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Honduras Daily: Eta; Berta - Commemoration; HRDs - Guapinol; Corruption - Asfura; Extractivism; COVID-19; and Returning to the Rule of Law

3 hours ago, the forecast for the tropical storm was updated. The storm may become a hurricane category 3 or more before hitting the Mosquitia region of Nicaragua & Honduras.

El Tiempo makes a comparison between Eta and Mitch.

COPECO declared yellow alert for 11 departments.

Once again, there is a call to postpone the Morazan Holidays.

<https://twitter.com/jeffgernst/status/1323111620927754240>

<https://tiempo.hn/eta-y-el-huracan-mitch-que-similitud-hay-entre-ellos/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1419484-466/honduras-tormenta-tropical-eta-alerta-amarilla-huracan-trayectoria>

<https://tiempo.hn/eta-honduras-pide-posponer-feriado-morazanico/>

COPINH invites to participate in a Global Action today to commemorate Berta Cáceres today.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1322925176321986562>

14 months have passed since the illegal detention of the Guapinol defenders. "This week, the judiciary and many Honduran organizations are going on vacation. But please don't take your eyes off Guapinol. On Tuesday, we will begin a new campaign to demand the release of the Guapinol River Defenders and we hope you will join us. We will send you more information on Tuesday morning."

<https://www.guapinolresiste.org/post/resounding-national-and-international-calls-for-freedom-protection-in-guapinol-case>

CESPAD published an update on the corruption case against Tegucigalpa mayor Nasry 'Tito' Asfura.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/01/corte-de-apelaciones-conocera-antejuicio-de-alcalde-de-tegucigalpa-nasry-tito-asfura/>

"The Environmental Law Institute of Honduras (Idamho) presented a technical analysis aimed at explaining the havoc that extractivism can cause and the harmful behaviors that can reduce the country to a desert, since the National Congress is debating a reform through, Legislative Decree No. 238-2012, to the General Mining Law, which according to Idamho, "must be stopped because it is another blow to the country's natural resources in the line of continuing the extractive model that destroys ecosystems, affects populations and public finances"."

<https://criterio.hn/instituto-ambiental-advierte-de-reforma-a-la-ley-de-mineria-que-convertira-a-honduras-en-desierto/>

1858 tests, 808 new COVID-19 cases, 98'212 in total. 3 more people died, 2675 officially have died so far.

<https://www.radiohrn.hn/noviembre-comienza-con-alerta-roja-en-los-18-departamentos-y-con-98212-casos-positivos-de-covid>

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<https://criterio.hn/en-honduras-existe-la-necesidad-de-discutir-el-regreso-a-un-estado-de-derecho-salvador-moncada/>

02/11/20

Honduras Daily: Eta; Journalists; Drug Trafficking - JOH; Berta - Commemoration; COVID-19 . Economy; Migration - US; UN - UPR; and the Highway of Nightmares

Central America faces the tropical storm Eta which was even increased to Level 4 with the possibility of a level 5 hurricane.

Throughout yesterday, even after the increase to a level 4 hurricane, the JOH regime insisted on the Morazán Holidays taking place (see also previous days).

Only some 4 hours ago, the JOH regime finally cancelled the holiday.

Scientists warn that all of Honduras will be affected by the storm.

<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2020/11/extremely-dangerous-hurricane-eta-may-cause-catastrophe-in-central-america/>

<https://tiempo.hn/huracan-eta-en-honduras-alcanzaria-categoria-5-alerta-se-disparan/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2377-urgente-huracan-eta-ya-llego-a-honduras-gobierno-insiste-con-feriado>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=49692>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1323309773857542144>

<https://twitter.com/HondurasCopeco/status/1323457015352623105>

<https://criterio.hn/gobierno-suspende-semana-morazanica-y-eta-por-alcanzar-categoria-5/>

<https://proceso.hn/no-habra-parte-de-honduras-que-no-sea-afectada-por-eta-decano-de-ciencias/>

Two journalists working with C-Libre, Cesario Padilla and Miriam Elvir, were detained by the police yesterday. "C-Libre has described the detention as "illegal and illegitimate". "The journalist Miriam Elvir was detained in a police checkpoint, at the entrance of the colony La Esperanza, accusing her of misconduct to the authority, while the journalist Cesario Padilla, was detained for

recording the arrest", says the Committee."

Seven hours later, they were released again. Pasos de Animal Grande denounces the circumstances of the arrest, but also of the release. Apparently, they were forced to sign an act of conciliation where they expressed that "they will not act legally, judicially or extra-judicially". "Obviously it carries a clear message of trying to silence the victims of these human rights violations and that those responsible will go unpunished, as in hundreds of cases."

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2380-alerta-policia-detiene-y-violenta-a-periodistas-hondurenos>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/3008-alerta-detienen-a-los-periodistas-cesario-padilla-y-miriam-elvir-de-c-libre>

<https://proceso.hn/policia-nacional-detiene-dos-periodistas-de-c-libre-en-la-capital/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/3009-las-horas-de-la-ignominia-policia-mantuvo-detenido-por-mas-de-siete-horas-a-periodistas>

JOH's brother Tony Hernández has been found guilty of drug trafficking months ago, but the sentencing hearing has been postponed on several occasions. It finally should have taken place next week, but was postponed again to January 27, 2021.

<https://confidencialhn.com/reprograman-sentencia-a-exjefe-narco-tony-hernandez-para-el-27-de-enero-de-2021/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1419751-466/reprograman-sentencia-27-enero-de-tony-hernandez-narcotrafico-2021>

COPINH and the rest of the world commemorated Berta yesterday, 56 after her assassination.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1323278796376727554>

The Universal Periodic Review of Honduras will take place tomorrow for at the UN Human Rights Council.

COFADEH's Bertha Oliva commented on the importance of the process but also warned that the JOH regime will try to sell lies as truths.

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHHN/status/1323370547841888257>

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/bertha-oliva-ante-el-eju-honduras-va-a-construir-mentiras-y-las-vendera-como-verdades/>

Yesterday, there were only 645 tests conducted, 193 of which resulted positive for a total of 98'405 COVID-19 cases. 13 more Hondurans died, 2688 have officially died so far.

<https://www.radiohrn.hn/honduras-confirma-este-2-de-noviembre-98405-casos-de-coronavirus>

Criterio reports on the economic impact of the pandemic. There are estimates that over 40% of micro-, small- and medium-sized business had to close.

<https://criterio.hn/cierre-de-mipymes-ha-aumentado-el-desempleo-en-honduras-fedecamaras/>

"U.S. border authorities have been expelling migrant children from other countries into Mexico, violating a diplomatic agreement with Mexico and testing the limits of immigration and child welfare laws.

The expulsions, laid out in a sharply critical internal email from a senior Border Patrol official, have taken place under an aggressive border closure policy the Trump administration has said is necessary to prevent the coronavirus from spreading into the United States. But they conflict with the terms upon which the Mexican government agreed to help implement the order, which were that only Mexican children and others who had adult supervision could be pushed back into Mexico after attempting to cross the border.

The expulsions put children from countries such as Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador at risk by sending them with no accompanying adult into a country where they have no family connections. Most appear to have been put, at least at first, into the care of Mexican child welfare authorities, who oversee shelters operated by religious organizations and other private groups."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/30/us/migrant-children-expulsions-mexico.html>

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<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/02/la-pesadilla-de-la-carretera-ca-4/>

03/11/20

Honduras Daily: Eta; Journalists; Violence - Youth; COVID-19; Journalists; Elections; and Virtual Trials

The tropical storm was downgraded again to a level 2 hurricane, nevertheless, it remains strong and the first devastating effects were already seen yesterday.

According to El Heraldo and Criterio, at a minor had died.

COPECO declared red alert for seven departments and in four departments highways were closed down.

Both Criterio and El Libertador denounced that the JOH regime did not take previous warnings about the storm seriously.

"Risk management expert Ramiro Lara of the Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, Asonog, said on Radio Progreso that Honduras is facing a hurricane with catastrophic characteristics dragging along structural problems, because governments have been unable to pay attention to the serious vulnerability the country is experiencing."

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1420065-466/eta-se-degrada-a-hurac%C3%A1n-de-categor>

[%C3%ADa-2-y-avanza-hacia-honduras](#)

<https://proceso.hn/eta-entraria-como-tormenta-tropical-pero-conservara-su-agresividad-dice-experto/>

<https://criterio.hn/una-menor-muerta-decenas-de-damnificados-y-repunte-de-enfermedades-produce-eta-hasta-ahora-en-honduras/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/fotogalerias/1420000-468/el-paso-del-hurac%C3%A1n-eta-en-honduras-una-muerte-da%C3%B1os-e-inundaciones>

<https://confidencialhn.com/copeco-declara-alerta-roja-en-siete-departamentos-de-honduras-por-llegada-del-huracan-eta/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/anuncian-cierre-de-carreteras-en-horarios-nocturnos-en-cuatro-departamentos-bajo-alerta-roja-por-eta/>

<https://criterio.hn/centro-de-huracanes-indica-que-honduras-descontinuo-alertas-y-advierte-sobre-peligro/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2384-urgente-eeuu-gobierno-de-honduras-no-esta-vigilando-al-devastador-eta>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/honduras-se-enfrenta-a-un-huracan-catastrofico-arrastrando-problemas-estructurales-senala-experto/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/np/son-naturales-los-desastres-naturales/>

On Monday, was the International Day to End Impunity in Crimes against Journalists - the same day, two journalists were illegally detained by the police in Honduras (see yesterday). Two UN Special Rapporteurs called on the occasion of this day for an international accountability mechanisms to address impunity.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/expertas-de-la-onu-piden-mecanismos-internacionales-de-rendicion-de-cuentas-para-hacer-frente-a-la-impunidad/>

ContraCorriente reports on how violence affects children and the youth focusing on forced disappearance. "In Honduras, 1,095 minors have disappeared between 2016 and 2018, according to data from the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol). In these same years, the Public Ministry has only conducted four investigations of disappearances"

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/03/ninos-ninas-y-adolescentes-en-garras-de-la-violencia/>

749 tests were conducted yesterday, 283 resulted positive for a total of 98'688 COVID-19 cases. 2706 people have officially died so far.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1420059-466/honduras-muertes-infectados-covid-19-sinager-coronavirus>

"The Rosenthal family has launched a persecution against those they have considered leaders of the former workers of Diario Tiempo who have demanded justice for the violations of their labor rights, Efrén Bonilla, former employee of Diario Tiempo, told Criterio.hn on Tuesday."

<https://criterio.hn/denuncian-persecucion-de-los-rosenthal-contr-ex-empleados-de-diario-tiempo/>

Congress had another day of discussing the new Electoral Law yesterday. According to Proceso Digital, at least 40 further articles were approved.

<https://proceso.hn/aprobados-articulos-sobre-regulacion-de-campanas-y-propagandas-en-nueva-ley-electoral/>

Congress also started the discussion on a law introducing virtual trials.

<https://proceso.hn/cn-inicio-discusion-del-proyecto-de-ley-que-permitiria-los-juicios-virtuales-en-honduras/>

04/11/20

Honduras Daily: Eta; UN - UPR; WHRDs; COVID-19 - Eta; ZEDEs; Corruption - Asfura; and Coca Country

Eta is hitting Honduras hard, especially the rain coming along with the tropical storm. Several bridges have collapse as river spill over.

The Choluteca River in Tegucigalpa also spilled over and bridges were closed in the capital.

The JOH regime declared a national emergency (the second in place due to the corona pandemic).

In La Ceiba, authorities declared a complete lockdown.

Airports were closed.

Media outlets report on 8 deaths linked to Eta so far.

Declaring a national emergency allows the JOH regime access to int. support and yesterday they asked the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to disburse the \$35 million Green Climate Fund approved to the country in December 2019. It is rightly feared that this money, as with corona, will be siphoned off to JOH and his allies.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/lluvias-destrozan-a-honduras/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/a-su-nivel-maximo-los-rios-del-valle-de-sula/>

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/03/lluvias-por-huracan-eta-dejan-cientos-de-damnificados-en-el-valle-de-sula/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/fotogalerias/1420219-468/derrumbes-puentes-caidos-y-hundimiento-estragos-provoca-huracan-eta>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1420327-466/se-desbordan-r%C3%ADos-en-la-capital-de-honduras-por-tormenta-eta-cierran>

<https://criterio.hn/gobierno-de-honduras-declara-alerta-roja-en-todo-el-pais/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/copeco-anuncia-toque-de-queda-para-la-ceiba-a-partir-de-las-400-de-la-tarde-de-este-miercoles/>

<https://criterio.hn/cierran-aeropuertos-de-honduras-por-huracan-eta/>

<https://proceso.hn/cuatro-muertos-reportan-los-bomberos-en-tela-y-decesos-ascienden-a-seis-por-eta/>

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-pide-al-bid-adelantar-recursos-de-fondos-verdes-para-afrontar-a-eta/>

The JOH regime will face the Universal Periodic Review at the UN Human Rights Council today; it will be live-streamed.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/3010-honduras-estara-ante-el-epu-para-responder-por-recomendaciones-en-materia-de-derechos-humanos>

The Network of Women Human Rights Defenders recently launched in a virtual even its report on the situation of WHRDs in Honduras. The video of the launch as well as the report are online now.

[https://twitter.com/IM\\_Defensoras/status/1324073079736291328](https://twitter.com/IM_Defensoras/status/1324073079736291328)

1205 tests, 436 new COVID-19 cases, 99'124 in total. 24 more people died, 2730 have officially died so far.

<https://proceso.hn/reportan-24-decesos-y-contagios-por-covid-superan-los-99-mil-en-honduras/>

"The president of the Honduran doctors, Suyapa Figueroa, has shown concern because Juan Hernández's cabinet has installed shelters for people affected by the "Eta" climate phenomenon, ignoring the recommendations made by the doctors to prevent the centers from becoming breeding grounds for viruses such as Covid-19 or dengue, among others."

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2386-honduras-joh-y-killa-montan-albergues-sin-medicos-fabrica-covid>

Criterio published an article focusing on the Crawfish Rock community and the ZEDE threatening it.

<https://criterio.hn/crawfish-rock-el-ensayo-del-neoliberalismo-radical-en-centroamerica/>

Radio Progreso published a helpful overview of the corruption case against Tito Asfura.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/especiales/las-turbias-transferencias-del-alcalde-de-tegucigalpa-tito-asfura/>

"After years of low-level experimentation, coca cultivation in Honduras is seemingly expanding, with cocaine production coming online — potentially reducing costs and shortening supply chains."

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/coca-crops-flourish-honduras/>

05/11/20

Honduras Daily: Eta - Corruption; Dengue; COVID-19; UN – UPR

While the center of the tropical storm Eta has moved away from Honduras, its effects were again devastating yesterday and continue to be in the days to come. There is widespread flooding and landslides across the country.

Massive evacuations for the north of Honduras were announced yesterday at midday.

Criterio denounces that this comes too late and that they were warned already a week ago about the possible effects of Eta.

Libertador also denounces that the JOH regime was too preoccupied with the Morazán Holidays intended to get people's mind off the abysmal managing of the corona pandemic.

Apparently, the Ulua river has reached levels higher than during Mitch.

There was also a warning that the huge El Cajón dam would reach its maximum capacity yesterday evening and a controlled discharge would be needed further worsening the situation.

According to Proceso Digital, at least 21 people have died so far, among them 13 minors.

COPECO counted 360'000 Hondurans affected by the storm.

El Heraldo offers an overview with various concerning statistics and graphics.

There are reports that the JOH regime hinders the help of volunteers who want to help victims of the storm.

The storm also destroyed important quantities of agricultural goods undermining food security in the time to come.

The JOH regime again asked for humanitarian aid.

For those who want to help affected communities directly, the Honduras Solidarity Network set up a fund. " Donate to the HSN's Hurricane Eta Emergency Response Fund to get money to community-based groups that are on-the-ground responding to the humanitarian crisis that continues to unfold".

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1420558-410/eta-sale-de-honduras-dejando-muertes-y-graves-da%C3%B1os>

<https://proceso.hn/ordenan-evacuaciones-masivas-en-el-norte-de-honduras-en-proximas-horas/>

<https://criterio.hn/respuesta-tardia-del-gobierno-de-honduras-sacude-las-redes-sociales/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2388-honduras-copeco-ignora-huracan-por-party-morazanico-suman-11-muertos-y-desastres>



<https://twitter.com/jeffgernst/status/1324428037820207105>

<https://twitter.com/jeffgernst/status/1324564420308144131>

<https://proceso.hn/muerte-angustia-y-dolor/>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1420485-410/honduras-personas-afectadas-muertas-desaparecidas-depresion-tropical-eta>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/interactivos/1420321-529/danos-eta-honduras-mapas-graficos>

<https://criterio.hn/denuncian-que-gobierno-obstaculiza-ayudas-de-voluntarios-que-desean-auxiliar-a-damnificados/>

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-reporta-enormes-perdidas-agricolas-por-depresion-tropical-eta/>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=49859>

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-clama-por-ayuda-internacional-humanitaria-y-financiera-por-estragos-causados-por-eta/>

<https://afgj.salsalabs.org/2020hondurashurricaneeta/index.html>

What follows are some links to short videos for example showing the destruction of a historic bridge in Pimienta, Cortés or the flooding of the San Pedro Sula airport.

<https://twitter.com/radioamericahn/status/1324362560263593987>

<https://twitter.com/diarioenaltavoz/status/1324440262677061633>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1324465375220699136>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1324416299200491520>

The number of dengue cases has risen to 22'199 in Honduras.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1420354-466/honduras-ya-registra-22199-casos-de-dengue>

It is not a good sign that Invest-H, central to various corruption cases linked to the pandemic, is responsible for hiring companies to clean up after the storm.

