

01/08/21

Honduras Daily: ZEDEs; COVID-19 - Vaccines; Elections - Right to Vote; Migration;

Over the weekend, OACNUDH observed several town hall meetings in which the people spoke out against the ZEDEs.

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHHN/status/1421866995516071936>

Making the impact of the pandemic more tangible, Radio Progreso reports on the situation in the small community of San Antonio in Yoro which was hit hard by corona.

<https://radioprogreso.hn/portada/san-antonio-una-comunidad-hondurena-inmersa-en-la-tragedia-del-covid/>

107'000 people got one shot over the weekend in a vaccination rally in the Francisco Morazán department (see also yesterday).

<https://proceso.hn/jornada-vacunaton-deja-mas-de-107-mil-inoculados-en-centro-de-honduras/>

Proceso Digital has a long article on electoral uncertainty in Honduras.

Sociologist Pablo Carías writes that Honduras goes to the election with the same old rules, the same old politicians and so there will be the same result.

<https://proceso.hn/la-incertidumbre-electoral-sigue-instalada-en-honduras/>

<https://proceso.hn/vamos-a-elecciones-con-las-mismas-reglas-los-mismos-personajes-y-por-ende-habra-iguales-resultados-pablo-carrias/>

CESPAD reports on how the right to vote is further and further undermined for Hondurans living abroad.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/01/analisis-hondurenos-en-el-extranjero-cada-dia-mas-lejos-de-ejercer-el-sufragio-en-elecciones-generales-2021/>

Aixa Cardona from the Committee of Family Members of Disappeared Migrants from Progreso (Cofamipro) explains how the lack of attention to disappearing migrants during the pandemic makes their suffering invisible.

<https://proceso.hn/la-desaparicion-de-migrantes-se-invisibiliza-en-pandemia/>

02/08/21

Honduras Daily: HR-Situation; Berta - Trial; ZEDEs; Femicides; COVID-19 - Vaccines; Elections; and Reforming the Public Sector

The Honduras Forum Switzerland published the July 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=25090

Today, David Castillo, after having been found guilty last month, will receive his sentence in the individualized sentencing hearing.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1422287351779405833>

CESPAD takes a closer look at the different sector opposing the ZEDEs. "In the struggle against the ZEDEs, three resistance blocs have been identified, although they carry out actions in different ways, they do so with two common objectives: to repeal the ZEDE Law and to defend national sovereignty. The first block is made up of public institutions with a certain degree of autonomy from the Hernández Administration: the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) and the National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA), and sectors of private enterprise, promoting citizen initiatives, appeals of unconstitutionality, academic analysis and public positions. A second block is made up of trade unions and urban organizations, developing protest actions, public positions and virtual actions through social networks. A third block, made up of regional, territorial and local actors, promoting strategic road blockades, peaceful mobilizations, community forums, local-regional organization actions and sit-ins."

There are also two citizen initiatives that have been presented against the ZEDEs.

El Libertador reports on how the Nationalist mayor of San Pedro Sula tries to block a town hall meeting on the ZEDEs.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/02/analisis-honduras-la-lucha-ciudadana-contra-las-zedes/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn/noticias-nacionales/dos-iniciativas-contra-las-zede-desafian-a-diputados-en-congreso-nacional/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3099-honduras-alcalde-sampedrano-admite-apoyo-a-las-zede-y-acosa-regidores>

The number of femicides has risen to 172 this year.

<https://radioprogreso.hn/instante/mas-de-170-femicidios-se-registran-en-honduras/>

So far, there have been 300'572 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 7902 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-rebasa-los-300-mil-contagios-y-a-punto-de-llegar-a-ocho-mil-muertos-por-covid/>

There is more criticism of the politicization of the vaccination rally this last weekend.

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/02/joh-alaba-su-gestion-y-afirma-que-honduras-dejo-de-ser-el-pais-mas-violento/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3100-honduras-cinismo-ebal-diaz-uso-vacunaton-para-campana-electoral>

"The National Electoral Council (CNE), through councilor Ana Paola Hall, announced this Monday that "from the presidency (of the CNE) several important and immediate actions will be instructed today at an operative level to guarantee the electoral process". The counselor qualified that "this cannot be seen as anything but obstruction to the electoral process", referring to the lack of approval of the special budget in the National Congress."

Maybe in reaction to this, Libre congressman Jorge Cáliz announced that Congress will approve the additional budget today as well as the loan for the RNP. Apparently, agreements were made between the three main parties.

But at the same time, CNE magistrate Roxi Moncada affirms that there is not enough time anymore to setup the Transmission of Preliminary Electoral Results (TREP) system.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2021/1482493-508/cne-vence-plazo-trep-lector-huellas-obstruccion-proceso-electoral>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/consejo-electoral-denuncia-que-congreso-nacional-quiere-obstruir-proceso-electoral/>

<https://proceso.hn/tras-acuerdos-este-martes-se-aprobara-presupuesto-al-cne-prestamo-al-rnp-y-compras-directas-para-comicios/>

<https://criterio.hn/en-honduras-habra-elecciones-llueva-truene-o-relampaguee-consejeras-del-cne/>

<https://proceso.hn/fosdeh-plantea-una-gran-reforma-del-sector-publico-para-mermar-gran-carga-laboral/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/fosdeh-subrayan-que-honduras-gasta-demasiado-dinero-en-sueldos-y-salarios/>

03/08/21

Honduras Daily: Berta - Trial; Journalists; Elections - US; COVID-19 - Health Sector, Education; US; Corruption - US; Migration - US; UN; Insecurity;

Yesterday, the hearing to determine the penalty for David Castillo started. COPINH demands the maximum penalty of 25 years.

Several European embassies were observing the proceedings.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1422660053216206856>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/piden-pena-maxima-para-david-castillo-por-asesinato-de-berta-caceres/>

<https://twitter.com/UEenHonduras/status/1422675976409001988>

Journalist Herny Fiallos was hurt and harassed by five police agents on August 1. The same journalist had received death threats linked to his investigation into the murder of nursing student Keyla Martínez in a police station previously this year.

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/amenazas/item/3236-falta-de-castigo-contra-policias-involucrados-en-muerte-de-keyla-propicio-mas-violencia-contra-periodista>

Congress now finally approved the budget for the National Electoral Council (CNE) as well as a mechanism to allow them to directly purchase the necessary tools for the election.

They further approved a BCIE loan to continue with the Identify Yourself project, i.e. the distribution of the new identity card. Accompanied by this decision was the extension of the validity of the old identity card to October 15, this means that people without a new identity card won't be able to vote in the November elections.

PINU denounces that the agreement between the three main parties that led to the above decisions included the following. "They are eliminating the transmission of the results of the tally sheets from the Voting Centers. The National Party has pressured so that the results are not transmitted from the Voting Boards or what used to be known as the MERs (Mesas Electorales Receptoras)."

Maybe it won't come so far. "CNE Counselor, Rixi Moncada, wrote in her Twitter account: "45 days to enforce the law! The project to transmit the digitized minutes from each Voting Center is the new challenge. My commitment in the CNE is for clean elections. 100%. Thanks to all the benches."

<https://confidencialhn.com/congreso-nacional-aprueba-ampliacion-de-mil-millones-de-lempiras-para-el-cne/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/cn-aprobo-autorizar-al-cne-adquisicion-de-bienes-suministros-y-servicios-de-forma-directa/>

<https://proceso.hn/aprueban-ampliacion-presupuestaria-del-cne-y-mecanismo-especial-para-contratacion-directa-para-elecciones/>

<https://criterio.hn/congreso-nacional-aprueba-l-1000-millones-para-el-cne-y-ordena-la-contratacion-directa-del-trep/>

<https://criterio.hn/el-congreso-aprobo-presupuesto-del-cne-a-cambio-de-no-trasmitir-las-actas-electorales-luis-redondo/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3102-honduras-45-dias-tiene-cne-para-montar-sistema-digital-de-transmision-de-actas>

<https://proceso.hn/hasta-el-25-de-agosto-se-extendera-plazo-para-que-cne-adquiera-el-trep/>

US Special Envoy Ricardo Zúñiga (see below) commented on the electoral process: "In the case of Honduras, there is concern about the entry of money from organized crime into the political process through campaign donations".

<https://confidencialhn.com/preocupa-entrada-de-dinero-del-crimen-organizado-en-proceso-politico-a-traves-de-donaciones-en-las-campanas-ricardo-zuniga/>

So far, there have been 301'700 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 7962 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-suma-mil-128-nuevos-casos-de-covid-19-y-90-pacientes-en-ucis/>

Honduran ICUs continue to operate above capacity, currently at 106%.

Yesterday, over 2000 people were attended in the triage centers of Tegucigalpa.

Cancer patients held a protest rally due to the lack of live-saving drugs.

According to a member of its auditing board, the IHSS has spent almost 3 billion Lempiras to attend the pandemic.

<https://proceso.hn/desbordadas-106-las-unidades-de-cuidados-intensivos-en-honduras/>

<https://proceso.hn/mas-de-2-mil-atenciones-se-brindaron-en-ultimas-24-horas-en-triajes-capitalinos/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/pacientes-oncologicos-del-ihss-protestan-exigiendo-abastecimiento-de-medicamentos/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/indican-que-cerca-de-tres-mil-millones-de-lempiras-le-ha-costado-la-pandemia-al-ihss/>

In January, CONATEL promised free internet for some 75'000 financially poor families in order that their kids could access their virtual classes. It is August, and the promise has still not been complied.

<https://confidencialhn.com/conatel-no-cumple-con-servicio-de-internet-a-75-mil-familias-hondurenas-para-que-sus-hijos-recibieran-clases/>

Biden's Special Envoy to the Northern Triangle countries, the Honduran Ricardo Zúñiga, will be the new Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the State Department.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1482756-466/ricardo-zuniga-subsecretario-estado-asuntos-hemisferio-occidental>

The same Zúñiga commented recently on the situation in Honduras. "In the case of Honduras we are concerned that bills have been accepted and signed, which in our opinion, strengthened impunity, lowered the costs of public corruption and for us that not only goes against the interests of the United States, but affects the confidence of the population".

<https://proceso.hn/eeuu-preocupado-por-entrada-del-dinero-sucio-a-la-campana-politica-hondurena/>

The above statement was made in a press conference on Biden's plan to tackle Central American migration at its root causes (see previous days).

<https://proceso.hn/frenar-dineros-sucios-en-campanas-corrupcion-e-inequidad-demanda-eeuu/>

The UN and Honduras signed the cooperation agreement for the years 2022-2026.

<https://honduras.un.org/es/138512-gobierno-de-honduras-y-naciones-unidas-firman-el-marco-de-cooperacion-de-las-naciones-unidas>

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-y-naciones-unidas-firman-acuerdo-para-cooperacion-hasta-el-2026/>

CESPAD published an analysis on the situation of insecurity in Honduras highlighting several key points. "1. The Homicide epidemic persists, persists and threatens to rebound 2. The reduction in homicides has not changed the perception of insecurity as the country's most important problem 3.

Structural causes of insecurity are not addressed 4. The rule of law has been weakened by the impunity with which criminality operates"

<http://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/03/analisis-honduras-avances-o-retrocesos-en-la-seguridad-desde-la-perspectiva-democratica-y-el-estado-de-derecho/>

04/08/21

Honduras Daily: National Police; ZEDEs; COVID-19 - Health Sector; Corruption - Pandora, US; Insecurity; Elections - JOH; Migration;

"Six members of the National Police who participated in the operation at a checkpoint where Erick Vallecillo, a university student, was shot in the head, were taken into custody by security authorities."

In a second case, ATIC and the MP are investigating a rape of a minor inside a police station in San Pedro Sula.

CONADEH expressed concerns about the behavior of the police mentioning two more cases; one in Nacaome, Valle, where police agents hit a hand-cuffed man; and one in Tegucigalpa, where in an operation by the Military Police and the FNMP a young man was killed.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1483157-466/policias-custodia-estudiante-derecho-asesinado-erick-vallecillo-tocoa>

<https://proceso.hn/la-policia-en-otra-encrucijada-por-la-muerte-de-universitario/>

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/179-agosto2021/8114-fiscales-y-atic-investigan-denuncia-de-supuesta-violacion-a-menor-de-edad-en-posta-policial-de-aldea-el-ocotillo-en-san-pedro-sula>

<https://confidencialhn.com/fiscales-y-atic-investigan-denuncia-de-supuesta-violacion-a-menor-de-edad-en-posta-policial-de-aldea-el-ocotillo-en-san-pedro-sula/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/conadeh-los-miembros-de-los-cuerpos-de-seguridad-del-estado-deben-respetar-la-integridad-fisica-y-la-vida-de-la-poblacion-hondurena/>

The mayor of Roatán announced that they are analyzing to turn the island into a ZEDE.

Meanwhile, the people of Honduras continue to oppose the ZEDEs and demand town hall meetings in two additional places, Catacamas, Olancho and Santa Rosa de Aguan, Colón.

<https://proceso.hn/municipalidad-de-roatan-analiza-convertirse-en-una-zede/>

<https://criterio.hn/municipios-exigen-cabildos-abiertos-para-declarar-sus-territorios-libres-de-zede/>

So far, there have been 303'387 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8014 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-supera-los-8-mil-fallecidos-por-covid-19/>

There will be a new corona ward at the University Hospital in Tegucigalpa for up to 50 patients.

But at the same time, this happened: "While the country is going through the worst health crisis due to the pandemic with triage and collapsed hospitals, the authorities now responsible for the triage of the José Simón Azcona gymnasium, located in La Ceiba, Atlántida, are dismissing the health personnel that operated in this health care center attending patients with COVID-19."

<https://confidencialhn.com/hospital-escuela-habilita-nueva-sala-con-capacidad-para-50-pacientes-covid-19/>

<https://criterio.hn/en-plena-pandemia-despiden-personal-de-triajes-por-exigir-el-pago-de-sus-salarios/>

The head of UFERCO does not rule out new investigations as part of the Pandora corruption case.

