

# Another Month in Honduras...

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On the rare occasions Honduras makes international headlines, it is rarely a good sign. The start of a migrant caravan this month is not different, but it helped to further highlight the failures of the JOH regime and how it comes back to haunt his US allies who back(ed) him. What is more, the Honduran Judicial System showed its worst qualities during the ongoing Berta Cáceres trial and Honduran security forces violently evicted a months-long protest camp against a mining project. Welcome to another month in Honduras.

In solidarity,

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## **Abbreviations**

ASJ Association for a More Just Society

ATIC Technical Bureau for Criminal Investigation

BID Inter-American Development Bank

CABEI Central American Bank for Economic Integration

CDM Center for Women's Rights

CIPRODEH Center for Human Rights Research and Promotion

CMH Medical Association Honduras

CNA National Anti-Corruption Council

COFADEH Committee of Families of the Detained-Disappeared in Honduras

COIPRODEN Coordination of Private Institutions for Children's Rights

CONADEH National Human Rights Commission

COPINH Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras

FEPRODDHH Special Public Prosecutor Unit for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Journalists, Social Communicators and

Justice Operators

FOSDEH Social Forum on the External Debt of Honduras

FOSDEH Free, Prior and Informed Consent

HRDs Human Rights Defenders

IACHR Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

IACtHR Inter-American Court of Human Rights

ILO International Labor Organization

ISHR International Service for Human Rights

MACCIH Support Mission against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras

MADJ Broad Movement for Dignity and Justice

MP Attorney General's Office

OACNUDH UN Human Rights Office in Honduras

TSC Supreme Audit Court

UFECIC Anti-Corruption Unit of the Attorney General's Office

UNAH National Autonomous University of Honduras

ZEDE Zone for Employment and Economic Development



# **Human Rights and Their Defenders**

October started with the celebration of the work of HRD Padre Melo, who won the Champion for Justice Award by the US NGO CARECEN. He dedicated the award to "the communities in resistance", "the organizations proposing economic, political, legal and social alternatives", "the indigenous and black communities" and "the community radios". OACNUDH congratulated him. October is also the month in which the National Carlos Escaleras Award is presented. Out of the ten Honduran HRDs nominated, María Ubaldina Santos made the race in the third edition of the award. She is the regional coordinator of MADJ in Atlántida and has suffered from displacements, persecution and threats due to her work. She is also a beneficiary of special protection measures granted by the IACHR in 2013. The award is dedicated to the HRD Carlos Escaleras who was murdered 21 years ago in the Bajo Aguán.

On October 24, the Monitoring Group of the Compliance with IACtHR Sentences held a public forum in Tegucigalpa.<sup>5</sup> The forum focused on the challenges in investigating human rights violations in Honduras.<sup>6 7</sup> Defensores en Línea published the complete contribution by COFADEH's general coordinator Bertha Oliva.<sup>8</sup>

#### **Attacks, Criminalization and Harassment**

Last month, we reported on a further increase in attacks against HRDs, especially surrounding extractive industry projects. US Senator and Congresswo/men reacted this month by publishing a joint statement denouncing the "growing threats against human rights defenders, journalists, and international human rights observers in Honduras" (see also US sub-section further below). While the Guardian covered the letter<sup>10</sup>, Honduras' corporate media outlet ignored it. And so did the JOH regime as the criminalization continued in October unabated.

Six environmental defenders were criminalized for opposing illegal logging in the protected area "Reserva Biológica El Chile". <sup>11</sup> At the same time, the situation in Guapinol, where 18 local HRDs were criminalized, further deteriorated <sup>12</sup> (see Mining sub-section). MADJ had an especially difficult month. <sup>13</sup> First, one of its activists was temporary kidnapped. <sup>14</sup> <sup>15</sup> On October 10, the 17-year old

- 1 http://wp.radioprogresohn.net/6276-2/
- 2 https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1049775200781430784
- 3 <a href="https://criterio.hn/2018/10/18/mujer-comprometida-con-el-medio-ambiente-en-tela-atlantida-gana-premio-carlos-escaleras/">https://criterio.hn/2018/10/18/mujer-comprometida-con-el-medio-ambiente-en-tela-atlantida-gana-premio-carlos-escaleras/</a>
- 4 http://wp.radioprogresohn.net/en-memoria-de-carlos-escaleras-18-octubre-2018/
- $5 \quad \underline{\text{https://www.cejil.org/es/honduras-expertos-analizaran-obstaculos-investigacion-violaciones-derechos-humanos-contexto} \\$
- $7 \qquad \underline{\text{https://www.cejil.org/es/honduras-mesa-seguimiento-denuncia-obstaculos-investigacion-violaciones-derechos-humanos} \\$
- $8 \qquad \underline{\text{http://defensoresenlinea.com/el-sometimiento-de-la-investigacion-criminal-al-poder-politico-principal-obstaculo-en-el-pasado-y-en-el-presente/} \\$
- $9 \quad \underline{\text{https://schakowsky.house.gov/press-releases/representative-schakowsky-and-senator-markey-lead-call-for-holding-honduran-government-accountable-for-human-rights/}$
- $10 \quad \underline{\text{https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/oct/26/honduras-us-congress-human-rights-trump}$
- $11 \quad \underline{\text{https://criterio.hn/2018/10/18/pobladores-son-querellados-por-oponerse-a-corte-del-bosque/solden} \\$
- $12 \quad \underline{\text{http://wp.radioprogresohn.net/estado-de-honduras-pretende-juzgar-a-ambientalistas-como-narcotraficantes/}$
- $13 \quad \underline{\text{http://witnessforpeace.org/when-defamation-is-the-prelude-to-violence-the-escalation-of-intimidation-tactics-against-madj/} \\$
- 14 https://criterio.hn/2018/10/09/secuestran-a-defensor-de-derechos-humanos-del-madj/
- 15 http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/rescatan-a-defensor-de-ddhh-y-dirigente-de-libre-que-habia-sido-privado-de-libertad-en-el-progreso.html



MADJ activist, Fredy Ariel Díaz Molina, was arrested by the police. The latter willfully ignored that he was supposed to benefit from special protection measures granted by the IACHR. He is part of a local peaceful resistance camp against in Pajuiles against the hydroelectric project by HIDROCEP. His arrest caused grave concerns, even more as the police initially claimed that they had not arrested him and he was unaccounted for for various hours. After more than four hours the authorities "found" him in a prison cell in Tela. He was arrested for "lack of respect for authorities".<sup>16</sup>

Honduras' campesino movement also suffered various attacks. On October 11, the campesino cooperative in El Porvenir near Siguatepeque, Comayagua was violently evicted.<sup>17</sup> Two commandos of the First Engineer Battalion of Siguatepeque joined by police agents violently evicted some 120 campesino families.<sup>18</sup> Three days later, the regional secretary of the CNTC, Sebastián Reyes, was arrested in Ocotillo, Tutule, La Paz. He had previously suffered a criminalization process but in August, he was provisionally acquitted making his arrest just another form of intimidation and harassment.<sup>19</sup> Before the month ended, another campesino leader, Santos Torres Ruiz, was arrested. The leader at the Campesino Movement Gregorio Chávez is being criminalized by the JOH regime and Dinant Corporation.<sup>20</sup>

#### **Indigenous Peoples**

October started with an attack on two young members of MILPAH on the way to a meeting of a community radio station. Raúl Hernández Hernández and Santos Manuel Hernández Lazo were attacked with a knife and both of them had to be hospitalized. But October is also the month, in which Honduras' indigenous peoples commemorate the 526 anniversary of "resistance against the annihilation of the peoples which began with the bloody invasion of the Spanish - and others - of indigenous territories". A new documentary published this month shows the ongoing struggle highlighting the role of Garífuna women defending their land.