<https://confidencialhn.com/corrupcion-a-la-vista-investh-movilizar-medio-centenar-de-empresas-para-remover-escombros-en-carreteras/>

906 tests resulted in 223 new cases for a total of 99'347. 6 more people died, 2737 have officially died to the pandemic so far.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-honduras-223-nuevos-casos-y-6-muertos/>

Yesterday, Honduras' Universal Periodic Review took place at the UN Human Rights Council (see previous e-mails). Pasos de Animal Grande has a first article on it focusing on the realities of the country and how they are a mismatch to the presentation of the MP.

All the relevant document can soon be found at the official homepage of the UPR for Honduras. And there is also a video of the whole process.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/3011-del-dicho-al-hecho-hay-mucho-trecho-mp-presento-avances-ineficientes-en-derechos-humanos-en-el-eputo-2020>

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/HNIndex.aspx>

<http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/human-rights-council/universal-periodic-review/watch/honduras-review-36th-session-of-universal-periodic-review/6207429273001/?term=>

06/11/20

Honduras Daily: Eta - Health; COVID-19; UN - UPR; Corruption - Asfura; ZEDEs;

Eta and its aftermath continued to wreck havoc in Honduras. La Prensa reports that at least 35 people have died, dozens remain disappeared and 1.3 million Hondurans were affected.

Infrastructure also greatly suffered with some 20 destroyed bridges.

Jeff Ernst reported for Vice on Eta and how it "Is Making a Bad Situation in Honduras Even Worse".

ENEE announced not to discharge part of the El Cajón dam as had been announced the previous day.

According to the finance minister, Honduras counts with some 1.4 billion Lempiras to address the crisis.

At the same time, they continue to look for more financial support.

But there are ongoing warnings of civil society organizations not to give money directly to the JOH regime for its abysmal track record.

There is also ongoing criticism about Eta being "a pre-announced tragedy ignored by the Honduran authorities".

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1420753-410/honduras-muertos-puentes-destruidos-comunidades-incomunicadas-eta>

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/5dpb3n/hurricane-eta-is-making-a-bad-situation-in-honduras-even-worse>

<https://confidencialhn.com/cancelan-descargas-de-agua-en-la-represa-hidroelectrica-el-cajon-ante-inundaciones-en-el-valle-de-sula/>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=49884>

<https://confidencialhn.com/ejecutivo-anuncia-busqueda-de-ayuda-economica-externa-para-enfrentar-crisis-por-eta/>

<https://criterio.hn/piden-a-cooperantes-no-entregar-ayudas-al-gobierno-de-honduras/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1770-con-el-agua-hasta-el-cuello-eta-una-tragedia-anunciada-pero-ignorada-por-las-autoridades-hondurenas>

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/en-imagenes-destruccion-que-dejo-eta-por-su-paso-por-honduras/>

Medical experts warned again about rescue centers becoming new corona hotspots and asked for maintaining biosafety measures.

There are also warning that the massive flooding will cause more cases of dengue, malaria and leptospirosis.

<https://tiempo.hn/eta-en-sps-21-damnificados-expocentro-dan-positivo-covid/>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=49894>

969 tests, 229 new COVID-19 cases, 99'576 in total. 5 more Hondurans died, officially 2741 have died so far.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1420714-466/honduras-registra-99576-casos-de-covid-19-las-muertes-suben-a-2741>

Pasos de Animal Grande continues its important coverage of the recent UPR process of Honduras. The Human Rights Board published a press release on this occasion denouncing that the JOH regime way lying about the realities in Honduras during the process.

The Spanish embassy in Honduras tweeted about its recommendation made at the UPR: i) strengthen the protection mechanism; ii) institutional measures to reduce femicides; and iii) adopt the laws to the IACHR jurisprudence to allow same-sex marriage.

Germany, meanwhile, started its recommendation by lamenting that they had to repeat recommendations made already at the UPR in 2015.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/3012-segun-mesa-de-derechos-humanos-estado-hondureno-mintio-otra-vez-al-ser-examinado-en-el-epu>

<https://twitter.com/EmbEspHonduras/status/1324717332757925888>

[www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1769-alemania-lamenta-tener-que-repetir-recomendaciones-en-materia-de-ddhh-a-honduras](http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1769-alemania-lamenta-tener-que-repetir-recomendaciones-en-materia-de-ddhh-a-honduras)

InSight Crime picked up the corruption charges against Nasry "Tito" Asfura. "Tegucigalpa mayor Nasry "Tito" Asfura — who has announced he will run for president in Honduras' 2021 elections —

has been named in a government investigation into the embezzlement of more than a million dollars in city funds, making him the second presidential candidate to be accused of financial crimes." ConfidentialHN, meanwhile, links Asfura to yet another corruption case.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/honduras-presidential-candidate-embezzlement/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/las-joyas-de-asfura-alcalde-compro-dijes-para-obsequiar-a-alcaldes-latinoamericanos/>

Criterio has a second article on the Crawfish Rock community and the threat of the ZEDE there. "Crawfish Rock: Between Government Abandonment and the Threat of Expropriation by ZEDE"

<https://criterio.hn/crawfish-rock-entre-el-abandono-del-gobierno-y-la-amenaza-de-expropiacion-por-instalacion-de-zede/>

07/11/20

Honduras Daily: Eta - Agriculture, Rescued; COVID-19; US; and a Pandemic, a Hurricane and the UPR

25 deaths linked to the tropical storm Eta have so far been confirmed and Copeco counts with 1.7 million affected Hondurans.

The real death toll will be much higher. Radio Progreso spoke with a forensic doctor in San Pedro Sula who was expecting some 100 bodies just from the municipality La Lima in Cortés.

There are more than 200'000 additional Hondurans without electricity due to Eta.

The failures of the JOH regime to adequately respond to the crisis were highlighted again yesterday. Even worse, the JOH regime actively stopped a humanitarian support mission from the Green Cruz in El Salvador.

The failures of the JOH regime are also seen in the deep mistrust in the population. This explains why there is still the fear that authorities ate releasing water from the El Cajon dam.

<https://proceso.hn/copeco-registra-25-muertos-y-1-7-millones-de-afectados-por-eta-en-honduras/>

<https://radioprogressohn.net/portada/medicina-forense-en-san-pedro-sula-espera-al-menos-100-cuerpos-de-personas-ahogadas-en-inundaciones-de-la-lima-cortes/>

<https://proceso.hn/mas-de-200-mil-hondurenos-sin-suministro-de-energia-electrica-a-causa-de-eta/>

<https://radioprogressohn.net/portada/muertos-desaparecidos-y-perdidas-millonarias-el-primer-recuento-de-danos-producidos-por-eta/>

<http://www.lapautahonduras.site/sucesos/presentador-de-televisio-centro-explota-contra-gobierno-de-joh-que-tristeza-que-negligencia-de-gobierno/>

<https://tiempo.hn/cruz-verde-salvadorena-confirma-honduras-nego-entrada/>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1420944-410/honduras-niega-ingreso-a-rescatistas-de-la-cruz-verde-salvadore%C3%B1a>

<https://radioprogreso.hn/n/el-cajon-a-punto-de-alcanzar-los-285-metros-limite-requerido-para-hacer-descargas-controladas/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1325159791971332099>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1420848-466/descartan-que-hallan-descargas-en-represa-el-cajon>

According to COHEP, at least 40% of the agricultural production was lost due to the floods.

<https://proceso.hn/un-40-de-la-produccion-agricola-fueron-danados-por-las-inundaciones-estima-cohep/>

<https://criterio.hn/honduras-continua-recuento-de-danos-en-el-aparato-productivo-nacional/>

Radio HRN reproduced an official list with the names of those rescued and who are in shelters.

<https://www.radiohrn.hn/lista-de-nombres-de-personas-en-albergues-y-rescatadas-en-honduras-tras-paso-de-eta>

COVID-19 cases surpassed 100'000 yesterday; officially, 2745 have people have died so far.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-confirman-461-casos-fallecimientos-honduras/>

JOH congratulated Biden and Kamala Harris for their victory.

<https://twitter.com/JuanOrlandoH/status/1325163478231834624>

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<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/pandemia-huracan-y-epu/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn/np/la-tormenta-perfecta/>

08/11/20

Honduras Daily: HR-Situation; Eta; COVID-19; Transparency;

The Honduras Forum Switzerland published the October edition of its monthly human rights monitor. Those wishing to receive the report in a separate e-mail can subscribe using the following e-mail address:

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[https://honduras-forum.ch/wordpress/?smd\\_process\\_download=1&download\\_id=9172](https://honduras-forum.ch/wordpress/?smd_process_download=1&download_id=9172)

Copeco reported 26 deaths and four disappeared (both number likely underestimating the real impact) as well as 150'428 families affected and 1650 families evacuated. At the same time, Proceso Digital writes that some 2532 families (12'660 people) are in shelters. There are 21 destroyed and 25 damaged bridges. 68 communities with 65'912 people can currently only be accessed by air or water.

After a public outcry, the JOH regime finally let pass the humanitarian mission from El Salvador (see also yesterday).

But there is ongoing criticism regarding the undermining of acts of solidarity. "Social networks continue to channel indignation at the obstacles imposed by the government of Juan Hernández, through the Permanent Commission of Contingencies (COPECO), in the handling of donations that friends, neighbors and the people in general are trying to give to thousands of families and citizens affected by the floods of Tropical Storm Eta."

"Military & gov't are stopping donations headed north to help those affected by #Eta. This is at toll road in Siguatepeque. Some denounce that COPECO/govt institutions want to control all donations to then use them to promote election of National Party representatives".

"The Convergence against Continuity considers that what happened with Hurricane Eta, "more than a natural disaster is a crime against humanity" because of the negligence and disrespect for human life shown by the government of Juan Hernández in Honduras in the face of the misfortune that the people affected by the natural phenomenon are experiencing today."

There is also public concern regarding food prices; the JOH regime claims that they are stabilized, merchants contradict.

OACNUDH announced to document the situation and highlights the importance of protecting human rights especially in such times of tragedy.

<https://proceso.hn/eta-salda-con-muerte-destruccion-y-perdidas-millonarias-en-honduras/>

<https://www.elpais.hn/2020/11/08/video-asi-reciben-los-hondurenos-a-la-cruz-verde-salvadorena/>

<https://criterio.hn/estalla-indignacion-por-manejo-de-ayudas-y-donativos-por-parte-de-copeco/>

<https://criterio.hn/gobierno-de-honduras-obstaculiza-donaciones-y-ayudas-a-damnificados-de-eta/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1325534117241507840>

<https://criterio.hn/honduras-mas-que-un-desastre-natural-es-un-crimen-de-lesa-humanidad/>

<https://tiempo.hn/precios-canasta-basica-discusion-a-causa-de-eta/>

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHNN/status/1325516322889928707>

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHNN/status/1325593696486580224>

1201 tests, 467 new COVID-19 cases, 100'508 in total. 6 more people died, 2751 have officially died so far.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-reporta-467-nuevos-casos-de-covid-19-y-suba-a-100508-contagios/>

In a typical JOH regime move, they announced the creation of a Transparency Secretariat to fight corruption...wasn't there in the past already a functioning international-backed body which worked on this? Additionally, Honduras already has a Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP), but opening something new reads well in reports presented to international bodies.

ConfidencialHN even sees it as crisis politics using a natural disaster as heads are turned elsewhere to undermine the IAIP, CNA and TSC.

<https://criterio.hn/gobierno-le-monta-paralela-al-iaip-crea-secretaria-de-la-transparencia/>

<https://proceso.hn/gobierno-crea-secretaria-de-la-transparencia/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/el-regimen-va-por-el-iaip-cna-y-tsc-monta-secretaria-de-transparencia-para-tapar-su-corrupcion/>

09/11/20

Honduras Daily: Guapinol - US; Berta - Trial; Eta - Invest-H, Nicaragua; COVID-19 - Journalists; Corruption - US, Transparency; and European Aid

"Discreetly and without public announcement, the largest steel producer in the United States, the Nucor Corporation, spent at least four years associated with an iron mine in Honduras under fire for its presumed persecution of social leaders who are protesting the ecological damage the mine may cause in protected land, according to documents obtained through a cross-border journalism collaboration between Contracorriente, the Centro Latinoamericano de Investigación Periodística (CLIP) and the Univision Investigative Unit. Nucor, a publicly traded company coddled by President Donald Trump, partnered in 2015 with the prominent Honduran businessman Lenir Pérez and his wife Ana Isabel Facussé, owners of Inversiones Los Pinares -- a company that is waging battle against the residents of a town called Guapinol, who oppose the company's planned mine in the Carlos Escaleras National Park, in the northern part of this Central American nation. The conflict has left a wake of people dead, injured and imprisoned."

<https://www.univision.com/univision-news/latin-america/the-hidden-connection-between-a-us-steel-company-and-the-controversial-los-pinares-mine-in-honduras>

"Due to the emergency situation generated by Hurricane Eta, the hearing for the proposal of evidence in the case against David Castillo, co-author of the crime of #BertaCáceres, is rescheduled" for November 17.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1325826072223625223>

Honduras is still trying to grasp the amount of damage done by Eta in the country. El Libertador writes that at least 37 people have died and 1.7 million Hondurans were affected.

Urgent need is needed for at least 100'000 indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples.

MADJ denounces that the Indigenous Tolupán are being forgotten once again by the JOH regime.

The campesino community was also gravely hit.

The theme of the day is "only the people can save the people".

This also corresponds with an observation made by journalist Jeff Ernst. "I just left the shelter in Chamelecon. The three meals come from the people, not the Muni[cipality]. There is no water. It's full of mud and garbage. Many people sleep on the floor. They said the mayor came today just to take a picture."

There are calls for the creation of a "reconstruction cabinet" tasked with coordinating the efforts.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2397-honduras-eta-1-7-millones-de-afectados-60-mil-damnificados-y-37-muertos>

<https://criterio.hn/urge-ayuda-a-mas-de-100-mil-indigenas-y-afrodescendientes-tras-el-paso-de-huracan-eta-en-honduras/>

<https://twitter.com/MovAmplioHn/status/1325813192900177920>

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/grupos-campesinos-en-albergues-sin-casa-cultivos-ni-tierra/>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1325958509423448065>

<https://twitter.com/baraudawaguchu/status/1325794025039929344>

<https://twitter.com/jeffgernst/status/1325952584654475264>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/proponen-crear-comision-de-notables-para-liderar-reconstruccion-del-pais/>

<https://tiempo.hn/fosdeh-si-no-se-ejecuta-plan-reconstruccion-eta/>

The JOH regime assigned the emergency purchase of temporary bridges to Invest-H.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/ahora-invest-h-comprara-puentes-de-metal-tipo-bailey-para-emergencia-de-eta/>

<https://proceso.hn/invest-h-adquirira-20-puentes-bailey-para-rehabilitar-acceso-a-comunidades-incomunicadas/>

John Perry wrote a comparison for the London Review of Books between the government response to Eta in Honduras and Nicaragua.

<https://www.lrb.co.uk/blog/2020/november/hurricane-eta-hits-the-mosquito-coast>

There is again the fear voiced that the shelters will become corona-hotspots.

"The president of the Association of Physicians of the Honduran Institute of Social Security (IHSS) in San Pedro Sula (SPS), Carlos Umaña, warned this Monday of a spike in cases of coronavirus by not giving masks to the victims of the Eta storm in the various shelters."



<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1421259-410/-coronavirus-incrementarse-lbergues-eta-honduras-contagios->

<https://hondudiario.com/2020/11/09/latente-repunte-de-covid-porque-no-se-usan-mascarillas-en-albergues/>

There are currently 100'573 COVID-19 cases and officially, 2765 people have died.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-anade-14-muertes-por-covid-y-llega-a-las-2-mil-765-defunciones/>

"In 2021 it will be very difficult to survive only from journalism, due to the economic crisis that has led to the closure and bankruptcy of businesses that are the main source of income in communication companies and that consequently affect the employment of many workers, members of networks of journalists and social communicators from different parts of the country told pasosdeanimalgrande.com, this November 9, 2020."

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/3013-advierten-periodistas-de-redes-el-2021-puede-ser-un-ano-devastador-para-este-sector>

Once more, the JOH regime failed to qualify for the funds by the US Millenium Challenge Corporation due to the widespread corruption.

<https://criterio.hn/por-corrupcion-del-gobierno-honduras-aplazada-otra-vez-en-cuenta-del-milenio/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2398-honduras-celebra-12-anos-sin-fondos-del-milenio-por-corrupcion>

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-no-califica-de-nuevo-para-cuenta-del-milenio-2021/>

The announcement by the JOH regime to create the Secretariat of Transparency was met with widespread rejection (see yesterday). "Duplicating functions equals weakening the frontal fight against the corrupt."

The business lobby COHEP is also against it.

El Libertador sees it as another sign of a break with the JOH regime.

The Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP) does not even not what the function of the new body is supposed to be.

<https://twitter.com/cnahonduras/status/1325967875086184448>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2399-honduras-regimen-hernandez-crea-secretaria-que-liquida-al-cna>

<https://twitter.com/COHEPHonduras/status/1325878229010354177>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2400-honduras-cohep-abandona-a->

[joh-y-rechaza-secretaria-transparencia](#)

<https://confidencialhn.com/iaip-senala-que-no-se-conoce-la-verdadera-funcion-que-tendra-la-secretaria-de-transparencia/>

"[T]he ambassador of the European Union in Honduras, Jaume Segura Socías, revealed that in the last 7 years, they have invested about 300 million euros (almost 9 billion lempiras), "we are confident that the budget for the next 7 years will be similar, Honduras receives the second highest amount in Latin America from Europe and we believe it will continue to be so," said the diplomat."

