produces energy from cane sugar plants.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/1903-se-recalienta-choluteca-con-presiones-de-la-empresa-privada-para-desactivar-protestas-contra-proyectos-de-energia-solar>

<http://radioprogreso.hn/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3902-abusos-represi%C3%B3n-y-contaminaci%C3%B3n-provoca-empresa-azucarera-en-honduras>

Congressman Luis Redondo denounces that given the lack of capacity to investigate the fundings of all candidates, the Clean Politics Bill will only be applied to oppositional politicians.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/22/denuncian-que-ley-de-politica-limpia-solo-se-la-aplicaran-a-opositores1/>

Dalia Flores from the Women's Movement for Peace Visitación Padilla demands the prosecution of the municipal police agents who brutally beat a street vendor last Wednesday. The MP announced that they started an investigation.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/22/policias-municipales-agresores-de-vendedora-deben-ser-judicializados/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/22/ministerio-publico-inicia-investigacion-contra-policias-municipales-agresores/>

The MACCIH announced to bring in international legal expert to support Congress in drafting its Efficient Collaboration Bill. But it is doubtful to push forward this process which has been stalled by the

National Party for months. On Monday, it was announced that the socialization of the bill would start right away, now the National Party's vice-president Antonio Rivera Callejas says that they will only approve the bill after the elections.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/22/maccih-brindara-apoyo-tecnico-pronta-aprobacion-la-ley-colaboracion-eficaz/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/cn-no-corre-en-aprobar-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz-maccih-reitera-la-importancia-de-la-misma.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/22/parlamento-de-honduras-atrasa-aprobacion-de-ley-de-colaboracion-eficaz2/>

Instead of granting support to the MACCIH, JOH asked Congress to prioritize a bill which would allow the Honduran government to prosecute extradited Hondurans when they return to the country after having been sentenced already abroad.

Meanwhile, Noé Montes Bobadilla was extradited to the US.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/hernandez-pide-al-cn-que-priorice-iniciativa-de-ley-para-que-extraditados-paguen-penas-en-el-pais.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/gobierno-pide-que-extraditados-paguen-penas-al-regresar-al-pais.html>

<http://tiempo.hn/montes-bobadilla-extraditado-estados-unidos/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/22/extraditan-a-ee-uu-al-supuesto-narcotraficante-noe-montes/>

The fugitive mayor Rodolfo Padilla Sunseri was found guilty of abuse of authority for granting a 400'000 Lempiras loan to the former head of finance of San Pedro Sula, Ada Esperanza Muñoz.

At the same time, he was found not guilty for embezzlement.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/22/condenan-declaran-rebeldia-excalde-padilla-sunseri-prestamo-ada-munoz/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/declaran-culpable-de-abuso-de-autoridad-a-padilla-sunseri-y-lo-absuelven-por-malversacion.html>

The National Penitentiary Institute (INP) announced that it will grant family members the right to visit the inmates in the two new prisons, El Pozo and La Tolva.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/inp-define-horarios-de-visitas-de-familiares-a-la-tolva-y-el-pozo-este-fin-de-semana.html>

Radio HRN reports on a meeting by the deputy secretary of human rights, Norma Allegra Cerrato, with an EU parliamentarian delegation.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/parlamento-de-la-uni%C3%B3n-europea-conoce-avances-en-materia-de-derechos-humanos>

Inhabitants of the two colonies Las Brisas and La Betania took to the street in Tegucigalpa after they received an eviction order. Some 70 families affected.

The police violently repressed the protesters and several of them took away injuries.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/22/vecinos-de-las-colonias-las-brisas-y-la-betania-temen-ser-desalojados-por-construccion-de-puente1/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/22/policias-reprimen-a-manifestantes-que-perderan-sus-casas-por-construccion-de-puente/>

<http://elpulso.hn/democracia-y-gobernabilidad-en-honduras/>

24/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] Military Police; Journalists; Mining; (Re)Elections; US; MACCIH; and A Growing External Debt

Wendy Funes reports on accusations against members of the Military Police of sexual violence against minors. The soldiers were supposed to protect the children against Maras at the Central Institute Vicente Cáceres.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2017/09/22/militares-denunciados-por-violencia-sexual-contra-colegialas/>

The journalist and congressional candidate of the Liberal Party, Víctor Manuel Pineda, was freed by the police after having been kidnapped for 20 days.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/23/liberan-al-periodista-candidato-diputado-victor-manuel-pineda/>

http://www.laprensa.hn/sucesos/1110814-410/v%C3%ADctor_manuel_pineda-secuestro-liberado-periodista-honduras

In October 2014, CONROA presented a constitutional challenge regarding various articles of the Honduran Mining Law. Almost three years later, the Constitutional Chamber accepted the challenges against seven articles.