<https://proceso.hn/jefe-de-la-uferco-no-descarta-nuevas-investigaciones-a-mencionados-en-caso-pandora/>

The Biden administration announced new measures against corrupt Central American officials. "Today we're taking a new action to support democracy and fight corruption by launching an additional visa restriction policy for corrupt and undemocratic actors in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. This is another important step toward addressing the root causes of migration."

<https://twitter.com/SecBlinken/status/1423068445214642179>

<https://www.state.gov/u-s-visa-actions-supporting-democracy-and-combatting-corruption-in-guatemala-honduras-and-el-salvador/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1483155-466/estados-unidos-anuncia-restricciones-visas-hondurenos-corrupcion-lista-engel-antony-blinken>

The homicide rate has increased this year by 13% according to official statistics.

Jeff Ernst reported on the murder of Carolina Echeverría for Vice. "Carolina Echeverría didn't think twice about opening the door to a group of people covered from head to toe in medical PPE. Her husband Andrés Urtecho, the former national police chief of Honduras, was sick with COVID-19. But as Urtecho watched from the security camera feed in the room where he was isolating, the five supposed health workers seized Echeverría. They had not come to offer treatment, but to carry out an assassination. (...) Finding out how they knew that there was someone in the house sick with COVID-19 could be key to the investigation. "That information could only be known by people in the house, where there were three workers, a niece, my wife, my son and his wife," said Urtecho."

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-registra-un-aumento-de-13-en-los-homicidios-en-7-meses-de-2021/>

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/pkbv4m/hitmen-dressed-up-in-covid-ppe-to-murder-this-politician>

Now that the CNE finally counts with the necessary budget and the possibility to purchase the tools for the general elections (see yesterday), there are important calls for a social audit of the CNE's direct purchases.

<https://radioprogreso.hn/aplicacion-movil/exigen-auditoria-social-en-compras-directas-del-consejo-nacional-electoral/>

CESPAD published an analysis on public spending by the JOH regime as an electoral tool.

<http://cespad.org.hn/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Primer-Informe-GP-PDF-1.pdf>

32'279 Hondurans have been deported so far this year, among them over 2600 minors.

There are currently almost 16'000 Honduran migrants refugees in the Mexican state of Chiapa waiting for political asylum.

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/04/la-pesadilla-del-sueno-americano-que-franquean-los-hondurenos/>

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/04/en-busca-del-sueno-americano-los-que-si-lo-logran-cruzar-la-frontera/>

05/08/21

Honduras Daily: Indigenous Peoples - Reitoca; National Police - Keyla; ZEDEs; Corruption; Echeverria; COVID-19 - Vaccines; Elections;

Honduran security forces raided the house of several indigenous Lenca leaders yesterday in Reitoca arresting 5 of them. "For yrs, Reitoca has been fighting an internationally financed hydroelectric dam being built by company named Progelsa. Several wealthy oligarchs are involved in project & like many dam projects in #Honduras, it's deeply embedded in corruption & fraud".

Journalist Sandra Marybel Sánchez denounces the use of tear gas even just before a children's clinic.

Pasos de Animal Grande reported later that a judge accepted an unfounded request from the MP to send to prison five defenders of the Petacón River.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1423484093543616520>

https://twitter.com/sandra_marybel/status/1423274160927694855

<http://im-defensoras.org/2021/08/alerta-urgente-honduras-policia-nacional-allana-ilegalmente-viviendas-de-defensora-y-defensores-del-consejo-indigena-lenca-y-reprime-a-la-poblacion-de-reitoca/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/57-pueblos-indigenas/1885-violencia-policial-en-reitoca-deja-detenidos-personas-heridas-y-temor-en-la-poblacion>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/reprimen-y-capturan-a-pobladores-de-reitoca-que-defienden-el-agua-y-el-rio/>

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/denuncias/item/3238-caso-capturas-en-reitoca-juez-acepto-querimiento-fiscal-sin-fundamento-del-mp>

Six months passed since the murder of nursing student Keyla Martínez in a police station. Her family and human rights organization denounce the ongoing impunity (only one low-level police agent is in pre-trial detention) in the case including the harassment of Keyla's family.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/seis-meses-de-impunidad-por-crimen-contra-keyla-martinez-y-persecucion-a-su-familia/>

<https://proceso.hn/a-seis-meses-del-feminicidio-contra-keyla-la-policia-sigue-en-el-centro-del-caso/>

After the announcement by its mayor of turning Roatán in a ZEDE, Libre congresswoman presented a motion in Congress against him.

"The congresswoman expressed that it is her duty to state that "in defense of our Constitution, I ask the Public Prosecutor's Office and the Prosecutor's Office for the Defense of the Constitution to act ex officio and open a file to investigate the scope of the statements made by the aforementioned Roatan"."

<https://confidencialhn.com/diputada-de-libre-patricia-murillo-presenta-mocion-en-contra-de-alcalde-de-roatan/>

<https://proceso.hn/diputada-de-libre-presenta-mocion-en-contra-de-alcalde-de-roatan/>

"Luis Javier Santos, head of the Specialized Prosecutor Unit Against Corruption Networks (UFERCO), revealed on Thursday that due to lack of personnel, several lines of investigation are paralyzed in the country."

<https://confidencialhn.com/fiscal-luis-javier-santos-senala-que-por-falta-de-personal-varias-lineas-de-investigacion-estan-paralizadas/>

The MP announced that they had arrested a first suspect for the murder of lawyer and Liberal congressional candidate Carolina Echeverría.

But the same day, there was an attack against Ricky Haylock, the nephew of Echeverría. It is unknown if he survived the attack.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/179-agosto2021/8124-mp-logra-detencion-judicial-del-primer-implicado-en-el-crimen-de-la-abogada-carolina-echeverria>

<https://confidencialhn.com/dpi-presenta-primer-capturado-por-muerte-de-carolina-echeverria/>

<https://www.radiohrn.hn/atentan-contra-la-vida-del-sobrino-de-la-asesinada-exdiputada-carolina-echeverria-haylock>

So far, there have been 304'181 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8052 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/cifra-de-muertos-en-honduras-se-eleva-a-8052-por-la-covid-19/>

Honduras received 186'030 more additional vaccine doses.

With this, Honduras has received more than 4.5 million doses, the great majority of them donated. Nevertheless, the JOH regime has only vaccinated 3.13% of Hondurans.

At least there is some hope for inmates as the Red Cross announced to accompany the vaccination of 20'600 inmates.

<https://confidencialhn.com/llega-a-honduras-nuevo-lote-de-186-mil-treinta-vacunas-anticovid-de-pfizer/>

<https://proceso.hn/apenas-un-3-13-de-personas-han-completado-vacunacion-contra-la-covid-en-honduras/>

<https://www.icrc.org/es/document/mas-de-20600-personas-privadas-de-libertad-y-personal-penitenciario-seran-vacunadas-en>

"In consensus, the councilors of the National Electoral Council (CNE) approved this Thursday the guidelines with which the transmission, scrutiny and disclosure of results of the general elections of November 28, 2021 will be developed. The electoral body established the transcription from each voting center and that fingerprint reader will be in all the Voting Boards."

But of course, fair and transparent elections are still a long way off. "The Honduran politician Eduardo Martell, questioned the lack of political will to approve deep reforms that give security and respect to the citizen vote, for which he regretted that the country is still in uncertainty. For Martell, the electoral system must be changed from its roots, and this involves depoliticizing the electoral regulatory bodies, which in the end are the ones that decide over the electorate. Víctor Cubas, also a Liberal leader, affirmed that frauds generally occur at the polling stations, so beyond guaranteeing a system of transmission of results, it is necessary to punish those who commit electoral crimes and that the country's political class should change its attitude."

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1483391-466/transmision-elecciones-honduras-consejo-nacional>

<https://proceso.hn/cne-confirma-digitalizacion-de-actas-y-lectura-de-huellas-en-las-18-mil-396-juntas-receptoras-de-votos/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/honduras-siguen-reclamando-garantias-para-unas-elecciones-generales-limpias-y-transparentes/>

06/08/21

Honduras Daily: Indigenous Peoples - Reitoca; COPINH - Agua Zarca; ZEDEs - Germany; Political Prisoners; COVID-19 - Health Sector, Vaccines; Elections; Corruption – PANI;

OACNUDH expressed grave concerns about the recent arrest of indigenous Lenca defenders in Reitoca (see yesterday).

UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defender Mary Lawlor also expressed concerns.

The five defenders were released at 2am yesterday.

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHNN/status/1423780519741902862>

<https://twitter.com/MaryLawlorhrds/status/1423672180362170375>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/quedan-libres-defensores-del-ambiente-de-reitoca/>

Over 60 national and international human rights organizations asked the Supreme Court of Honduras to recognize COPINH as a victim in the Gualcarque Fraud case.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1423707464852246533>

<https://copinh.org/2021/08/directora-de-dplf-sobre-la-responsabilidad-del-estado-de-honduras-de-no-permitir-la-participacion-del-copinh-en-el-caso-fraude-sobre-el-gualcarque/>

Another community, Chinacla in La Paz, said no to ZEDEs in a town hall meeting.

But there are also new ZEDEs appearing out of nowhere. OFRANEH denounces the planned ZEDE Guanaja Hills.

<https://proceso.hn/chinacla-en-la-paz-tambien-dice-no-a-las-zedes/>

<https://twitter.com/ofraneh/status/1423625103561068546>

The German human rights organization Ecumenical Peace and Justice Office wrote an open letter to the German ambassador to Honduras to criticize his recent visit to the planned Prospera ZEDE and indirectly promoting it as a place of investment for German businesses.

<https://criterio.hn/ecumenicos-de-alemania-reclaman-a-su-embajador-en-honduras-por-inclinarse-a-favor-de-las-zede/>

Two years after the fire in front of the US embassy during an anti-government protest, the JOH regime is bringing to court a second accused. In the first instance, they had criminalized and imprisoned a young teacher for almost two years. Now they went after 25-year old student and Libre activist Henry Bonilla. The initial hearing took place yesterday. COFADEH legally accompanies Bonilla.

He was sent to pre-trial detention.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/henry-bonilla-comparece-en-audiencia-inicial/>

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/179-agosto2021/8139-prision-preventiva-a-segundo-involucrado-en-incendio-de-la-embajada-americana>

So far, there have been 305'936 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8120 confirmed deaths.

Proceso Digital reports that 44 children have so far died to COVID-19 in Honduras and there were 27'700 infections.

The mortality rate has increased from 2.8% to 3.6% last month.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-llega-a-305-mil-936-contagiados-y-8-mil-120-decesos-por-covid-19/>

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-registra-muerte-de-44-ninos-por-covid-19-y-mas-de-27-mil-700-contagios/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/tasa-de-mortalidad-por-covid-19-aumento-de-2-8-a-3-6-durante-el-ultimo-mes/>

"Sadness, bewilderment and exhaustion added to hunger and cold become the company of several relatives of patients at the Teaching Hospital (HE), who for weeks have been waiting for news of their relative. "

Proceso Digital reports on the ongoing failures of the mobile hospitals.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/tegucigalpa/1483433-466/dramatica-espera-hospital-escuela-coronavirus-honduras-afueras>

<https://proceso.hn/hospitales-moviles-la-respuesta-que-no-llego-ni-en-el-desborde-de-la-pandemia/>

Out of the almost 5 million vaccine doses that have arrived in Honduras, the JOH regime has only purchased 9.9%.

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/06/gobierno-de-joh-solo-ha-adquirido-9-9-por-ciento-de-todas-las-vacunas-anticovid-19/>

"Authorities of the National Electoral Council (CNE), urged this Friday the Clean Politics Unit (UPL) to concentrate and pay more attention to the issue of campaign financing in view of the November 28 elections."

The RNP promises that the new identity cards will be ready for the elections.

<https://proceso.hn/cne-pide-a-upl-concentrar-atencion-a-financiamiento-de-campanas-politicas/>

<https://proceso.hn/rnp-dice-que-la-nueva-identidad-estara-lista-para-las-elecciones-generales/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/con-aprobacion-de-millonario-prestamo-rnp-espera-culminar-proyecto-identificate/>

The former director of the National Child Welfare Agency (PANI) faces trial for fraud.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/179-agosto2021/8131-auto-de-apertura-a-juicio-contra-exdirectora-del-pani-acusada-por-fraude-en-compra-de-calzado-escolar>

07/08/21

Honduras Daily: HRDs - Reitoca; LGBTQ+; SSF - Keyla, Armed Forces; ZEDEs; Political Prisoners; Elections - ID; COVID-19 - Health Sector, Vaccines; Prisons; and Still Losing Energy

Even though the indigenous Lenca defenders from Reitoca have been released (see yesterday), Pasos de Animal Grande now reports that the judge only released them under very strong restrictions, among them that they are not allowed to return home...

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/denuncias/item/3239-desarraigados-juez-les-prohibe-a-defensores-del-rio-petacon-volver-a-sus-casas>

"The Center for Development and Cooperation LGTBI, SOMOS CDC, denounced this August 6, 2021, that the Patronato de la Colonia Payaquí of Tegucigalpa and the private security of that sector, keep them under constant surveillance and harassment for being an organization of sexual diversity, also they said that although they requested that the Protection Mechanism, an agency of which they are a collective beneficiary due to threats against them, send them an officer to verify the facts, they did not get a response".

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/denuncias/item/3241-denuncian-a-patronato-por-hostigamiento-contra-organizacion-lgtbi-y-falta-de-accion-del-mecanismo-de-proteccion>

The murder of Keyla Martínez in a police station and the impunity of the case cannot be ignored by the corporate media outlets. El Heraldo published three articles on it yesterday. They reminded the public that six months have passed since her murder without a response (see also yesterday).

They also picked up the denouncement by Keyla's family that the only low-level, member of police in custody for the crime benefits from special treatment in prison.

Lastly, they published a list of 15 unresolved questions around the case.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1483622-466/keyla-martinez-seis-meses-injustica-muerte-intibuca>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1483703-466/unico-presos-asesinato-keyla-martinez-privilegios-carcel>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/fotogalerias/1483669-468/15-datos-sin-esclarecer-caso-keyla-martinez-seis-meses-asesinato>

ATIC captured a member of the Armed Forces accused of raping a indigenous Lenca girl.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/179-agosto2021/8141-atic-captura-a-militar-acusado-de-violar-a-nina-indigena-lenca>

"The Head of Research of the National Anticorruption Council, CNA, Electoral, warned that next Monday is the deadline for the National Congress to send the signatures of the Citizens' Initiative, which seeks to repeal the Employment and Development Zones, ZEDEs, to the National Registry of Persons."