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2396-exclusiva-honduras-segundo-de-america-latina-que-mas-fondos-recibe-de-europa>

10/11/20

Honduras Daily: LGBTQ+; COPINH - Achotal; Eta - COVID-19, Corruption, BCIE, Migration; COVID-19; US; Corruption – Transparency;

LGBTQ+ activist and trans woman Mía Zabala was assassinated and found dead in Amapala, Valle on November 8. OACNUDH condemns the murder. ""The murder of Mía Zabala should have been prevented through actions aimed at guaranteeing the right to life of trans people in Honduras. The Office I represent is deeply concerned about the stigmatization, discrimination and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity that LGBTI people in the country are subjected to," said Isabel Albaladejo Escribano, OACNUDH Representative in Honduras."

<https://oacnudh.hn/oacnudh-condena-el-atroz-asesinato-de-mia-zabala-octava-mujer-trans-asesinada-en-2020/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2401-honduras-onu-condena-atroz-asesinato-de-octava-mujer-trans-en-2020>

COPINH sent out an alert denouncing the ongoing criminalization of COPINH members from El Achotal, Siguatepeque. Three more of them were detained and accused of usurpation. 12 in total now face criminalizing charges.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1326223320115798016>

COPECO presented the most recent statistics on the impact of Eta: "58 deaths; 267,284 affected families representing 2,882,885 people; 88,034 people displaced; 9,173 families in shelters; 16,751 affected homes; 120 affected highways and roads; 50,120 people rescued/evacuated."

The number of deaths has risen to 63 already.

Radio Progreso concentrates on the man-made part of this "natural" disaster. "The tropical phenomenon Eta caused destruction in different sectors of the Atlantic coast, west and Sula Valley. One of the sectors most affected by the heavy rains has been the municipality of La Lima, in the department of Cortés, where it was once again reflected that the Maya channel, a relief ditch of the Chamelecón River that was built to prevent its waters from affecting the population, is not fulfilling

the functions for which it was created. In the opinion of Juan Mejía, an environmental engineer and member of the Broad Movement for Dignity and Justice (MADJ), the Maya channel was condemned to not work because everything that has been done has been done not to solve the problems of the Sula Valley, but to fill the pockets of the corrupt in alliance with the construction companies."

El Tiempo reports on the situation in the hard-hit Chamelecón, a suburb of San Pedro Sula. People there are without drinking water and feel abandoned by the JOH regime.

In some parts of the country, there are protests due to the lack of electricity.

Javier Suazo explains how Eta and its aftermath "invisibilized" the JOH regime.

MADJ calls this coming together of Eta and the Honduran "narcodictatorship", "the marriage of disaster".

[https://twitter.com/Sandra\\_Cuffe/status/1326190809394393088](https://twitter.com/Sandra_Cuffe/status/1326190809394393088)

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2402-honduras-63-muertos-400-personas-esperan-rescate-y-protesta>

<https://tiempo.hn/joh-lugares-devastados-confirma-muerte-63-personas-eta/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn/portada/intereses-economicos-y-falta-de-planificacion-incrementan-vulnerabilidad-del-valle-de-sula/>

<https://tiempo.hn/chamelecon-agua-olvidados-autoridades-solicitando-maquinaria-eta/>

<https://tiempo.hn/eta-en-honduras-hondurenos-protestan-ante-falta-energia-electrica/>

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/209703>

<https://madj.org/index.php/2020/11/10/eta-y-narcodictadura-el-matrimonio-del-desastre/>

The positive test rate for COVID-19 in emergency shelters is at a worrisome 33%.

<https://www.elpais.hn/2020/11/10/tasa-de-positividad-por-covid-19-en-albergues-de-honduras-se-situa-en-un-33/>

The MP already opened its first line of investigation into the disaster response by the JOH regime.

<https://confidencialhn.com/fiscalia-anticorrupcion-abre-linea-de-investigacion-sobre-precio-de-kits-de-ayuda-para-damnificados-por-eta/>

At the same time, more money flows to the JOH regime. BCIE donated \$500 million and it also offers a \$250 million credit.

<https://tiempo.hn/bcie-dona-500-mil-honduras-eta-prestaria-250-millones/>

<https://proceso.hn/bid-bm-y-bcie-se-unen-para-apoyar-paises-centroamericanos-afectados-por-eta/>

Jeff Ernst writes about the impact of the Eta disaster on willingness to migrate. "Hurricane Eta struck the coast on Nicaragua and Honduras as a Category 4 hurricane leaving hundreds of thousands of people homeless. That comes on top of an economic recession due to the pandemic. Now experts fear they feel obliged to leave the country."

<https://www.univision.com/univision-news/latin-america/could-hurricane-eta-be-the-last-straw-for-central-americans-considering-joining-a-migrant-caravan>

1086 tests, 231 new COVID-19 cases, 100'804 in total. 15 more people died, the official death toll is at 2780.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-confirman-231-casos-15-muertos-honduras/>

With the election of Biden to the US presidency, "[t]he Latin America Working Group (LAWG) calls for an urgent transformation of U.S. policy towards Latin America and the Caribbean".

<https://www.lawg.org/press-release-lawg-calls-for-urgent-transformation-of-u-s-policy-towards-latin-america-and-the-caribbean/>

<https://criterio.hn/lawg-pide-transformacion-urgente-de-la-politica-de-estados-unidos-hacia-america-latina-y-el-caribe/>

The public rejection of the new Transparency Secretariat does not stop. UFERCO general coordinator Luis Santos who sees it in line with other attempts to undermine the fight against corruption.

The CNA published a second press release highlighting again how it undermines its work as well as the work of the TSC and IAIP.

Even ASJ criticized JOH. One big problem with the Transparency Secretariat is its institutional setting. Its official name is Secretariat of State in the Offices of Transparency (Secretaría de Estado en los Despachos de Transparencia) meaning that the executive oversees it and JOH has the discretion to decide what is investigated and what not.

And a not less important detail, heading this new body will María Andrea Matamoros, daughter of the former TSE magistrate David Matamoros Batson who has overseen the electoral frauds by JOH. There is even criticism in the corporate media outlets.

<https://twitter.com/LuisSan16779987/status/1326172499051225089>

<https://twitter.com/cnahonduras/status/1326300074792669184>

<https://criterio.hn/nueva-secretaria-de-transparencia-nace-con-los-antecedentes-del-gobierno-actual-cna/>

<https://criterio.hn/joh-concentra-aun-mas-su-poder-al-crear-secretaria-de-transparencia-rafael-jerez/>

<https://criterio.hn/gobierno-intenta-vender-bondades-de-nueva-secretaria-de-transparencia/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1421338-466/nueva-secretar%C3%ADa-de-transparencia-vulnera-las-leyes-del-iaip-y-al-tribunal>

11/11/20

Honduras Daily: LGBTQ - IACtHR; Eta - Health, Children, Agriculture, Iota; COVID-19 - Medical Sector, Poverty, Economy; Political Prisoners; Elections; Corruption - Transparency; and Criminalizing Women

Yesterday, the hearing in the case of murdered trans activist Vicky Hernández started at the Inter-American Court on Human Rights.

OACNUDH condemned that on the day of the hearing, a plaintiff and member of Cattrachas with protective measures suffered harassment.

<https://tiempo.hn/cidh-recibe-primer-caso-mujer-trans-asesinada-honduras/>

<https://criterio.hn/estado-de-honduras-expuesto-internacionalmente-por-caso-vicky-hernandez-y-otros/>

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDH/status/1326636644800323584>

Journalist Jeff Ernst published a twitter feed summarizing the devastating effects of Eta on Honduras. 1.7 million people affected, many communities still under water, the destruction of crops and agricultural land, a predicted fall of GDP between 10-20%, a possible surge in migration, and the failures of the JOH regime to prepare for and then react to Eta.

Ernst also spoke with Padre Melo on Eta for an article for The Guardian. He criticizes the lack of preparation by the JOH regime and he compares the effect of Eta to Mitch saying that "Hurricane Mitch brought seven days of constant rain [...] Eta poured rain for 48 hours. Nonetheless, the water from Eta has flooded areas that 22 years ago weren't flooded by Mitch and it has left a number of people who've lost everything that's even greater than that of Mitch."

Hondurans are now starting to return to their homes or what is left of them. ContraCorriente gives an idea of what that means in the case of Chamelecón.

There was another protest against the JOH regime in Tegucigalpa.

And there is the ongoing rejection by Hondurans to allow Copeco to administer the hurricane relief donations.

Radio Progreso denounced the lack of transparency by the Municipal Emergency Committee.

On this topic, on Twitter, the top trending topic for Honduras was "ladrones" (thieves) yesterday.

But hours later, JOH's bot army already changed it to "hondurastierradesheroes" (Honduras, land of heroes)...

<https://twitter.com/jeffgernst/status/1326709733831667712>

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2020/nov/11/everything-buried-in-mud-hurricane-etah-devastating-blow-to-honduras>

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/11/chamelecon-entre-el-lodo-y-la-desidia-de-las-autoridades/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/familias-del-valle-de-sula-comienzan-a-regresar-a-sus-devastados-hogares/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1326751404996714496>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1326672444657201152>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/impiden-a-radio-progreso-hacer-cobertura-periodistica-en-el-coe-de-el-progreso/>

<https://twitter.com/jeffgernst/status/1326550026642808833>

Health experts call for the declaration of an epidemiological emergency as the floods could unleash a series of vector and skin diseases.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/piden-a-gobierno-declarar-emergencia-epidemiologica/>

"Several days of torrential rains and catastrophic flooding caused by Tropical Storm Eta have impacted the lives of more than 1.2 million children across Central America, according to UNICEF estimates based on official reports. This number is expected to increase in the coming days and weeks as rescue teams gain access to the most affected areas."

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/over-12-million-children-affected-eta-across-central-america-unicef-0>

"Mauricio Guevara, Minister of the Secretariat of Agriculture (SAG), explained that the losses in the country's agrifood sector exceed 22 thousand manzanas of crops while in the dairy sector the losses exceed one million liters."

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50060>

"A tropical wave in the Caribbean called 98L is likely to become tropical storm Iota in the coming days. The conditions for development & projected path are similar to Eta & it's likely to bring heavy rains to already saturated parts of Honduras & Nicaragua early next week."

<https://twitter.com/jeffgernst/status/1326613509787054083>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50045>

365 new cases, 101'169 in total, 17 more deaths, 2797 in total.

Proceso Digital writes that Honduras has now lived through 8 months of the pandemic without ever slowing down the spread of contagion.

<https://twitter.com/saludhn/status/1326751177762070528>

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-cumple-ocho-meses-de-pandemia-sin-poder-bajar-la-curva-de-contagios/>

Two more doctors died to COVID-19.

<https://tiempo.hn/mueren-medicos-hondurenos-covid-19-heroes-primera-linea/>

The corona pandemic together with the aftermath of Eta could lead to a hunger crisis in Honduras according to the Honduran Association of Economists (CHE).

<https://tiempo.hn/eta-covid-19-provocar-hambruna-honduras-che/>

According to FOSDEH, the economic cost of Eta and the corona pandemic could be more than \$12 billion.

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50092>

All of the above may lead us to forget that there are still political prisoners in Honduras. In the case of the teacher Rommel Baldemar Herrera Portillo, imprisoned since May 2019, in a Review of Measures hearing, the Supreme Court requested that a forensic doctor issue a report on the state of health of Rommel.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/tribunal-solicita-mas-informacion-sobre-salud-de-rommel-herrera/>

Even though the electoral reforms are already delayed (the JOH regime and its allies postponed them throughout the last four years), they are now further delayed due to the emergency caused by Eta.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/inicio/1421596-465/por-emergencia-se-podr%C3%ADa-prolongar-aprobaci%C3%B3n-de-nueva-ley-electoral>

UFERCO coordinator Luis Santos highlights a very problematic article in the Report on the Draft Law on Investments for Sustainable Development in Projects of Interest which more or less grants impunity for corruption. As a past report said on Honduras, "corruption is the operating system".

<https://twitter.com/LuisSan16779987/status/1326726433939595264>

Criterio published another article on the problems with the new Transparency Secretariat focusing on the irregularities in its creation.

<https://criterio.hn/juristas-explican-irregularidades-en-creacion-de-secretaria-de-transparencia/>

"Honduras is one of the nine countries in Latin America that prohibits abortion in its entirety. Penalties range from 3 to 10 years in prison"

<https://criterio.hn/mujeres-de-honduras-siguen-siendo-criminalizadas-por-el-aborto/>

12/11/20

Honduras Daily: Iota; Eta - Poverty, Agriculture, World Bank, Corruption; LGBTQ+ - IACtHR; UN - Forced Disappearance; Berta - Trial; Journalists; COVID-19 - HR, Economy; Corruption; Debt; Elections; B&HR; and JOH's Continuous Power Grab

COPECO emitted a red alert for all of Honduras for the coming tropical storm Iota. The rains if brings along could already start hitting Honduras on Sunday.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1421937-466/alerta-roja-honduras-tormenta-iota>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1422003-466/que-iota-pase-muy-cerca-de-la-costa-es-uno-de-los>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1422098-410/honduras-lluvias-iota-afectaran-desde-domingo>

The number of affected people by Eta rose again to over 2.9 million Hondurans, that is over one third of the country.

CNN aired a short report on Eta and its aftermath in Central America.

Criterio spoke with those who lost everything.

The Bureau for Children, Adolescents and the Family (Dinaf) announced to investigate five possible cases of sexual violence against minors in shelters.

<https://tiempo.hn/cradas-cifras-un-tercio-hondurenos-damnificados-eta/>

<https://edition.cnn.com/videos/world/2020/11/12/hurricane-eta-coronavirus-covid-19-central-america-rivers-pkg-intl-hnk-vpx.cnn/video/playlists/around-the-world/>

<https://criterio.hn/tormenta-eta-en-honduras-los-testimonios-de-los-que-perdieron-todo/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/dinaf-investiga-casos-de-abuso-sexual-en-contra-de-menores-en-albergue-de-la-zona-norte/>

Radio Progreso highlights how Eta has already led to higher food prices.

<https://radioprogreso.hn/instante/comienzan-los-trancazos-a-la-canasta-basica/>

Rafael Alegría warns about the dramatic situation of peasant farmers as Eta worsened an already difficult situation.

<https://criterio.hn/pequenos-agricultores-de-honduras-a-la-deriva-por-perdidas-en-cosechas/>

JOH asked the World Bank for financial support.



<https://proceso.hn/presidente-herandez-pide-recursos-frescos-al-banco-mundial-para-reconstruccion-nacional/>

"The Legislative Chamber authorized corporations and municipal mayors to directly contract to carry out studies and designs for the construction of the road network in their communities, which will be in charge of Inversiones Estratégicas de Honduras, (Invest-h), with the trust managed by the bank Bac/Credomatic. (...) In reasoning the vote against, the deputy of LIBRE, Jari Dixon, objected that the opinion does not establish the scope of the law because not all municipalities have been affected by the covid-19 pandemic. "A mapping is required to identify the municipalities that have been affected, otherwise there will be a gigantic act of corruption taking advantage of the suspension of the open town halls." "It is also strange that this is before the internal elections when the open town hall is the only instance that the community has to challenge the mayors that have disappeared during the pandemic and now with Hurricane ETA," concluded Dixon."

<https://criterio.hn/suspenden-cabildos-abiertos-presenciales-y-se-autorizan-contrataciones-directas-para-reconstruir-red-vial-municipal/>

Defensores en Línea reports on the recent assassination of trans activist Mía Zavala.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/asesinan-a-activista-lgtbi-en-zacate-grande/>

"Unanimously, the @CorteIDH granted provisional protection measures to the family of Vicky Hernández and the Cattrachas Lesbian Network. "Eleven years after Vicky Hernandez's death there is still no justice for LGBTI people in Honduras" says Indira Mendoza". (see also yesterday)

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHHN/status/1326946772623761408>

"On November 10, the Committee of Families of the Detained-Disappeared in Honduras (COFADEH) issued an "urgent action" to the United Nations Committee against Enforced Disappearance in the case of young César Roberto Haddid Ortíz Mejía."

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/comite-contra-la-desaparicion-forzada-de-la-onu-conoce-otro-caso-registrado-en-honduras/>

COPINH published newsletter number 11 on the Berta Cáceres trial.

<https://copinh.org/2020/11/newsletter-no-11david-castillos-trial-the-evidence-that-will-prove-his-guilt/>

Journalist Yanina Romero received threatening calls and messages after speaking out in favor of the workers at the newspaper Diario Tiempo who demand the respect of their labor rights. Journalists having worked at the newspaper are also intimidated.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1278-amenazas-telefonicas-a-periodista-en-reaccion-a-denuncia-contra-violaciones-laborales>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1279-intimidaciones-por-exigencia-de-derechos-laborales-denuncia-periodista-afectado>

1343 tests, 299 new COVID-19 cases, 101'468 in total. 7 more deaths, 2804 have officially died in total.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-299-nuevos-casos-7-muertos-honduras/>

Social movements and indigenous organizations published the 34th joint press release during the pandemic.

<https://copinh.org/2020/11/manifiesto-publico-34-noviembre-2020/>

ContraCorriente published a breakdown of which companies benefited from state aid during the pandemic and surprise, surprise, it was not the small ones. "To assist the productive sector through COVID-19, the Government of Honduras authorized up to \$2.5 billion in debt, and commissioned a state bank to provide guarantees and loans that would favor small and medium enterprises. However, this research found that, despite the promises, the money has benefited private banks, business conglomerates, and medium-size companies the most. There has been almost no official relief for microenterprises."