#### **FPIC**

DPLF and Oxfam-Mexico published a report report this month on FPIC in Mexico which includes a comparative analysis including Honduras.<sup>24</sup> At the same time, Radio Progreso highlighted the importance of a proposal for auto-determination by Honduras' indigenous peoples coming directly from them in opposition to State efforts to water it down.<sup>25</sup>

 $<sup>16 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://criterio.hn/2018/10/11/honduras-policia-detiene-menor-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-la-cidh/news-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-la-cidh/news-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-la-cidh/news-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-la-cidh/news-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-la-cidh/news-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-la-cidh/news-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-la-cidh/news-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-la-cidh/news-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-la-cidh/news-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-cautelares-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-medidas-de-edad-del-madj-que-goza-de-edad-del-$ 

 $<sup>17 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://defensoresenlinea.com/defensores-de-ddhh-condenan-desalojo-de-campesinos-en-siguate peque/} \\$ 

 $<sup>18 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://defensoresenlinea.com/sigue-brutalidad-de-terratenientes-contra-campesinos-que-estan-en-recuperacion-de-tierras/normalisational-tier$ 

 $<sup>19 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://defensoresenlinea.com/alerta-capturan-a-secretario-regional-de-la-cntc-la-paz/}$ 

 $<sup>20 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://elpulso.hn/dpi-da-captura-a-dirigente-campesino-en-el-aguan/}}$ 

 $<sup>21 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2018/10/09/hieren-a-indigenas-de-milpah-y-secuestran-a-integrante-del-madj/nte$ 

<sup>22</sup> https://copinh.org/2018/10/comunicado-y-video-de-la-conferencia-de-prensa-12-oct-2018/

 $<sup>23 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://wp.radioprogresohn.net/mutu-un-documental-que-revela-lucha-de-mujeres-por-su-territorio/}$ 

 $<sup>24 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.dplf.org/en/resources/implementation-free-prior-and-informed-consent-and-consultation-comparative-experiences} \\$ 

 $<sup>25 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://wp.radioprogresohn.net/una-propuesta-para-la-autodeterminacion-de-los-pueblos-indigenas-y-garifuna/2} \\$ 



#### The Case of Berta Cáceres

The Berta Cáceres trial started in its second month in October. The Expert Observation Mission of the Berta Cáceres Case, consisting of seven Honduran, regional and international human rights organizations, presented their preliminary findings for the time period of September 10-25 before the trial had been suspended again. COPINH summarized the same time periods as follows: "COPINH has taken the decision to insist that the trial be held when the basic conditions necessary are met to develop a fair trial allowing to reach the truth about the murder of Berta Cáceres. To reach this, it is going to make use of all the legal resources so that the justice system guarantees the rights of the victims, and even of the accused, with the satisfaction of the requests for information, due process and access to justice." The JOH regime and the Judicial Power set up numerous hurdles for them to succeed. Among these are i) denying the live-streaming of the trial, ii) recognizing COPINH and its members as a victim, and iii) the failure by the MP to share all relevant information with all parties. COPINH on various occasions than due process cannot be guaranteed due to the lack of information sharing. Due to this, CEJIL felt compelled to write an amicus curiae to the Honduran judicial system.

The JOH regime and the Judicial Power are especially keen to present the murder as an individual act of violence instead of investigation the structural dimensions of the case. As a consequence, Berta's family and COPINH filed a request with the Attorney General asking him to accuse the structure that murdered Berta Cáceres as an illicit association. This request remained unanswered as did, initially, the challenge against the sitting judges accused of being "partial, leaving defendants and defendants defenseless, violating due process" Ignoring these legal challenges and requests, a new trial date was set for October 15. The trial was shortly suspended again after its restart when the legal team representing COPINH and Berta's family filed another complaint against the judges of the Appeals Court accusing them of falsifying information. Shortly before the trial even started again on October 20, the process became a total farce. Proceso Digital made public that the tribunal excluded the legal team of COPINH and Berta's family from the trial. COPINH denounced that the MP- which for 2.5 years "has demonstrated its inability and unwillingness to diligently promote the judicial process, systematically practicing illegal acts violating the rights to truth and justice" - now represented the interests of the victims in court. Amnesty International and other national and international human rights organizations denounced it

 $<sup>26 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://observacioncalificadabertacaceres.blogspot.com/2018/10/observaciones-preliminares.html} \\$ 

 $<sup>27 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://copinh.org/2018/10/actualizacion-sobre-la-causa-berta-caceres-en-honduras/}}$ 

 $<sup>28 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://copinh.org/2018/10/opinh-junto-al-equipo-legal-que-acompana-la-causa-berta-caceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proceso/acceres-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proces-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proces-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-este-proces-no-pasara-por-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-durante-alto-ninguna-irregularidad-duran$ 

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 $<sup>30 \</sup>quad \text{https://www.cejil.org/es/exigimos-al-estado-honduras-garantizar-transparencia-y-publicidad-juicio-berta-caceres} \quad \text{thtps://www.cejil.org/es/exigimos-al-estado-honduras-garantizar-transparencia-y-publicidad-juicio-berta-caceres} \quad \text{thtps://www.cejil.org/es/exigimos-al-estado-honduras-garantizar-transparencia-y-publicidad-juicio-berta-garantizar-transparencia-y-publicidad-juicio-berta-garantizar$ 

 $<sup>31 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://criterio.hn/2018/10/12/familia-pide-a-fiscal-general-que-acuse-de-asociacion-ilicita-a-asesinos-de-berta-caceres/lineary/li$ 

 $<sup>32 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/828-copinh-exige-al-mp-que-rompa-la-impunidad-en-la-causa-berta-caceres} \\$ 

 $<sup>33 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://copinh.org/2018/10/alerta-tribunal-convoca-a-juicio-para-el-lunes-15-oct/}}$ 

<sup>34</sup> https://copinh.org/2018/10/se-suspende-juicio-en-la-causa-berta-caceres/

<sup>35</sup> https://copinh.org/2018/10/video-equipo-legal-presenta-denuncia-ante-el-ministerio-publico/

 $<sup>36 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/caso-berta-caceres-ordenan-iniciar-juicio-este-sabado-y-excluyen-del-mismo-a-abogados-acusadores.html}$ 

 $<sup>{\</sup>color{red}37} \quad \underline{\text{https://copinh.org/2018/10/tribunal-deja-sin-representacion-legal-a-victimas-en-la-causa-berta-caceres/}$ 



as a further violation of due process.<sup>38</sup> <sup>39</sup> <sup>40</sup> Guardian journalist Nina Lakhani succinctly summarized the situation. "The trial of eight men accused over the murder of Honduran indigenous leader Berta Cáceres has been thrown into disarray after judges ousted the victim's lawyers from proceedings. The legally suspect ruling in the country's most high-profile case leaves the verdict vulnerable to appeal. The case is considered a litmus test for the justice system which has received millions of dollars of international aid in recent years."<sup>41</sup>

COPINH and Berta's family held a press conference on October 24 declaring their rebellion against this farce and injustice. "If the Sentencing Court presided by Esther Carolina Flores thinks that they can quiet or stop our search for justice, they are mistaken. We will not rest until all of the masterminds of the assassination of Berta Cáceres and attempted assassination of Gustavo Castro have been punished. The international community should not accept the legitimacy of this miscarriage of justice. The Honduran state will have to answer internationally for its failures. The thirst for justice is enormous, their illegal rulings will not quench it." Writing this in November, one can already highlight the disappointed lack of public response by the international community (apart from human rights organizations) to this unbearable situation. While COPINH and Honduran social movements protested outside of the Supreme Court, the trial continued inside on October 25.43

#### **LGBTI**

The Evangelical Confraternity in form of the priest Alberto Solórzano<sup>44</sup> and JOH publicly opposed same-sex marriage. <sup>45</sup> These statements have to be seen in the light of a IACtHR ruling from this January in favor of same-sex marriage. Just a day after their public statements, both men doubled down<sup>46</sup> <sup>47</sup>, the former even threatening with protests if the Honduran Constitutional Chamber would dare following the ruling. <sup>48</sup> El Pulso presented an important overview of this very orchestrated campaign. <sup>49</sup> The Committee for Diversity reacted by filing a complaint at the MP against JOH and the Evangelical Confraternity for promoting hate speech against the LGBTI community. <sup>50</sup>

 $<sup>38 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/AMR3792862018SPANISH.PDF}}$ 

 $<sup>39 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://lawg.org/component/content/article/98/2122\#new tab}}$ 