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/cna-advierde-al-congreso-que-se-le-acaba-el-tiempo-para-que-remita-al-registro-firmas-y-huellas-de-la-iniciativa-ciudadana/>

ContraCorriente has a helpful overview of the Identify Yourself project (the new ID card) and its links to the elections.

<https://contracorriente.red/2021/08/07/honduras-retrasa-entrega-de-17-millones-de-dni-en-medio-de-irregularidades/>

Pasos de Animal Grande has more on the case of criminalized student Henry Arturo Bonilla Acevedo (see yesterday).

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/contexto/item/3240-acusado-de-la-quema-de-la-embajada-americana-enfrentara-al-poder-imperial-y-a-una-justicia-sometida>

"From January to June 2021, no deaths from COVID-19 were reported in the village of San Antonio, municipality of Sulaco, northern Honduras. However, since July, infections and deaths have increased. Since then, an average of six people per week have died, most of them in the village, even though it has only 7,000 inhabitants."

<https://contracorriente.red/2021/08/07/muertes-por-covid-19-san-antonio-la-aldea-martir-de-honduras/>

Doctor and Libre deputy mayor candidate Jimmy Figueroa died to COVID-19.

<https://proceso.hn/medico-y-candidato-a-vicealcalde-por-libre-en-comayagua-pierde-la-batalla-contra-el-covid-19/>

Honduras received 72'000 more vaccine doses purchased by the IHSS.

Some 120'000 Hondurans received a shot in the second vaccination rally.

<https://confidencialhn.com/honduras-recibe-72-mil-vacunas-de-astrazeneca-compradas-por-el-ihss/>

<https://proceso.hn/inicia-el-segundo-vacunaton-en-siete-departamentos-de-honduras/>

There was a third, publicly known, prison riot in the last two or three weeks. "At least five inmates were injured in a confrontation in the Siria prison, El Porvenir, Francisco Morazán, confirmed the president of the Association of Relatives of Inmates, Delma Ordoñez."

<https://proceso.hn/otro-amotinamiento-deja-dos-heridos-en-carcel-de-el-porvenir/>

ENEE announced legal actions against EEH for failing to comply with a contract stating that EEH would reduce electricity loss by a certain amount.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/economia/1483604-466/comision-enee-anuncia-acciones-legales-contra-empresa-energia-honduras-eeh>

08/08/21

Honduras Daily: ZEDEs; Corruption - Gualcarque; Internal Displacement; COVID-19 - Vaccines, Elections;

Proceso Digital continues to cover the ZEDEs surprisingly critically and reports on the "growing rejection against the ZEDEs from North to South".

<https://proceso.hn/de-norte-a-sur-y-de-orienta-a-occidente-crece-rechazo-a-las-zedes/>

CESPAD published an analysis on the Gualcarque fraud case and the recent legal controversies regarding the case. "This report is divided into three parts. The first part presents a contextual assessment of the case in order to determine, from a perspective sensitive to human rights and socio-political impacts, its main implications. Once the context has been positioned, the key elements of the procedural development are addressed, with the aim of providing an overview that will allow us to extract, in the third and final part, the relevant legal issues, with emphasis on the applicable international standards. This report concludes with a series of essential conclusions and assessments based on the analysis."

<http://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/08/caso-fraude-sobre-el-gualcarque-arbitrariedad-procesal-y-exclusion-de-las-victimas/>

Proceso Digital reports on internal displacement in Honduras, a substantial problem which even the JOH regime had to recognize but done little to resolve, even statistics on the issue are hard to come by.

<https://proceso.hn/el-miedo-paraliza-a-hondurenos-que-optan-por-desplazamiento-interno/>

In the second vaccination rally, over 215'000 Hondurans received a shot. By now, 1.8 million Hondurans have received one shot, but less than 300'000 two shots.

67'200 more doses purchased by the IHSS arrived in Honduras.

<https://proceso.hn/segundo-vacunaton-cierra-con-mas-215-mil-personas-vacunadas-en-30-municipios-de-honduras/>

<https://proceso.hn/llegan-al-pais-67-mil-300-vacunas-de-astrazeneca-del-ihss/>

"Politicians are not afraid of losing their voters to COVID-19 and continue to hold huge rallies and mass meetings where distancing and the correct use of masks does not exist."

<https://proceso.hn/entre-covid-y-pobreza-se-intensifican-campanas-electorales/>

09/08/21

Honduras Daily: Indigenous Peoples; Political Prisoners; ZEDEs - Elections; COVID-19 - Health Sector, Vaccines, Education; Corruption; UN; Migration – Remittances;

Yesterday was the International Day of Indigenous Peoples. MADJ demands a stop to extractive projects and ZEDEs.

The Spanish newspaper el Diario published an interview with OFRANEH's general coordinator Miriam Miranda who denounced that JOH "is promoting a genocide against the Garífuna people".

According to Asonog, at least 23 indigenous leaders have been murdered in Honduras this last decade.

OACNUDH "encourages the State of Honduras to respect and effectively comply with its obligations towards indigenous peoples in consultation and cooperation with the peoples concerned".

<https://madj.org/2021/08/09/no-mas-concesiones-extractivistas-y-no-a-las-zedes-en-los-pueblos-indigenas-nuevo-contrato-social/>

https://www.eldiario.es/desalambre/miriam-miranda-activista-indigena-hondurena-presidente-impulsando-genocidio-pueblo-garifuna_128_8202414.html

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/09/en-la-ultima-decada-unos-23-lideres-indigenas-han-sido-asesinados-en-honduras/>

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHNN/status/1424792642953568262>

<https://criterio.hn/honduras-indigenas-y-negros-enfrentan-el-peor-panorama-de-despojo-y-criminalizacion/>

Today, the trial against the political prisoner Jhony Salgado Fuentes will start. He was imprisoned for four months at the end of 2017 and beginning of 2018 as part of the post-electoral repression. He was released on April 25, 2018 awaiting trial ever since.

Amnesty International called on the MP to drop the charges.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/jhony-salgado-y-su-lucha-frente-a-la-justicia-hondurena/>

<https://www.amnesty.org/es/latest/news/2021/08/honduras-fiscal-oscar-chinchilla-debe-retirar-cargos-contrajhony-salgado-fuentes/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/instante/presos-politicos-siguen-siendo-victimas-de-la-justicia-selectiva-en-honduras/>

The business lobby COHEP again speaks out against the ZEDEs stating that the promised jobs, if ever, would only materialize in decades and what is needed is "legal security, social tranquility, and no political danger to society".

<https://confidencialhn.com/generacion-de-empleo-en-las-zedes-no-ocurrira-de-un-dia-para-otro-cohep/>

CESPAD takes a closer look at the role of the ZEDEs in the coming elections.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/09/analisis-las-zedes-el-silencio-de-joh-y-las-elecciones-generales-en-honduras/>

The Funeral Home Association has published new numbers regarding the real impact of COVID-19 in Honduras, instead of 8'900 deaths, they documented more than 16'800 deaths since the start of the pandemic.

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1484124-410/cifra-muertes-coronavirus-honduras-funerarias->

While the health system is still under a lot of pressure, there is also some good news. The Toráx hospital in Tegucigalpa can take up patients again.

<https://tiempo.hn/hospital-del-torax-cupos-pacientes-de-triaje/>

Desperate to be protected from COVID-19 and not trusting the promises of the JOH regime, 4 out of 100 people who have received the first Sputnik V shot in Honduras have combined it with another vaccine.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1484221-466/4-100-hondurenos-combinaron-vacuas-sputnik>

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-en-los-estertores-para-aplicar-la-segunda-dosis-de-la-sputnik-v/>

Some months ago, the JOH regime made some big show about handing out tablets to pupils to support distance learning. Already then, it was mostly show as they handed out only 4000 tablets while there are 2.2 million children and teenagers in school (and initially, 200'000 tablets were promised). Even worse, now pictures made the round of the tablets with bloated batteries on the point of exploding.

Meanwhile, the Education Secretariat confirmed that non-government educational organizations can reopen again on August 16 if they comply with the standards set by SINAGER.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1484184-466/circulan-fotos-estallar-baterias-tablets-gobierno-educacion-honduras>

<https://confidencialhn.com/educacion-anuncia-que-instituciones-educativas-no-gubernamentales-podran-iniciar-clases-semipresenciales-este-16-de-agosto/>

"The Corruption Sentencing Court found guilty three former employees of the Metropolitan Health Region of the Central District, who left patients with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) without reagents."

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/179-agosto2021/8146-mp-logra-condena-contra-exfuncionarios-de-salud-que-gestaron-un-fraude-y-dejaron-sin-reactivos-a-pacientes-con-vih-sida>

<https://proceso.hn/culpables-tres-exempleados-de-la-region-metropolitana-por-dejar-sin-reactivos-a-pacientes-con-vih/>

The UN launched the Humanitarian Response Plan 2021 which requires \$222 million to assist 1.8 million.

<https://honduras.un.org/es/139410-honduras-requiere-us222-millones-para-brindar-asistencia-humanitaria-18-millones-de-personas>

<https://proceso.hn/la-onu-honduras-requiere-222-millones-de-dolares-para-asistencia-humanitaria/>

"The total number of people deported from Mexico and the United States to the Northern Triangle of Central America fell by 2.6% at the end of the first half of 2021, compared to the same period in 2020, according to figures from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) consulted Monday by Efe."

<https://proceso.hn/deportaciones-de-centroamericanos-bajan-un-2-6-en-primer-semestre-de-2021/>

Remittances sent to Honduras have grown by 38% so far this year compared to the same period in 2020. They make up 21.5% of GDP.

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/09/hondurenos-en-el-extranjero-sostienen-la-endeble-economia-con-remesas/>

10/08/21

Honduras Daily: Political Prisoners; ZEDEs; IACtHR; COVID-19 - Vaccines, Mobile Hospitals; Elections - National Party; Congress - Agriculture, Water; Transport Sector; Corruption - IHSS; and No City of Angels

The hearing in the case of political prisoner Jhony Salgado Fuentes was suspended before it even began (see yesterday).

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/suspenden-inicio-de-juicio-oral-y-publico-contra-jhony-salgado-preso-politico/>

"Through the National Congress (NC), the Special Commission on pandemic issues, endorsed the motion to grant more benefits, now of freedom without barriers in the entry and exit of merchandise for the Employment and Economic Development Zones (ZEDE), despite all the demonstrations and legal petitions to dismantle the imposition of the harmful Juanorlandist project."

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3115-honduras-ministerio-publico-calla-sin-barreras-las-zede>

The Inter-American Court on Human Rights (IACtHR) will try another case involving Honduras. "The present case is related to the alleged violation of multiple rights to the detriment of a group of persons belonging to the Miskito indigenous people living in the department of Gracias a Dios."

https://www.corteidh.or.cr/docs/tramite/lemoth_morris_y_otros.pdf

So far, there have been 319'613 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8270 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-registra-93-pacientes-en-ucis-y-acumula-310-mil-613-contagios-de-covid-19/>

The JOH regime promised once again that more Sputnik V vaccine doses will arrive.

<https://proceso.hn/en-dos-grupos-estarian-llegando-las-40-mil-dosis-del-segundo-componente-de-vacuna-sputnik-v/>

According to the speaker of the MP, they are still working on the corruption case regarding the seven mobile hospitals and more people could be charged.

<https://proceso.hn/mp-no-ha-abandonado-caso-de-hospitales-moviles-investigacion-se-puede-ampliar-dice-portavoz-mora/>

CNE magistrate Kelvin Aguirre announced that they will launch the acquisition process for the Transmission of Preliminary Electoral Results (TREP) mechanism this week.

<https://proceso.hn/kelvin-aguirre-anuncia-que-esta-semana-el-cne-lanzara-proceso-de-adquisicion-del-trep/>

The presidential candidate of the Liberal Party, Yani Rosenthal, denounces that the National Party is using public money and donations from other governments for their political campaign.

Also on this topic: "The director of the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD), Luis Leon, said that the Clean Politics Unit does not have the investigative capacity to identify organized crime financing of elected candidates and is therefore nothing more than a "toothless unit"."

<https://confidencialhn.com/liberales-denuncian-al-partido-nacional-por-realizar-campanas-politicas-con-donaciones/>

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/10/cuestionan-que-unidad-de-politica-limpia-no-tiene-capacidad-de-investigar-financiamientos-ilicitos/>

The Liberal members of Congress withdrew from yesterday's session demanding that they stop the virtual sessions and meet in person again.

The Nationalist president of Congress, Mauricio Oliva, refuses stating health risks. This is of course ridiculous, as the health risks are completely ignored when it comes to political rallies held as part of the electoral campaign.

During its session yesterday, Congress approved loans worth 173 million Lempiras.

Additionally, they approved a decree intending to allow pension institutes to invest in energy projects.

Especially this last part was denounced by the opposition as a new entry point for corruption.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1484560-466/bancada-liberal-retira-sesiones-virtuales-exige-retorno-presencial-congreso>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3114-honduras-oliva-prefiere-congreso-por-zoom-y-diputados-tienen-hasta-tres-dosis>

<https://confidencialhn.com/doris-gutierrez-advierte-que-el-cn-aprobara-mas-privilegios-a-las-zedes-y-prestamos-millonarios/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/congreso-nacional-busca-reforma-para-que-institutos-de-prevision-inviertan-en-proyectos-energeticos/>

<https://criterio.hn/el-partido-nacional-pretende-saquear-los-fondos-de-pensiones-luis-redondo/>

One of the loans approved is a \$16 million financial agreement with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

<https://confidencialhn.com/congreso-nacional-aprueba-millonario-financiamiento-para-inclusion-economica-y-social-de-productores-rurales-de-honduras/>

Another one, is a \$45 million project with the World Bank on the urban water supply.