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/12/la-soledad-de-los-pequenos-empresarios-hondurenos/>

A new draft law caused widespread rejection. The so-called Law on Investment for Sustainable Development in Projects of National Interest aims to use funds from social welfare institutes. Already some days ago, UFERCO coordinator Luis Santos highlighted an article in the law which more or less legalizes corruption (see previous e-mail). "The opposition points out that this law proposes to drain the funds of the social welfare institutions in Honduran territory, affecting workers as well as different unions."

Former president of the Central Bank, Hugo Noé Pino, speaks of "dark interests" interested in the law.

And again, COHEP criticized the law.

There was already a first public protest against the law.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1421858-466/ley-de-inversiones-abre-la-pol%C3%A9mica-entre-los-sectores-en-honduras>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2408-honduras-dr-pino-revela-nuevo-abuso-de-joh-y-oliva-con-dinero-de-obreros>

<https://proceso.hn/oscueros-intereses-rondan-proyecto-encaminado-a-la-creacion-del-fondes-hugo-noe-pino/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/director-del-cohep-dice-que-solo-un-picaro-puede-estar-detras-de-la-ley-que-trastoca-fondos-de-prevision/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2410-honduras-maestros-vuelven-a-las-calles-por-inaudita-ley-de-inversiones>

Further raising the debt levels of Honduras, Congress approved another \$250 million loan from the BCIE as well as a \$76.2 million debt from the BID. The first one for the energy sector, the second one to address the pandemic.

<https://tiempo.hn/congreso-nacional-aprueba-prestamo-250-millones-el-bcie/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/el-legislativo-aprueba-prestamo-por-76-millones-de-dolares-para-afrontar-emergencia-nacional/>

El Heraldo reports that the National Electoral Council will go back to transmitting the electoral results by TREP instead of SIEDE because it is the cheaper option.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1421823-466/vuelve-el-trep-para-transmitir-resultados-de-primarias-de-2021>

The coming business and human rights forum at the UN will be held online and inscription is open.

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHHN/status/1327039816727400448>

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<https://criterio.hn/a-sangre-y-fuego-juan-hernandez-ha-secuestrado-el-poder-en-honduras/>

13/11/20

Honduras Daily: Iota; Eta - JOH; Penal Code; Corruption - Asfura, Patuca III; Extractivism; COVID-19 - JOH; BID; Armed Forces; and Persecuted Beyond Death

The next tropical storm, Iota, threatens Honduras.

It become a major hurricane by the time it reaches Honduras and Nicaragua.

Copeco and Sinager started an evacuation plan yesterday in the Sula Valley, first on a voluntary basis, but it became mandatory by today.

Due to the coming rain fall, authorities also started a discharge at the El Cajón dam.

[https://twitter.com/NHC\\_Atlantic/status/1327353909757816833](https://twitter.com/NHC_Atlantic/status/1327353909757816833)

<https://twitter.com/jeffgernst/status/1327275482921000962>

<https://criterio.hn/copeco-lanza-listado-de-zonas-que-deben-evacuar-ante-proximidad-de-tormenta-iota/>

<https://proceso.hn/evacuaciones-masivas-tras-inminente-llegada-de-iota/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1422233-466/evacuaciones-voluntarias-obligatorias-por-llegada-iota>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1422309-410/el-cajon-represa-hidroelectrica-descargas-controladas-por-amenaza-de-oita-honduras>

Radio Progreso publishes some photos of "the faces of the victims of Eta".

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/los-rostro-de-las-damnificadas-de-eta/>

CESPAD shows how the JOH regime failed to adequately respond to both the corona pandemic as well as the tropical storm Eta.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/13/del-covid19-al-huracan-eta-la-administracion-hernandez-volvio-a-errar/>

It took a while, but yesterday the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court send two challenges to the Penal Code to the plenary because they had not come to a joint agreement. The challenges had been presented by the National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) and the Association of Judges for Democracy (AJD).

<https://confidencialhn.com/sala-de-lo-constitucional-remite-dos-recursos-de-inconstitucionalidad-sobre-nuevo-codigo-penal/>

<https://proceso.hn/al-no-haber-unanimidad-sala-constitucional-remite-al-pleno-de-la-csj-recursos-contra-codigo-penal/>

The Appeals Court accepted a challenge by the MP which demands a pre-trial in the case of the mayor of Tegucigalpa Nasry Asfura and the councilwoman Nilvia Castillo. The National Party denounced it as "vicious villainy".

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2413-honduras-va-juicio-contra-alcalde-asfura-reves-a-sala-constitucional>

<https://criterio.hn/corte-admite-antejuicio-contra-el-alcalde-de-tegucigalpa-nasry-tito-asfura-por-lavado-de-activos/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/califican-de-canallada-la-admision-de-antejuicio-contra-alcalde-capitalino-tito-asura/>

CESPAD published an update on the Patuca III corruption case. "According to the investigation carried out, the defendants committed the fraud when they invited bids for the equipment of the housing unit of the base camp located in the Patuca III Hydroelectric Project, in the Department of Olancho, and which was awarded to a certain group of companies that were related to each other, assigning themselves millionaire contracts that were overvalued. The investigation also showed categorical irregularities in the awarding process; the overvaluation of goods that were the object of the supply contract, in some cases reached up to 149% more than the value of said goods in the

market. According to the Attorney General's Office, it will also be demonstrated in the trial that the goods were received falsely, so that they were paid for without any real delivery of the goods. In short, they will prove the collusion in the formation of companies in order to defraud the Honduran State."

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/13/arranco-juicio-oral-y-publico-contra-implicados-en-el-caso-patuca-iii/>

"The following analysis seeks to point out the most important elements that have marked the territorial situation in Honduras, in the framework of the pandemic generated by Covid19 , and to identify the possible scenarios that the socio-territorial movement will face in a post-pandemic context. In the first section, the central points of the situation are presented from a territorial approach, analyzing the impact of the primary elections in the territories, the consequences of the rehabilitation and creation of new extractive regulatory frameworks; the intelligent reactivation of the territorial struggle and the remilitarization of the territories in resistance. The second section develops the idea of how the extractivist counteroffensive, in the times of Covid19 , on the one hand, has generated points of inflection that register new extractivist and military enclosures in the territories; the constitution of a new ecology that promotes the socio-territorial movement and, on the other hand, the development of four scenarios that could mark the territorial struggle in the country, in a post-pandemic context. And finally, in the third section, a series of recommendations are made so that the socio-territorial movement positions itself strategically in the current country context and advances a political proposal that opens the way to the post-extractivist transition in Honduras."

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/13/coyuntura-desde-los-territorios-el-movimiento-socio-territorial-ante-nuevos-escenarios-de-lucha-en-honduras/>

2187 tests, 611 new COVID-19 cases, 102'079 in total. 16 more people died, officially, the death toll is at 2820.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-honduras-sinager-confirma-611-casos-16-muertos/>

"The Ministry of Health failed to comply with a requirement of the Institute of Access to Public Information (IAIP) in response to a request made by Contracorriente in which we asked for a copy of the results of the tests in which Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández allegedly tested positive by COVID-19. Now the IAIP commissioners' plenary has issued a legal resolution for the delivery of the information, which if not complied with would take the case to the Attorney General's Office."

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/13/secretaria-de-salud-oculta-resultados-de-las-pruebas-por-covid-19-del-presidente/>

Reina Mejía from Honduras was elected vice-president of the Inter-American Development Bank (BID).

<https://proceso.hn/hondurena-reina-mejia-nueva-vicepresidenta-del-bid/>

The MP requested a conviction against a member of the Armed Forces for murder of three members of the Miskito community in Warunta.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/166-noviembre2020/6634-ministerio-publico-pide-condena-contramiembro-del-ejercito-por-asesinato-de-tres-miembros-de-la-comunidad-misquita-de-warunta>

"For the Cattrachas Lesbian Network, the life and death of Vicky Hernández exemplifies the systematic discrimination and violence experienced by trans women and LGBT people in Honduras, even after their death."

<https://criterio.hn/personas-lgtbi-en-honduras-son-victimas-de-violencia-hasta-despues-de-muertas/>

14/11/20

Honduras Daily: Iota; Eta; OACNUDH - UPR; COVID-19; Diabetes; and Above the Law

Iota changed its trajectory yesterday and now would go straight through Honduras.

Iota also reached the level of a hurricane.

As feared, the evacuation efforts are badly organized and even worse, there are again reports of state security forces undermining support actions.

And with the changed trajectory, Copeco now also calls for evacuations in central and southern parts of Honduras.

<http://www.web.llibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2416-honduras-trayectoria-de-iota-afectaria-zonas-centro-y-sur>

<https://confidencialhn.com/iota-tomaria-nueva-trayectoria-hacia-al-centro-y-sur-de-honduras-video/>

<https://twitter.com/jeffgernst/status/1327860030348124161>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1327678502540177408>

[https://twitter.com/Sandra\\_Cuffe/status/1327658872476143616](https://twitter.com/Sandra_Cuffe/status/1327658872476143616)

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1422403-466/autoridades-piden-evacuar-zonas-centro-sur-por-iota>

The Honduras Solidarity Network published its newest episode from Honduras Now which covers Eta and how "Only the People Save the People".

MapAction produced two maps with the percentage of the people affected and the people evacuated in the different parts of Honduras.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1327727131523227649>

<https://reliefweb.int/map/honduras/honduras-hurricane-eta-affected-population-nov-12th-percentage-baseline-population-2020>

<https://reliefweb.int/map/honduras/honduras-hurricane-eta-evacuated-persons-and-number-evacuation-centres-municipality-1>

OACNUDH held a follow-up online forum on the third UPR process of Honduras (see last week). Civil society organizations have already highlighted the critical reviews received by the JOH regime. Now, even El Heraldo published an article on this. "Representatives from several countries regretted having to repeat the same thing from 2015 to the Honduran delegation and demanded that the State be more efficient in fulfilling its commitments".

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHNN/status/1327637417784963072>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1422355-466/honduras-examen-periodico-universal-por-cr%C3%ADmenes-contra>

476 new COVID-19 cases, 102'555 in total. 2 more people died, officially, 2822 people have died so far in Honduras.

<https://www.radiohrn.hn/confirman-476-nuevos-casos-de-covid-en-honduras-y-cifra-se-eleva-a-102555>

It is estimated that there are one million diabetes cases in Honduras - that would be more than one in ten Honduran.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1422295-466/en-honduras-hay-un-mill%C3%B3n-de-personas-que-sufren-diabetes-mellitus>

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<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/14/de-como-un-abusador-sexual-pone-a-prueba-al-sistema-de-justicia-de-honduras/>

15/11/20

Honduras Daily: Iota; Eta; COVID-19; Poverty; and Transparent Corruption

Iota became a level 2 hurricane.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami predicted devastating rains for Honduras.

With the changed trajectory of the hurricane (see yesterday), COPECO now declared the complete Central District in red alert for 72 hours.

Meanwhile evacuation efforts continue in various parts of the country.

Jeff Ernst reports on the current situation in Honduras. "We're afraid of what's coming."

<https://proceso.hn/iota-ya-es-huracan-categoria-2/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1422578-466/iota-traer%C3%A1-vientos-potencialmente-catastr%C3%B3ficos-centro-nacional-de-huracanes>

<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2020/11/hurricane-iota-rapidly-intensifies-ahead-of-expected-landfall-near-nicaragua-honduras-border/>

<https://tiempo.hn/iota-honduras-alerta-roja-para-distrito-central/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/zonas-vulnerables-en-10-departamentos-deben-evacuarse-obligatoriamente-dice-copeco/>

<https://www.univision.com/amp/univision-news/latin-america/were-afraid-of-whats-coming-vulnerable-honduras-braces-for-iota-second-hurricane-in-two-weeks>

During the previous storm Eta, Copeco had registered 62 deaths. Now, El Tiempo makes public that the Armed Forces have registered so far 125 deaths.

<https://tiempo.hn/125-muertes-eta-fuerzas-armadas-doble-copeco/>

547 new COVID-19 cases, 103'102 in total. One more person died, 2823 have officially died.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-suma-547-nuevos-casos-de-covid-19-y-acumula-103-mil-102-contagios/>

ConexiHon published an overview on poverty and inequality in Honduras the failures of the JOH regime to improve the situation.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1774-politicas-publicas-fallidas-mantienen-en-pobreza-y-desigualdad-a-honduras>

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<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/la-transparencia-de-la-corrupcion/>

16/11/20

Honduras Daily: Iota - Evacuations, JOH; Corruption; Eta; Berta - Trial; Political Prisoners; COVID-19 - Health Sector, Corruption; Agriculture; Spain; BCIE; Economy; and Political Violence

The prospect for Honduras further worsened as Iota became a hurricane 5 yesterday.

It will hit the same region (and even more) as Eta did just days ago.

"There is no historical precedent for two Atlantic hurricanes of at least category 4 strength hitting the same location just two weeks apart. That this may occur in November, when major hurricanes are rare, is particularly extraordinary."

Yesterday evening, Iota made landfall in Nicaragua.

Given the dire prospect for Honduras, the business lobby Cohep suggested to suspend all work



today and tomorrow.

Flights to and from Tegucigalpa also have been canceled for today.

Congress held an extraordinary session to approve funds for the local governments.

<https://radioprogreso.hn/instante/urgente-iota-es-huracan-categoria-5/>

<https://www.univision.com/noticias/america-latina/iota-ya-es-un-huracan-categoria-5-y-golpear-la-misma-zona-que-devasto-eta-hace-dos-semanas>

<https://twitter.com/jeffgernst/status/1328425331368321035>

<https://www.univision.com/noticias/meteorologia/es-mucho-mas-grande-que-eta-los-vientos-devastadores-del-huracan-iota-comienzan-a-golpear-a-nicaragua>

<https://proceso.hn/sector-privado-sugiere-a-las-empresas-que-suspendan-labores-martes-y-miercoles-por-la-emergencia/>

<https://proceso.hn/cancelan-entrada-y-salida-de-vuelos-en-aeropuerto-toncontin/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/diputados-discutiran-la-aprobacion-de-fondos-especiales-para-desastres-naturales-en-honduras/>

According to Copeco, a historic number of 580'360 Hondurans had been evacuated until Sunday evening.

<https://proceso.hn/mas-de-580-mil-personas-han-sido-evacuadas-en-honduras/>

Both Criterio and ConfidencialHN highlight again how this current multi-crisis clearly shows the incapability of the JOH regime to protect its people.

Radio Progreso agrees. "In an interview with Radio Progreso, the Engineer Specialist in Management and Handling of Natural Disasters of Hydrological Order, Juan Mejía, stated that the only person responsible for the misfortunes of the people has been the deplorable role of the government, which has shown itself to be incapable of handling the country's major emergencies. "Both the losses and the people who have died is because, on top of a natural problem we had as it was the hurricane and then tropical storm Eta, the State saved the dams of the rich at the cost of killing all the people and destroying the property of all the people who are in the lower basin of the Chamelecón and Ulúa rivers in the Sula Valley, in the Leán Valley and in the Aguán Valley," Mejía said."

Even worse, there are ongoing denunciations of state security forces blocking help.

<https://criterio.hn/eta-desnudo-incapacidad-del-gobierno-de-honduras-en-manejo-de-desastres-naturales/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/denuncian-que-finanzas-tiene-asesores-extranjeros-que-hostigan-y-ganan-salarios-altos/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/nn/el-estado-salvo-represas-de-los-ricos-a-costa-de-las-perdidas-de-los-pobres-juan-mejia/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1328349394962313216>

Both it is not just plain inability (see above), but malice as the crises are used to push through corrupt schemes as highlighted last week with the Transparency Secretariat or the use of pension funds for controversial projects. There are ongoing protests by workers against the later one. Javier Suazo published a good overview and analysis on the Transparency Secretariat.

<https://confidencial.hn.com/magisterio-exige-a-diputados-retirar-ley-que-trastoca-fondos-de-los-institutos-de-prevision/>

<https://criterio.hn/gobierno-pretende-aprovechar-emergencia-para-acceder-a-fondos-de-jubilados-en-honduras/>

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/209786>

ContraCorriente reports from La Lima, "the epicenter of the devastation left by the Eta storm in Honduras".

Sandra Cuffe published an article on the devastating effects of Eta focusing on the indigenous communities hardest hit by the storm.

Criterio also has an article on the situation in the Moskitia.

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/16/la-lima-el-epicentro-de-la-devastacion-que-dejo-la-tormenta-eta-en-honduras/>

<https://theintercept.com/2020/11/16/hurricane-eta-central-america/>

<https://criterio.hn/desbordados-los-albergues-en-la-mosquitia-hondurena-urgen-de-agua-comida-abrigo-y-techo/>

This morning at 9am, the process against David Castillo is scheduled to continue. COPINH demands again that the Judicial Power guarantee transparency.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1328441271048953862>

"In the midst of a process of review of measures and prior to an oral and public trial postponed by the health crisis of Covid-19, [political prisoner] Rommel Baldemar Herrera Portillo will be evaluated this Monday, November 16, at the Directorate of Forensic Medicine." (see also last week)

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/por-orden-judicial-rommel-baldemar-sera-evaluado-por-un-medico-psiquiatra/>

555 tests, 137 new COVID-19 cases, 103'239 in total. 16 more deaths, 2839 have officially died so far.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-confirman-137-casos-16-muertos-honduras/>

With four months delay and surrounded in irregularities, Invest-H promises the mobile hospital for Tegucigalpa for today.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1422872-466/cuatro-meses-despu%C3%A9s-invest-h-entregar-%C3%A1-hospital-m%C3%B3vil-de-tegucigalpa>

Both Invest-H and Copeco are among the public institutions that failed to comply with the transparency law.