<http://www.cehprodec.org/index.php/publicaciones/send/2-sin-categoria/35-sinopsis-de-la-sentencia-de-la-sala-de-lo-constitucional-con-respecto-a-la-ley-general-de-mineria>

According to the TSE, only 43 candidates in the coming general elections fulfilled the requirements of the Clean Politics Law. He announces sanctions if this won't change.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/23/ley-politica-limpia-solo-43-candidatos-abierto-cuentas-bancarias/>

<http://tiempo.hn/tse-solo-43-candidatos-eleccion-abierto-cuentas-bancarias/>

JOH told Reuters in an interview, that the relationship with the US is "probably better than ever".

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-honduras/trumps-central-america-plan-will-not-boost-militarization-honduras-president-idUSKCN1BV2YQ>

The MACCIH met with the Indignados movement after their weekly March of the Torches.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/22/maccih-recibe-los-indignados-oficina/>

The former Finance Minister Arturo Alvarado expressed his preoccupation about the growing external debt of Honduras.

<http://tiempo.hn/alarmas-elevada-deuda-externa-estado/>

25/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] Berta - Agua Zarca; Journalists; UNAH; Corruption; (Re)Elections; National Police; Health; Evacuation; and Talking Across Borders

The president of the newly created Honduran Association of Renewable Energies (AHER), Elsie Paz, speaks of a persecution of renewable energy projects by denouncing corruption investigation into the Agua Zarca

project. She claims, among other things, that ILO 169 is not applicable in Honduras.

Elsia Paz called a year ago members of COPINH maras for protesting against hydroelectric projects.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/24/elsia-paz-existe-persecucion-politica-los-proyectos-energia-renovable/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/asesora-de-hidroel%C3%A9ctricas-compara-con-%E2%80%9Cmareros%E2%80%9D-miembros-del-copinh>

UNESCO condemned in a press release the murder of Honduran journalist Carlos William Flores on September 13.

He was the third journalist who violently lost his life this year in Honduras.

The two men held responsible for the week-long kidnapping of the journalist and Liberal congressional candidate Víctor Manuel Pineda face criminal charges.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/honduras-unesco-deplora-asesinato-contra-periodista-carlos-william-flores>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/carlos-william-flores-tercera-voz-silenciada-por-las-balas-de-la-violencia-en-2017>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/24/ordenan-detencion-judicial-para-supuestos-secuestradores-de-periodista/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/detencion-judicial-contra-implicados-en-secuestro-del-periodista-victor-manuel-pineda.html>

Omar Rivera, president of the Association of a More Just Society (ASJ) as well as member of the purging committee, once more stands out for a controversial statement. Some weeks back he played in the hands of the Honduran government by emphasizing the need for the Military Police. Now he praises the outgoing UNAH dean Julieta Castellanos held responsible for an unprecedented repression and criminalization of students and denigrating attacks against human rights defenders.

<http://tiempo.hn/omar-rivera-alaba-julieta-castellanos-rectoria/>

The Documentation Center Honduras (CEDOH) announced the release of a new book on corruption and impunity in Honduras.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/cedoh-presenta-manana-nuevo-libro-sobre-corrupcion-impunidad-y-la-maccih.html>

Liberal presidential candidate Luis Zelaya once more challenged JOH and Salvador Nasralla to a TV debate.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/24/luis-reta-por-tercera-vez-a-joh-y-nasralla-a-un-debate-publico/>

El Heraldo reports that the National Police Investigation Bureau (DPI) will have two new laboratories at its disposal in October.

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/111143-466/la-polic%C3%ADa-nacional-iniciar%C3%A1-nueva-era-con-investigaci%C3%B3n-cient%C3%ADfica>

Honduran health authorities warn of a spread in conjunctivitis ("pink eye") in the North and South of Honduras.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/24/conjuntivitis-afecta-miles-hondurenos/>

<http://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1110367-410/brote-conjuntivitis-estara-activo-tres-meses>

Some 240 people in Juticalpa, Olancho had to be evacuated due to heavy rainfall.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/24/unas-240-personas-evacuadas-por-lluvias-en-olancho-honduras/>

<https://aeon.co/videos/on-the-us-mexico-border-loved-ones-on-both-sides-can-see-each-other-but-cannot-touch>

26/09/17

[Presente-Honduras] HRD: UNAH; Penal Code; Renewable Energy; National Police; Military Police; Corruption; MACCIH; (Re)Elections; Economy; Tourism; Tegucigalpa; and the Creation of the Honduran Capitalist System

According to CONADEH, the MP received already on September 13 their complete report on the attacks by members of the police on human rights defenders and students. He requested an immediate investigation into the matter.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/25/ombudsman-pide-al-ministerio-publico-investigar-represion-contra-estudiantes-de-unah/>

While 35 students faced the beginning of a criminalizing trial, the new interim dean of the UNAH has been elected. Francisco Herrera, the director of the UNAH campus in the Sula Valley, will take over for the coming six months.