<https://confidencialhn.com/legislativo-aprueba-prestamo-por-45-millones-de-dolares-para-la-ejecucion-del-proyecto-agua-urbana/>

The public transport sector announced a protest caravan in the capital denouncing the failure of the JOH regime to comply with recent agreements made.

<https://proceso.hn/transporte-publico-de-la-capital-anuncia-caravana-en-protesta-por-incumplimiento-de-acuerdos/>

"Authorities of the Public Prosecutor's Office (MP) in a preliminary hearing, formalized the accusation and requested that three of those implicated in overpriced purchases be sent to oral and public trial."

<https://criterio.hn/piden-nuevo-juicio-contr-exfuncionarios-del-ihss-por-compras-sobrevaloradas/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3113-honduras-condenan-exgerente-del-proyecto-estafa-ciudad-del-angel>

11/08/21

Honduras Daily: Femicides; Mayors; COVID-19 - Poverty; Congress; Corruption - Asfura, de Lobo; Elections - LGBTQ+, PN; Energy; and Just Asking Nicely

"The Women's Human Rights Observatory of the Women's Rights Center (CDM), through a report reveals the high rates of violence against women in the context of confinement due to the COVID-19 sanitary emergency, reflecting that Honduras is currently the country with the second highest rate of violence against women in the Central American region."

<https://criterio.hn/honduras-segundo-pais-de-la-region-con-mayor-indice-de-violencia-contr-las-mujeres-cdm/>

"The silence of the Association of Municipalities of Honduras (Amhon) regarding the project of the Employment and Economic Development Zones (ZEDE), plus the deficient planning of the central government to address the health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, were the driving force behind a new organization to which more than 120 of the 298 mayors of the country have subscribed. This is the Association of Mayors of Honduras (ADAH), whose creation was announced at the beginning of June, a month after seven municipal mayors belonging to the Liberal and Libre parties requested the donation of vaccines against the coronavirus to the government of El Salvador."

<https://criterio.hn/adah-la-organizacion-de-alcaldes-de-honduras-que-nacio-para-denunciar-lo-que-la-amhon-calla/>

So far, there have been 312'192 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8310 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-llega-a-312-mil-192-infectados-y-8-mil-310-defunciones-por-covid-19/>

According to the FAO, some 3.9 million Hondurans are in a situation of food insecurity.

Additionally, the number of children begging in the streets increased from 6000 to 20'000 during the pandemic.

<https://proceso.hn/casi-4-millones-de-personas-en-inseguridad-alimentaria-en-honduras-segun-fao/>

<https://tiempo.hn/incremento-de-mendicidad-en-honduras/>

There is more criticism of Congress' ongoing virtual meetings (see yesterday).

<https://proceso.hn/el-cn-ya-no-puede-justificar-que-las-sesiones-sean-virtuales-cuestiona-sociologo/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/diputados-de-oposicion-se-retiran-de-sesiones-virtuales-demandan-sesiones-presenciales/>

<https://criterio.hn/sesiones-presenciales-o-autoconvocatoria-propone-el-pinu-sd-a-bancadas-de-oposicion/>

CESPAD published an analysis on how the structure stealing public funds in Tegucigalpa worked and the role of mayor and Nationalist presidential candidate Nasry Asufra.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/11/no-hay-antejuicio-pero-asi-opero-la-estructura-de-tito-asfura-para-sustraer-fondos-de-la-municipalidad-de-tegucigalpa/>

The former first lady presented a medical examination claiming that she is not fit for her re-trial.

<https://proceso.hn/rosa-elena-bonilla-no-esta-en-condiciones-para-someterse-a-juicio-oral-segun-dictamen-medico-forense/>

"The Councilor of the National Electoral Council, CNE, Rixi Moncada and the President Councilor, Ana Paola Hall, denounced, via twitter, that the electoral process continues to be hindered in order to prevent the Transmission of Electoral Results on election day on November 28."

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/consejeras-siguen-denunciando-trabas-en-proceso-electoral/>

"Representatives of the sexual diversity grouped in the LGTBIQ Collective and officials of the Gender and Inclusion Unit of the National Electoral Council (CNE) met this Wednesday to work on inclusion issues with a view to the 2021 general elections."

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1484825-466/cne-consejo-nacional-electoral-inclusion-lgtbiq-elecciones-2021>

ConfidencialHN denounces that two of the multi-million projects approved on Tuesday (see yesterday) are electoral tools for the National Party.

<https://confidencialhn.com/mas-de-60-millones-de-dolares-aprueba-partido-nacional-para-financiar-campana-politica/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/congreso-nacional-aprueba-mas-deudas-para-honduras/>

A proposal made the rounds to split up the National Electric Energy Company (ENEE) into three entities. But it is doubtful that this will resolve anything.

<https://confidencialhn.com/aseguran-que-el-sector-electrico-va-en-picada-por-eso-se-debe-dividir-la-enee-en-tres-empresas/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/division-de-la-enee-no-solventara-problema-del-sector-electrico-mario-zelaya/>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1484723-410/militares-cerraran-barrios-colonias-honduras-hacer-cumplir-toque-queda>

12/08/21

Honduras Daily: HRDs - Guapinol; Garífunas; Reelection; ZEDEs; Corruption - IHSS; COVID-19 - Health Sector, Vaccines; Electricity; Elections - EU, ID Card; Drug Trafficking;

The MP requests to extend the pre-trial detention of the criminalized Guapinol defenders by another six months.

<https://criterio.hn/ministerio-publico-pide-ampliar-prision-preventiva-a-defensores-del-rio-guapinol/>

An investigation by Expediente Pùblico found that the JOH regime donated 150 hectares of land belonging to Garífuna communities to the company Castilla Refinería S.A. de C.V.

<https://twitter.com/ExpePublico/status/1425849357660721164>

According to a consultative opinion of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR), the presidential reelection is not a human right. This argument was used by JOH around his illegal and then fraudulent 2017 reelection.

<https://proceso.hn/jimenez-mayor-relaciona-fallo-de-idh-que-reeleccion-presidencial-no-es-derecho-humano-con-honduras/>

Yet another community, Esparta, Atlántida, declared itself free of ZEDES.

<https://proceso.hn/esparta-atlantida-se-suma-a-municipios-libres-de-zedes/>

The MP demands a new trial against former IHSS board members for the corruption case involving their institution.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3118-honduras-fiscalia-exige-nuevo-juicio-contra-exdirectivos-del-ihss>

So far, there have been 314'351 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8339 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-acumula-314-mil-351-personas-contagiadas-de-covid-19/>

The JOH regime has so far failed to comply its promise to employ some 5000 health workers who have risked their lives during the pandemic while being only temporarily employed.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3122-honduras-protestan-medicos-en-mosquitia-unos-5-000-sin-plaza-permanente>

105'300 more vaccine doses arrived in Honduras.

According to Sinager, 23.1% of Hondurans have received at least one shot so far and 5.6 are fully vaccinated.

<https://confidencialhn.com/llegan-105-mil-300-vacunas-pfizer-compradas-con-impuestos-del-pueblo-hondureno/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/el-231-de-los-hondurenos-ya-fue-vacunado-con-alguna-dosis-contrala-covid-19/>

The turmoil in the electricity sector continues (see also yesterday). Now, rumors make the round that the JOH regime wants to expropriate the private company EEH which would cost some 800 million Lempiras.

EEH itself denounces a possible intervention by the Superintendence of Public Private Partnership (SAPP).

At the same time, the CNA presented a complaint against the former head of the ENEE, Jesús Mejía, for ordering a payment to EEH for 104.4 million Lempiras.

They even published an investigative report of the case.

Criterio also published an article on corruption in the energy sector and the role of Congress.

<https://confidencialhn.com/gobierno-pretende-expropiar-eeh-lo-que-le-costaria-al-estado-mas-de-800-millones-dolares/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/ruptura-abrupta-de-contrato-con-eeh-le-costara-a-la-enee-y-el-bolsillo-de-los-hondurenos-advierte-sindicalista/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/eeh-denuncia-intervencion-ilegal-por-parte-de-la-sapp/>

<https://twitter.com/cnahonduras/status/1425892951931166725>

<https://proceso.hn/cna-presenta-denuncia-por-corrupcion-ante-el-mp-en-contra-de-exgerente-de-enee/>

<https://www.cna.hn/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Un-exitoso-honorario-para-la-corrupcion.pdf>

<https://criterio.hn/subsidios-endeudamiento-y-corrupcion-maniobra-demagogica-del-congreso-que-agudiza-crisis-energetica/>

The EU ambassador Jaume Segura welcomes the approved budget for the CNE and even speaks of "important progress" made regarding the coming elections - that seems a bit too much praise.

UN Resident Coordinator Alice H. Shackelford also welcomes it.

The CNE has now started the acquisition process for the necessary material for the elections.

<https://confidencialhn.com/cada-institucion-debe-cumplir-con-su-papel-constitucional-embajador-de-la-ue/>

<https://twitter.com/aliceshackel/status/1425838168163557380>

<https://proceso.hn/hondura-merece-elecciones-que-generen-confianza-dice-representante-de-la-onu-en-honduras/>

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/12/cne-alaba-publicacion-de-ley-especial-y-reitera-habra-elecciones-transparentes/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn/aplicacion-movil/cne-lanza-licitacion-para-contratar-empresa-para-el-trep/>

The RNP presented the results of the Identify Yourself project.

<https://confidencialhn.com/rnp-presenta-resultados-del-proyecto-identificate/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3121-honduras-bcie-aplaude-modernizacion-de-programa-identificate>

Proceso Digital reports on drug trafficking activities in La Moskitia.

<https://proceso.hn/la-mosquitia-de-gran-narcopista-a-tierra-de-cultivos-de-coca/>

13/08/21

Honduras Daily: Campesines; ZEDEs - UK; COVID-19; Elections - Opposition; Extradition; Congress; Electricity; Fishing;

Some good news to start the weekend. After eleven years of legal harassment and criminalization, six campesinos from the Rancho del Obisp community in El Paraíso had the charges against them dropped.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/en-libertad-definitiva-campesinos-de-yuscaran-tras-11-anos-criminalizados-injustamente/>

Jutiapa, Atlántida, will hold a town hall meeting today on the ZEDEs.

In Choloma, people took to the streets protesting against the ZEDEs and demanding a town hall meeting of their own.

<https://proceso.hn/jutiapa-en-atlantida-convoca-a-cabildo-abierto-para-declararse-libre-de-zedes/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/sindicatos-vuelven-a-protestar-en-choloma-contras-las-zedes-y-exigen-cabildo-abierto-transparente/>

After the German ambassador, the Próspera ZEDE was now also visited by the UK ambassador.

<https://twitter.com/ofraneh/status/1426242160064663554>

So far, there have been 316'235 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8373 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-llega-a-316-mil-235-contagios-y-8-mil-373-decesos-por-covid19/>

Instead of joining forces, the political opposition is attacking one another.

But this does not suffice for the National Party to guarantee its victory, so it continues to go after opposition candidates. "Dr. Marco Eliud Girón, has denounced that the Public Prosecutor's Office has undertaken a "political persecution" against him, after he was notified that next August 18 he

must present himself for a psychiatric evaluation; according to the doctor this is a trap to disqualify him from participating in the electoral contest of next November 28. The summons is related to the complaint filed by the doctor against the National Police, one year after he was arbitrarily detained without any explanation of the possible fault committed."

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1485273-466/libre-plantea-demanda-salvador-nasralla-acusaciones-mel-zelaya>

<https://proceso.hn/mel-no-procedera-contr-nasralla-y-dice-que-exjefe-de-ffaa-que-lo-derroco-le-pidio-disculpas/>

<http://www.web.elibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3123-honduras-dr-giron-denuncia-que-fiscalia-quiere-declararlo-loco>

The US sent two new extradition requests to Honduras.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1485254-466/solicitudes-extradicion-eeuu-funcionarios-hondurenos-csj>

Sinager and Copeco analyze if a return to Congress is possible for its members.

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1485221-410/inspecciones-condiciones-congreso-nacional-diputados-sesiones-presenciales-covid>

"The regional director for Central America, North America and the Caribbean of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Michele Klein-Solomon, reaffirmed Friday the commitment to respect the rights of migrants, during her tour of the Central American Northern Triangle. "From (the) IOM we reaffirm our commitment to continue working and watching over the rights of migrants, and to continue advancing towards a more effective migration management," said Klein-Solomon in Honduras."

<https://proceso.hn/directora-regional-de-oim-reitera-compromiso-migratorio-en-visita-a-honduras/>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1485198-410/primera-dama-honduras-organizacion-internacional-migraciones-frontera-sur-estados-unidos>

The Honduras Energy Company (EEH), currently in a dispute with the JOH regime (see previous days and below), opened a new front by announcing to suspend serving Hondutel because it owns them 450 million Lempiras.

In its confrontation with the National Electric Energy Company (ENEE), in which EEH demands 4.5 million Lempiras, the Supreme Court joined the discussion calling the actions "inappropriate".

ContraCorriente has a helpful overview of the situation.

<https://confidencialhn.com/eeh-suspende-energia-a-hondutel-por-deuda-de-450-millones-de-lempiras/>

<https://proceso.hn/corte-suprema-de-justicia-declara-improcedente-embargo-de-eeh/>

<https://contracorriente.red/2021/08/13/enee-y-eeh-demandas-endeudamiento-y-embargos/>

"The Honduran Association Against Illegal Fishing urges the Honduran authorities to act at once, because as guarantors of the rights of citizens and the working sector, they are obliged to adopt more drastic measures against those who motivate and encourage these illegal activities that violate human rights. Fishermen are left for months on unsafe vessels without wages and are forced to accept charitable assistance in order to survive. The adverse effects of illegal fishing range from the deterioration of the environment to the violation of the labor and human rights of the people who engage in this activity."

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/13/la-pesca-ilegal-es-una-amenaza-para-los-derechos-laborales-de-los-pescadores-hondurenos/>

14/08/21

Honduras Daily: HRDs - Reitoca; ZEDEs - Elections; COVID-19 - Vaccines, Pregnancy; Corruption - IHSS; Serbia;

Last week, state security forces repressed the community of Reitoca and arrested five local indigenous Lenca defenders. Now, Pasos de Animal Grande reports that the MP tries to use a suspicious protected witness to uphold the criminalization of the defenders.