<https://confidencialhn.com/por-falta-de-transparencia-iaip-reprueba-nuevamente-a-invest-h-y-copeco/>

<https://proceso.hn/copeco-e-invest-h-entre-las-123-instituciones-que-incumplieron-en-publicacion-en-informes-en-sus-portales-iaip/>

"The Honduran Agricultural Development Program (PDAH) and the Agrocredit Program 8.7, were created by the Executive Branch in 2019 and 2020 respectively, both coincide in the mission of increasing productivity through agricultural profitability, benefiting the entrepreneurship of micro, small and medium producers. For both programs, the budget allocated exceeds 6,500 million lempiras for the year 2020 of that amount and according to the Honduran Bank of Production and Housing (BANHPROVI) and the PADH, what has been executed until August of this year corresponds to 680 million lempiras, the equivalent to 10% of the general budget. The poor execution of the programs is reflected in journalistic field works published in Conexihon.hn, in which the crude reality of the producers at the national level is captured, who clamor for the state support that is so much promoted in the media, but whose realities are different, including the protocol of the requirements to qualify for funding of such programs."

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/investigaciones/1775-solamente-el-10-de-6-500-millones-de-lempiras-han-ejecutado-dos-de-los-proyectos-estatales-destinados-a-fortalecer-el-agro-en-honduras>

Honduras and Spain signed a cooperation agreement worth 215 million Euros for the years to 2023.

<https://tiempo.hn/honduras-espana-convenio-215-millones-de-euros/>

The BCIE offers \$500 million to each Central American country for 2021.

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1422923-410/honduras-bcie-ofrece-2500-millones-proyectos-pa%C3%ADses-centroamerica>

Fosdeh and Oxfam published a report on the failures of the Honduran economic model.

<https://fosdeh.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/fosdeh-2020-ilusionismo-economico.pdf>

"Enormous indignation has been caused by the brutal beating that the National Party deputy for Intibucá, Elden Vásquez, together with his son and several bodyguards, have given to a peasant in that western department of the country."

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2422-honduras-diputado-pandoro-y-complices-golpean-salvajemente-a-campesino>

17/11/20

Honduras Daily: Berta - Trial; Iota - Corruption, Agriculture, US; COVID-19 - Corruption; Journalists; Corruption - Patuca III, Impunity Pact; Elections; and Saving the Historic Memory

For the second time in a week, the process against David Castillo was postponed, first for Eta, now for Iota.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1328724815734317057>

Iota continues to hit hard Honduras after it made landfall on Monday in Nicaragua.

The main rivers again reached worrisome levels. The Chamelecón river reached even higher levels than during the previous storm Eta. Various parts of the country are under water, among them parts of San Pedro Sula and Progreso.

Just hours ago, Copeco called for the immediate evacuation of areas close to the Ulúa and Chamelecón rivers.

Major highways and bridges were closed over night.

According to Criterio, at least three people so far have died to the effects of Iota.

Thousands of Hondurans have sought refuge in shelters, but there are ongoing reports about they are unfit for this emergency. ConfidencialHN denounces that shelters in Comayagüela lack food and supplies.

There are also reports that exactly such much needed supplies donated were badly stored and destroyed.

The MP announced to investigate it.

<https://www.univision.com/univision-news/latin-america/hurricane-iota-causes-widespread-flooding-in-nicaragua-and-honduras-from-overflowing-rivers>

<https://twitter.com/ProcesoDigital/status/1328875486781579268>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1328839923395297280>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1328851554976161792>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1328879871410409472>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1328879871410409472>

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/cierre-de-calles-y-puentes-a-nivel-nacional/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1423095-466/cierran-puentes-y-ejes-carreteros-del-pais-colapso-iota>

<https://criterio.hn/iota-provoca-tres-muertes-desbordamiento-de-rios-y-fuertes-lluvias-en-honduras/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/albergados-en-comayaguela-urgen-de-alimentos-y-viveres/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2429-honduras-negligencia-se-inunda-bodega-con-ayuda-humanitaria-de-el-salvador>

<https://confidencialhn.com/ministerio-publico-anuncia-acciones-sobre-donaciones-danadas-en-choloma-cortes/>

Congress approved transfers of funds to municipalities to address the current crisis (see yesterday). Now it is feared that these funds will be used for electoral purposes given the upcoming elections.

<https://criterio.hn/fondos-para-alcaldias-pueden-ser-utilizados-para-hacer-campanas-electorales/>

Radio Progreso reports on the effects on Iota on the agricultural sector.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/pequenos-productores-fuertemente-golpeados-por-huracanes/>

USAID announced \$17 million for Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

President elect Joe Biden tweeted: "I'm keeping in my prayers all of our friends and neighbors in Hurricane Iota's path and those impacted by Hurricane Eta across Central America. The increasing frequency of these powerful storms is another reason that fighting climate change will be one of my top priorities."

<https://twitter.com/JBarsaUSAID/status/1328856526019293184>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1423090-466/joe-biden-mis-oraciones-para-nuestros-amigos-afectados-por-hurac%C3%A1n-iota>

996 tests, 249 new COVID-19 cases, 103'488 in total. No additional deaths have been reported.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-sinager-confirma-249-casos-honduras/>

During the pandemic, the CNA so far has published 12 reports on corruption, but this has led to only one accusation by the MP.

<https://criterio.hn/de-12-informes-de-corrupcion-presentados-por-el-cna-solo-hay-1-requerimiento-fiscal/>

"Members of the networks of journalists integrated in the Platform for Freedom of Expression detailed the obstacles in the guild generated during 2020 since the beginning of the emergency by Covid-19, which generated an economic crisis which is worsened by the natural disasters caused by

the storm ETA and Hurricane IOTA, which is about to enter the territory, to the extent of having to live close to relatives or friends for lack of economic income, as stated in [pasosdeanimalgrande.com](http://pasosdeanimalgrande.com) this November 16, 2020."

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/3016-una-emergencia-que-no-se-atiende-periodistas-estan-arrimados-con-amigos-o-familiares-desde-la-llegada-de-covid19-y-ahora-con-los-huracanes>

CESPAD published an update on the Patuca III corruption case, where both the defenses of the nine accused and the Public Ministry will present the final arguments today.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/17/finaliza-evacuacion-de-medios-de-prueba-en-caso-patuca-iii/>

CESPAD also has an update on the Impunity Pact case.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/17/no-ha-lugar-declaran-peticion-de-elevar-a-juicio-oral-y-publico-la-causa-contra-sara-medina/>

The JOH regime and the National Party continues to make crisis politics. Now, they claim that it is not the time to discuss electoral reforms.

<https://criterio.hn/presidente-del-partido-nacional-dice-no-a-nueva-ley-electoral/>

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<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/cofاده-pone-en-marcha-proyecto-para-el-rescate-de-la-memoria-historica-en-el-pais/>

18/11/20

Honduras Daily: Iota - Shelters, JOH, Journalists; Economy; BCIE; Drug Trafficking - US; and Precariousness

Iota has passed through Honduras which continues to suffer its grave consequences, also rain still continues.

At least 14 people died in landslides.

Eta had already affected almost 3 million Hondurans and according to Copeco, an additional 360'000 were affected by Iota. In total, they have so far documented 74 deaths for Eta and 16 for Iota, but previous reporting has shown that the real number is at least twice as high (see e-mails).

Criterion also reports that various bodies left by Eta in Honduras are still not rescued.

More landslides will follow as the saturation with water of the soil is over 90%.

Dams in Honduras are at full capacity threatening some 1.5 million Hondurans.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/iota-ya-es-historia/>

<https://proceso.hn/deslaves-dejan-dos-familias-soterradas-con-saldo-de-ocho-muertos-en-lempira/>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1423465-410/honduras-caos-muerte-occidente-de-honduras>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1423452-410/honduras-361000-personas-fueron-afectadas-huracan-iota>

<https://criterio.hn/cadaveres-dejados-por-eta-en-honduras-aun-no-son-restacatados/>

<https://www.radiohrn.hn/saturacion-del-suelo-esta-arriba-del-90-por-ciento-debido-a-las-lluvias-dejadas-por-eta-e-iota-y-se-preven-derrumbes-segun-copeco>

<https://tiempo.hn/riesgo-represas-honduras/>

Photos: <https://www.univision.com/noticias/meteorologia/estas-fotos-aereas-muestran-la-devastacion-del-huracan-iota-el-norte-de-honduras-esta-casi-bajo-el-agua-fotos>

There are ongoing reports about the abysmal situation at shelters without biosecurity measures, nor drinking water nor basic sanitation.

In the capital alone, there are 38 shelters where more than 20'000 are currently held.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2430-honduras-gobierno-gasto-fondos-eta-pero-en-albergues-no-hay-comida>

<https://tiempo.hn/albergues-no-agua-saneamiento-bioseguridad-fonac/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/mas-de-20-mil-personas-se-encuentran-albergadas-por-huracan-iota/>

The JOH regime continues to call for more international support.

But nationally, there is little trust in the JOH regime and there are renewed calls for the constitution of a consultative group to rebuild Honduras.

Joaquín Mejía shows how the same JOH regime, focusing on Copeco, is to be held responsible for the gravity of the consequences by Eta and Iota.

There are calls to have both the head of Copeco as well as JOH investigated.

<https://twitter.com/MarcoMidence/status/1329184429449891840>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50281>

<https://confidencialhn.com/piden-que-se-conforme-un-grupo-consultivo-para-la-reconstruccion-de-honduras/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn/columnistas-categoria/la-responsabilidad-de-max-gonzalez-ante-la-respuesta-y-prevencion-de-los-desastres-provocados-por-los-huracanes-eta-e-iota/>

<https://criterio.hn/ministerio-publico-debe-abrir-investigacion-a-copeco-y-poder-ejecutivo-por-mal-manejo-de-emergencia/>

ConexiHon spoke with journalists in the north of the country and how the storms affected them personally and their work.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/libertad-de-expresion/1778-los-protagonistas-de-una-dolorosa-noticia-mas-de-50-periodistas-de-la-zona-norte-del-pais-en-condicion-de-damnificados-por-eta>

Not yet accounting for the two storms, economic activity has decreased by 9.5% in the third semester.

<https://proceso.hn/sin-incluir-danos-provocados-por-eta-e-iota-la-actividad-economica-presentaba-caida-de-9-5/>

The BCIE will finance the construction of 7 dams in the Dry Corridor with \$7 million.

<https://www.radiohrn.hn/honduras-bcie-desembolsara-7-millones-de-dolares-para-la-construccion-de-siete-represas-en-el-corredor-seco>

Latin America Daily Briefing summarized the newest development in the case of Salvador Cienfuegos. " The U.S. Justice Department abruptly decided to drop drug trafficking and corruption charges against former Mexican defense minister Salvador Cienfuegos. Cienfuegos, who was arrested in Los Angeles last month, will be returned to Mexico in a stunning reversal that left observers reeling."

His arrest had made headlines in Honduras due to his links to JOH.

<https://latinamericadailybriefing.blogspot.com/2020/11/us-drops-charges-against-cienfuegos-nov.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/eeuu-desestima-cargos-contra-el-general-cienfuegos-de-mexico-video/>

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<https://radioprogreso.hn/np/precariedad/>

19/11/20

Honduras Daily: Iota - COPINH, Guapinol, Agriculture, Economy, Reconstruction, UN, US; Berta - Trial; COVID-19; Corruption - Patuca III, Investment; Israel; and a State of Mistrust

Jeff Ernst published an overview for The Guardian of the situation in Honduras after Eta and Iota. "Just two weeks after Hurricane Eta brought widespread flooding and forced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes, Honduras was battered by a second hurricane, leaving a level of destruction in its wake that rivals the worst natural disasters in the region's history. The unprecedented double blow comes on top of the Covid-19 pandemic, which had already depleted government resources and left many people unemployed in one of the poorest countries in Latin America."



<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/nov/19/this-was-worse-than-eta-hurricane-iota-brings-repeat-destruction-to-honduras>

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/19/dos-tormentas-tropicales-inundan-el-valle-de-sula/>

COPINH sent out an alert that the Municipality of San Francisco de Opalaca is totally isolated as a result of the two storms.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1329536983258046468>

Community leaders in Guapinol denounce that the JOH regime discriminates against communities resisting against extractive projects when deciding where to help.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/investigaciones/item/3018-discriminacion-por-defender-derechos-pobladores-de-guapinol-no-recibieron-asistencia-del-estado-con-huracanes-eta-y-iota>

El Pulso published an overview of the damages done to the agriculture sector.

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50335>

The Sula Valley, Honduras' economic center, is under water.

"The leader of the National Association of Small and Medium Industries of Honduras (ANMPIH), Efraín Rodríguez, estimates that between seven and ten percent of the microenterprises in the informal sector disappeared as a result of the natural phenomena that affected Honduras."

Public debt has risen from 49% to 56.4% of GDP in the last year.

COHEP estimates that GDP will drop by 11% this year.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/bajo-agua-el-valle-de-sula-el-polo-economico-de-honduras/>

<https://criterio.hn/huracanes-eta-e-iota-dejan-fuertes-perdidas-en-la-micro-y-pequena-empresa-de-honduras/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/a-19-mil-millones-de-lempiras-podria-incrementar-deuda-publica-al-cierre-de-2020-fosdeh/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/economia/1423416-466/a-12149-millones-suba-el-saldo-de-la-deuda-publica-al-30>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1423658-410/honduras-cohep-estima-pib-caera-hasta-11-iota-eta>

CESPAD published an analysis on the circumstances needed for a successful reconstruction of Honduras - circumstances which are not yet in place and should give donors pause to think if they want to send more money to the corrupt JOH regime or find other ways to work directly with the

Honduran people.

Criterio also covers this. " With skepticism and uncertainty some experts received the management of external resources that the government of Juan Hernández Alvarado manages through the G-16 and cooperating countries, with which it will supposedly attend to the population, restore the productive apparatus, road infrastructure and housing that were devastated after the passage of hurricanes Eta and Iota through the country."

There are also calls to the JOH regime to step down.

And it does not increase trust that the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is leading the reconstruction efforts.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/19/reconstruccion-nacional-y-corrupcion-en-honduras/>

<https://criterio.hn/expertos-desconfian-del-manejo-de-recursos-internacionales-para-reconstruccion-y-ayuda-humanitaria/>

<https://criterio.hn/ante-el-desastre-en-honduras-gobierno-debe-renunciar-y-funcionarios-deben-donar-sus-salarios/>

<https://proceso.hn/bid-lidera-consejo-para-reconstruccion-de-honduras-mauricio-claver-carone/>

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), \$69 are needed to support 450'000 people in Honduras.

Unicef also asks for \$42.6 million for children in Central America.

<https://twitter.com/UNOCHA/status/1329498696350904325>

<https://proceso.hn/unicef-solicita-42-6-millones-de-dolares-para-afectados-de-ciclones-en-centroamerica/>

"Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) has introduced the Hurricane Eta Relief Act of 2020, to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to countries impacted by the devastation of Hurricanes Eta and Iota including Nicaragua, Honduras, and Guatemala. Both Hurricanes Eta and Iota hit these countries, with their destructive force inducing devastating floods and landslides."

<https://velazquez.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/velazquez-introduces-bill-grant-tps-protections-multiple-central>

<https://criterio.hn/presentan-proyecto-de-ley-para-otorgar-tps-a-paises-centroamericanos-afectados-por-eta-e-iota/>

A new date has been set for the evidence hearing in the case against David Castillo, Monday, November 23.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1329580102821273606>

As another consequence of Eta and Iota, corona testing is down in Honduras. Yesterday, only 317

people were tested. 63 tests resulted positive for a new total of 103'551. At the same time, 14 more people died, officially, the death toll lies at 2853.

But of course, the problems run deeper. The JOH regime never succeeded in testing more than 3000 people per day and it still depends on just two laboratories for testing. More affluent Hondurans, meanwhile, can rely on private laboratories, which cover up to 5500 Lempiras for a test.

<https://tiempo.hn/sinager-63-casos-14-fallecimientos-nivel-nacional/>

<https://criterio.hn/las-pruebas-pcr-y-la-falsa-sensacion-de-control-del-covid-19-en-honduras/>

The Patuca III corruption case is scheduled to conclude next Friday with the judgement.

<https://twitter.com/UFECIC1/status/1329583407219822596>

The controversial bill to promote of Investments for Sustainable Development in Projects of National Interest was withdrawn again (see previous days).

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2434-honduras-diputado-minero-retira-ley-que-despoja-fondos-de-trabajadores>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50347>

CESPAD published an analysis of the relationship between Israel and the JOH regime from a human rights perspective.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/19/la-relacion-entre-los-gobiernos-de-honduras-e-israel-y-los-riesgos-para-los-derechos-humanos/>

"Questionable homicide numbers, a murky police purge, and a pervasive distrust of authorities in Honduras reveal deep state failures that enable violence and impunity."

<https://nacla.org/news/2020/11/18/state-mistrust>

20/11/20

Honduras Daily: Iota - Housing, Agriculture, Economy, EU; COVID-19 - Transparency, Health Sector; Corruption - Patuca III; and Another Year of JOH?

More rain is expected for this weekend further worsening the situation in Honduras.

At the same time, discharges at the El Cajón dam will continue.

Copeco presented an current overview of the damages left in the wake of the two hurricanes. They likely underestimate the gravity. They reported on 77 deaths linked to Eta and 14 to Iota, while even the Armed Forces reported a number more than twice as high for Eta (see previous e-mail).