The student movement MEU organized their own goodbye-party for Julieta Castellanos.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/25/en-colegio-de-abogados-juzgan-a-estudiantes-perseguidos-por-julieta/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/25/el-director-de-unah-vs-seria-el-nuevo-rector/>

<http://tiempo.hn/eligen-al-doctor-francisco-herrera-como-rector-interino-de-la-unah/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/25/preparan-inolvidable-despedida-para-julieta/>

<http://tiempo.hn/tremenda-fiesta-despedida-julieta-castellanos-la-rectoria/>

The civil society network Articulation 611 rejects in a press release the approval by a reduced Congress of the Article 590 of the new Penal Code. They denounce that that the article will criminalize the right to protest.

The private business lobby COHEP fears negative consequences on investment due to the new Penal Code.

See Attachment

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/articulacion-611-rechaza-aprobacion-del-delito-de-terrorismo/>

<http://www.elheraldo.hn/economia/1111473-466/el-nuevo-c%C3%B3digo-penal-ahuyentar%C3%A1-inversi%C3%B3n-privada-en-honduras>

ConexiHon reports on the criminalization of community leaders in the South of Honduras for resisting the construction of a solar plant which has not been consulted with the local inhabitants. 13 men and 1 woman face criminal charges for coercion and their trial is scheduled to start on September 28.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/infierno-judicial-contra-opositores-paneles-solares-en-el-sur>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/pobladores-criminalizados-por-protestar-contra-proyecto-de-energ%C3%ADa>

Yesterday, the trial against five members of the National Police Force and two members of the Armed Forces started. They are accused of

ill-treatment, forced entry, illegal arrest and breach of the duties of public servants.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/hoy-inicia-juicio-oral-y-publico-contra-policias-y-militares-que-atacaron-a-ciudadanos/>

El Tiempo reports that members of the Military Police stopped a young woman complaining on Facebook Live from inside the IHSS about the bad service.

<http://tiempo.hn/policia-militar-joven-ihss-facebook-live/>

The Documentation Center Honduras (CEDOH) presented yesterday a new book called "Controlling Corruption and Impunity in Honduras 2014-2018". At the book presentation, the former Attorney General Edmundo Orellana Mercado told the media that investigating corruption in Honduras is "easy, because they [the corrupt] have been very clumsy and left proof everywhere." According to him, the real challenge is to get the MP to emit arrest warrants and to get sentences by a JOH-nominated Supreme Court. There is some criticism of the book for not including the illegal reelection bid by JOH in it.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/presentan-libro-el-control-de-la-corrupcion-y-la-impunidad-en-honduras.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/25/investigar-los-corruptos-facil-dejado-huellas-todos-lados-edmundo-orellana/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/25/libro-tema-reeleccion-no-investigada-acto-corrupcion/>

Wilfredo Méndez, director of Ciprodeh, is confident that the MACCIH possess by now enough evidence regarding corruption inside the National Party as well as links to drug trafficking. He, therefore, criticizes the institution for not speaking publicly about it.

The MACCIH, which was also present at the book presentation, was directly asked if it would release names of corrupt politicians before the elections, but it failed to answer the question.

The journalist Thelma Mejía, meanwhile, believes that the MACCIH bothers the Honduran elites.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/25/36594/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/25/cuestionan-parsimonia-de-maccih-para-evidenciar-a-narcofuncionarios/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/25/presentara-la-maccih-pruebas-politicos-corruptos-las-elecciones/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/25/periodista-asegura-que-la-maccih-esta-incomodando-a-elites-hondurenas/>

As only a minority of candidates has complied with the requesters of the Clean Politics Bill, the responsible body prolonged the due date by 10 days.

The MACCIH emphasized that all candidates must open a bank account from which they finance their campaign.

The TSE presented an online tool for citizens to check where they are registered to vote.

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/unidad-de-politica-limpia-amplia-plazo-a-aspirantes-para-que-abran-cuenta-bancaria.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/25/maccih-exige-a-los-candidatos-que-tengan-cuentas-para-ser-controlados/>

www.tse.hn/consulta_cne/

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/tse-habilita-el-censo-nacional-electoral-para-consulta-de-la-ciudadania.html>

The economist Fernando García criticizes that economic risk analysts don't take into account the level of extreme poverty in Honduras or the widespread corruption. Furthermore, García states that the projected 3.5% economic growth is based solely on remittances, a growing fiscal deficit and international reserves.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/25/economista-desmiente-presuncion-de-joh-sobre-calificadora-de-riesgo/>

According to the Honduran Central Bank, the tourism sector brought in \$382 million so far this year, 3.4% more than last year.