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/denuncias/item/3242-ministerio-publico-hace-trampa-con-testigo-protegido-para-incriminar-en-delitos-a-defensores-de-reitoca>

ContraCorriente looks at the role of the ZEDEs in the upcoming elections.

<https://contracorriente.red/2021/08/14/honduras-posturas-politico-electorales-frente-a-las-zede/>

With some great delay, 20'000 more Sputnik V doses arrived in Honduras. 20'000 more should arrive in the coming days, enough to at least give everyone who had received a first shot the second one.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1485503-466/llega-primer-lote-vacuna-sputnik-covid-salud-segundo-componente>

El Herald reports that six out of 100 pregnant persons infected with COVID-19 have died in the capital during the pandemic.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1485344-466/seis-cada-100-embarazadas-han-muerto-covid-19-tegucigalpa-honduras>

As requested by the MP, a new trial will be opened against Mario Zelaya, José Bertety and Wilmer Polanco in the IHSS corruption case.

<https://tiempo.hn/caso-ihss-zelaya-bertetty-polanco-juicio-fraudes/>

Honduras and Serbia signed an agreement to grow its diplomatic ties.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-y-serbia-dinamizar-relaciones-diplomaticas-y-de-cooperacion-con-nuevo-acuerdo/>

15/08/21

Honduras Daily: COVID-19 - Health Sector, Economy, Education; Drug Trafficking; Corruption – Pandora;

So far, there have been 316'235 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8373 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-confirmando-609-casos-y-16-decesos-por-cada-dia-de-pandemia/>

The anesthesiologist Ángel David Macpui Fajardo died to COVID-19. So far, 91 doctors have died during the pandemic. Macpui Fajardo had been vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine during a visit to the US.

<https://proceso.hn/muere-por-covid-el-galeno-hondureno-angel-david-macpui-fajardo/>

The commercial deficit of Honduras grew by 76.1% in the first semester of 2021 compared to 2020.

<https://proceso.hn/el-deficit-comercial-de-honduras-crece-un-76-1-en-primer-semester-de-2021/>

There is contradicting information regarding the opening up of some schools for in-person classes. Previously, the authorities said 147 schools would start a pilot today, but now it seems that it is not the case.

This is maybe for the better given a reported increase of hospitalization of children with COVID-19 in Honduras.

<https://confidencialhn.com/desmienten-que-147-instituciones-educativas-privadas-retornan-a-clases-presenciales-el-proximo-lunes/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/aumentan-hospitalizaciones-en-emergencias-de-ninos-por-covid-19/>

According to the JOH regime, they have seized 17.7 tons of cocaine in the first seven months of this year. This is more than 5 times what has been seized in all 2020. The number of destroyed coca plantation in Honduras also increased but only slightly.

<https://proceso.hn/casi-18-toneladas-de-cocaina-incautadas-este-2021-en-honduras/>

CESPAD has an update on the Pandora corruption case focusing on the role of the "star witness".

<https://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/15/el-testigo-estrella-que-podria-ayudar-a-sentenciar-a-los-unicos-3-acusados-en-el-caso-pandora/>

16/08/21

Honduras Daily: Indigenous Peoples; Corruption - Gualcarque, de Lobo, Congress; ZEDEs; JOH; COVID-19 - Vaccines, Education; Elections; Prisons; National Police; and a Neighborly Dispute

“Residents of the indigenous community of Wampusirpi, a municipality in the department of Gracias a Dios in eastern Honduras, bordering Nicaragua, denounced that last weekend they were victims of a violent eviction by State repressors, in which several houses were burned, leaving the people living in this area unprotected. Last weekend a video circulated on social networks showing the military evicting families from a community in the municipality of Wampusirpi.”

ConfidencialHN links this to the elaboration of a ZEDE,

<https://criterio.hn/militares-desalojan-comunidades-de-la-mosquitia-hondurena/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3129-honduras-militares-desalojan-y-queman-viviendas-en-aldea-wankilina-2>

<https://confidencialhn.com/militares-expulsan-a-compatriotas-de-sus-territorios-ancestrales-para-dar-via-libre-a-las-zede/>

COPINH will hold a press conference today at 10am on the Gualcarque Fraud trial.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1427350520939925508>

CESPAD published an overview of the trial against the former first lady Rosa Elena Bonilla de Lobo.

<https://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/16/analisis-primeras-damas-y-la-estela-de-corrupcion-e-impunidad-en-honduras/>

Criterio denounces that members of Congress spent almost 80 million Lempiras on banquets, car rentals and per diems in one year of the pandemic without in-person sessions.

<https://criterio.hn/1-79-6-millones-gasto-el-congreso-en-banquetes-alquiler-de-vehiculos-y-viaticos-en-ano-de-pandemia/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3130-congreso-zoom-endeuda-mas-honduras-despedaza-enee-y-aviva-delito-zede>

Last Saturday, the people of Amapala declared their community free of ZEDEs.

In La Ceiba, the people are still demanding a town hall meeting on the subject.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/mirada-al-sur/1888-amapala-es-declarada-como-municipio-libre-de-zedes>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/sigue-demanda-de-cabildo-abierto-contras-zede-en-la-ceiba-atlantida/>

"Public debt has increased by more than US\$ 8,762 million since President Juan Orlando Hernández took office, causing poverty to rise to 34.4 percent, according to data gathered by El Pulso."

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/16/pobreza-y-endeudamiento-externo-subio-al-35-por-ciento-en-los-dos-mandatos-de-joh/>

So far, there have been 319'831 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8440 confirmed deaths.

The positive rate of corona tests in Honduras remains worryingly high, currently at 32%, and on average, 40 people die per day.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-acumula-319-mil-831-contagios-y-8-mil-440-muertes-por-covid-19/>

<https://proceso.hn/muertos-por-covid-sigue-en-40-diarios-en-honduras/>

According to the JOH regime, 3.2 million Hondurans have received at least vaccine doses so far.

<https://proceso.hn/gobierno-hondureno-notifica-que-vacunados-contracovid-19-suman-3-2-millones/>

"Although the Government, through the Ministry of Education, had announced with great fanfare the return to on-site classes in the private sector for today, Monday, August 16, these could not be restarted."

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/no-hubo-regreso-de-clases-presenciales/>

"The National Electoral Council (CNE) approved the specifications for the implementation of the biometric identification system for voters at the polling stations on the day of the general elections." Expediente Público reports on the ongoing lack of transparency regarding the financing of political campaigns.

<https://proceso.hn/cne-aprueba-pliego-de-sistema-de-identificacion-biometrica-de-los-electores-en-las-juntas-receptoras/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/cne-aprobo-pliego-de-condiciones-para-la-implementacion-de-sistemas-para-identificacion-biometrica-de-los-electores-en-las-juntas-receptoras-de-votos/>

<https://expedientepublico.org/honduras-financiamiento-politico-sin-transparencia-en-ano-electoral/>

Over 200 inmates were transferred from the prison in El Porvenir to the so-called maximum-security prison El Pozo.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1485901-466/traslado-reos-carcel-maxima-seguridad-pozo-honduras>

A former police agent was sentenced to 15 years in prison for murdering his work partner. He had a relationship with his wife.

<https://www.mp.hn/publicaciones/15-anos-de-reclusion-en-contra-de-expolicia-por-el-homicidio-de-su-companero/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1485935-466/condenan-policia-mato-companero>

<https://www.radiohrn.hn/nacional-honduras-playa-basura-danos-ambientales-guatemala-denuncia>

17/08/21

Honduras Daily: COPINH; Guapinol; Indigenous Peoples -Reitoca, SSF; COVID-19 - Health Sector, Education; Elections; Electricity; Military Police; Migration - Mexico; and a 30% Chance of Electoral Fraud

Initial hearing in the Gualcarque Fraud case started yesterday. COPINH denounced the lack of a live transmission as well as the ongoing lack of recognizing them as victims in the case.

Moments later, the hearing was suspended once again. It has been rescheduled to August 23.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1427668673117016066>

<https://criterio.hn/posponen-nuevamente-juicio-sobre-el-fraude-sobre-el-gualcarque/>

Over 70 national and international organizations wrote an open letter to the president of the Honduran Supreme Court Rolando Argueta demanding the freedom of the Guapinol defenders after two years of arbitrary detention.

<https://cejil.org/comunicado-de-prensa/guapinol-75-orgs-piden-libertad-tras-2-anos-de-detencion-arbitraria-en-honduras/>

OACNUDH observed the initial hearing against the Reitoca defenders and welcomes that the court decided on provisionally dismissing the charges letting the defenders return to their communities.

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHNN/status/1427631325599703052>

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/denuncias/item/3244-sobreseimiento-provisional-ministerio-publico-no-logro-probar-delitos-contradefensores-de-reitoca>

Against all evidence, the Armed Forces denied having evicted indigenous inhabitants of the Wampusirpi community in Gracias a Dios (see yesterday).

Later, they said an eviction took place but on order of the MP and they did not burn houses.

Indigenous Miskito organizations from the region announced to bring the case to the Inter-American System.

<https://confidencialhn.com/es-falso-el-desalojo-violento-que-denuncian-misquitos-en-wampusirpi-portavoz-de-las-ffaa/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3131-honduras-ffaa-dice-no-quemo-casas-y-desalojo-fue-orden-del-ministerio-publico>

<https://confidencialhn.com/organizaciones-misquitas-interpondran-denuncia-internacional-por-desalojo-violento-en-wampusirpi/>

So far, there have been 321'675 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8496 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-suma-mil-844-nuevos-casos-de-covid-19-y-91-pacientes-en-ucis/>

In Tegucigalpa, the ICUs remain at maximum capacity.

<https://proceso.hn/salas-covid-19-de-hospitales-estatales-en-tegucigalpa-al-100/>

Even though the return to in-person classes have been further postponed, one problem not widely discussed is the sorry state of school infrastructure.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1485969-466/abandono-centros-educativos-honduras>

El Herald reports that more 50'000 Hondurans living in the US won't be able to vote in the general elections due to a lack of an updated census.

"The director of the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD), Luis León, indicated that they have received an invitation from the National Electoral Council (CNE) to participate as observers in the contracting of the Transmission of Preliminary Electoral Results (TREP) system."

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1486150-466/elecciones-generales-hondurenos-votar-extranjero-no-enrolamiento-noviembre>

<https://proceso.hn/instituto-holandes-para-la-democracia-sera-veedor-en-compra-del-trep/>

The confrontation between the JOH regime and the EEH continues (see previous days). "The authorities of the Superintendence of Public-Private Partnerships (SAPP) notified Empresa Energía Honduras (EEH) on Tuesday of the grounds for the intervention of the contract. The president of the SAPP, Leo Castellón, informed that as of this day (August 17) EEH has a period of 10 days to correct the cause for intervention. This means that the process of intervention of the contract and, therefore, of EEH has begun."

The director of EEH does not accept this and goes on the offensive.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1486054-466/sapp-notifica-eeh-la-causa-de-intervencion>

<https://confidencialhn.com/eeh-no-asumira-los-incumplimientos-senalados-por-la-sapp/>

A member of the Military Police was found guilty <https://www.mp.hn/publicaciones/condenan-a-militar-que-intento-introducir-lote-de-telefonos-celulares-a-modulo-de-maxima-seguridad-del-penal-de-tamara/> or introducing illegal objects into the Támara prison.

"Under pressure from the U.S. government to contain illegal immigration, Mexico has been quietly flying thousands of undocumented migrants to the south of the country to expedite their departure, according to officials and migrants."

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2021-08-15/pressed-by-us-mexico-hastens-migrant-expulsions-with-flights-south>

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/17/zelaya-asegura-haber-desmontado-en-un-70-por-ciento-un-posible-fraude-electoral/>

18/08/21

Honduras Daily: WHRDs; ZEDEs; Campesines; Elections; Corruption - IHSS; COVID-19 - Vaccines; Drug Trafficking - JOH; Migration - US; Airports; and the Triptych of Impunity

The Mesoamerican Initiative of Women Human Rights Defenders published a report on the situation of WHRDs in the region

<http://im-defensoras.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/IMD-TierrasTerritorios-V02-4.pdf>

Radio Progreso reports on the situation in Roatán where authorities still deny their citizens a open town hall meeting on the Próspera ZEDE.

Meanwhile in Comayagua, the people had the chance to declare their city free of ZEDEs.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/autoridades-de-roatan-no-muestran-interes-de-realizar-cabildo-abierto-sobre-las-zede/>

<https://criterio.hn/comayagua-se-declara-libre-de-zede/>

"The beginning of the night was a nightmare for the families of the peasant group Unidos Al Campo, who have spent moments of terror when armed men arrived to kick in the doors of their houses and fire shots, at about 6:15 pm this August 18, 2021. After nine o'clock at night they had apparently left, but the violence may escalate in the darkness of the night, for which they hold landowner Maximiliano Elvir responsible."

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/denuncias/item/3245-terateniente-envio-hombres-armados-para-atacar-a-campesinos-en-guaimaca>

Opposition politicians denounce that the Nationalist-controlled Congress made some changes to the decree containing the additional budget for the National Electoral Council (CNE) giving JOH control the purchase of the CNE.

Apparently, the changes were made without even being discussed in Congress.

Libre CNE magistrate Rixi Moncada joins them in criticizing these changes.

Nationalist CNE magistrate Kelvin Aguirre claims that there is nothing to it.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3136-honduras-joh-quito-chequera-al-consejo-electoral-peligro-advierte-oposicion>

<https://criterio.hn/irregularidades-que-restan-autonomia-e-independencia-presupuestaria-al-cne-no-fueron-discutidos-en-el-cn/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/rix-moncada-denuncia-que-presupuesto-para-elecciones-generales-sera-administrado-por-el-poder-ejecutivo/>

<https://tiempo.hn/siafi-contratos-del-cne/>

<https://proceso.hn/kelvin-aguirre-dice-que-cambio-en-forma-de-pago-no-afecta-en-lo-absoluto-autonomia-del-cne/>

In one of the many corruption cases linked to the IHSS, trial will be opened against José Ramon Berttety.