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1423744-410/continuan-las-lluvias-este-fin-de-semana-en-honduras>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1781-el-peligro-no-se-ha-ido-deslaves-y-derrumbes-a-la-orden-del-dia>

<https://criterio.hn/enee-anuncia-que-descargas-de-el-cajon-duraran-48-horas/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1423785-466/reactivan-descargas-minimas-controladas-en-el-cajon>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1423686-466/muerte-y-cuantiosos-da%C3%B1os-en-infraestructura-y-agro-deja-iota-en-honduras>

"Before the pandemic and the hurricane crisis, Honduras had a housing deficit of more than 1.28 million housing units, Alberto Benitez, director of Habitat for Humanity, told Progreso Radio. (...) With the arrival of the hurricanes the numbers of housing needs will increase considerably, which is why, says Benítez, in a reconstruction plan, housing must be a priority."

<https://radioprogreso.hn/instante/destruccion-de-huracanes-duplicara-deficit-habitacional-en-honduras/>

Even though Eta and Iota has destroyed great quantities of agricultural land, the Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock claims that there won't be a shortage of beans, rice and corn. At the same time, merchants warn of shortage of basic grains and ask the government to act against possible speculation.

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1423733-410/escasez-cultivos-frijol-maiz-inundaciones-sag-eta-iota-honduras>

<https://confidencial.hn.com/piden-al-gobierno-que-no-se-duerma-ante-la-especulacion-en-granos-basicos/>

The Standard Fruit Company suspended 1500 workers, a fourth of its workforce, for 120 days as a response to the hurricanes.

<https://tiempo.hn/standard-fruit-company-suspende-a-1500-empleados/>

The EU will support the Honduran people with \$900'000.

<https://proceso.hn/ue-destinara-e900-mil-a-honduras-para-ayudar-a-los-damnificados-por-eta/>

The JOH regime has stopped its daily briefings on the corona pandemic on November 2. According to them, they have to concentrate on the aftermath of Eta and Iota. Medical experts question this as there is a link between the hurricanes and corona, as the former could further worsen the later as we currently see with shelters becoming corona hotspots.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2435-honduras-por-que-el-gobierno-abandono-transmisiones-nacionales-de-covid>

<https://tiempo.hn/por-que-no-hay-cadena-casos-covid-19/>

<https://proceso.hn/repunte-de-covid-19-el-otro-huracan-a-la-vuelta-de-la-esquina/>

Underreporting of corona deaths have been made public by various non-state institutions over the last months. Now even the National System of Risk Management (Sinager) says that in the Central District alone 3054 deaths have not been counted. Meanwhile the official death count is at 2839.

<https://criterio.hn/distrito-central-tiene-un-subregistro-de-mas-de-3-mil-muertes-por-covid-19/>

<https://tiempo.hn/tgu-sinager-revela-3-mil-muertes-covid-19-sin-contabilizar/>

The next doctor died to COVID-19, at least 53 doctors have died so far.

<https://proceso.hn/covid-19-sigue-cobrando-la-vida-de-medicos-en-honduras-y-este-dia-suma-el-numero-53/>

CESPAD published an update on the Patuca III corruption case.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/20/el-27-de-noviembre-se-conocera-fallo-judicial-para-los-implicados-en-patuca-iii/>

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<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2437-honduras-diputado-nacionalista-propone-continuidad-de-joh>

21/11/20

Honduras Daily: OFRANEH; Journalists; Iota - Poverty, OFRANEH, Protests, Support; COVID-19; Corruption; and Water Up to the Neck

In the midst of the multiple crises in Honduras, it is easy to forget other important cases. COPINH reminds us that the young Garífuna leaders have now been forcefully disappeared for 126 days.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1330166879034494982>

The Coalition against Impunity presented an official complaint at the MP against state security forces for cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment of journalist. The complaint focuses on the illegal detention of nine journalists.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1782-organizaciones-de-sociedad-civil-interponen-denuncia-colectiva-por-detenciones-arbitrarias-contra-periodistas-hondurenos-en-el-marco-de-la-pandemia-por-covid-19>

Copeco warned that rain will continue over the weekend in the Sula Valley and asked people to remain in shelters.

But in Tegucigalpa, El Libertador denounces that the JOH regime announced to evict some 800 people for not sheltering in an officially recognized place.

Copeco now counts 643'856 people affected by Iota. But at the same time, the number of deaths remained at 14.

The UN also published an update on the situation in Honduras.

<https://criterio.hn/lluvias-continuaran-este-fin-de-semana-sobre-un-valle-de-sula-inundado/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1424081-466/comisionado-pobladores-deben-seguir-en-albergues-habra-lluvia-48>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2440-urgente-gobierno-echara-refugiados-de-la-betania-en-capital-de-honduras>

<https://proceso.hn/asciende-a-643-mil-856-las-personas-afectadas-tras-paso-de-iota-por-honduras/>

<https://reliefweb.int/report/honduras/honduras-tormentas-tropicales-eta-e-iota-informe-de-situacion-04-01-al-20-de>

"The Association for the Defense of the Basic Basket in Honduras, (ADECABAH), considered insufficient the price freeze of 29 popular consumer products for a month with which the government intends to face a speculative wave that worsened with the ravages of two hurricanes and the closing of the economy as an effect of the Covid-19 pandemic."

<https://criterio.hn/es-insuficiente-solo-congelar-el-precio-de-29-productos-de-la-canasta-basica/>

"Garifuna communities in Honduras were severely affected in different sectors, including La Mosquitia (located in the eastern zone and extending to the northeast of the border with Nicaragua), but also Garifuna communities in the Caribbean zone, and there are reports that many Garifuna families that are settled in the Sula Valley zone (northern zone) lost everything. The Garifuna communities themselves, through the Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras (Ofraneh), have decided to show solidarity and rescue their people in the face of the abandonment and corruption of the Honduran Government."

<https://criterio.hn/ofraneh-alojara-garifunas-damnificados-en-vallecito-municipio-de-limon-colon/>

People in the Quebrada Onda village protest as they have been without electricity for 8 days.

<https://confidencialhn.com/protestan-habitantes-de-aldea-quebrada-onda-por-permanecer-8-dias-a-oscuras/>

Proceso Digital has more on the task force coordinated by the BID and BCIE to overview the spending related to the response to Eta and Iota.

<https://proceso.hn/bid-y-bcie-coordinaran-fuerza-de-tarea-para-agilizar-recursos-para-la-reconstruccion-de-centroamerica/>

There are now 104'435 COVID-19 cases and officially 2857 deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-agrega-256-nuevos-casos-y-ascienden-a-104435-contagiados-por-covid-19/>

The hearing in the Corruption on Wheels case were suspended yesterday.

<https://confidencialhn.com/suspenden-audiencia-preliminar-para-varios-imputados-en-la-causa-corrupcion-sobre-ruedas/>

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<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/con-el-agua-hasta-el-cuello/>

22/11/20

Honduras Daily: Berta - Trial; Iota - Reconstruction; COVID-19; JOH; and Stop Robbing the People

COPINH and Berta's family will hold a press conference this morning at 8am in front of the Supreme Court.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1330554305766694918>

According to Copeco, taken together, Iota and Eta affected more than 4 million Hondurans. They documented 91 deaths, the destruction of 58 bridges and 26'000 homes, 87 damages or collapsed highways, and the loss of 80% of agricultural production. There are still dozens of Hondurans in communities cut off from the rest of Honduras. There are 969 shelters with 88'722 people. Many parts of the country also suffer from lack of electricity. FOSDEH estimates the total economic loss at \$10 billion.

The country is still under red alert but at the same time, travel restrictions under corona are still lifted, i.e. people are allowed to travel between 5am and 10pm.

<https://tiempo.hn/eta-iota-mas-4-millones-personas-afectadas-copeco/>

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/22/eta-e-iota-arrasaron-con-cultivos-pero-el-gobierno-afirma-que-no-habra-hambruna/>

<https://criterio.hn/campesinos-reportan-perdidas-totales-de-cultivos-por-paso-de-iota-y-eta/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1424119-466/todav%C3%ADa-hay-decenas-de-hondure%C3%B1os-aislados-en-sus-comunidades>

<https://tiempo.hn/lunes-cortes-energia-programados-interrupciones/>

<https://tiempo.hn/honduras-continua-bajo-alerta-roja-como-funcionara-la-circulacion/>

<https://tiempo.hn/eta-iota-carreteras-continuan-sin-acceso/>

Photos: <https://www.elheraldo.hn/fotogalerias/1424186-468/iota-se-fue-pero-el-sufrimiento-no-acaba-as%C3%AD-luce-honduras-sumergida?mainImg=1>

"The government is already negotiating funds with the international community, in order to bet on a plan to rebuild the country in view of the damages produced by the storms Iota and Eta during the month of November 2020. In the opinion of various sectors, it is urgent that a commission of observers be created for the execution of these funds, in order to guarantee transparency and that no more money is diverted from the State in this process. The government led by Juan Hernández does not have credibility and confidence at the national and international level. Proof of this is the exclusion of Honduras from the funds of the Millennium Challenge Account due to the high levels of corruption that plague the current government administration."

<https://criterio.hn/urge-formar-comision-que-fiscalice-ejecucion-de-fondos-de-ayuda-que-recibira-el-gobierno/>

1556 tests resulted in 480 new COVID-19 cases for a total of 104'915. 2 more people died, 2859 Hondurans have officially died so far.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-honduras-480-nuevos-casos-muertos/>

Given the rumors of the last days that the electoral process could be postponed, JOH said yesterday that this would not be the case.

<https://confidencialhn.com/el-jefe-del-ejecutivo-asegura-que-democracia-hondurena-no-esta-en-discusion/>

<https://twitter.com/JuanOrlandoH/status/1330646156863561729>

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<https://confidencialhn.com/juan-angel-lopez-pide-a-funcionarios-publicos-que-dejen-de-robar/>

23/11/20

Honduras Daily: Berta - Trial; Iota - Coffee, US, Reconstruction; COVID-19 - Children, Mobile Hospitals; Elections; Corruption; and Sowing without Land

Yesterday, the evidentiary hearing in the case of David Castillo should have taken place. Before, COPINH and Berta's family members held a press conference. "The evidence demonstrating Mr.



David Castillo's responsibility as a co-author of the murder of our sister Berta Cáceres is clear, strong and irrefutable. The legal team will provide the scientific, testimonial and documentary evidence that supports this accusation to the sentencing court."

But again, they were stopped from doing so as the hearing was postponed for a third time in two weeks.

EU Parliamentarian Tilly Metz tweeted: "It is regrettable that today's Court hearing against David Castillo, the man charged as the mastermind behind the murder of human rights defender Berta Cáceres had been suspended. It is very important to resume the trial soon to ensure #JusticeForBerta!"

Castillo continues to present himself as the victim.

<https://copinh.org/2020/11/public-statement-the-victims-present-irrefutable-evidence-against-david-castillo/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/component/k2/item/3019-asesinato-bera-caceres-defensa-de-david-castillo-obstaculiza-audiencia-de-proposicion-de-pruebas>

<https://copinh.org/2020/11/se-pospone-la-audiencia-de-proposicion-de-pruebas-contra-david-castillo-coautor-en-el-asesinato-de-bera-caceres/>

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/166-noviembre2020/6670-de-nuevo-defensa-plantea-apelacion-y-se-suspende-audiencia-de-proposicion-de-pruebas-contra-presidente-de-des>

<https://twitter.com/MetzTilly/status/1330939915610296322>

<https://tiempo.hn/denuncian-violacion-garantias-judiciales-roberto-david-castillo/>

Copeco warned again of more rain to come and asked people to remain in the shelters.

Several highways had to close, among them the one between San Pedro Sula and El Progreso, as river continue to overspill.

La Lima, Cortés was flooded for the fourth time in 20 days.

Radio Progreso spoke with various representatives of civil society who all agree that the Judicial System should go after the head of Copeco, Max González, for negligence.

JOH, meanwhile, announced the immediate construction of new dams.

ContraCorriente published an article on the effects of the hurricanes in the Central District as well as one on the sector Chamelecón, where some 350 families are sheltered under a bridge.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1424081-466/comisi>

<https://proceso.hn/cierran-el-paso-entre-el-progreso-y-san-pedro-sula-ante-desbordamiento-de-rios/onado-pobladores-deben-seguir-en-albergues-habra-lluvia-48>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1424540-410/honduras-la-lima-se-inunda-cuarta-vez-20-d%C3%ADas>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/comisionado-de-copeco-debe-ser-acusado-penalmente-por->

[negligencia-en-manejo-de-emergencia-por-eta-e-iota/](#)

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1424502-410/honduras-sistema-represas-salvara-valle-de-sula>

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/23/el-olvido-la-tormenta-eterna-en-la-capital/>

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/23/chamelecon-la-reconstruccion-de-los-olvidados/>

Not just agriculture production in general suffered from Eta and Iota (see previous days and first link below), but also coffee production. They lost more than 5000 manzanas of coffee plants, this is about 1% of all coffee plants. It over proportionately hit small-scale producers.

The JOH regime announced to spend 4000 million Lempiras to rebuild streets accessing coffee-growing areas.

<https://criterio.hn/reactivar-el-agro-en-honduras-dependera-de-financiamiento-para-pequenos-y-medianos-agricultores-en-mora/>

<https://criterio.hn/cafetaleros-perdieron-mas-de-5-mil-manzanas-de-produccion-por-paso-de-tormenta-iota-y-eta/>

<https://tiempo.hn/gobierno-reparar-accesos-zonas-cafetalaras-honduras/>

David C Adams asks if "After Eta and Iota, will the world help Honduras and Nicaragua as it did after Hurricane Mitch?"

<https://www.univision.com/univision-news/latin-america/after-eta-and-iota-will-the-world-help-honduras-and-nicaragua-as-it-did-after-hurricane-mitch>

The JOH regime is putting together its own, top-down advisory board to accompany the reconstruction.

<https://proceso.hn/gobierno-crea-su-consejo-consultivo-para-la-reconstruccion-y-hace-primer-nombramiento/>

<https://tiempo.hn/fosdeh-duda-veeduria-reconstruccion-honduras/>

831 tests, 296 new COVID-19 cases, 105'211 in total. 10 more people died, the official death count lies at 2869.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-honduras-sinager-296-casos-10-muertos/>

MADJ and others will hold a virtual forum tomorrow and the situation of children living on the streets during the pandemic.

Criterion reports how children are about to lose one complete year of schooling.

<https://twitter.com/MovAmplioHn/status/1330958370845700100>

<https://criterio.hn/pandemia-y-fenomenos-naturales-terminan-de-hundir-ano-academico-de-los-ninos-mas-pobres-en-honduras/>

More than nine months have passed since Invest-H bought and payed by 100% the mobile hospitals. The CNA denounces that by today, only one of the seven mobile hospitals is functional. Now, Invest-H promises that by February, they will be in the hands of the Health Secretariat...

<https://twitter.com/cnahonduras/status/1330907042622676996/photo/1>

<https://criterio.hn/tras-siete-meses-de-haber-pagado-hospitales-moviles-solo-uno-funciona/>

<https://proceso.hn/invest-h-estima-que-para-febrero-de-2021-los-hospitales-moviles-estaran-a-cargo-de-salud/>

Constitutional lawyer Ramón Barrios explains that only the people can change the date of an election, not politicians nor parties (see also last days).

<https://criterio.hn/ningun-diputado-ni-partido-politico-puede-modificar-fechas-de-elecciones/>

Javier Suazo presents the backstory of the controversial Law on Investments for Sustainable Development in Projects of National Interest (see previous e-mails), which recently had been withdrawn again.

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/209873>

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<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/22/sembrar-sin-tierras-campesinas-entre-la-desigualdad-y-la-violencia/>

24/11/20

Honduras Daily: Extractivism; Political Prisoners; LGBTQ+ - IACHR; Zacate Grande; Iota - Copeco, Reconstruction, US, Migration; COVID-19 - Corruption, Health Sector; BCIE; Elections; Police - Drug Trafficking; Corruption - IHSS; and Someone has a Plan

Honduras has been suspended from the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative for "insufficient progress" regarding the participation of civil society actors.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-suspendida-por-ano-y-medio-del-eiti-por-reprobar-cinco-requisitos-en-su-evaluacion/>

The 24-year old teacher Rommel Baldemar has been held as a political prisoner for 480 days.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/el-maestro-rommel-baldemar-lleva-480-dias-privado-de->

[libertad-en-forma-arbitraria/](#)

IACHR and OSRESCER Publish Thematic Report: “Trans and Gender-Diverse People and Their Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights”

[http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media\\_center/PReleases/2020/282.asp](http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/media_center/PReleases/2020/282.asp)

Today, an oral and public trial will be held with against members of the police force involved in an illegal and violent eviction in the community of Coyolito, Zacate Grande Peninsula in the municipality of Amapala, in 2010. They attacked more than thirteen residents, including the owner of the land they were evicting, who had showed them the documentation that he was the legitimate owner.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/diez-anos-despues-se-realizara-juicio-contr-policias-agresores-de-pobladores-en-amapala/>

The number of official deaths linked to Iota has risen to 16.

"Mirna Woud, vice-president of the organization Masta, denounced that the government of the Republic has left the compatriots of the department of Gracias a Dios in complete abandonment, at the same time she demonstrated that the help that was promised has not arrived."

Almost 300'000 people are still cut off as a consequence of Eta and Iota.

And there are at least 10'000 people who normally have access without electricity.

CEPAL estimates that reconstructing destroyed infrastructure will cost some \$10 billion.

The Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock (SAG) estimates that it will cost 6 billion Lempiras to reactivate the agricultural sector.

<https://proceso.hn/sube-a-16-los-hondurenos-fallecidos-por-tormenta-tropical-iota/>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50497>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1424539-466/al-menos-290-mil-personas-est%C3%A1n-incomunicadas-por-lluvias-en-honduras>

<https://tiempo.hn/10-mil-usuarios-sin-energia-electrica-honduras-eeh/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1783-yorenos-en-tinieblas-ocho-dias-sin-luz-electrica>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1424524-466/se-requerir%C3%A1n-m%C3%A1s-de-10-mil-millones-para-la-reconstrucci%C3%B3n-de-honduras>

<https://tiempo.hn/sag-6-mil-millones-reactivar-sector-agricola/>

El Libertador reports that "aid that Hondurans have collected in the United States for those affected by the Eta and Iota climate phenomena, is confiscated by the Permanent Contingency Committee (Copeco), which sends the inputs to its warehouses to later distribute them to vulnerable areas".

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2451-hondurenos-en-exterior-denuncian-que-copeco-decomisa-ayuda-humanitaria>

The JOH regime set up the advisory group to accompany the reconstruction of Honduras. No surprises, it is filled with allies and no critical voices have been included. This should absolutely not motivate international donors to work with the JOH regime.

Hugo Noé Pino, former president of the Central Bank of Honduras, shares this view.

<https://proceso.hn/configurado-consejo-consultivo/>

<https://criterio.hn/plan-de-reconstruccion-que-propone-joh-es-inconsulta-y-sobre-lo-mismo-hugo-noe-pino/>

"Yesterday, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Acting Deputy Administrator John Barsa spoke with Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández to discuss USAID's response to the back-to-back hurricanes that affected his country. Hurricane Iota caused widespread flooding and landslides in Honduras just two weeks after Hurricane Eta hit the same region. Acting Deputy Administrator Barsa reaffirmed the United States' commitment to helping Hondurans in the aftermath of these storms, and cited our preliminary contribution of up to \$8.5 million in humanitarian assistance. He also informed President Hernández that USAID has stood up a Regional Disaster-Assistance Response Team (DART) and headquartered it in Tegucigalpa. President Hernández expressed his gratitude for USAID's support and partnership with the Honduran people."

<https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-20-2020-usaid-acting-deputy-administrator-john-barsa-call-president-honduras>

Radio Progreso reports on how the current situation could further spur migration from Honduras.

<https://radioprogreso.hn/instante/honduras-a-las-puertas-de-mayor-migracion-forzada/>

361 new COVID-19 cases, 105'572 in total, 8 more people died, 2877 in total.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-suma-361-nuevos-casos-de-covid-19-y-acumula-105-mil-572-contagios/>

As if to highlight why not to trust neither the JOH regime nor state bodies such COPECO with even more international funds, two COPECO employees were detained for illegally selling of biosafety equipment.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/166-noviembre2020/6681-mp-da-captura-a-dos-empleados-de-copeco-que-vendian-equipo-de-bioseguridad-del-estado>

<https://criterio.hn/mp-viraliza-captura-de-dos-empleados-de-copeco-mientras-investigaciones-por-hospitales-moviles-y-otros-casos-no-avanzan/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1424644-466/capturan-a-dos-empleados-de-copeco-que-comercializaban-equipos-de-bioseguridad>

Back in March, the JOH regime presented a plan to build 95 health centers to confront the corona pandemic...none of them have been built.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1424532-466/por-falta-de-an%C3%A1lisis-en-nada-quedaron-los-420-millones-para-los>

The BCIE will spend 36 million Lempiras to improve access to drinking water in Gracias, Lempira.

<https://proceso.hn/bcie-aprueba-36-millones-para-mejorar-calidad-de-agua-potable-en-el-occidente-de-honduras/>

El Herald reports on the new power sharing between Libre, the National Party and the Liberal Party at the newish National Electoral Council (CNE).

The president of the CNE, meanwhile, confirmed that the primaries will be held with the former electoral law as Congress still has not yet finished discussing the new one.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1424520-466/partidos-pol%C3%A1ticos-se-reparten-las-direcciones-de-cne>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/elecciones-primarias-iria-con-la-ley-electoral-vigente-presidente-del-cne/>

An active police official was arrested allegedly for drug trafficking.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2453-honduras-oficial-de-policia-detenido-con-paquetes-de-droga>

"The National Unit of Fiscal Support (UNAF) will provide 34 pieces of evidence in the oral and public trial that begins this Tuesday against 14 members of the former Board of Directors of the Honduran Institute of Social Security (IHSS), accused of an irregular transfer of funds between regimes within that institution."

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/166-noviembre2020/6679-unaf-arranca-juicio-contra-exdirectivos-del-ihss-por-millonarias-trasferencias-irregulares>

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<https://confidencialhn.com/honduras-sigue-sin-hospitales-moviles-y-ministra-de-salud-dice-que-tiene-un-plan/>

25/11/20

Honduras Daily: Women's Rights - Assassination; MADJ; Iota - Reconstruction, Agriculture; COVID-19 - Elderly, Vaccine; Budget 2021; Elections - National Party; US; Corruption - UFERCO, IHSS, Banasupro; and the Photo-Op President

As every November 25, the world commemorated the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women yesterday.

The pandemic and the hurricanes further worsened the situation.

El Libertador reports on a new coalition to fight violence against women. "Today is a historic day for Honduran women. Religious leaders, representatives of the National Congress, civil society and feminists have committed themselves to fight for the rights of women and girls; for the organization "Ecumenicas por el Derecho a Decidir" (Ecumenical for the Right to Decide) today the fundamentalism that imposes the submission of women in the home and in the life of this nation is beginning to be broken."

El Heraldito reports on the situation in Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula. In Tegucigalpa, 61 women were murdered up until August this year, 20 more than the previous year.

One in three women in Honduras have suffered violence in their lives.

infoSegura, UNDP and USAID published a report on violence against women in Central America and the Caribbean.

<https://radioprogreso.net/instante/mujeres-demandan-castigo-contrasus-agresores/>

<https://copinh.org/2020/11/25n-dia-de-la-eliminacion-de-la-violencia-contrala-mujer/>

<https://honduras.un.org/es/102445-la-eliminacion-de-la-violencia-contras-las-mujeres-es-fundamental-para-el-desarrollo-de>

<https://radioprogreso.net/portada/pandemia-y-huracanes-incrementan-violencia-contras-mujeres-en-honduras/>

<http://www.web.elibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2456-historico-iglesia-y-pueblo-juntos-en-lucha-por-derechos-sociales>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/tegucigalpa/1424771-466/soportaba-sus-golpes-por-amor-violencia-contrala-mujer-se-dispara-durante>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50540>

<https://infosegura.org/la-cara-escondida/>

Just a day before, on November 24, OFRANEH member Laura Carolina Valentín Dolmo, a 32-year old Garifuna woman, was found dead, presumably assassinated. "We demand an expeditious investigation, including an immediate and thorough autopsy, in order to elucidate the circumstances of the crime and help find those responsible; and that this process be carried out with strict respect for the worldview, identity and culture of the Garifuna people."

<http://im-defensoras.org/2020/11/alerta-urgente-honduras-asesinan-a-la-joven-defensora-garifuna-laura-carolina-valentin-dolmo-integrante-de-la-ofraneh/>

<https://twitter.com/ofraneh/status/1331622803204960261>

MADJ sent out an alert yesterday that the environmental defender Óscar Lopez had been illegally detained. He was released about ten hours later.

<https://www.facebook.com/MovAmplioHn/posts/3490738704353337>

The Medical Association of Honduras demands that the Sula Valley will be declared a disaster zone. The people there had their first night without rain for a while.

<https://criterio.hn/colegio-medico-de-honduras-exige-declarar-como-zona-de-desastre-el-valle-de-sula/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn/instante/paran-las-lluvias-salio-el-sol-pero-la-emergencia-continua-en-el-valle-de-sula/>

There is more criticism of the advisory group set up by JOH to accompany the reconstruction of Honduras (see also yesterday).

<https://confidencialhn.com/fosdeh-consejo-consultivo-funcionara-para-lavar-la-cara-al-gobierno/>

<https://criterio.hn/reconstruccion-en-manos-de-cuestionado-consejo-consultivo-genera-desconfianza/>

Proceso Digital has another article focusing on the devastating effects of Eta and Iota on agriculture.

<https://proceso.hn/agricultura-sucumbio-ante-meteoros/>

544 new COVID.19 cases, 106'116 in total; 11 more people died, 2888 in total.

<https://proceso.hn/los-casos-de-covid-19-se-elevan-a-106-mil-116-con-544-nuevos-contagios/>

Criterio reports on the situation of the elderly in Honduras whose rights further suffered during the pandemic.

<https://criterio.hn/adultos-mayores-de-honduras-han-sido-historicamente-vulnerados-en-sus-derechos/>

Honduras signed a letter of intent for the acquisition of 1,400,000 doses of the ZD 1222 vaccine against the coronavirus from the company AztraZeneca.

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1425051-410/honduras-compra-adquisicion-dosis-vacuna->



[contra-coronavirus-](#)

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-firma-acuerdo-con-astrazeneca-para-adquirir-1400-mil-dosis-de-la-vacuna-contra-el-covid-19/>

According to COHEP, 36% of the 2021 budget is dedicated to pay off debt.

<https://tiempo.hn/juan-jose-cruz-36-del-presupuesto-deudas-2021/>

Nevertheless, according to the Secretary of Finance, the budget for the electoral process, starting next year with the primaries, is guaranteed.

At the same time, it is less and less clear how the new Electoral Law will be ready for the elections - the primary elections are already held under the disputed and discredited former law.

<https://proceso.hn/recursos-de-los-procesos-electorales-de-2021-estan-garantizados-en-el-presupuesto-general-dice-finanzas/>

<https://criterio.hn/cada-vez-mas-incierto-el-camino-para-aprobacion-de-nueva-ley-electoral-en-congreso-nacional/>

Once more, the National Party wants to postpone the coming elections.

<https://confidencialhn.com/diputada-nacionalista-propondra-que-se-pospongan-elecciones-en-honduras/>

ConfidencialHN reports on the plans from president-elect Joe Biden for Central America.

<https://confidencialhn.com/gobierno-de-biden-investigara-ineptitud-y-corrupcion-en-honduras-el-salvador-y-guatemala/>

<https://joebiden.com/centralamerica/>

CESPAD published an important analysis of the obstacles faced by UFERCO to fight corruption in Honduras.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/25/los-malabares-de-la-uferco-para-enfrentar-las-redes-de-corrupcion-en-honduras/>

"This Wednesday, the accusation against 14 former directors of the Honduran Institute of Social Security (IHSS) located in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, was modified in an action brought before the Court of Ruling on Corruption." The charges against them were reclassified lowering the penalties.

<https://criterio.hn/suavizan-acusaciones-a-14-ex-directivos-del-ihss-senalados-de-meter-mano-a-fondos-de-pensiones/>

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/166-noviembre2020/6691-rechazan-recursos-a-la-defensa-y-declaran-dos-testigos-del-mp-en-el-juicio-contr-exdirectivos-del-ihss>

"The Special Prosecutor's Office for Transparency and the Fight against Public Corruption (FETCCOP), in a hearing on the individualization of the sentence, requested eight years and nine months in prison and a fine of nine million six hundred and sixty-one thousand three hundred and six lempiras (Lps. 9, 661,306.35), against former officials of the National Commodity Substitute (BANASUPRO) for the crime of fraud, related to the irregular purchase of a software system for the administrative area of the institution."

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/166-noviembre2020/6682-mas-de-ocho-anos-de-carcel-pide-fiscalia-contr-primeros-condenados-por-corrupcion-en-banasupro>

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<https://confidencialhn.com/con-fotos-y-activismo-gobierno-presume-su-operacion-no-estan-solos/>

26/11/20

Honduras Daily: Berta - Trial; Extractivism - WHRDs, EITI, FPIC; HRDs; Iota - HR, Prisons, Cacao, Dams, Mayors; COVID-19 - Vaccine; Police - Human Trafficking, Drug Trafficking; Elections - JOH; and 10 Months After the MACCIH

The expert mission accompanying the Berta Cáceres trial will hold a public forum next week on the second anniversary of the sentencing of the material authors. The event will take place online on Tuesday, December 1.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1332109853544902656>

A day later, PBI organizes a webinar on women human rights defender confronted by extractive projects. Carla García of OFRANEH will take place.

[https://twitter.com/PBI\\_EE/status/1331708297406275587](https://twitter.com/PBI_EE/status/1331708297406275587)

Criterio has more on the suspension of Honduras from the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative.

<https://criterio.hn/suspension-de-honduras-ante-eiti-dejara-a-extractivismo-al-libre-albedrio/>

There is a new publication on free and prior consultation of indigenous peoples in Latin America with a case study from Honduras.

[https://www.iwgia.org/images/documentos/Protocolos\\_Autonmicos\\_de\\_Consulta\\_Previa\\_Indgena\\_en\\_Amrica\\_Latina.pdf](https://www.iwgia.org/images/documentos/Protocolos_Autonmicos_de_Consulta_Previa_Indgena_en_Amrica_Latina.pdf)

"CNTC denounced before the national and international community the negligence of the National

Police, who refused to take the denunciation of an attack against land defender Neptaly Ventura, alleging lack of personnel for the territorial protection, according to the evidence of the peasant organization in a public meeting, this November 24, 2020."

But there are also some good news. "The Sectional Court of Marcala, La Paz, oversaw a lawsuit that activists of the National Party filed against six indigenous Lencas, in that area, pretending to take them to jail for usurpation. The court recognized the community title and set them free, this November 23, 2020."

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/3021-6-dias-despues-de-atentado-estado-tiene-sin-proteccion-a-defensor-territorial-neptaly-ventura>

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/redhil-paz-condena-atentado-contra-defensor-de-la-tierra-y-el-territorio-en-santa-barbara/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/3020-juez-deja-libres-a-lencas-de-proceso-penal-y-reconoce-titulo-comunitario-en-marcala-la-paz>

"As rains haven't let up in many parts most affected by the hurricanes, a mud slide took the lives of an unknown number of people & destroyed approximately 300 houses in the La Reina village in the western department of Santa Barbara".

The official death toll of Iota is 17.

In an article for Vice, Jeff Ernst describes the current situation in Honduras. "A week after Hurricane Iota passed through Honduras, leaving widespread destruction in its wake, lingering rainfall is forcing even more people from their homes as new areas are flooded and hills and mountain sides collapse. An estimated half a million people across the country were displaced from their homes, according to CARE International, and the consequences of continuing rainfall means that number continues to rise along with the fear of what might come."

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1332033534525992962>

<https://criterio.hn/continuan-derrumbes-y-zonas-incomunicadas-en-santa-barbara-y-occidente-del-pais/>

<https://proceso.hn/sube-a-17-los-hondurenos-fallecidos-por-tormenta-tropical-iota/>

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/z3vmz5/half-a-million-hondurans-displaced-by-hurricanes-now-have-to-wait-out-more-rain>

Defensores en Línea reports on the human rights situation in the south of Honduras in the context of the hurricanes and the pandemic.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/el-sur-atrapado-entre-huracanes-y-pandemias/>

Eta and Iota also destroyed made (further) inhabitable the prison in El Progreso. Inmates are currently held Loyola Institute from where 9 inmates now fled.

<https://confidencialhn.com/se-fugan-nueve-reos-del-albergue-en-el-instituto-loyola-de-el-progreso/>

<https://radioprogreso.net/instante/aun-no-se-rehabilita-centro-penal-de-el-progreso-yoro/>

Eta and Iota also destroyed cacao plantations, some 1000 hectares were lost.

<https://confidencialhn.com/ciclones-arrasaron-mas-de-1000-hectareas-de-cacao-en-honduras/>

Agreements to build three additional dams in the Sula Valley were signed.

<https://confidencialhn.com/firman-acuerdo-para-construccion-de-represas-en-el-valle-de-sula/>

Congress approved more funding for municipalities in response to the crises.

But at the same time, some mayors denounce that sectarianism excludes some of them from the reconstruction process.

<https://criterio.hn/congreso-aprueba-prestamos-para-municipalidades-y-construccion-de-obras-viales-en-zona-sur-de-honduras/>

<https://criterio.hn/sectarismo-excluye-a-cuatro-alcaldias-de-santa-barbara-del-proceso-de-reconstruccion-alcalde-de-colinas/>

565 new COVID-19 cases, 106'681 in total; 4 more Honduras, died, 2892 have officially died so far.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-honduras-sinager-565-casos-4-muertos/>

JOH promises a vaccine for everyone who needs one in Honduras...

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1425227-466/joh-habr%C3%A1-vacuna-contra-covid-19-para-los-que-m%C3%A9dicamente-lo-necesiten>

<https://confidencialhn.com/presidente-hernandez-presenta-al-cn-propuesta-sobre-vacuna-covid-19/>

A human trafficking ring led by active members of the police was dismantled. 15 people were arrested, among them five from the police.

<https://confidencialhn.com/y-la-depuracion-caen-5-policias-durante-operacion-contra-trata-de-personas/>

<https://proceso.hn/operacion-chakal-desnuda-red-de-policias-en-trata-humana/>

In a second incident, another active police agent was detained with 2kg of cocaine.

The Honduras Solidarity Network offered some important context regarding the body responsible for the arrest. "Office for Fight Against Drug Trafficking (DLCN) that arrested cop is run by family member of Tony Hernandez's right hand man, Mario Calix who has been indicted by NY prosecutors".