 $<sup>40 \</sup>quad \text{https://www.fidh.org/en/issues/human-rights-defenders/honduras-serious-irregularities-create-obstacles-to-truth-and-justice-create-obstac$ 

 $<sup>41 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/oct/21/trial-of-accused-killers-of-berta-caceres-in-chaos?CMP=share \ \underline{\text{btn. two-properties}} \\$ 

 $<sup>42 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://copinh.org/2018/10/we-declare-our-rebellion-against-the-farce-and-injustice/}}$ 

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{43} \hspace{0.2in} \underline{\text{https://tiempo.hn/ministerio-publico-formaliza-acusacion-contra-acusados-en-el-asesinato-de-berta-caceres/}$ 

 $<sup>44 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/confraternidad-evangelica-se-opone-a-eventual-fallo-favorable-sobre-matrimonios-del-mismo-sexo.html}$ 

<sup>45</sup> http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo-presidente-hernandez.html

 $<sup>46 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/joh-reitera-su-oposicion-al-matrimonio-igualitario-en-honduras/}}$ 

 $<sup>47 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.latribuna.hn/2018/10/12/presidente-hernandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-personas-del-mismo-sexo/ntermandez-no-estoy-de-acuerdo-con-el-matrimonio-de-acuerdo-$ 

 $<sup>48 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/religioso-y-depurador-policial-amenaza-con-movilizar-a-sus-fieles-si-se-autoriza-el-matrimonio-igualitario/necessity.} \\$ 

 $<sup>49 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://elpulso.hn/el-hambre-de-poder-del-conservadurismo-del-siglo-xxi/}}$ 

<sup>50 &</sup>lt;a href="http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2308-el-comite-de-la-diversidad-denuncia-ante-el-ministerio-publico-al-presidente-de-la-republica-y-a-confraternidad-evangelica-por-promover-discurso-de-odio-contra-la-comunidad-lgtb">http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2308-el-comite-de-la-diversidad-denuncia-ante-el-ministerio-publico-al-presidente-de-la-republica-y-a-confraternidad-evangelica-por-promover-discurso-de-odio-contra-la-comunidad-lgtb</a>



## **Freedom of Expression and Journalists**

The difficult situation for journalists in Honduras seems to start early in their career. Thelma Mejía, journalist and university teacher for upcoming journalists, denounces that the initial enthusiasm of incoming students soon fades away when they become aware of the obstacles they will face put in place by the JOH regime. Sometimes the JOH regime gets its cues from the US. This month, both the US chargé d'affaires Heide Fulton and JOH blocked some journalists on Twitter because they reported on the migrant caravan. C-Libre cited the Mexican organization Article 19 which considers blocking by public officials on Twitter as an act of censorship. Another form of censorship may be in the form of taking away the motorcycle of a journalist. This month, the police decommissioned the motorcycle of journalist Juan Zepeda Vásquez as he was reporting on a crime. According to him, he was accused of photographing the crime scene before the police arrived.

As the aspiring journalist go out into the field, physical attacks become a further obstacle. This happened on several occasions this month, especially against the journalists covering the bi-weekly protests in Choluteca against the rising energy prices. <sup>54</sup> Another attack by state security forces against journalists took place during the repression of the Caravan of Dignity (see also Migration sub-section). <sup>55</sup> Reporting on corruption is also greeted by harassment. <sup>56</sup> Women journalist face an additional risk of harassment on social media as denounced by C-Libre this month. <sup>57</sup>

#### **Femicide**

Expediente Público started an informative three-part series on "the risk of being a woman in Honduras". In October, Part 1<sup>58</sup> and 2<sup>59</sup> have already been published. Femicide and violence against women was also a prominent topic this month when the push factors of the migrant caravan were discussed<sup>60</sup> (see also the sub-section on this topic further down).

#### **Protection Mechanism**

Amnesty International published a short overview of all the state protection mechanisms in the Americas.<sup>61</sup> Pasos de Animal Grande summarized the document focusing on the Honduran example.<sup>62</sup>

<sup>51 &</sup>lt;a href="http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2295-segun-thelma-mejia-la-divulgacion-de-la-narrativa-oficialista-tiene-cabida-por-el-periodismo-fuentero">http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2295-segun-thelma-mejia-la-divulgacion-de-la-narrativa-oficialista-tiene-cabida-por-el-periodismo-fuentero</a>

 $<sup>52 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/alertas/censura/917-censura-por-bloqueo-de-cuentas-oficiales-de-funcionarios-en-twitter}$ 

 $<sup>53 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/alertas/obstruccion-informativa/921-policia-decomisa-motocicleta-de-periodista-que-fotografiaba-escena-de-accidente-vial and the properties of the properties o$ 

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 $<sup>56 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2306-el-departamento-de-la-paz-atrapado-entre-la-censura-y-corrupcion}$ 

 $<sup>57 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/alertas/intimidacion/918-mujeres-periodistas-victimas-de-ataques-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-en-facebookmujeres-periodistas-victimas-periodistas-victimas-periodistas-victimas-periodis-periodis-periodis-periodis-periodis-periodis$ 

 $<sup>58 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://expedientepublico.org/index.php/comunidad/106-el-riesgo-de-ser-mujer-en-honduras}$ 

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 $<sup>61 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/AMR0189122018SPANISH.PDF}}$ 

<sup>62</sup> http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2300-amnistia-internacional-publica-estudio-sobre-la-situacion-de-los-mecanismos-de-proteccion-para-defensores-y-defensoras-de-ddhh



#### **Political Prisoners**

The Inter-American Human Rights Commission (IACHR) held its 169th period of hearings in October. One hearing was granted to CEJIL and the Coalition against Impunity on the topic of the political prisoners in Honduras. <sup>63</sup> Commissioner Joel Hernández said that they will closely monitor the situation in Honduras. <sup>64</sup> The JOH regime, meanwhile, tried to pretend that there are no political prisoners in Honduras. <sup>65</sup> <sup>66</sup> At the end of the month, Salvador Nasralla claimed that the political prisoners will be released as a result of the National Dialogue. <sup>67</sup> We will know more in November.

#### **Extractive Industries**

There are two ways to force through extractive projects in Honduras; ignoring existing laws or weakening them. The Institute for Environmental Law of Honduras (IDAMHO) denounced an attempt to reform the forest law which would further shrink its potential to protect Honduras' forests from over-exploitation. A further approach may be to restrict information about the projects to weaken protests. We have seen this last month with a ministerial agreement restricting access to information about extractive projects (see last month's report). IDAMHO published some additional information on this.

## **Mining**

One mining project continues to occupy the headlines. Already in July, inhabitants of Guapinol near Tocoa, Colón set up a peaceful protest camp against the mining project by Inversiones Los Pinares – an example of people sovereignty according to Radio Progreso. The mine In question intends to mine iron oxide "one of the most destructive [forms of mining] and with only a minimal profit margin due to its ridiculous [low] price on the international market". The mining project is placed inside a national park and it will affect the water resources of 14 communities. Is local HRDs face arrest warrants and on October 6, the JOH regime ordered their arrest. The arrest warrants were emitted by a court with national jurisdiction which had initially been created to fight organized crime. These courts work together with Fusina and rely heavily on the Armed Forces for detentions and investigations. The Coalition against Impunity condemned this new level of criminalization.