<https://tiempo.hn/caso-ihss-procesamiento-berttety/>

So far, there have been 323'625 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8427 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/reportan-mil-950-contagios-31-muertes-por-covid-y-ucis-colapsadas-en-honduras/>

The JOH regime promises the second missing batch of Sputnik V vaccine doses will arrive this weekend.

<https://radioprogreso.hn/aplicacion-movil/el-domingo-vendra-nuevo-lote-de-sputnik-anuncia-secretaria-de-salud-alba-consuelo-flores/>

Honduran authorities captured Fredy Donaldo Mármol Vallejo, wanted by the US for extradition accused of drug trafficking.

<https://proceso.hn/capturan-al-extraditabile-fredy-donaldo-marmol-vallejo/>

The defense of sentenced drug trafficker and JOH ally Geovanny Fuentes Ramírez request the minimum sentence for him, 40 years in prison.

<https://prohondurasnetwork.com/2021/08/18/cuarenta-anos-de-carcel-solicita-defensa-de-geovanny-fuentes-ramirez-socio-de-juan-orlando-hernandez-en-el-trafico-de-cocaina/>

"Faced with the highest number of migrants crossing the U.S.' southwestern border in 21 years, senior officials in the Biden administration are embracing some of former President Donald Trump's most hard-line policies and considering whether to adopt others, including one that required asylum seekers to wait in Mexico while their cases were decided."

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/qj8a3d/the-biden-admin-is-considering-reviving-trumps-remain-in-mexico-policy-for-migrants>

<https://criterio.hn/nuevas-reglas-de-administracion-biden-para-pedir-asilo-incluyen-expulsiones-aceleradas/>

The capital fears the economic consequences of the transfer of international air travel from Tocontín to Palmerola.

<https://tiempo.hn/aeropuerto-toncontin-perdidas-en-la-capital/>

<https://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/17/analisis-el-triptico-de-la-impunidad-en-honduras/>

19/08/21

Honduras Daily: COVID-19 - Health Sectors, Vaccines, Congress; Prisons; Taxes; Electricity; and Political Extortion

So far, there have been 325'230 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8544 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-suma-325230-contagios-por-la-covid-y-acumula-8544-muertos/>

Honduras received 105'300 more Pfizer vaccine doses.

<https://confidencialhn.com/honduras-recibe-un-nuevo-lote-de-105-mil-dosis-de-la-vacuna-pfizer/>

Another doctor, Luis Beltrán Irías, died to COVID-19.

<https://www.radiohrn.hn/fallece-de-covid-el-medico-hondureno-luis-beltran-irias>

Sinager claims that it is not safe for Congress to return to in-person sessions ignoring that politicians run from rally to rally exposing themselves to many more people.

<https://confidencialhn.com/sinager-concluye-que-no-es-seguro-volver-a-sesiones-presenciales-en-el-congreso-nacional/>

El Heraldito reports that half the deaths inside prisons are by fire arms.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1486484-466/asesinatos-homicidios-carceles-honduras-armas-fuego-cifras>

According to a study by FOSDEH, Hondurans pay up to 60 different taxes.

<https://tiempo.hn/estudio-del-fosdeh-impuestos-en-honduras/>

The head of the EEH claims that Arturo Corrales is behind the "polemic" about his company and that it is not about saving the National Electric Energy Company (ENEE) (see also the last days).

The fate of the ENEE is still uncertain and some fear that it will be split up as part of a privatization scheme.

<https://tiempo.hn/ricardo-roa-arturo-corrales-polemicas-eeh/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/dividir-la-enee-materializaria-ultima-etapa-de-privatizacion-de-la-estatal/>

<https://criterio.hn/programas-sociales-impulsados-por-el-poder-ejecutivo-funcionan-a-manera-de-extorsion-politica/>

20/08/21

Honduras Daily: Elections; Dengue; COVID-19 - Health Sector; Debt; Drug Trafficking - JOH; and a Lesson from Afghanistan?

The CNE reacted with a press release to the recent attempt by Congress of weakening their position (see last two days) writing that "[w]e won't allow the elections to be directed from the Executive Branch".

Criterio writes that the JOH regime would violate the constitutional order were it to control the electoral budget.

<https://confidencialhn.com/cne-pide-que-no-se-permita-que-las-elecciones-sean-dirigidas-desde-el-poder-ejecutivo/>

<https://criterio.hn/gobierno-viola-rango-constitucional-del-cne-al-querer-controlar-su-independencia-presupuestaria-y-manejar-fondos-de-las-elecciones/>

6177 dengue cases have been detected so far this year, 35% less than last year.

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/20/honduras-registra-mas-de-seis-mil-casos-de-dengue-y-dos-victimas/>

So far, there have been 326'830 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8594 confirmed deaths.

ContraCorriente reports on the third wave of the pandemic currently hitting Honduras.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-alcanza-326-mil-830-contagiados-y-8-mil-594-fallecidos-por-covid-19/>

<https://contracorriente.red/2021/08/20/honduras-sufre-los-embates-de-una-tercera-ola-de-covid-19/>

There are still no more place at Honduras' ICUs in cities and only in rural areas there are a few open places left.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-solo-con-cupos-uci-en-hospitales-rurales/>

Honduras spent \$667.6 million on debt service in the first semester of this year.

The total external debt rose to over \$11 billion, 1.7% more than in 2020.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/economia/1486769-466/servicio-deuda-publica-honduras>

<https://proceso.hn/la-deuda-externa-de-honduras-suba-a-11015-1-millones-de-dolares-en-6-meses/>

The MP conducted several raids and seizures linked to the case of the recently arrested Fredy Donaldo Mármol Vallejo, who the US wants to be extradited.

<https://confidencialhn.com/ministerio-publico-asegura-varios-bienes-del-extraditible-hondureno-fredy-donald-marmol-vallejo/>

On the topic of extraditions, the Pro Honduras Network cites US prosecutor Matthew Laroche: "It is also important to say that many of the defendant's co-conspirators [in the case of JOH's brother] have been publicly pointed out and remain in Honduras and nothing happens to them. Extradition requests have been sent and have not been honored as to several individuals we have identified in our judgment of submission."

<https://prohondurasnetwork.com/2021/08/20/miembros-del-crimen-organizado-en-honduras-a-la-espera-de-su-extradicion-a-estados-unidos/>

"During the International Day of Humanitarian Assistance and aware of the increase in mobility in recent years, the National Commissioner for Human Rights (CONADEH) and the Honduran Red Cross (CRH), signed a Memorandum of Understanding on assistance, humanitarian aid and protection of rights for people in mobility."

<https://www.cruzroja.org.hn/2021/08/19/cruz-roja-hondurena-y-el-conadeh-firman-carta-de-entendimiento-para-la-asistencia-humanitaria-y-proteccion-de-derechos-de-las-personas-en-contexto-de-movilidad/>

"The same way Afghanistan's security forces fell apart and the president fled the capital, we should be asking whether the tolerance for corrupt oligarchs in Latin America and the Caribbean simply allows them to profit off a mirage of governance that could tumble if given the right push. (...) However, perhaps the most relevant parallel from the past decade is Honduras. How does the US end up cooperating with a violent and corrupt drug trafficker like Juan Orlando Hernandez as it did under both the Obama and Trump administrations?"

<https://boz.substack.com/p/a-lesson-from-afghanistan-for-us>

21/08/21

Honduras Daily: Elections; COVID-19 - Vaccines; Police; BCIE;

Yesterday, the CNE was scheduled to hold the sortition process to decide on the position of the ballots of the different parties. According to the law, the three main parties will occupy one of the three first spots and the remaining parties can at best get position 4. When the CNE announced this to the party representatives present at the process, a fight broke loose inside and outside the CNE. El Heraldo called the whole thing a "a resounding failure in which there were verbal and physical

aggressions, injuries, confrontation among supporters and towards representatives of the media".
The process was rescheduled for this morning.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2021/1487106-508/caos-sorteo-papeletas-elecciones-generales-2021>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/eleccioneshonduras2021/1487190-508/zafarrancho-golpes-activistas-infop-sorteo-papeletas>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/fotogalerias/1487162-468/pleito-sorteo-papeletas-electtorales-cne-elecciones-honduras-2021>

Honduras received the missing 20'000 Sputnik V doses.

In another vaccination rally, almost 44'000 more Hondurans were vaccinated.

<https://confidencialhn.com/honduras-recibe-20-mil-dosis-restantes-de-sputnik-v/>

<https://proceso.hn/un-total-de-43-mil-884-personas-fueron-inoculadas-en-vacunaton-de-occidente/>

Two members of the police force were sent to pre-trial detention accused of kidnapping.

<https://www.mp.hn/publicaciones/mp-logra-prision-preventiva-contr-un-transportista-y-dos-policias-activos-implicados-en-secuestro/>

"The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (BCIE) and Honduras signed a financing agreement for the execution of the US\$70 million program Relief Bond for Vulnerable Families Affected by Natural Phenomena Due to Climate Change."

<https://proceso.hn/bcie-presta-a-honduras-70-millones-para-bono-a-afectados-por-fenomenos-naturales/>

22/08/21

Honduras Daily: Elections; ZEDEs; Migration; and Fighting Corruption in Honduras...

Saturday's chaos at the CNE led the UN Resident Coordinator Alice H. Shackelford to call on all political actors to be peaceful.

The reason for the violent eruption may have been a simple misunderstanding as Karen Spring explains. "The small political parties got mad bc it was announced that the order to draw from raffle would start from oldest to newest major party. This was misinterpreted as meaning that major parties would appear in 1st 3 positions on ballot". Based on reading the Honduran newspapers, I also misunderstood this yesterday.

Libre demands an investigation, but also blames the National Party.

Salvador Nasralla blames the National Party, but also the Liberal Party and Libre.

The CNE, meanwhile, got back to work yesterday and the sortition process concluded.

<https://twitter.com/aliceshackel/status/1429493074112258049>

<https://twitter.com/HondurasNow/status/1429269683551625219>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2021/08/honduras-culpan-david-chavez-de-alentar.html>

<https://proceso.hn/lo-ocurrido-en-el-sorteo-de-papeletas-es-una-trama-de-tripartidismo-salvador-nasralla/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/cne-reanuda-sorteo-electoral-tras-zafarrancho-y-disturbios/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/definidas-las-posiciones-presidenciales-en-la-papeleta-electoral/>

The people of Danlí joined the ever growing list of municipalities declaring itself free of ZEDEs.

<https://criterio.hn/danli-tambien-se-declara-libre-de-zede/>

4660 minors have been returned to Honduras so far this year.

<https://proceso.hn/casi-cinco-mil-menores-han-sido-retornados-a-honduras/>

...summarized in one drawing.

<https://twitter.com/UFERCO1/status/1429535269196288006>

23/08/21

Honduras Daily: LGBTQ+; COPINH; ZEDEs; Political Prisoners; Drug Trafficking; Electricity; and a Circle of Poverty, Hunger and Migration

"Donny Reyes, defender of the LGTBI community, member of the National Protection Council, Director of CIPRODEH and member of the Arcoiris Association, suffered a series of incidents which could have a direct relation with the defense of his rights and which are linked to the presentation of an Appeal for Protection against the State of Honduras for denying him his right to marriage. In light of these events, she requested the National Protection Mechanism to provide him with the necessary measures to protect him."

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/denuncias/item/3246-donny-reyes-defensor-de-la-comunidad-lgtbi-sufrio-diferentes-hechos-de-violencia>

After having been suspended immediately after its start some days ago, the initial hearing in the Gualcarque Fraud case took place yesterday. COPINH accompanied it with a press release denouncing that they are still not recognized as legitimate victims in the case.

CESPAD published a short overview of the case.

<https://copinh.org/2021/08/the-gualcarque-fraud-trial-begins-in-violation-of-the-rights-of-the-victims/>

<https://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/23/fraude-sobre-el-gualcarque-la-certeza-de-la-corrupcion-en-la-concesion-de-rios-en-honduras/>

Community leaders of 17 communities around the La Tigra National Park demand that the capital will be declared a municipality free of ZEDEs.

<https://criterio.hn/comunidades-aledanas-a-la-tigra-exigen-declarar-capital-hondurena-libre-de-zede/>

<https://criterio.hn/amtigra-dice-no-a-las-zede/>

"International and national organizations filed this Monday an amicus curiae, before the Supreme Court of Justice of Honduras demanding strict adherence to international standards and justice for Jhony Andrés Salgado Fuentes, who was arbitrarily and illegally detained on December 21, 2017 in the context of the post-election crisis."

<https://criterio.hn/presentan-amicus-curiae-exigiendo-justicia-para-victima-de-crisis-postelectoral-de-2017-en-honduras/>

The MP arrested another accused drug trafficker wanted by the US.

There are four Hondurans in total awaiting extradition to the US.

<https://www.mp.hn/publicaciones/ministerio-publico-ejecuta-orden-de-captura-contra-otro-extraditible-pedido-por-estados-unidos-eeuu/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/captura-a-otro-extraditible-pedido-por-estados-unidos/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/honduras-corredor-del-narcotrafico-en-centroamerica/>

<https://proceso.hn/cuatro-hondurenos-a-las-puertas-de-ser-extraditados-a-eeuu/>

"Empresa Energía Honduras (EEH), has informed through an official statement that in its fourth year of operation, it has managed a recovery of more than 3,717 million Lempiras, which represents 52% of the delinquent portfolio it received, set at more than 7,122 million Lempiras."

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3147-honduras-eeh-asegura-que-redujo-mora-estatal-en-mas-de-tres-mil-millones>

<https://proceso.hn/decision-gubernamental-de-no-cortar-la-energia-durante-pandemia-creo-210-mil-nuevos-morosos-senala-eeh/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/pobreza-hambre-y-migracion-un-circulo-peligroso-sostenido-por-la-clase-politica-hondurena/>

24/08/21

Honduras Daily: Drug Trafficking - JOH; COPINH; ZEDEs; Elections -, Violence, Law, RNP; COVID-19 - Poverty; Migration - US; National Police; Cybersecurity; and a Bitcoin, Paradise?