<http://tiempo.hn/honduras-turismo-382-millones-dolares-deja-2017/>

ConfidencialHN reports that Tegucigalpa's mayor Nasry Asfura acquired <http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/25/juez-y-fiscal-que-acusaron-a-menor-de-edad-son-sujeto-a-castigos/> 300 million Lempiras in debt for his infrastructure projects.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/25/alcaldia-capitalina-adquiere-millonaria-deuda-por-obras-de-infraestructura/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/24/una-aproximacion-al-capitalismo-honduras/>

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[Presente-Honduras] HRDs and UNAH; UNAH; Extradition; Toll System; Reelections, (Re)Elections; Penal Code; Corruption; Penitentiary System; Sexual Violence; Mining; Economy; and Total Submission

Defensores en Línea reports from the second day in court for the 3 human rights defenders and the 31 most recent criminalized students. During the trial, the police tried to present the victims as perpetrators to excuse their excessive force and the use of tear gas. The audience is expected to continue this morning at 8am. Because the Honduran courts are too small, the audiences are held in the building of the Honduran Bar Association.

The lawyers defending the HRD and the students denounce the renewed use by the state of protected witnesses to criminalize the defendants.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/a-24-horas-para-que-se-decida-el-futuro-de-los-31-universitarios-criminalizados/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1905-colegio-de-abogados-se-convirtio-en-tribunal-para-albergar-a-defensores-de-ddhh-y-estudiantes-enjuiciados-por-la-unah-y-el-mp>

The newly elected interim dean, Francisco Herrera, told the press that a dialogue with the student as well as election for student representatives are a priority for him. At the same time, he insists that the reform process, against which the student protest, continues. He, furthermore, claims that he first has to check with his legal team regarding the criminalization of the students. But according to Contra Corriente, there is at least one student from the San Pedro Sula campus criminalized and Herrera never showed any disposition when dean of that campus to withdraw the complaint.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3908-rector-interino-de-la-unah-se-compromete-a-impulsar-proceso-de-dialogo-con-movimiento-estudiantil>

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/09/26/nuevo-rector-de-la-unah-inicia-gestion-entre-mentiras-y-verdades-discutibles/#1504735511956-cf4103bf-3bb8>

According to the former president of the National Industrialists Association (Andi), Adolfo Facussé, the US requested the extradition of the former president Pepe Lobo, but the JOH administration won't allow in fear of its negative impact on the coming elections. Meanwhile, a Honduran judge allowed the extradition of Sergio Neptali Mejía.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/26/pepe-lobo-esta-lista-extraditables-gobierno-no-lo-entrega-teme-escandalo-politico-adolfo-facusse/>

<http://tiempo.hn/juez-extradicion-hondureno-sergio-neptali-mejia/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/juez-concede-extradicion-de-sergio-neftali-mejia.html>

ERIC and Radio Progreso awarded their yearly award for the construction of a more just society to the resistance movements against the privatization of the Honduran highways.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3907-con-premio-patriota-2017-reconocen-lucha-por-la-soberan%C3%ADa-vial-en-honduras>

Joaquín A. Mejía Rivera, human rights expert at ERIC, explains why the coming general elections can not be legitimate nor authentic. The participation of a coup general (Romeo Vásquez Velásquez), a former death squad member (Billy Joya Améndola) and the illegal reelection bid (JOH) make this impossible.

<https://joaquinmejia.rivera.blogspot.co.uk/2017/09/pueden-ser-legitimas-y-autenticas-las.html>

The Opposition Alliance against the Dictatorship held a press conference yesterday in which they presented the Honduran electoral process as in a state of emergency. They see clear developments leading to an electoral fraud in November. They list seven points, from the electoral census to the fraudulent changes of domiciles, explaining in detail why taken together they will lead to the above mentioned fraud.

The TSE demands proof.

The Opposition Alliance's presidential candidate, Salvador Nasralla, arrived in the US yesterday.

According to El Tiempo, he met with several democratic Senators on his first day.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/26/alianza-oposicion-presenta-documento-estado-emergencia-nacional-fraude-electoral-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/26/tse-pide-pruebas-que-demuestren-que-habra-fraude-en-proximas-elecciones/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/26/nasralla-inicia-gira-denunciar-fraude-estados-unidos/>

<http://tiempo.hn/salvador-nasralla-se-reunira-este-dia-senadores-ee-uu/>

Oscar Miguel Marroquín interprets the newest form of criminalizing protest, the article 590 of the Penal Code, as a sign of fear by JOH and his National party to be brought to justice for the corruption and impunity in the country.

The National Party continues to foster a fear of terrorism to legitimize their attacks on fundamental rights.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/26/para-quien-tiene-miedo/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/26/diputado-afirma-que-ley-antiterrorista-es-para-evitar-otro-911/>

The MACCIH once more highlighted the important role of the Honduran public in fighting corruption. His plea was part of a presentation held

at an event by Icefi. They presented their newest book about corruption in the Northern Triangle.

ConfidencialHN spoke with one researcher at Icefi, who explained that the IHSS corruption cases represents 95% of all the corruption detected between 2007 and 2015.

The MACCIH also declared that the coming elections won't stop their investigations and they will present new corruption cases in the coming days.