 $<sup>63 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2297-este-miercoles-audiencia-en-la-cidh-sobre-personas-criminalizadas-y-privadas-de-libertad-en-el-contexto-postelectoralizadas-y-privadas-y-privadas-y-privadas-y-privadas-y-$ 

 $<sup>64 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://criterio.hn/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-legalidad-de-los-presos-politicos/2018/10/03/cidh-exhorta-al-estado-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-respetar-el-principio-de-honduras-el-principio-de-honduras-el-principio-de-honduras-el-prin$ 

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 $<sup>71 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/} 2018/10/02/\text{resistencia-en-guapinol-y-explotacion-de-oxido-de-hierro-en-areas-protegidas/}}$ 

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<sup>74</sup> http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2301-coalicion-contra-la-impunidad-estado-coloca-en-la-categoria-de-los-criminales-mas-peligrosos-a-los-defensores-y-defensoras-de-guapinol



The company, which belongs to Lenir Pérez and Ana Isabel Facussé, presented themselves as victim, seeking out the help of the UN to mediate with "the people obstructing development" <sup>75</sup>. Just last month, private security guards employed by the mine shot at the peaceful protesters (see last month's report). The local community, meanwhile, received national and international letters of solidarity from human rights organization. $^{76}$  Nevertheless, the mining company in collaboration with the JOH regime continued to denigrate and criminalize the protest. The situation turned from bad to worse on October 27. State security forces violently evicted the camp. <sup>78</sup> Local members of the protest denounced that pregnant women and teenagers were beaten and that children fainted.<sup>79</sup> At least someone was arrested and they denounce that the police did not tell them to which station he was taken. 80 A day later, COPINH denounced that after the eviction, heavily armed men belonging to the mine reappeared in the community spreading fear.<sup>81</sup> Additionally, the JOH regime further militarized the region and established a curfew at 6pm. 82 On October 29, two members of the Armed Forces died. El Tiempo wrote about a confrontation between civilians and state security forces. 83 Criterio, meanwhile, wrote that the state security forces had been attacked but it was unknown by whom. 84 The Armed Forces later held criminal groups responsible for the deaths. 85 The Alignment against the Reelection (CCC) held a press conference denouncing that "actions of war" have taken place in Guapinol and they condemned the militarization of the area. 86 87 In a press release, CEJIL condemned the repression and violent eviction of state security forces in Guapinol. Marcia Aguiluz, director of CEJIL for Central America and Mexico, stressed that "the persecution the community of Guapinol faces today is part of a systematic practice in Honduras, where companies in collusion with state authorities have private security agents in order to to control the territory and threaten the security of the community. This project is a new expression of the model that promotes the extraction of natural resources over the welfare of the majority."88

On October 30, Libre published a press release announcing that they had nominated a commission to investigate the human rights violation taking place in Guapinol.<sup>89</sup> The investigation will include the local mayor of Tocoa, Adán Funes, who belongs to Libre.<sup>90</sup>

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 $<sup>78 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fuerza-publica-reprime-a-pobladores-de-comunidad-por-danos-de-minera/}}$ 

<sup>79</sup> http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/desalojan-a-manifestantes-en-empresa-minera-en-tocoa-colon.html

 $<sup>80 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://tiempo.hn/con-bombas-lacrimogenas-y-golpes-desalojo-la-policia-a-hondurenos-del-campamento-guapinol-colon/2} \\$ 

<sup>81</sup> https://www.facebook.com/copinh.intibuca/posts/2171726679767766

 $<sup>82 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3055-alerta-honduras-campesinos-de-guapinol-advierten-caceria-en-estado-de-sitio-de-esta-noche alerta-honduras-campesinos-de-guapinol-advierten-caceria-en-estado-de-sitio-de-esta-noche alerta-honduras-caceria-en-estado-de-sitio-de-esta-noche alerta-honduras-caceria-en-estado-de-esta-noche alerta-honduras-caceria-en-esta-noche alerta-hon$ 

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 $<sup>86 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/854-convergencia-denuncia-operativos-de-guerra-contra-defensores-de-bienes-comunes-y-territorios}$ 

 $<sup>87 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://defensoresenlinea.com/urgent-action-violent-eviction-of-the-encampment-for-life-in-guapinol/} \\$ 

 $<sup>88 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://www.cejil.org/es/honduras-condenamos-acciones-estatales-que-ponen-riesgo-derecho-al-agua-guapinol-tocoa} \\$ 



# **Corruption and Its Enemies**

This month, corruption in Honduras public sector was widely discussed as the CNA presented new corruption cases in Honduras' public health system. <sup>91</sup> 215 current and former State functionaries are involved and that the sum in question is at least 44 million Lempiras. <sup>92</sup> According to the CNA, some 50% of the health budget is lost due to corruption. <sup>93</sup> Apparently, there is there is one congressman at the center of the new corruption cases, but the CNA won't give either name nor party. <sup>94</sup> Back in February, the CNA had already reported on corruption in the public health system which involved the Nationalist congressman Rolando Dubón Bueso. The CNA criticized that they cannot reveal the name of the person due to a bill recently approved in Congress which aims to protect corrupt officials (see next sub-section). <sup>95</sup>

There were further corruption cases that came to light or to trial this month. The mayor of Puerto Cortés was accused of corruption. The former Nationalist congressman Roger Arquímedes Quiroz was found guilty of tax fraud and the Constitutional Chamber rejected an appeal by the Nationalist congresswoman Sara Medina Galo investigated for corruption. El Pulso published an overview of the cases of corruption linked to the National Persons Registry (RNP) in the last years. Just between 2017 and 2018, some 100 cases have been documented. Last but not least, the former Assistant Bishop of Tegucigalpa, Juan José Pineda, accessed some 30 million Lempiras from the 'tasa de seguridad' without much accountability.

The entities fighting for corruption showed some signs of life this month. The MACCIH held a meeting with the MP to support the implementation of complaints system for corruption<sup>101</sup> and the TSC demanded more power to fight corruption.<sup>102</sup> The MACCIH also handed in its newest report to the OAS, but no details have surfaced so far.<sup>103</sup>

### The Onslaught against the Anti-Corruption Bodies

Last month, we saw further attempts to undermine the current president of the CNA, Gabriella Castellanos (see last month's report). On October 1, she was confirmed in her position<sup>104</sup> and in a newspaper interview she highlighted the important collaboration with the MACCIH.<sup>105</sup> Both

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 $<sup>94 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/un-diputado-en-el-centro-de-casos-de-corrupcion-en-salud-cna.html} \\$ 

 $<sup>95 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://tiempo.hn/fruto-de-ley-bobadilla-cna-no-pudo-revelar-nombre-de-diputado/}}$ 

<sup>96 &</sup>lt;a href="https://confidencialhn.com/denuncian-criminalmente-al-alcalde-de-puerto-cortes-por-corrupcion-y-desobediencia/">https://confidencialhn.com/denuncian-criminalmente-al-alcalde-de-puerto-cortes-por-corrupcion-y-desobediencia/</a>

 $<sup>97 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/hallan-culpable-a-exparlamentario-nacionalista-por-defraudacion-fiscal-va-a-la-carcel/2} \\$ 

 $<sup>98 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/sala-constitucional-de-la-csj-niega-recurso-de-amparo-contra-la-ufecic.html} \\$ 

 $<sup>99 \</sup>quad \underline{\text{http://elpulso.hn/recuento-de-la-corrucion-en-el-rnp/}}$ 

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<sup>101</sup> https://twitter.com/OEA\_MACCIH/status/1050523728982016000

 $<sup>102\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/tsc-pide-al-parlamento-mas-potestades-para-combatir-corrupcion/}}$ 

 $<sup>103\</sup> https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1225763-466/operadores-de-justicia-acompa\%C3\%B1an-la-entrega-de-informe-de-la-maccihal proposition and the state of the proposition of the proposit$ 

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<sup>105</sup> http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/hondurenos-no-hemos-podido-contra-la-corrupcion-la-maccih-es-necesaria-segun-gabriela-castellanos.html



institution will face a new obstacle in their anti-corruption struggle. Congress approved a bill prohibiting the names of people having been arrested. On first sight, this bill wants to upheld the presumption of innocence, but it is widely interpreted as further protection for corrupt officials. The Journalists Association Honduras (CPH) called it a new gag order for journalists.