The Pro Honduras Network wonders when the time comes for the US to demand the extradition of the co-conspirators in the case of JOH's brother Tony Hernández.

JOH wants the public not to think about that, especially with the elections coming up, so he rather praises the, very problematic, Military Police.

And claims that the other parties are after the Armed Forces.

<https://prohondurasnetwork.com/2021/08/24/se-anuncian-cuatro-nuevas-extradiciones-a-eeuu-pero-y-los-socios-de-tony/>

<https://proceso.hn/hernandez-destaca-papel-de-la-pmop-en-reduccion-de-criminalidad/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/joh-se-muestra-temeroso-ante-potencial-extincion-de-las-ff-aa/>

COPINH published a summary of the first day in court in the Gualcarque Fraud case.

<https://copinh.org/2021/08/juicio-fraude-sobre-el-gualcarque-dia-1/>

The Human Rights Board demands that the MP goes after the members of Congress and the court for violating Honduras' sovereignty.

CESPAD published a new analysis on how the imposition of the ZEDEs works in Honduras.

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/contexto/item/3247-creacion-de-las-zede-mesa-de-derechos-humanos-exige-al-ministerio-publico-que-se-ponga-manos-a-la-obra-para-enjuiciar-a-diputados-y-magistrados>

<https://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/24/coyuntura-desde-los-territorios-asi-se-instalaran-las-zedes-en-honduras-concesionamiento-y-saqueo-de-bienes-comunes-naturales/>

The events at the sorition last weekend led to several articles on the danger of political violence in Honduras. Political analyst Julio Navarro accuses the National Party of generating chaos and terror as a political strategy.

<https://contracorriente.red/2021/08/24/el-sorteo-electoral-evidencio-la-violencia-politica-en-honduras/>

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/24/analista-asegura-que-oficialismo-quiere-generar-terror-para-evitar-elecciones/>

<https://criterio.hn/gansterismo-y-violencia-electoral/>

<https://criterio.hn/100-dias-para-las-elecciones-sinopsis-con-leitmotif-y-en-clave-abstracta/>

Further chaos could be generated by a, nevertheless legitimate, strike by RNP workers demanding that the JOH regime complies with promised made. The old identity card is at the moment not valid up until the general elections and it is doubtful that the new one will have been handed out to everyone.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/paralizadas-las-labores-trabajadores-del-registro-de-las-personas/>

Last but not least, the Supreme Court accepted a challenge of the new electoral law.

<https://criterio.hn/analistas-dudan-que-csj-emitira-resolucion-sobre-integracion-de-juntas-receptoras-de-votos/>

<https://confidencial.hn.com/csj-admite-recurso-de-inconstitucionalidad-en-contra-de-la-nueva-ley-electoral/>

So far, there have been 331'372 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8704 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-suma-mil-681-nuevos-casos-de-covid-19-y-34-decesos/>

The pandemic together with the two hurricanes generated 700'000 new poor in Honduras.

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/24/covid-19-eta-e-iota-genero-mas-de-700-mil-nuevos-pobres-segun-el-cohep/>

6300 migrants pushed back by the Biden administration to Mexico have suffered violence back in Mexico.

<https://proceso.hn/mas-de-6300-migrantes-expulsados-por-biden-victimas-de-violencia-en-mexico/>

Two cases involving police agents accused of different crimes will go to the courts.

<https://www.mp.hn/publicaciones/agendan-audiencias-contrapolicias-ligados-a-actos-irregulares/>

IPANDETEC Centroamérica published a proposal on the development of a cybersecurity law in Honduras.

Only 39% of Hondurans have internet access at home, 69% have mobile internet access.

<https://www.ipandetec.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/HONDURAS.pdf>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/premium/1487963-410/internet-fija-llega-37-municipios-honduras-hondutel>

<https://criterio.hn/presidente-de-honduras-se-reune-con-el-multimillonario-y-lider-del-bitcoin/>

<https://criterio.hn/criptomoneda-en-honduras-podria-ser-utilizada-para-lavar-fondos-de-la-corrupcion-y-narcotrafico-hugo-noe-pino/>

25/08/21

Honduras Daily: COPINH; Guapinol; Campesines; Drug Trafficking - JOH; COVID-19 - Vaccines, Education; Migration - US; Elections - RNP, Youth; Child Labor; and a Earthquake

Great news, after a long struggle the Constitutional Court recognized COPINH as a victim in the Gualcarque Fraud case.

OACNUDH welcomed the decision.

The hearing which started this week, was suspended and will remain suspended until the Supreme Court officially informs about the above decision.

<https://copinh.org/2021/08/posicionamiento-del-copinh-ante-reintegro-como-victima-en-caso-fraude-sobre-el-gualcarque/>

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/especial/berta-caceres/item/3248-copinh-celebra-decision-de-la-sala-de-lo-constitucional-de-incorporar-a-las-victimas-al-proceso-de-fraude-en-el-gualcarque>

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHHN/status/1430583768100839426>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1430692530392338432>

Today, the evidentiary hearing in the case of the criminalized Guapinol defenders is scheduled. They have been in pre-trial detention for two years.

<https://twitter.com/HondurasNow/status/1430721194823585793>

<https://criterio.hn/defensores-de-guapinol-cumplen-dos-anos-de-prision-arbitraria/>

"The Committee of Relatives of the Detained and Disappeared in Honduras (COFADEH), obtained the suspension of the sentence of peasants of the Empresa Asociativa Campesina 8 de Febrero, located in San Pedro de Tutule in the department of La Paz, who were sentenced to two years in prison for the crime of usurpation."

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/cofاده-logra-libertad-absoluta-de-campesinos-de-empresa-asociativa-8-de-febrero/>

The New York Prosecutor demanded the maximum penalty for convicted drug trafficker and JOH ally Geovanny Fuentes.

The sentencing of former Fredy Renán Nájera Montoya, who pleaded guilty, changed his mind and then changed it again, was once again postponed; now it should take place on October 15.

<https://prohondurasnetwork.com/2021/08/25/fiscalia-solicita-cadena-perpetua-para-geovanny-fuentes-socio-de-juan-orlando-hernandez-ademas-de-la-incautacion-de-151-7-millones-de-dolares-y-el-pago-de-una-multa-de-10-millones/>

<https://proceso.hn/sentencia-para-diputado-fredy-najera-se-reprograma-para-el-15-de-octubre/>

The BCIE has disbursed another \$5.8 million to the JOH regime to buy vaccines. Since June, they have received \$12.8 million. Given that most vaccine doses which have arrived in Honduras so far were donated, one wonders on what the money is being spent.

<https://confidencialhn.com/bcie-desembolsa-mas-de-5-millones-de-dolares-a-honduras-para-vacunas-anticovid/>

The Minister of Education once again claims that they are ready to open up schools again.

<https://confidencialhn.com/todo-listo-para-reiniciar-clases-en-el-sector-publico-asegura-arnaldo-bueso/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1488241-466/diez-centros-educativos-francisco-morazan-llamado-clases-presenciales-covid>

"The Supreme Court on Tuesday said the Biden administration must comply with a lower court's ruling to reinstate President Donald Trump's policy that required many asylum seekers to wait outside the United States for their cases to be decided."

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts_law/supreme-court-remain-in-mexico/2021/08/24/6bba350a-0507-11ec-a654-900a78538242_story.html

The strike at the RNP continues (see yesterday).

<https://confidencialhn.com/continua-el-paro-de-labores-en-el-rnp/>

CESPAD looks at the role of the youth vote in the upcoming elections.

<https://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/25/en-honduras-por-que-los-y-las-jovenes-pueden-inclinar-la-balanza-del-poder-con-su-voto/>

The JOH regime defined a road map to eradicate child labor.

<https://confidencialhn.com/gobierno-de-honduras-define-hoja-de-ruta-para-erradicar-el-trabajo-infantil/>

<https://radioprogreso.net/aplicacion-movil/sismo-de-5-5-sacude-el-norte-del-pais/>

26/08/21

Honduras Daily: Guapinol; Post-Electoral Violence; Drug Trafficking - JOH; FPIC; Corruption - IHSS; COVID-19 - Health Sector, Vaccines; Elections - Women; Migration - Youth; and an Increase in Violence

Ignoring the calls from national and international human rights organizations as well as UN bodies, the Supreme Court decided to extend the pre-trial detention of the criminalized Guapinol defenders for another six months. They have already been imprisoned for 2 years.

OACNUDH "laments" the decision and "observes with concern" that the decision was made without listening to the defense.

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/denuncias/item/3249-arbitraria-decision-poder-judicial-amplia-a-seis-meses-mas-la-prision-preventiva-para-defensores-de-guapinol>

<https://twitter.com/OACNUDHNN/status/1431013651088084993>

Today, there will be a hearing against a member of the Military Police accused of murdering David Octavio Quiroz in December 2017 during the post-electoral repression.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/manana-se-realizara-juicio-oral-y-publico-contr-a-agente-de-la-pmop-acusado-del-asesinato-de-un-manifestante/>

In reporting on the upcoming sentencing of convicted drug trafficker Geovanny Fuentes, El Heraldo writes: "For the US justice system, Fuentes Ramirez was a violent drug trafficker who produced and distributed thousands of kilograms of cocaine for importation into the United States, and who also had influence in the upper echelons of power. In the same document, once again, the name of President Juan Orlando Hernandez came up. "The corruption of the accused reached the highest level of the Honduran government. He entered into a drug trafficking partnership with President Juan Orlando Hernández to flood the United States with cocaine," the document states. According to prosecutors, the relationship with the president "made the defendant untouchable; his drugs had safe passage, courtesy of the Honduran Army; he was protected from investigation; and, perhaps most importantly for the defendant, from extradition to the United States." Investigations revealed that in 2019, "while the case against President Hernandez's brother was proceeding before this Court, the defendant traveled to the Honduran presidential residence to pay more cocaine bribes to Hernandez.""

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1488420-466/eeuu-narco-hondureno-geovanny-fuentes-presos-por-vida>

FOSDEH published a report on the debate in Honduras about free, prior and informed consent.

<https://fosdeh.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/fosdeh-2021-Ley-o-no-Ley-cpli-respuesta.pdf>

The MP made another arrest in the IHSS corruption case, nine people (out of 12 targeted) were arrested accused of stealing at least 158 million Lempiras.

<https://www.mp.hn/publicaciones/capturas-y-aseguramientos-por-desfalco-de-158-millones-de-lempiras-en-el-ihss/>

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/aplicacion-movil/ministerio-publico-ejecuta-capturas-y-aseguramientos-en-nuevo-desfalco-al-seguro-social/>

So far, there have been 333'397 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8802 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-suma-un-total-de-333-mil-397-casos-de-covid-y-8802-fallecidos/>

Radio Progreso reports on the health emergency in Honduras.

<https://radioprogreso.hn.net/portada/covid-19-agudiza-emergencia-sanitaria-en-honduras/>

Spain donated 100'000 AstraZeneca doses to Honduras.

JOH announced that he extended the purchasing agreement with Pfizer-Biontech from 4.4 million to 7.1 million doses.

<https://confidencialhn.com/espana-dona-100-mil-vacunas-anticovid-de-astrazeneca-a-honduras/>

<https://twitter.com/JuanOrlandoH/status/1431113348180025349>

The CNE received six offers for the establishment of a biometric control system of voters.

Meanwhile, workers at the RNP strike for the third day in a row.

<https://confidencialhn.com/seis-empresas-presentan-ofertas-al-cne-para-contratacion-del-sistema-biometrico-para-las-jrv/>

<https://radioprogreso.net/aplicacion-movil/sigue-el-paro-en-el-registro-por-tercer-dia-consecutivo/>

"Through the platform "November 25", the Center for Women's Studies (CEM-H) and other feminist organizations have held a meeting with the presidential candidate of Libre, Xiomara Castro, to present public policy proposals and sign a commitment that upon reaching the Government, requests will be fulfilled so that Honduran women have a dignified life."

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3152-feministas-comprometen-a-xiomara-castro-piden-buen-gobierno-por-hondurenas>

"The trauma experienced by Central American minors before, during, and after their unaccompanied journeys to the United States puts them at high risk of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other mental health problems, creating further obstacles to their success in school and broader integration into U.S. society. New research into results from the CLALS Pilot Project Household Contexts and School Integration of Resettled Migrant Youth, which included interviews and qualitative surveys (including a validated PHQ-9 Modified for Teens and the Child PTSD Symptom Scale, CPSS), revealed that about one-third of unaccompanied minors from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala show symptoms of moderate to severe PTSD — significantly higher than the general population."

<https://aulablog.net/2021/08/26/central-american-youth-migrants-show-signs-of-ptsd-and-stress/>

The homicide rate has increased by 12% compared to 2020 and there is also an increase in the number of multiple killings.

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/26/masacres-superan-las-de-2020-cortes-el-departamento-con-mas-violencia/>

27/08/21

Honduras Daily: Guapinol; Corruption - IHSS; ZEDEs; Cryptomoney; Journalists; Elections; COVID-19 - Vaccines, Corruption; Debt - UK; Migration; Drug Trafficking; Congress; and Hidden on TikTok

The decision to prolong pre-trial detention of the Guapinol defenders by another six months (see yesterday) was widely rejected.

The trial is scheduled to start on December 1.

<https://twitter.com/MaryLawlorhrds/status/1431269443078967305>

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/monitoreo/item/3250-oacnudh-sala-de-lo-penal-de-la-csj-violento-garantias-judiciales-al-extender-prision-preventiva-a-defensores-de-guapinol>

<https://criterio.hn/la-prevaricacion-del-poder-judicial-en-el-caso-guapinol/>

<https://criterio.hn/organizaciones-de-derechos-humanos-lamentan-extension-de-la-prision-preventiva-a-los-defensores-de-guapinol/>

<https://criterio.hn/indignacion-y-decepcion-tras-extension-de-prision-arbitraria-contradefensores-de-guapinol/>

<https://twitter.com/guapinolre/status/1431300199507533827>

Maybe the Guapinol defenders should rather have stolen millions in public fund than defender the commons. The recently arrested suspects in the IHSS corruption case (see yesterday) can all await trial outside prison.