Speaking to Radio HRN, the MACCIH demanded more institutional independence for the Judicial Power.

It also announced that the new Special Prosecutor Unit against Impunity and Corruption (Ufecic) already is investigating its three first cases.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/26/vocero-la-maccih-pide-hondurenos-no-sean-indiferentes-ante-la-corrupcion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/26/maccih-pide-a-la-sociedad-civil-que-participe-en-los-cambios-de-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/26/saqueo-del-ihss-piedra-angular-de-la-corrupcion-en-honduras/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/26/elecciones-en-honduras-no-detendra-investigaciones-de-maccih/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/honduras-requiere-de-mayor-independencia-institucional-de-acuerdo-con-la-maccih>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/maccih-revela-que-ufecic-ya-investiga-tres-casos-de-corrupcion.html>

Human rights defender Alba Mejía denounces "a pedagogy of torture" used in Honduran prisons.

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/26/en-las-carceles-de-honduras-se-aplica-la-pedagogia-de-la-tortura/>

Jennifer Ávila reports on sexual violence and the resulting teenage pregnancies in Honduras.

<https://contracorriente.red/2017/09/26/honduras-nace-de-ninas-violentadas/>

Representatives of 13 countries met at the IV Meeting of the Mesoamerican Movement against the Extractive Mining Model in San José.

<http://movimientom4.org/2017/09/el-m4-existe-porque-resiste-declaracion-del-iv-encuentro-del-movimiento-mesoamericano-contra-el-modelo-extractivo-minero/>

The former president of the Central Bank of Honduras (BCH), Hugo Noé Pino, doesn't believe that Moody's upgrade of Honduras from B2 to B1 should be interpreted as a success by the JOH administration. FOSDEH's deputy director Ralph Flores agrees.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/26/36628/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/26/resultado-de-calificadora-mudys-solo-sirve-para-la-publicidad-continuista-de-joh1/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/partido-nacional-alaba-la-calificacion-de-b1-otorgada-por-moody-s-a-la-economia-hondurena.html>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/26/sumision-total/>

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[Presente-Honduras] HRDS and UNAH; HRDs; UNAH; Berta - Trial; Journalists; Garífunas; (Re)Elections; Reelection; Liberal Party; Coalianza; Militarization; MACCIH; and Poor Until 2021

After three days in trial, the three human rights defenders attacked by the police on September 8 and then criminalized were acquitted yesterday. While 22 students were also acquitted, 10 students who were arrested the same September 8 received alternative measures to imprisonment and the trial against them will continue. Even worse, one student, Marcio Silva, who has been criminalized since late May, now has an arrest warrant against him. Defensores en Línea reports that he will be imprisoned when arrested.

According to Alejandro Mairena of Ciprodeh, the new dean at the UNAH could withdraw the charges made against Marcio to prevent that he has to go to prison.

Pasos de Animal Grande denounces that police officials gave false testimony and that they appeared in their uniform even though the purging committee announced that they had been suspended.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/a-medias-libertad-para-defensores-de-la-unah/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/27/pueblo-hondureno-parece-querer-despertar-ante-tanta-corrupcion/>

<http://tiempo.hn/marcio-noe-silva-a-prision-meu/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1906-en-audiencia-contra-defensores-de-ddhh-y-estudiantes-oficiales-de-policia-falsearon-los-hechos-ante-el-juez>

The study by swisspeace, HEKS and PWS on the shrinking space of the Honduran civil society is now also available in English.

http://www.swisspeace.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Media/Publications/Essentials/SP_Essential_1701_E-WEB.pdf

Javier Suazo presents a critical analysis of Julieta Castellanos' eight years in power at the UNAH and her legacy. This is a welcome article next to the main media articles of uncritical praise.

Albany Flores starts in 2004 to explain why the resignation of Julieta Castellanos won't by itself solve the crisis at the UNAH.

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/188264>

<http://elpulso.hn/la-despedida-de-julieta-es-la-solucion-a-la-crisis-en-la-unah/>

The trial against the four remaining suspects in the murder trial of Berta Cáceres was suspended for the third time. Once more the reason was the failure of the MP to share information with the legal team of Berta's family.

<http://copinhonduras.blogspot.co.uk/2017/09/teg27-09-17-copinh-informa.html>

El Pulso reports on how journalists were denied access to a congressional session taking part in Choluteca. The security personnel under the control of the colonel Víctor Bueso told her that they won't let her in for having written in previous articles that the president of Congress tends to sleep during meetings. Furthermore, members of the Honduran chapter of Transparency International were also denied access.

<http://elpulso.hn/cn-movil-prensa/>

Giorgio Trucchi published an update of the current persecution of Garífuna activists at OFRANEH by international investors in the tourist sector.

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/188265>

El Pulso spoke Carlos Eduardo Reina about the anti-fraud campaign by Libre and the Opposition Alliance.

The Liberal presidential candidate Luis Zelaya denounces illegal changes of domiciles.