The same TSC that demanded more power to fight corruption (see above) made negative headlines when the MP informed that it had failed so far this year to answer to any of the requests by the MP regarding illicit enrichment by former public officials and members of the National Police.<sup>109</sup>

#### **Pandora Case**

News about the Pandora information case has decrease substantially since was made public some months ago. This month, a judge denied to lift the arrest warrant against Elvin Santos Lozano. He is currently hospitalized outside the country and his legal teams claims that he would like to present himself voluntarily for questioning but only if the arrest warrant would be lifted. 110

### **Judiciary Council**

Already last month, the initial accusations against the former members of the Judiciary Council which had led to pre-trial detentions were dropped allowing all except one to leave prison (see last month's report). This month, the legal team of the one remaining in pre-trial detention, its former vice-president Teodoro Bonilla, presented new appeals to also get him out of prison.<sup>111</sup>

## The Case against the Former First Lady Rosa Elena de Lobo

Since her pre-trial detention this February, several legal challenges have been filed by the legal team of former first lady Rosa Elena Bonilla de Lobo. October started with another unsuccessful attempt. <sup>112</sup> But by mid-October, she had been transferred to a hospital for health issues <sup>113</sup> and later on, the Constitution Chamber admitted an further appeal. <sup>114</sup>

# **State Security Forces**

Last month, there was a lot of discussion regarding security spending as Congress debated the 2019 general budget<sup>115</sup> (see last month's report). In October, an analysis by FOSDEH found that the JOH regime spent at least 450 million Lempiras on arms sales in 2017.<sup>116</sup> Additional money for security

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and defense comes from the security tax 'tasa de seguridad'. By the end of 2018, it will have gathered more than 2 billion Lempiras. More than 60% of it have flown directly to the National Police, the Armed Forces and the Military Police. The beneficiary of the security budget continued to make worrisome headlines this month. A member of the Armed Forces faced trial for selling military clothing to gang members. A member of the Military Police was arrested accused of murder and three active member and a purged member of the National Police Force faced trial for corruption. Another active member of the police force has to await trial in prison accused of bribery. An investigation by Reporteros de Investigación found links of members of the Armed Forces to human trafficking.

The main headlines came from two additional cases. First, on October 8, the MP went after an alleged corrupt and still active police commissioner, Lorgio Oquelí Mejía Tinoco. They seized 31 goods and properties from him and his family. Lorgio Oquelí Mejía Tinoco presented himself to the MP, but he was not arrested two former police official, José Elías Bustillo Carías and Miladis Davila, were arrested. The arrest of Bustillo Carías was interesting as he had previously been certified by the purging committee. Mejía Tinoco is also an interesting person as he was the head of the human rights office at the Security Secretariat. According to COPINH, the investigation of him reflected well the state of human rights in Honduras and the lack of defense for HRDs. COFADEH agreed. Furthermore, Mejía Tinoco was a sub-commissioner when the purging committee investigated him and others in 2016. He and 66 others were certified by the commission and this year he was promoted to the position of a commissioner. Because the MP failed to arrest him when he voluntarily showed up at their offices, he fled afterwards and Interpol was included in his search.

The second case took place at the end of the month. The Military Police sprayed a family van with bullets hurting three children inside the car. The family was on its way to the hospital to seek medical attention for their 14-year old daughter when they suddenly were persecuted and shot at.<sup>131</sup> The police reacted with a press release failing to explain why they followed and shot at the family

 $<sup>117 \ \</sup>underline{\text{https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1228500-466/m\%C3\%A1s-de-2000-millones-de-lempiras-deja-tasa-de-seguridad-en-louding-description-$ 

<sup>118</sup> https://tiempo.hn/sargento-mayor-prision-pandilla-18/

 $<sup>119 \ \</sup>underline{\text{https://tiempo.hn/capturan-a-policia-militar-asesinato/}}$ 

 $<sup>120\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1225083-466/este-martes-dictar\%C3\%A1n-fallo-contra-miembros-de-la-polic\%C3\%ADa}$ 

 $<sup>121\ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/se-entrega-policia-activo-implicado-en-sobornos-a-ganaderos-en-la-zona-sur.html}$ 

<sup>122</sup> https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2018/10/15/ministerio-publico-esconde-cifras-de-militares-hondurenos-o-estadounidenses-investigados-por-supuesta-trata-de-personas/

 $<sup>123\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://criterio.hn/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-tinoco-y-capturan-otro-oficial/2018/10/09/mp-asegura-31-bienes-a-comisionado-de-policia-lorgio-oqueli-mejia-a-captura-31-bienes-a-$ 

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 $<sup>127 \ \</sup>underline{\text{https://copinh.org/} 2018/10/el-copinh-condena-el-ataque-en-contra-del-movimiento-social-y-las-organizaciones-comunitarias-e-indigenas/notational-y-las-organizaciones-comunitarias-e-indigenas-comunitarias-e-indigenas-comunitarias-e-indigenas-comunitarias-e-indigenas-c-indigen$ 

 $<sup>128\ \</sup>mathrm{http://defensoresenlinea.com/en-manos-de-quien-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-defensoras-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-los-y-las-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-de-ddhh/2000-esta-la-seguridad-ddhh/2000-es$ 

 $<sup>129 \ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/transparencia/823-por-las-calumnias-de-ayer-hoy-debe-responder-a-la-justicia-ex-jefe-policial}$ 

 $<sup>130 \, \</sup>underline{\text{https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1223976-466/remiten-a-interpol-alerta-para-capturar-a-lorgio-mej\%C3\%ADa}$ 

 $<sup>131\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://tiempo.hn/militares-hermanitos-en-la-rivera-hernandez/}}$ 



mentioning solely that there was a confrontation with a gang and the Military Police. <sup>132</sup> The next day, three police agents were arrested. <sup>133</sup>

By the end of October, the purging committee has been in place for 30 months. <sup>134</sup> In total, they have presented 830 files to the Bureau of Disciplinary Police Affairs (Didapol). <sup>135</sup> At the same time, the lawyer and legal representative of purged members of the police forces, Rosmel Lanza, denounced that they had acted arbitrarily against some 1000 former members and that they were separated without due cause nor process. <sup>136</sup> Additionally, there are some 700 open complaints by purged members of the police <sup>137</sup> and purged members of the National Police had in total received 745.6 million Lempiras in compensations. <sup>138</sup> At the end of October, the Security Secretariat announced new changes in the leadership of the National Police Force. <sup>139</sup>

October brought to light further worrisome developments at the Forensic Medicine department. Its director Julissa Villanueva anew denounced the lack of support she gets from the illegally reelected Attorney General Óscar Chinchilla. Confidencial HN reported on plans at the MP to get rid of her. Villanueva has been pushing for months for an investigation into the murder of ATIC regional director Sheril Yubissa Hernández, a murder which the ATIC tried to present as a suicide.

### **Post-Electoral Human Rights Violations**

Out of the blue, the MP informed on October 17 that they would question the head of the Armed Forces about the post-electoral violence. They demanded detailed information from the Armed Forces, but they either failed to answer or said that the information was classified. He Even worse, General Rene Ponce Fonseca claimed that "at no time have we shot any citizen". On October 22, the Armed Forces handed it a report hour so far no details have been made public about its content nor scope.

# Repressions

For weeks, Hondurans have taken to the streets against the rising energy prices. This month, there protest were violently repressed on at least two occasions.<sup>147</sup> On one occasion, two children were

 $<sup>132\ {\</sup>rm https://criterio.hn/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-contra-tres-menores-de-edad/2018/10/27/policia-nacional-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-disparo-confirma-que-policia-militar-que-policia-militar-que-policia-militar-que-policia-militar-que-policia-militar-que-$ 

 $<sup>133\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/encarcelan-policias-senalados-de-acribillar-familia-en-san-pedro-sula/}$ 

 $<sup>134\ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/depuracion-policial-cumple-30-meses-sin-prisas-pero-sin-pausas.html}$ 

 $<sup>135\ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/comision-depuradora-remite-830-casos-a-la-didadpol.html}$ 

 $<sup>136 \ \</sup>underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/junta-depuradora-actuo-de-forma-arbitraria-al-separar-policias/}}$ 

 $<sup>137 \ \</sup>underline{\text{https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1228752-466/casi-700-demandas-de-polic\%C3\%ADas-depurados-se-resuelven-en-los-juzgados-news-depurados-se-resuelven-en-los-juzgados-news-depurados-se-resuelven-en-los-juzgados-news-depurados-se-resuelven-en-los-juzgados-news-depurados-se-resuelven-en-los-juzgados-news-depurados-se-resuelven-en-los-juzgados-news-depurados-news-depurados-se-resuelven-en-los-juzgados-news-depurados-news-depurados-se-resuelven-en-los-juzgados-news-depurados-news-$ 