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/166-noviembre2020/6693-dlcn-detuvo-a-policia-activo-con-dos-supuestos-kilos-de-cocaina>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1332030818517016577>

Congress approved the budget for the coming electoral cycle, 1.7 billion Lempiras for the CNE. The TJE says that it will need 90 million Lempiras.

Pinu congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez criticized the increase in the budget and wonders where the money is coming from.

<https://proceso.hn/aprueban-presupuesto-de-l-1-mil-700-millones-al-cne-para-elecciones-primarias-y-generales/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/congreso-nacional-asignara-1-760-millones-de-lempiras-para-elecciones-primarias-2021/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/tribunal-de-justicia-electoral-requiere-l90-millones-para-cumplir-con-cronograma/>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50582>

<https://proceso.hn/doris-gutierrez-critica-incremento-de-presupuesto-para-elecciones-y-desconoce-de-donde-se-sacaran-fondos/>

The National Party continues to play with fire dropping hints to have the elections postponed (see previous days).

<https://confidencialhn.com/propuesta-de-wesly-vasquez-asoma-como-nueva-tormenta-sobre-honduras-opinan-liberales/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/posponer-elecciones-seria-un-atentado-a-democracia-en-honduras-advierte-analista/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2458-honduras-renato-pide-mamo-para-wesly-vasquez-por-arengar-continuismo-de-joh>

<https://confidencialhn.com/propuesta-de-wesly-vasquez-asoma-como-nueva-tormenta-sobre-honduras-opinan-liberales/>

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<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/26/redes-de-corrupcion-y-la-lucha-anticorrupcion-notas-para-un-balance-tras-mas-de-10-meses-de-la-salida-de-la-maccih/>

27/11/20

Honduras Daily: Zelaya; Elections - JOH; HRDs - UN, EU, MAS; Iota - Reconstruction, Women's Rights; Dengue; COVID-19 - State Response; Violence; Corruption - MP, Patuca III; Organized Crime - US; Prisons; and the Politicization of Misery

As if things were becoming too boring in Honduras, former ousted president and opposition leader Mel Zelaya was held-up by the authorities at the airport yesterday for allegedly not declaring \$18'000 in a bag he says does not belong to him.

Supporters rushed to the airport and were met with tear gas by state security forces.

The MP called the retention a purely "administrative process".

Then there is also a debate about a video trying to show Mel contradicting himself. Mel denounces the video as edited.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1332452748747550721>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1332487082573402112>

<https://www.reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2020/11/27/presenten-el-video-completo-el-dinero-melo-pusieron-ahi-dentro-de-una-bolsa-tengo-la-grabacion/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/retencion-al-expresidente-zelaya-fue-un-proceso-administrativo-dice-mp-video/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1425503-466/yuri-mora-si-hubiera-reconocido-que-dinero-era-suyo-solo-paga-multa>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1425510-466/video-mel-zelaya-mintio-al-decir-dinero-en-equipaje>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1425539-410/manuel-zelaya-rosales-aeropuerto-toncontin-tegucigalpa-dinero-retenido-honduras-expresidente>

<https://tiempo.hn/mel-zelaya-video-divulgado-cortado-editado/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1425501-466/abogado-de-mel-zelaya-persona-vestida-militar-tomo-su-mochila>

The above incident may also have to be linked to the current discussion forced upon Honduras by some Nationalist congresswo/men to postpone the elections.

""I believe that they [the Nationalists] are creating an atmosphere of uncertainty so that they can then go to other extremes, because I am convinced that the ruler wants to continue and is preparing for it, and these voices only serve to create that environment," said former Attorney General Edmundo Orellana."

This seems an apt reading of the situation as it is unlikely that the elections can be postponed in a legal manner.

<https://criterio.hn/dirigentes-opositores-convencidos-que-juan-hernandez-busca-postergar->

[elecciones-para-su-continuismo/](#)

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2460-honduras-joh-se-prepara-para-continuar-en-el-poder-ex-fiscal-general>

<https://tiempo.hn/welsy-vasquez-postergar-elecciones-retrocede-proyecto/>

<https://criterio.hn/en-congreso-nacional-no-hay-ambiente-para-modificar-cronograma-electoral/>

Various UN Special Procedures jointly wrote to the JOH regime regarding the deaths, forced disappearance and attacks against HRDs in Honduras as well as the irregularities in the Berta Cáceres trial.

<https://twitter.com/MaryLawlorhrds/status/1332365924276592640>

"In a letter signed by 57 MEPs we express our deepest concern to the authorities, asking to immediately locate the 4 kidnapped Garifuna members alive and end the systematic and intentional violence against the Garifuna people."

<https://twitter.com/MetzTilly/status/1332361956917915649>

"The Committee of Families of the Detained-Disappeared in Honduras (COFADEH), through its general coordinator Berta Oliva, condemns the repeated smear campaigns through the media and other forms, in order to damage the image of Betty del Carmen Vásquez Rivera, human rights defenders and the environment in the department of Santa Bárbara."

<https://www.defensoresonlinea.com/cofاده-responsabiliza-por-la-integridad-de-betty-vasquez-a-quienes-las-senalan-publicamente/>

The European Investment Bank will finance reconstruction projects for \$15.7 in Honduras through the BCIE.

The disputed public body Invest-H, of pandemic corruption fame, hopes to manage more than 12 billion Lempiras to rebuild Honduras' infrastructure.

<https://tiempo.hn/banco-europeo-reconstruccion-honduras/>

<https://proceso.hn/invest-h-gestiona-fondos-por-mas-de-l-12-mil-millones-a-nivel-internacional-para-rehabilitar-infraestructura/>

"During the quarantine many cases of sexual violence have been received, and with Hurricanes ETA and IOTA, the situation worsened for women and minors who were locked up with their aggressor or rapist, described this November 27, 2020, Ana Lisseth Cruz, Director of the Quality of Life Association."

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/3024-violencia-sexual-en-los-albergues-un-reto-de-las-organizaciones-de-mujeres-en-la-covid19-y-los-huracanes>

There are currently 23'317 dengue cases in Honduras.

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50645>

453 new COVID-19 cases, 107'134 in total. 7 more people died, 2899 have officially died to COVID-19 so far in Honduras.

<https://proceso.hn/casos-de-covid-19-llegan-a-107-mil-134-con-453-nuevos-contagios/>

Radio Progreso spoke with the president of the Medical Association of Honduras (CMH), Suyapa Figueroa, about the failures of the JOH regime to adequately react to both the pandemic and the humanitarian crisis caused by Eta and Iota.

<https://radioprogressohn.net/portada/no-hay-institucionalidad-para-responder-a-las-emergencias-suyapa-figueroa/>

"Honduras will close the year as the most violent in Central America despite confinement and natural disasters"

<https://contracorriente.red/2020/11/27/honduras-cerrara-el-ano-como-el-mas-violento-de-centroamerica-a-pesar-del-confinamiento-y-los-desastres-naturales/>

"This week, from part of organized citizens in the different groups of the indignation movement, the demand for the resignation of the General Attorney, Oscar Fernando Chinchilla, arose again, this in view of the lack of forceful action by the Public Ministry in the denunciations of cases of corruption."

<https://radioprogressohn.net/instante/ante-reclamo-ciudadano-fiscal-general-debe-rendir-cuentas/>

In the Patuca III corruption case nine out of ten accused were absolved.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1425446-466/tribunal-absuelve-a-los-acusados-del-caso-patuca-iii>

"Today, senior law enforcement officials from the United States, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras announced criminal charges in Central America against more than 700 members of transnational criminal organizations, primarily MS-13 and 18th Street gangs, which resulted from a one-week coordinated law enforcement action under Operation Regional Shield (ORS)."

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/more-700-members-transnational-organized-crime-groups-arrested-central-america-us-assisted>

OACNUDH organized together with the Human Rights Secretariat a regional exchange on best-practices for the management of prisons during a pandemic. "OACNUDH invites the State of Honduras to take note of the good practices shared, to adopt protocols necessary to re-establish communication between persons deprived of liberty and their families and to ensure the right to due



process."

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHHN/status/1332328972856799233>

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<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/26/la-politizacion-de-la-miseria-del-pueblo-hondureno/>

28/11/20

Honduras Daily: Mining - MINOSA; Berta - Trial; Zelaya; Iota; COVID-19; Corruption - Patuca III, IHSS; and 38 Years in Service of Human Rights

Some good news. "The Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice has ordered a stop of the exhumations in the San Andres cemetery, which the company Minerales de Occidente S.A de C.V. (Minosa) has been carrying out in the community of Azacualpa, municipality of La Unión, Copán."

<https://criterio.hn/sala-de-lo-constitucional-ordena-parar-exhumaciones-de-minosa-en-cementerio-de-la-union-copan/>

COPINH published an update on the David Castillo trial. " This Monday, November 23rd, the Hearing for Presentation of Evidence in the case against David Castillo was suspended again due to delaying actions by his defense. In this stage of proceedings, the evidence linking David Castillo to the crime would be presented, and the context around the crime and the actions and responsibilities that triggered the events of March 2, 2016 would be disclosed. The maneuvers to delay proceedings with the purpose of avoiding justice are obvious: trying to ensure that hearings do not take place and that evidence is not revealed and requesting that there be no public transmission of proceedings for observation by Honduran and international society. All these actions seek to hide the truth that the Honduran people and the world demand. These are puerile maneuvers that seek to hide not only David Castillo's responsibility, but also that of the masterminds of the crime, the Atala Zablah, as well as the State of Honduras' responsibility in the case."

<https://copinh.org/2020/11/newsletter-no-12-every-delay-proves-david-castillos-guilt/>

After Friday's incident (see yesterday), Mel Zelaya was able to travel to Mexico yesterday afternoon.

<https://confidencialhn.com/tas-incidente-mel-zelaya-ya-esta-rumbo-a-mexico/>

<https://proceso.hn/expresidente-mel-zelaya-sale-del-pais-rumbo-a-mexico/>

COPECO warns of more rain.

Radio Progreso reports on the community-organized clean up of the Rivera Hernández neighborhood in San Pedro Sula.

La Prensa reports on the situation in El Progreso post-Eta and Iota where 68'000 people were affected and 13'000 are still living in shelters.

<https://confidencialhn.com/copeco-advierte-lluvias-y-chubascos-que-afectara-territorio-hondureno/>

<https://radioprogreso.net/noticias-nacionales/movimiento-ciudadano-busca-sacar-lodo-de-comunidades-y-gobierno/>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1425711-410/honduras-continuan-inundadas-aldeas-el-progreso-eta-iota>

379 new COVID-19 cases, 107'513 in total. 6 more Hondurans died, officially, 2905 have died so far.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-sobrepasa-los-dos-mil-900-fallecidos-por-covid-19-y-acumula-107-mil-513-contagios/>

CESPAD reports on the newest blow against anti-corruption efforts in Honduras in the Patuca III case in which nine of the ten accused were let go.

Three of them face separate charges for money laundering linked to the Los Cachiros drug cartel.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2020/11/28/9-funcionarios-publicos-mas-que-salieron-bien-librados-con-la-justicia-hondurena/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2467-honduras-patuca-iii-replica-camino-impunidad-de-pandora>

The same could happen in the IHSS corruption case.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/2468-honduras-urgente-piden-liberar-a-exdirectivos-del-ihss>

COFADEH commemorates its 38 anniversary tomorrow on November 30.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/38-anos-con-la-frente-en-alto/>

29/11/20

Honduras Daily: Political Prisoners; Iota; COVID-19 - State Reaction;

"Political prisoner Raul Alvarez has been stabbed, rushed to the hospital & is in surgery. His condition is not know. Help us hope for the best".

<https://twitter.com/EdwinLibertad/status/1333237818089500672>

According to the Association of the Municipalities of Honduras (Amhon), 166 out of the 298 municipalities have suffered damages by Eta and Iota.

A new cold front is expected for tomorrow which could bring further rain.

Red alert for all Honduras will be maintained.

<https://tiempo.hn/166-municipios-afectados-por-eta-e-iota/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1425904-466/frente-fr%C3%ADo-dejar%C3%A1-lluvias-posible-desbordamiento-de-r%C3%ADos-y-deslizamientos>

<https://proceso.hn/frente-frio-debil-ingresara-el-proximo-martes-al-territorio-nacional/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1425951-466/se-mantiene-alerta-roja-en-honduras-tras-da%C3%B1os-provocados-por-eta-y>

<https://tiempo.hn/ante-ingreso-de-frente-frio-copeco-pide-tomar-medidas-preventivas/>

375 new COVID-19 cases, 107'888 in total. 4 more people died, 2909 have officially died to COVID-19 so far.

<https://tiempo.hn/covid-19-honduras-375-nuevos-casos/>

The lockdown including restrictions to circulate in Honduras has been lifted due to Eta and Iota. Honduran authorities announced that circulation without restrictions will be maintained for the time being.

The Association of Auxiliary Nurses (ANEEAH), meanwhile, asks for its reintroduction fearing a further worsening of the corona situation.

<https://proceso.hn/circulacion-sin-restriccion-de-toda-la-poblacion-se-mantiene-a-nivel-nacional/>

<https://tiempo.hn/aneeah-llama-gobierno-regular-circulacion-ciudadanos/>

30/11/20

Honduras Daily: CNTC; Political Prisoners; Iota - Israel; Journalists; COVID-19 - Health Sector; Extradition - US; Electricity; Organized Crime; and Corrupt Congress

On November 29, a young member of the CNTC in Santa Barbara, Kevin Javier Chacon Lopez was assassinated by gunmen just a week after the Regional General Secretary Neptaly Ventura survived an attempt on his life.

See Attachment

Defensores en Línea reports on the attack against political prisoner Raúl Álvarez. "Alvarez was taken to the Hospital Escuela, where he was admitted to the operating room at about 8:30 pm to safeguard his physical integrity. His state of health is stable, according to information provided by doctors at the care center."

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/atentan-contr-el-presopolitico-raul-alvarez/>

The Honduras Solidarity Network highlights "Two road blockades by locals in Tikamaya & La Lima, Cortés, two areas in northern Honduras affected by the hurricanes. Local residents have been without electricity for weeks. Government response is slow &/or non-existent".

The newest estimates by FOSDEH on the damages by Eta and Iota goes up to 250 billion Lempiras. El Heraldo spoke with Miguel Barreto, regional director of the World Food Program.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1333580660775088128>

<https://confidencialhn.com/dano-por-inundaciones-asciende-a-1250000-millones-calcula-fosdeh/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1425939-466/unos-500-mil-hondure%C3%B1os-est%C3%A1n-sin-comer-cada-d%C3%ADa-eta-y-iota>

The UN Human Rights Council published new recommendations for the safety of journalists.

<http://undocs.org/A/HRC/45/L.42/Rev.1>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/libertad-de-expresion/1785-consejo-ddhh-de-la-onu-actualiza-recomendaciones-para-protoger-a-periodistas>

The Israeli Armed Forces send a "humanitarian" delegation to Honduras in response to the hurricanes.

<https://proceso.hn/una-delegacion-militar-israeli-asistira-a-honduras-tras-el-paso-de-huracanes-2/>

365 new COVID-19 cases, 108'253 in total. 9 more Hondurans have died, 2918 have died in total.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-supera-los-108-mil-casos-de-covid-19-tras-sumar-365-nuevos-positivos/>

"The Mario Catarino Rivas Hospital in the city of San Pedro Sula is without an Intensive Care Unit (ICU), denounced Dr. Carlos Umaña, director of doctors of the Honduran Institute of Social Security in that city. Umaña pointed out that the closure of the ICU occurred at the height of the pandemic in the country and is due to poor administration and mismanagement of resources allocated to the Ministry of Health to combat the pandemic that "hired and offered a salary to medical personnel without fulfilling the agreed commitment."

Criterio also reports that the JOH regime goes forward with privatizing the IHSS in Roatán.

<https://criterio.hn/hospital-mario-catarino-rivas-de-san-pedro-sula-sin-unidad-de-cuidados-intensivo/>

<https://criterio.hn/gobierno-avanza-con-privatizacion-del-ihss-en-roatan/>

The US presented two new requests for extraditions. Since 2014, 22 Hondurans have been extradited to the US.

<https://confidencialhn.com/corte-suprema-de-justicia-recibe-dos-nuevas-solicitudes-de-extradicion-de-ee-uu/>

<https://proceso.hn/csj-recibe-dos-nuevas-peticiones-de-extradicion-de-eeuu/>

The JOH government published a decree cancelling the contract of the Electric Energy Company (EEH). With this executive decree PCM-081-2020 the energy administration will be managed again by the National Electric Energy Company (ENEE). EEH announced to have challenged the decision.

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1426057-410/gobierno-honduras-cancela-contrato-eeh-enee->

<https://tiempo.hn/eeh-csj-cancelar-contrato/>

In the Operation Perseus III, the MP went after the Barralaga clan for money laundering, Jorge Alberto Barralaga Hernández was a former deputy commissioner of the National Police Force.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/166-noviembre2020/6709-operacion-perseo-iii-mp-asegura-362-bienes-muebles-e-inmuebles-productos-financieros-y-vehiculos-a-socio-del-clan-barralaga>

<https://elpulso.hn/?p=50690>

"The PINU once again came out to denounce irregularities that compromise the administration and legislative direction by the Board of Directors of the National Congress. On this occasion, the denunciation arises from the approval of a bill to benefit transport entrepreneurs with a special bonus to minimize the economic impact generated by the COVID-19 pandemic to this area."

<https://criterio.hn/diputado-denuncia-que-junta-directiva-de-congreso-nacional-sigue-falsificando-dictámenes/>