<http://elpulso.hn/carlos-eduardo-reina-es-facil-cambiar-una-eleccion-cambiando-las-actas/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2445-presidenciable-liberal-no-aceptara-traslados-fraudulentos>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/27/protestas-para-exigir-derechos-reflejan-que-estamos-entrando-en-un-estado-fallido1/>

Congress' president repeated once more that the presidential reelection is valid because other parties participate in the elections. Radio Progreso, meanwhile, lists various problems with the reelection.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/27/mauricio-oliva-no-se-tocara-tema-la-reglamentacion/>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3909-%C2%BFcu%C3%A1l-es-el-problema?-27-septiembre-2017>

Adolfo Facussé, the former president of Andi, denounces that also some Liberal congresswo/men as well as the Liberal judges at the Supreme Court helped pretending that the presidential reelection is legal. The Liberal Party, meanwhile, denounces that JOH and the TSE interfere in internal matters of the party.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/27/adolfo-facusse-lamenta-partido-liberal-se-haya-prestado-la-reeleccion-redaccion-criterio-redaccioncriterio-hn-tegucigalpa-expresidente-la-asociacion-nacional-industriales/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/27/injerencia-asuntos-internos-del-partido-liberal-viene-del-presidente-juan-hernandez/>

Criterio reports of a new deal between the Honduran government and the privatizing body Coalianza regarding security and public transport which will cost some 200 million Lempiras per year. Criterio criticizes the lack of transparency.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/27/gobierno-coalianza-haran-negocio-nuevo-proyecto-transporte-publico/>

<http://tiempo.hn/200-millones-transporte-publico/>

The former police commissioner María Luisa Borjas criticizes the use of the Armed Forces to protect schools, as they are neither prepared nor meant for such a work.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/los-militares-no-est%C3%A1n-preparados-para-velar-por-la-seguridad-de-los-estudiantes>

The MACCIH presented a report on how to stop the repetition of an IHSS corruption scandal. The report offers recommendations for a new Social Security Bill.

They also announced the need to speed up the investigation and prosecution of the IHSS case as four years have already passed. Furthermore, Juan Jiménez Mayor mentioned the need to prosecute illegal party financing.

<http://tiempo.hn/maccih-busca-prevenir-se-repita-desfalco-al-ihss/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/se-debe-pagar-en-toda-la-dimension-del-fraude-del-seguro-social-juan-jimenez-mayor.html>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2017/09/honduras-vocero-de-la-maccih-pide.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/27/honduras-ocupara-el-primer-puesto-en-incidencia-a-la-pobreza-hasta-el-2021/>

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[Presente-Honduras] UNAH; HRDs; Int. Delegations; Corruption; Tourism; (Re)Elections; Prosecutors; Economy; Children's' Rights; Drug Trafficking; MACCIH; Penitentiary System; National Police; and the IMF and JOH

Students and university lecturers demanded from the new dean to withdraw the criminal charges against the student Marcio Noé Silva who faces prison to await his trial.

Human rights organizations filed a complaint against the judge who gave the eviction order on September 8 which led to the brutal repression by the police.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/28/docentes-estudiantes-la-unah-piden-quitar-proceso-estudiante-enviado-prision/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/encapuchados-se-toman-el-bulevar-suyapa-frente-a-la-unah.html>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/28/denuncian-a-jueza-por-abuso-de-autoridad-contr-universitarios-en-protesta/>

The Mesoamerican Initiative of Women Human Rights Defenders has emitted 14 urgent actions for Honduran women HRDs since June this year. Most of the attacks they suffered were at the hand of state forces. Now the Initiative calls out to everyone to write cards to Honduran embassies between October 4 and 10 demanding a stop to the persecution of women HRDs.

<http://im-defensoras.org/2017/09/llamado-a-la-accion-por-las-defensoras-hondurenas/>

The Honduras Forum Switzerland published its report on an eight-day human rights delegation to Honduras this September.

<http://honduras-forum.ch/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2017-Informe-ingles-Foro-Honduras-Suiza.pdf>

<http://honduras-forum.ch/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2017-Informe-esp%C3%B1ol-Foro-Honduras-Suiza.pdf>

<http://honduras-forum.ch/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2017-Rapport-francais-Forum-Honduras-Suisse.pdf>

<http://honduras-forum.ch/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2017-Bericht-deutsch-Honduras-Forum-Schweiz.pdf>

Radio Progreso highlights the important work by ICEFI with its latest study on corruption in the Northern Triangle focusing on the link between corruption and democracy.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3912-el-icefi-y-sus-buenos-oficios-28-septiembre-2>

<http://www.icefi.org/publicaciones/la-corrupcion-sus-caminos-e-impacto-en-la-sociedad-y-una-agenda-para-enfrentarla-en-el>

El Pulso reports on two dangers of the new Tourism Promotion Bill. First, the possibility to seize land belonging to the indigenous Garífunas. Second, the financial loss due to fiscal exonerations. According to calculations by ICEFI, the current fiscal exonerations for the tourism sector cost Honduras 507.2 million Lempiras in 2016.