 $<sup>138 \ \</sup>underline{\text{https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1229074-466/exdirector-de-polic\%C3\%ADa-recibi\%C3\%B3-22-millones-de-lempiras-por-prestaciones} \\$ 

 $<sup>139 \ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/secretaria-de-seguridad-realiza-rotaciones-en-la-policia-a-nivel-nacional.html}$ 

 $<sup>140 \ \</sup>underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/jefa-forense-acusa-al-fiscal-general-chinchilla-de-no-darle-apoyo-por-denunciar-irregularidades/} \\ 141 \ \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-como-jefa-forense-del-ministerio-publico/} \\ 142 \ \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-como-jefa-forense-del-ministerio-publico/} \\ 143 \ \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-como-jefa-forense-del-ministerio-publico/} \\ 144 \ \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-como-jefa-forense-del-ministerio-publico/} \\ 145 \ \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-como-jefa-forense-del-ministerio-publico/} \\ 146 \ \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-como-jefa-forense-del-ministerio-publico/} \\ 147 \ \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-como-jefa-forense-del-ministerio-publico/} \\ 148 \ \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-como-jefa-forense-del-ministerio-publico/} \\ 149 \ \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-como-jefa-forense-del-ministerio-publico/} \\ 140 \ \underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-villanueva-chinchilla-despedira-a-julissa-vil$ 

 $<sup>142</sup>_{\ \underline{https://criterio.hn/2018/10/17/ultima-hora-ministerio-publico-requiere-a-jefe-de-las-ff-aa-por-muertes-de-periodo-postelectoral/}$ 

 $<sup>143\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://tiempo.hn/mp-requiere-al-jefe-de-ff-aa-informacion-necesaria-sobre-muertes-poselectorales/}$ 

<sup>144</sup> https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1226047-466/hasta-n%C3%BAmero-de-serie-de-fusiles-est%C3%A1-solicitando-el-ministerio-p%C3%BAblico-a

 $<sup>145\ {\</sup>rm https://confidencialhn.com/ffaa-hondurenas-niegan-tener-participacion-en-crimenes-poselectorales/}$ 

 $<sup>146\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://tiempo.hn/ff-aa-presenta-informacion-solicitada-por-el-ministerio-publico-sobre-muertes-poselectorales/}$ 

 $<sup>147 \\ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2299-a-garrotazos-gases-lacrimogenos-y-balas-se-pretende-desarticular-la-protesta-social-en-choluteca}$ 



hurt, one of them had to be transferred to the hospital. On October 13, the state security forces additionally went after journalist and HRDs accompanying the protest. 49

### **Penitentiary System**

September ended with a prison riot, two dead inmates and several wounded<sup>150</sup> (see also last month's report). Conaprev denounced that inmates are not separated by certain categories which causes a lot of unrest.<sup>151</sup> While the deputy director of the National Penitentiary Institute (INP) told the media that such fights inside prisons are normal, CODEH demanded an intervention of the INP.<sup>152</sup> Honduras' prison not only suffer from violence, but also gruesome health conditions. Family members sought out Conaprev to file complaints for an ongoing tuberculosis outbreak.<sup>153</sup> Another problem is overpopulation. The 28 prisons are 400% overpopulated. One reason for this is an increased by 222% since 2010 of small-scale drug dealers.<sup>154</sup> An investigation by Expediente Público showed that this did not to a decrease in drug-related homicides.<sup>155</sup>

On October 7, two more inmates were stabbed to death in the so-called maximum security prison El Pozo. Three days before, an inmate had fled from the same prison and the same day, eleven alleged gang members fled from the youth detention center Renaciendo. The month ended with another prison break.

#### Militarization

On October 3, the Honduran Armed Forces celebrated the Day of the Soldier.<sup>160</sup> While they celebrated, Defensores en Línea interviewed several civil society and social movements representatives in Honduras's south who all denounced an increasing militarization of the region.<sup>161</sup> Later this month, Juan Almendáres Bonilla presented at a roundtable on Militarization and Human Rights in which he presented the role of the Armed Forces throughout Honduras' history, especially in promoting a extractive economic model.<sup>162</sup>

 $<sup>148\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://criterio.hn/2018/10/03/policia-reprime-manifestacion-en-choluteca-dejando-ninos-heridos/news-manifestacion-en-choluteca-dejando-ninos-her$ 

<sup>149 &</sup>lt;a href="http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/alertas/criminalizacion-de-la-protesta-publica/912-policias-reprimen-a-periodista-defensores-de-derechos-humanos-y-ciudadanos-que-convocaron-a-manifestacion-pacifica">http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/alertas/criminalizacion-de-la-protesta-publica/912-policias-reprimen-a-periodista-defensores-de-derechos-humanos-y-ciudadanos-que-convocaron-a-manifestacion-pacifica</a>

 $<sup>150\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://criterio.hn/2018/10/01/honduras-dos-muertos-y-siete-heridos-deja-supuesto-pleito-entre-maras-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/2018/10/01/honduras-dos-muertos-y-siete-heridos-deja-supuesto-pleito-entre-maras-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/2018/10/01/honduras-dos-muertos-y-siete-heridos-deja-supuesto-pleito-entre-maras-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/2018/10/01/honduras-dos-muertos-y-siete-heridos-deja-supuesto-pleito-entre-maras-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/2018/10/01/honduras-dos-muertos-y-siete-heridos-deja-supuesto-pleito-entre-maras-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/2018/10/01/honduras-dos-muertos-y-siete-heridos-deja-supuesto-pleito-entre-maras-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/2018/10/01/honduras-dos-muertos-y-siete-heridos-deja-supuesto-pleito-entre-maras-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/2018/10/01/honduras-dos-muertos-y-siete-heridos-deja-supuesto-pleito-entre-maras-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/2018/10/01/honduras-dos-muertos-y-siete-heridos-deja-supuesto-pleito-entre-maras-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad/2018/10/01/honduras-dos-muerto-pleit$ 

 $<sup>151\ {\</sup>rm https://confidencialhn.com/falta-de-segregacion-de-reos-en-la-tolva-provoco-reyerta-conaprev/}$ 

 $<sup>152\ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/rina-en-la-tolva-es-normal-segun-el-inp-codeh-pide-intervencion-al-sistema.html}$ 

 $<sup>153\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://confidencialhn.com/denuncian-persistencia-de-tuberculosis-en-carceles-hondurenas/}$ 

<sup>154 &</sup>lt;a href="http://expedientepublico.org/index.php/seguridad-y-violencia/107-el-narcomenudeo-y-su-capacidad-de-reorganizacion">http://expedientepublico.org/index.php/seguridad-y-violencia/107-el-narcomenudeo-y-su-capacidad-de-reorganizacion</a>
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 $<sup>156\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://criterio.hn/2018/10/08/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-manera-violenta-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-manera-violenta-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-manera-violenta-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-manera-violenta-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-manera-violenta-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-manera-violenta-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-manera-violenta-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-maxima-seguridad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-libertad-mueren-de-libertad-mueren-de-libertad-mueren-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-mueren-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-libertad-en-honduras/dos-privados-de-$ 

 $<sup>157 \ \</sup>underline{\text{https://tiempo.hn/de-la-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad-el-pozo-en-ilama-santa-barbara-se-fugo-un-hondureno/lama-se-fugo-un-hondureno/l$ 

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 $<sup>159 \; \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.latribuna.hn/2018/10/28/se-fugan-dos-reos-de-centro-penal-de-el-porvenir/sepsilon} \\$ 

 $<sup>160\ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.latribuna.hn/2018/10/03/ffaa-nuestra-unica-mision-es-ver-a-una-honduras-mejor/}}$ 

<sup>161</sup> http://defensoresenlinea.com/para-que-estan-los-militares-en-la-zona-sur-de-honduras/

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# **International Community**

The Inter-American Development Bank (BID) continues to sign agreements with the JOH regime. This month, the bank granted a \$90 million loan to to improve the logistic sector. 163

#### US

The US and Mexico co-hosts a second edition of the Prosperity and Security Conference in Central America. <sup>164</sup> US vice-president Mike Pence attended and praised the illegal reelection of Attorney General Óscar Chinchilla <sup>165</sup> while also mentioning growing US' concern regarding diplomatic ties between China and Central American countries while cutting the ties with Taiwan. <sup>166</sup>

Last month, we reported on a further increase in attacks against HRDs, especially surrounding extractive industry projects. This situation caused a reaction in the US. "Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) and Representative Jan Schakowsky (IL-09) today led a letter with 50 of their Senate and House colleagues highlighting the growing threats against human rights defenders, journalists, and international human rights observers in Honduras. The lawmakers cite death threats to journalists and human rights groups, expulsions of Americans and other non-Hondurans documenting human rights violations, and intimidation campaigns against members of civil society as grave concerns around Honduras's human rights record. In their letter, the Senator Markey, Congresswoman Schakowsky, and the lawmakers call on the Trump administration to request the Honduran government immediately investigate these attacks, direct the State Department to reassess its certification of human rights conditions in Honduras, investigate threats against Americans, and publicly express concern about these attacks."

#### EU

The Spanish development agency celebrates 30 years in Honduras this month.<sup>168</sup> Back in Spain, congressman Pedro Arrojo asked the Spanish government in Congress what they are doing to stop the assassinations of Honduran HRDs such as Berta Cáceres.<sup>169</sup> <sup>170</sup> Germany continues to be involved with the construction of the Palmerola airport and Jens Krause was in Honduras this month to present an economic development plan around the airport.<sup>171</sup> The EU together with the Dutch institute NIMD presented the PROdemos project which proposes "to strengthen the parties in their role as representatives of the needs and fundamental aspirations of the Honduran population."<sup>172</sup>

 $<sup>163\ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m\%C3\%A1s-noticias/bid-otorga-a-honduras-90-millones-de-dolares-para-reformas-en-sector-transporte.html}$ 

 $<sup>164\ {\</sup>scriptstyle \underline{\text{https://hn.usembassy.gov/second-prosperity-security-conference/}}$ 

 $<sup>165\ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/vicepresidente-pence-eleccion-de-fiscal-chinchilla-es-un-paso-para-erradicar-corrupcion-y-derrotar-redes-criminales.html}$ 

 $<sup>166 \; \</sup>underline{\text{https://www.france24.com/en/20181011-pence-warns-central-american-leaders-china-ties}}$ 

 $<sup>167 \ \</sup>underline{\text{https://schakowsky.house.gov/press-releases/representative-schakowsky-and-senator-markey-lead-call-for-holding-honduran-government-accountable-for-human-rights/}$ 

 $<sup>168\ {\</sup>rm http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/honduras-seguira-siendo-prioridad-para-espana-dice-embajador-espanol.html}$ 

 $<sup>169~{\</sup>scriptstyle \underline{\text{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SeZCmS2RECY}}$ 

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#### **Varia**

## **Poverty**

Hondurans already suffering from poverty found themselves in a worse position this month as energy (see also the next sub-section) and fuel prices continued to rise. <sup>173</sup> Every Wednesday and Saturday, people in Choluteca take to the streets to protest against the Energy Honduras (EEH) which they hold responsible for the price rises together with the JOH regime. <sup>174</sup> The latter used state security forces to repress the protests. <sup>175</sup> Pinu congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez denounced that the price rises disproportionately affects poor women and small-scale merchants. <sup>176</sup> A UNICEF report found this month that three out of five Honduran children are poor and one out of four lives in extreme poverty. <sup>177</sup> While the poor suffer, it is estimated that Honduras will lose more than 181 billion Lempiras due to tax exemptions in the coming four years. <sup>178</sup>

### **Electric Energy System**

This month, JOH once more announced an overhaul of the electric energy system<sup>179</sup> just as his Finance Secretary Rocío Tábora announced the next increase in energy prices.<sup>180</sup> According to the head of the ENEE, his company will disappear by January 1 and three companies will take over for the generating, transmission and distribution of the electric energy. He claims that this does not mean privatization.<sup>181</sup> The former PAC congressman Aníbal Cálix criticized the planned restructuring of ENEE claiming that it only benefits a small elite.<sup>182</sup> The Honduran people, meanwhile, took to the streets to protest against the rising electricity prices. On October 13, members of the police and the military violently repressed the protesters as well as a journalist and several HRDs accompanying them.<sup>183</sup>

#### **Public Health**

These last months, the Medical Association of Honduras (CMH) denounced that the JOH regime is laying the ground for privatization in the public health sector by actively causing a situation of crisis. The president of the Sitramedhys labor union shares this fear.<sup>184</sup> One tool JOH has as his disposal is the intervention committee for the health sector presented last month. The CMH

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 $<sup>180\ {\</sup>scriptstyle https://confidencialhn.com/aunque-viene-incremento-a-energia-hondurenos-accederan-a-bono-por-bajo-consumo-finanzas/accederan-a-bono-finanzas/accederan-a-bono-finanza$ 

 $<sup>181\ {\</sup>rm https://confidencialhn.com/anuncian-cierre-de-la-enee-y-creacion-de-tres-nuevas-empresas/}$ 

 $<sup>182\ {\</sup>scriptstyle \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/refundacion-de-la-enee-solo-beneficia-a-pequenos-grupos-exdiputado-anibal-calix.html}$ 

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 $<sup>184\,{}</sup>_{\rm https://confidencialhn.com/advierten-creacion-de-crisis-hospitalaria-para-despues-justificar-privatizacion/}$ 



presented a legal challenge against its members for conflicts of interest.<sup>185</sup> The public health system is further undermined by corruption. According to the director of the CNA), Gabriela Castellanos, some 50% of the health budget is lost due to corruption.<sup>186</sup>

On October 8, the medical staff at the Mario Catarino Rivas hospital in San Pedro Sula started strike actions as the JOH regime continued to fail paying them outstanding wages. <sup>187</sup>

### **National Dialogue**

September ended with the withdrawal of the Liberal Party from the National Dialogue. By October 9, they announced their reintegration.<sup>188</sup> Interestingly, they conditioned it to an amnesty for the political prisoners (see also the Political Prisoners section).<sup>189</sup> Some days later, they backtracked from their promise to return<sup>190</sup> and the dialogue was suspended again.<sup>191</sup>

On October 13, Congress' president Mauricio Oliva traveled to the US to sign a cooperation agreement with the OAS regarding electoral reforms. For this occasion, the OAS will formed an expert group to elaborate a proposal which will be handed over latest by December 31. When they arrived in Honduras, Libre announced that they won't accept any legalization of the presidential reelection without a popular consultation. There was also criticism that Honduras had to pay 6 million Lempiras to the OAS for the expert commission. The month ended without any note-worthy results and the UN representative Igor Garafulic announced that the dialogue will continue at least until November 15.

## **Liberal Party**

Last month, we reported on the internal disputes inside the Liberal Party. In October, things calmed down a bit, as the Disciplinary Commission of the Liberal Party decided against the expulsion of the 13 congresswo/men who had assisted the second inauguration of JOH. <sup>198</sup> Yet throughout the month, there was no decision made (public) regarding the seventeen congresswo/men who had approved the intervention of the National Persons Registry (RNP). The Liberal Party instead tried to move public interest away from their internal affairs by announcing a new opposition block called

 $<sup>185\ {\</sup>rm https://confidencialhn.com/colegio-medico-interpone-recurso-contra-junta-interventora-de-salud/2000}$ 

 $<sup>186 \; \</sup>underline{\text{https://tiempo.hn/redes-corrupcion/}}$ 

 $<sup>187 \ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3005-personal-de-operaciones-suspende-cirugias-publicas-por-impago-de-sueldor.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3005-personal-de-operaciones-suspende-cirugias-publicas-por-impago-de-sueldor.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3005-personal-de-operaciones-suspende-cirugias-publicas-por-impago-de-sueldor.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3005-personal-de-operaciones-suspende-cirugias-publicas-por-impago-de-sueldor.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3005-personal-de-operaciones-suspende-cirugias-publicas-por-impago-de-sueldor.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3005-personal-de-operaciones-suspende-cirugias-publicas-por-impago-de-sueldor.hn/index.php/noticia$ 

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 $<sup>190\ {\</sup>rm http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/pl-decide-suspender-su-participacion-en-las-mesas-del-dialogo-politico.html}$ 