<http://elpulso.hn/nueva-ley-de-incentivo-al-turismo-mas-exoneraciones-y-menos-inversion/>

POLETIKA-Honduras published its second analysis of the statements by the presidential candidates on topics such as violence against women,

gendered poverty and indigenous rights. Xiomara Castro reiterates that only the National Party stands in the way for electoral reforms and that there would still be time.

Liberal presidential candidate Luis Zelaya denounces that he has been taken off the air or cut off on various occasions when he started talking about the investigations in the US into the drug trafficking links of the former president Pepe Lobo.

The Clean Politics Unit will request from all parties information regarding possible links to drug trafficking and organized crime of their candidates...

The TSE announced to have canceled 40'000 changes of domicile. And they signed an agreement with the EU regarding the latter's electoral observation mission.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2017/09/28/poletika-honduras-segunda-valoracion-de-las-declaraciones-de-los-candidatos-a-la-presidencia/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/proceso-electoral-2017/36-proceso-electoral/si-hay-tiempo-para-reformas-electorales-en-el-ultimo-momento-xiomara-castro.html>

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/28/xiomara-castro-tiempo-la-huella-digital/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/28/sacan-del-aire-luis-zelaya-al-emitir-fuertes-declaraciones-nexos-del-expresidente-porfirio-lobo-narcotrafico/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/28/unidad-politica-limpia-solicitar-los-partidos-la-lista-candidatos-vinculados-narcotrafico-crimen-organizado/>

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/tse-anula-40-mil-traslados-domiciliarios-nivel-nacional>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/la-ue-firma-acuerdo-para-observar-las-elecciones-de-noviembre-en-honduras.html>

The young university student Kevin Solorzano was sentenced to 33 years in prison after having been found guilty in February of murdering the public prosecutor Edwin Eguigure in November 2014. Both Kevin Solorzano and his legal team have always insisted on his innocence and the lack of scientific proof for his conviction.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/28/33-anos-prision-kevin-solorzano/>

Honduras drops from the 88th to the 96th position in the Global Competitiveness Index by the World Economic Forum.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2447-en-caida-prosperidad-de-hondurenos-segun-foro-economico-mundial>

The children's rights organization Casa Alianza celebrates its 30th anniversary.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/celebrando-30-anos-de-alianza-con-la-ninez-y-juventud-de-honduras/>

InSight Crime reports on the newest seizure of property linked to the Cachiros drug trafficking network.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/honduras-seizes-millions-more-assets-linked-cachiros>

Nationalist congressman Francisco Rivera accuses the MACCIH of putting on a show on TV and not really having done something. What is worse, it is the National Party that now succeeded in postponing the approval of the Efficient Collaboration Bill to next year. The MACCIH's spokesperson Juan Jiménez Mayor traveled to Lima, Peru to protest against a possible pardon for Alberto Fujimori.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/seg%C3%BAAn-el-diputado-rivera-la-actuaci%C3%B3n-de-la-maccih-en-el-pa%C3%ADs-ha-sido-m%C3%A1s-medi%C3%A1tica>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/28/parlamento-discutira-hasta-2018-ley-de-colaboracion/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/28/vocero-la-maccih-protestara-manana-lima-peru-indulto-fujimori/>

Proceso Digital reports on the announced closure of the prison in San Pedro Sula the following way: "The people of San Pedro Sula asked for the transfers of the criminals and the demolition of the prison. President Juan Orlando Hernández listened and even proposed that the prison facility will be turned into a place which the inhabitants can enjoy."

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/centro-penal-de-sps-quedara-vacio-de-reos-este-15-de-octubre.html>

A former police agent was sentenced to 134 years in prison for the murder of six people in 2012.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/condenan-a-134-anos-de-reclusion-a-exagente-por-asesinato-de-seis-personas-y-atentado.html>

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/188323>

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[Presente-Honduras] UNAH; Penal Code; Forced Displacement; Renewable Energy; Bajo Aguán; Journalists; (Re)Elections; Natural Threats; MACCIH; Corruption; Prosecutors; Drug Trafficking; and the Other Campaign

COBRA special forces detained yesterday the 24-year old psychology student Marvin Israel Campos as he left UNAH. One agent insulted and threatened him during the arrest. In the same article, Defensores en Línea also offers an overview of the criminalized students, i.e. from which university they are and where they are in the judicial process. The psychology students demanded in an open letter Martin's release. C-Libre reports on the second psychology student facing an arrest any minute, Marcio Silva, after a judge decided on Tuesday that he has to await trial in prison.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1909-policias-cobras-que-detuvieron-a-estudiante-de-la-unah-amenazaron-con-embolsarlo>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/bajo-estigmatizacion-policia-detiene-a-universitario/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/exigen-liberacion-de-estudiante-de-psicologia-criminalizado/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/presidente-del-congreso-proh%C3%ADbe-acceso-cronista-parlamentaria>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/1907-prision-para-estudiante-reinicia-protestas-estudiantiles-en-la-unah>

Radio Progreso fears that the electoral process distracts from the grave changes made to the Penal Code.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3914-reformas-al-c%C3%B3digo-penal-pasaron-desapercibidas-en-un-pa%C3%ADs-diluido-en-la-borrachera-electoral>

"Thousands of people displaced by gang violence in Honduras are being robbed of their lands and homes because of gaps in the existing property legislation, according to a new UNHCR report (available in Spanish). The report also presents a set of concrete recommendations to ensure that these rights are better defended and protected."

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/briefing/2017/9/59ce0df27/honduras-unhcr-report-urges-reforms-defend-displaced-peoples-land.html>

<http://www.acnur.org/fileadmin/scripts/doc.php?file=fileadmin/Documentos/Publicaciones/2017/11239>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/29/miles-desplazados-la-violencia-pierden-hogares-propiedades-honduras/>

The lawyer Denia Suyapa Castillo denounces the criminalization of 14 community leaders from communities around Namasigüe, Choluteca for protesting against a solar energy plant.

<http://www.latribuna.hn/2017/09/29/acusados-coaccion-14-pobladores-surenos-choluteca/>

The Bajo Aguán Campesino Movement "Gregorio Chávez" published a new press release informing about their recuperation of land at the end of August 2017 and the resulting the criminalization of 28 campesinas y campesinos as well as new threats by state and non-state security forces.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/ante-represiones-en-las-empresas-aglutinadas-en-la-plataforma-agraria-del-bajo-aguan/>

C-Libre denounces that Congress' president Mauricio Oliva Herrera denied access to an accredited journalist to Congress' session in Choluteca.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/alerta/presidente-del-congreso-proh%C3%ADbe-acceso-cronista-parlamentaria>

Salvador Nasralla is back from the US, where he talked about the political opposition's fear of electoral fraud. According to him, there is a great lack of knowledge about the situation in Honduras in the US. This is also due to constant lobbying efforts by the Honduran government. Both the Liberal Party and Libre didn't attend the official handing-over of the electoral census by the TSE. They protest that there are still irregularities in the census which benefit the National Party.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/29/les-fuimos-abrir-los-ojos-nasralla-regreso-ee-uu/>

<http://tiempo.hn/nasralla-eeuu-sabe-situacion-pais/>

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/29/paridos-liberal-libre-le-dan-la-espalda-al-tse-la-entrega-del-censo/>

After a week of heavy rain falls and resulting displacements, Radio Progreso explains how the absence of public policies in many area heightens the vulnerability to environmental threats.

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/noticias/item/3917-ausencia-de-pol%C3%ADticas-p%C3%ABlicas-agudizan-vulnerabilidad-ambiental-en-honduras>

MACCIH's spokesperson Juan Jiménez Mayor announced this week new lines of investigation in the IHSS corruption case. During the same event, the presentation of their sixth report, he also lamented that Honduras loses the most due to corruption of the Northern Triangle countries, 4.7% of GDP.

ConfidencialHN published a long article based on the MACCIH's report. At the same time, the National Party continues trying to denigrate the work of the MACCIH. The second Nationalist congressman in the same amount of days attacks the MACCIH.

<http://tiempo.hn/jimenez-mayor-honduras-mas-roba-corrupcion/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/29/maccih-confirma-en-analisis-denuncias-por-megafraude-al-ihss/>

<http://confidencialhn.com/2017/09/29/diputado-nacionalista-acusa-de-protagonismo-a-jefe-de-maccih/>

The official responsible of the pharmaceuticals at the Health Secretariat was sentenced to a 700'000 Lempiras fine for corruption.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/29/imponen-multa-700-mil-lempiras-e-inhabilitan-14-anos-gerente-almacen-central-medicamentos/>

Because one judge opposed the conviction of Kevin Solorzano for the murder of the prosecutor Edwin Eguigure, Solorzano's lawyer hope that there is a possibility to have the sentence nullified.

<http://criterio.hn/2017/09/29/voto-disidente-jueza-abre-la-posibilidad-anular-juicio-kevin-abogado-defensor/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/defensa-de-kevin-solorzano-anuncia-interpondra-recurso-de-casacion.html>

The Honduran citizen Juan Carlos Arvizú was sentenced to 30 years in prison in the US for drug trafficking.

<http://www.radiohrn.hn/l/noticias/condenan-30-%C3%B1os-de-prisi%C3%B3n-juan-carlos-arviz%C3%BA-por-narco-tr%C3%A1fico-en-eeuu>

<http://radioprogreso.hn.net/index.php/comunicaciones/nuestra-palabra/item/3913-la-otra-campa%C3%B1a-electoral-29-septiembre-2017>