 $<sup>191\ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3020-honduras-suspenden-dialogo-nacional-hasta-nuevo-aviso-productional-hasta-nuevo$ 

 $<sup>192\ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/comision-del-cn-viajo-a-washington-para-firmar-convenio-de-apoyo-para-reformas-politicas-con-oea. \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/comision-del-cn-viajo-a-washington-para-firmar-convenio-de-apoyo-para-reformas-politicas-con-oea. \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/comision-del-cn-viajo-a-washington-para-firmar-convenio-de-apoyo-para-reformas-politicas-con-oea. \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/comision-del-cn-viajo-a-washington-para-firmar-convenio-de-apoyo-para-reformas-politicas-con-oea. \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/comision-del-cn-viajo-a-washington-para-firmar-convenio-de-apoyo-para-reformas-politicas-con-oea. \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/comision-del-cn-viajo-a-washington-para-firmar-convenio-de-apoyo-para-reformas-politicas-con-oea. \underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/con-oea.}}$ 

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 $<sup>195 \ \</sup>underline{\text{https://criterio.hn/2018/10/18/honduras-pago-l-6-millones-a-la-oea-para-hacer-reformas-electorales-doris-gutierrez/}$ 

 $<sup>197 \ \</sup>underline{\text{http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/dialogo-politico-se-extiende-hasta-el-16-de-noviembre.html}$ 

<sup>198</sup> https://criterio.hn/2018/10/02/comision-disciplinaria-del-partido-liberal-determina-no-expulsar-a-diputados-que-asistieron-a-toma-de-posesion-de-hernandez/



"Union for Honduras". 199 According to its president, a united opposition should get rid of JOH by installing a transitory government to prepare elections. 200 201

#### **Migration**

October started with a trip by the US. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan's trip to Central America. US civil society organizations "express grave concern over comments made by the Commissioner that completely disregard violence as a major push factor in driving forced migration from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador". No one expected at that time that just days later, the Trump administration would get ample time to learn about the different factors driving Hondurans to migrate.

On October 11, some 500 Hondurans gathered in San Pedro Sula to travel together to the US.<sup>203</sup> Already the next day, the number increased to some 2500 as people believed that the high number serve as a protection on the dangerous journey northwards.<sup>204</sup> Social media and especially the messaging service WhatsApp helped bring together people with the same wish to flee the Honduran reality.<sup>205</sup> As this shone a bad light on the JOH regime, they immediately pushed the narrative of a politically motivated organization of what became known as the migrant caravan.<sup>206</sup> The Trump administration initially countered the caravan with a discourse of the allegedly improved situation in Honduras: "The situation in Honduras has improved markedly, and this trend will only continue if its citizens remain and invest their extraordinary potential here." <sup>207 208</sup> This was more than cynical as just in the previous month, the US had renewed its travel warning to this "markedly improved country" and US foreign policy is one of the push factors driving Hondurans to migrate.<sup>209</sup> The Trump administration soon dropped this narrative and backed up the JOH regime with the same unfounded statements about the political opposition organizing the caravan.

Honduran civil society organization presented more convincing reasons for Hondurans fleeing from their country. Radio Progreso presented the caravan as "the most obvious expression of politicians and a state policy based on a development model of exploiting natural resources and accelerating the privatization of public services". The coordinator of FOSDEH, Mauricio Diaz, agreed concluding that failed state policies had made Honduras into one of the poorest in Latin America and "a migrant factory". UNAH sociologist Leticia Salomón presented some of the lessons that should be drawn from the migration crisis: i) the failure of the security policy of the JOH regime; ii)

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the subordination of the JOH regime to US interests; iii) the failure to invest in social policy; iv) the failure of Honduras' economic policy; v) the worsening of corruption and impunity; and vi) the migration crisis as a long-overdue bill to all those who supported the illegal reelection and the electoral fraud.<sup>212</sup>

On October 14, the caravan reached Guatemala. Initially, its government announced to deny entry to the Honduran migrants<sup>213</sup>, but the same day they backtracked and let them in.<sup>214</sup> At this stage, the caravan had grown to some 4000 people.<sup>215</sup> The Trump administration got nervous: Trump threatened to cut Honduran aid<sup>216</sup> and vice-president Mike Pence called JOH.<sup>217</sup> At the same time, the denigration and criminalization campaign by the JOH regime<sup>218</sup> and its US ally<sup>219</sup> demanded its first victim. Journalist and former Libre congressman Bartolo Fuentes was arrested by the Guatemalan police.<sup>220</sup> He had been accompanying the caravan from the beginning reporting on their situation. For his work as a journalist, Fuentes had been persecuted before by the JOH regime.<sup>221</sup> Two days after his arrest, Fuentes was deported to Honduras.<sup>222</sup> Upon his arrival, the Honduras' Foreign Secretary, María Dolores Agüero, demanded an MP investigation against him.<sup>223</sup> C-Libre denounced that these accusations put him in danger.<sup>224</sup> Fuentes seemed to share this view and on October 31, he announced that he had left Honduras.<sup>225</sup>

Even before the caravan had reached Mexico, Trump already threatened to deploy the US military to the US southern border. While Trump presented the migrants as criminals and a threat to the US<sup>227</sup>, US Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky pointed out that the migrants are rather fleeing from a threat built up by the US: "The migrant caravan struggling toward our border is a direct result of Juan Orlando Hernandez's anti-democratic regime. We must support these refugees and stop turning a blind eye to Hernandez's repression and violence." The "anti-democratic regime" threatened at this point the political opposition with criminal investigation still unconvincingly claiming that they had organized the caravan.

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On October 12, the first Hondurans making up the caravan reached and crossed the Mexican border. They were greeted with repression when hours before the US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, had traveled to Mexico urging the Mexican government to stop the caravan. When a second caravan arrived, the repression led to the death of young Honduran man from Tegucigalpa, Henry Adalid Díaz Reyes. Henry Adalid Díaz Reyes. Henry Adalid Díaz Reyes died when a bullet hit his head. The JOH regime, meanwhile, outright closed its border to Guatemala for several days. They also started claiming publicly that thousands of migrants had already returned to Honduras which was later questioned by independent observers. Instead of returning, new groups of people came together to jointly travel north.

On October 22, Hondurans in support with their fleeing brothers and sisters took to the streets in the Caravan for Dignity<sup>240</sup> following a call by the Alignment against Continuity. They started a four-days march towards the capital. Padre Melo summarizes their goal as follows: "We will be in Tegucigalpa this Friday, in this journey led by the Alignment, which is a nonpartisan instance of articulation of the Honduran social movement, which was born to fight against the continuity of the neoliberal model producing exclusion and violence, and against the continuity of the authoritarian and illegal project of Juan Orlando Hernández."<sup>241</sup> When it arrived in Tegucigalpa, the Caravan of Dignity was greeted by state repression.<sup>242</sup> <sup>243</sup>

### **Heavy Rainfalls**

Honduras suffered from heavy rainfalls this month which cost the lives of at least eight Hondurans.<sup>244</sup> A report by ContraCorriente highlights the especially high vulnerability of Honduras' capital Tegucigalpa.<sup>245</sup> HRDs denounced the failures by the JOH regime in tacking Honduras' weakness to weather events<sup>246</sup> and FOSDEH criticized that the JOH regime had not included funds for climate change adaptation and mitigation in the new General Budget for 2019.<sup>247</sup>

 $<sup>232\ \</sup>underline{\text{https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/10/honduran-migrant-caravan-advances-fortified-borders-181019203930805.html}$ 

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# And Light at the End of a Month

We witnessed two positive developments in Honduras and both have to do with the Supreme Court. First, over nine years after their destitution and years after a sentence by the IACtHR, the magistrate Tirza Flores Lanza and the judge Guillermo López Lone were finally reinstated in the positions this month. Second, another judicial coup took place in 2012, after four out of the five judges at the Constitutional Chamber decided to vote against a controversial law allowing the creation of Charter Cities. The four judges were fired by JOH. This month, their case reached the IACHR and the commissioner accepted it. An important side-note, the one judge not fired in 2012 was Óscar Chinchilla, who was later made Attorney General by JOH and who was illegally reelected this year.

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