ConfidencialHN described the whole saga as a show for purely electoral purposes without any danger for the corrupt system in place in Honduras and its participants.

<https://confidencialhn.com/en-libertad-se-defenderan-acusados-del-desfalco-del-ihss/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/se-escribe-nuevo-capitulo-del-show-sobre-justicia-en-caso-de-saqueo-al-seguro-social/>

The mayor of Roatán was arrested accused of being involve in trafficking 2 tonnes of cocaine to Honduras.

"Mayor Hynds came out vocally in favor of converting Roatan into a ZEDE. Like many Hondurans have argued, narcos want to create private cities & territories to further their organized criminal interests. It's a theory that isn't too far out there in a narco state".

Further south, the human rights movement MASSVIDA and its coordinator German Chirinos are suffering a harassment campaign since they have come out against ZEDes.

<https://proceso.hn/atic-intercepta-cisterna-que-transportaba-varios-fardos-de-droga-en-roatan/>

<https://twitter.com/HondurasNow/status/1431458470557990914>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1383-emprende-campana-contra-mass-vida-luego-de-posicionarse-contra-las-zedes>

This week, a first cryptomoney ATM was opened in Tegucigalpa.

ContraCorriente doubts that cryptomoney will take off in Honduras any time soon.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1488621-466/criptomonedas-honduras-cajero>

<https://contracorriente.red/2021/08/27/la-criptomoneda-en-honduras-tiene-un-futuro-incierto/>

The violence that broke out at the sortition process for the elections (see recent e-mails) also affected journalists. C-Libre documented two cases.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1384-periodistas-son-agredidos-en-cobertura-de-sorteo-para-papeletas-electorales>

CESPAD published its newest edition of the electoral monitor covering August 1 to 24.

Two Honduran and an Argentinian company will be responsible to transmit the preliminary results of the general election on November 28.

The RNP commissioner Roberto Brevé claims that the strike at his institution won't affect the distribution of the new identity cards needed for the elections.

<https://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/27/contexto-electoral-pandemia-confrontacion-politica-y-social-un-caos-se-avecina/>

<https://tiempo.hn/empresas-que-estaran-a-cargo-del-trep-elecciones/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/paro-en-el-rnp-no-afectara-en-la-entrega-del-dni-roberto-breve/>

Another batch of 92'150 Pfizer vaccine doses arrived in Honduras. They are part of a purchasing agreement of more than 7 million doses. But so far, less than 200'000 arrived.

Honduras plans to start vaccinating minors from the age of 12 onward in September.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-recibe-92150-vacunas-anticovid-de-pfizer-y-suma-197730-en-dos-dias/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/en-septiembre-iniciara-vacunacion-de-menores-entre-12-y-17-anos/>

The CNA published a new report on acts of corruption by Invest-H as part of the response to the pandemic. They also investigate the role of the auditing body of Invest-H and find that 1.6 million Lempiras in salaries were paid for very questionable work.

<https://twitter.com/cnahonduras/status/1431293246890729475>

<https://criterio.hn/cna-presenta-nuevo-informe-sobre-mal-manejo-de-fondos-en-invest-h/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/mas-de-un-millon-de-lempiras-ha-pagado-el-estado-a-interventor-ausente-de-invest-h-gustavo-boquin-revela-informe-del-cna/>

The JOH regime continues to take up debt - two new loans are planned by the BCIE worth \$470 million.

Additionally, they requested the support from the UK in getting access to the Green Climate Fund.

<https://proceso.hn/presidente-del-bcie-anuncia-dos-nuevos-prestamos-para-honduras-por-470-millones-de-dolares/>

<https://www.elpais.hn/2021/08/27/honduras-solicita-ayuda-al-reino-unido-para-acceder-a-fondos-verdes-del-clima/>

More Honduran minor have been deported to Honduras so far this year than in all 2020.

<https://proceso.hn/retornos-de-ninez-migrante-a-honduras-ya-superan-estadisticas-del-2020/>

The sentencing of Geovanny Fuentes Ramírez was postponed to October 19.

<https://confidencialhn.com/aplazan-lectura-de-sentencia-contrataficante-hondureno-geovanny-fuentes-ramirez/>

Opposition politician still denounce the lack of in-person sessions and Congress and boycott the virtual ones.

<https://confidencialhn.com/bancadas-de-oposicion-reiteran-que-no-asistirán-a-sesiones-virtuales-en-el-cn/>

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/qj85z5/narco-suspect-evaded-authorities-for-years-while-starring-on-tiktok>

28/08/21

Honduras Daily: Drug Trafficking - ZEDEs; Forceful Disappearance; Congress; COVID-19 - Corruption; Armed Forces; Electricity; and “Es Pa’ Fuera Que Vas”

The mayor of Roatán, Jerry Dave Hynds Julio (see yesterday), his fellow accused and over 2.4 tonnes of cocaine arrived in Tegucigalpa.

The Próspera company behind the ZEDE on Roatán is on the defensive publishing a press release rejecting the links made with the arrested mayor and them.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1488866-466/contabilizan-droga-decomisada-alcalde-roatan-jerry-hynds>

<https://confidencialhn.com/prospera-rechaza-acusaciones-vinculadas-con-la-detencion-del-alcalde-de-roatan/>

Honduras commemorated the Day of the Forcefully Disappeared.

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/dia-nacional-del-detenido-desaparecido/>

"The National Congress approved, in a matter of minutes and without showing the votes, a series of contracts and loans that have been catalogued as harmful to the interests of the citizens. Opposition deputies who were not connected to the virtual session denounced that there was no quorum and that there was usurpation of functions."

<https://contracorriente.red/2021/08/28/en-sesion-virtual-y-en-tiempo-record-congreso-nacional-aprueba-contratos-y-prestamos-millonarios/>

"The legal professional, Gracia María Bertrand, pointed out that the Public Prosecutor's Office is covering up for the vendors guilty of the irregular acquisition of the mobile hospitals through State purchases. Bertrand said "we have been in the situation for a little more than a year and four months, since the irregular purchase that was made by embezzling State funds". She also stressed that not only the former manager of Inversión Estratégica de Honduras (Investh), Marco Bográn and the former administrator Alex Moraes were directly involved in these actions, but also high-ranking officials such as the former Secretary of Finance, Rocio Táborá, among others, "as evidenced in some audios"."

<https://confidencialhn.com/consideran-que-el-ministerio-publico-encubre-a-los-verdaderos-responsables-de-la-compra-de-los-hospitales-moviles/>

Criterio looks at the recent statement by JOH on other parties wanting to disappear the Armed Forces (see also previous e-mail).

<https://criterio.hn/juan-hernandez-acusa-a-opositores-de-querer-desaparecer-las-fuerzas-armadas/>

Javier Suazo takes a closer look at the background of the recent dispute involving the JOH regime, ENEE and the private company EEH, as well as at the role of the IMF.

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/213583>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3156-honduras-lamentable-covid-y-negligencia-arrebatan-la-vida-a-cantor-macario-mejia>

29/08/21

Honduras Daily: HRDs; Drug Trafficking - ZEDEs; FSS - Keyla; COVID-19 - Vaccines; Migration – Mexico;

This coming September 13, Global Witness will launch its annual report documenting the killings of land and environmental defenders. In 2019, Honduras held the highest rate of killings of land and environmental defenders per capita, and in 2020 (the time covered in the new report) it is still part of this deadly list of countries that do not protect the ones standing up for the land, the territory and the environment. On September 13, the launch event will include the presence of United Nations Special Rapporteur for Human Rights Defenders Mary Lawlor. A Spanish launch on September 15 will be in the presence of Juan López from the Guapinol community in Honduras.

<https://act.globalwitness.org/page/87921/event/1>

https://globalwitness-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_96-5o65-QtmGVhRnYEHKkw

The mayor of Roatán Jerry Hynds was sent to pre-trial detention (see previous days).

The deputy mayor, meanwhile, calls everything a big "misunderstanding".

<https://www.mp.hn/publicaciones/requerimiento-fiscal-y-detencion-judicial-para-alcalde-de-roatan-por-trafico-de-casi-2-5-toneladas-de-cocaina/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1489013-466/alcalde-roatan-declaracion-imputado-detencion-judicial-trafico-drogas-islas-bahia>

<https://proceso.hn/captura-del-edil-de-roatan-fue-un-malentendido-por-estar-en-el-lugar-equivocado-segun-vicealcaldesa/>

"The Court of Appeals partially resolved an appeal filed by the Committee of Relatives of the Detained and Disappeared in Honduras (COFADEH), in favor of five students who were detained during a cultural event to demand justice for Keyla Martínez, a student murdered in police custody in La Esperanza, Intibucá."

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/corte-de-apelaciones-resuelve-a-favor-de-cinco-estudiantes-criminalizados/>

According to the JOH regime, almost 128'000 Hondurans received a shot in the capital over the weekend.

<https://proceso.hn/casi-128-mil-hondurenos-inoculados-en-vacunaton-en-francisco-morazan-informa-gobierno/>

The Mexican President AMLO said yesterday that his country would continue to "contain" migration as they were breaking up a migrant caravan in the south of the country. But he also demanded "fundamental solutions" from the US.

<https://proceso.hn/lopez-obrador-afirma-que-mexico-seguira-conteniendo-la-migracion/>

30/08/31

Honduras Daily: Disappearance - SUNLA, ZEDES; Guapinol; Elections; COVID-19 - Vaccines, Economy; JOH; and High Over Tegucigalpa

Honduras commemorated the International Day of the Victims of Forceful Disappearance. OACNUDH sent out a press release "urging the State of Honduras to guarantee the right to truth, justice, reparation and non-repetition for past and present victims of enforced disappearance".

Similar calls came from the UN representative in Honduras.

James T. Phillips wrote an important article on "When Remembering is a Political Act of Resistance" and the important work of COFADEH.

<https://oacnudh.hn/oacnudh-insta-al-estado-de-honduras-a-garantizar-el-derecho-a-la-verdad-justicia-reparacion-y-no-repeticion-de-las-victimas-de-desaparicion-forzada-del-pasado-y-del-presente/>

<https://proceso.hn/oacnudh-recuerda-desapariciones-de-los-80-e-insta-a-honduras-a-que-no-se-repitan-estas-victimas/>

<https://twitter.com/aliceshackel/status/1432405486796689409>

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/08/30/where-are-they-the-disappeared-when-remembering-is-a-political-act-of-resistance/>

OFRANEH focused on the forceful disappearance of the five young men from the Garífuna community Triunfo de la Cruz from more than 13 months ago.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2021/08/30/comunicadodia-internacional-de-las-victimas-de-la-desaparicion-forzada/>

<https://criterio.hn/en-dia-internacional-contra-la-desaparicion-forzada-exigen-incorporacion-del-sunla-en-investigacion-de-garifunas-desaparecidos/>

On this occasion, Hondurans also took to the street combining the call for justice with a call to stop the imposition of ZEDEs.

The widespread rejection of the ZEDEs is also visible by the town hall meetings held all over the country in which inhabitants declare their communities free of ZEDEs. Recently, Islas de Bahía and Intibucá joined the list.

<https://pasosdeanimalgrande.com/es-co/contexto/item/3251-honduras-movilizada-miles-de-personas-dispuestas-a-cerrarle-el-paso-a-las-zede>

<https://radioprogreso.hn/aplicacion-movil/comunidades-y-organizaciones-de-honduras-se-movilizan-en-rechazo-a-las-zede/>

<https://proceso.hn/en-islas-de-la-bahia-tambien-dicen-no-a-la-zede/>

<https://copinh.org/2021/08/intibuca-dice-no-a-las-zedes/>

<https://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/30/analisis-honduras-las-zedes-y-el-giro-actual/>

The Spanish ambassador met with the Guapinol community emphasizing that the support of HRDs is a priority of Spain in Honduras.

<https://twitter.com/EmbEspHonduras/status/1432121102420041737>

The UN System in Honduras called for peace and the respect of human rights during the electoral campaign which officially started yesterday.

The same day, the "president of the National Electoral Council (CNE), Ana Paola Hall, denounced this Monday that there is an external effort to control the electoral body, in charge of organizing and coordinating the general elections of November 28th of this year in Honduras".

<https://honduras.un.org/es/142291-el-sistema-de-las-naciones-unidas-llama-la-paz-y-respeto-de-derechos-humanos-durante-la>

<https://criterio.hn/onu-y-cohep-piden-elecciones-en-paz/>

<https://proceso.hn/consejera-ana-paola-hall-denuncia-un-afan-externo-para-controlar-el-cne/>

So far, there have been 338'757 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8850 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-suma-3-mil-359-nuevos-casos-de-covid-19-y-18-decesos/>

The deputy minister of Health claims that almost 4 million Hondurans have received one shot and 1 million have been fully vaccinated.

<https://confidencialhn.com/salud-asegura-que-cuatro-millones-de-hondurenos-recipientes-primera-dosis-de-vacuna-contr-el-covid/>

The BCIE will emit Lempiras to fund local banks which then should give loans to small- and medium-sized companies.

<https://proceso.hn/el-bcie-emitira-moneda-local-en-costa-rica-honduras-y-republica-dominicana/>

""Casa Presidencial is one of the institutions that does not comply with the law, by not publishing all its information in the transparency portal," said Ivonne Ardón, commissioner of the Institute of Access to Public Information (IAIP)."

<https://confidencialhn.com/casa-presidencial-no-cumple-con-la-ley-no-publica-informacion-en-el-portal-de-transparencia-ivonne-ardon-del-iaip/>

<https://proceso.hn/bcie-entrega-estudios-de-factibilidad-para-el-desarrollo-de-un-teleferico-publico-en-tegucigalpa/>

31/08/21

Honduras Daily: HRDs; ZEDEs - US; Elections; Congress; COVID-19 - Health Sector, Women; Debt; Military Police; and Transparently Corrupt

Today, the trial against criminalized defenders from the Azacualpa community in La Unión, Copán starts.

<https://twitter.com/MovAmplioHn/status/1432813877935362051>

There is some more reporting on Monday's protest against the ZEDEs.

The Alignment against Continuity published a press release on the occasion.

<https://contracorriente.red/2021/08/31/movilizacion-nacional-exige-derogacion-de-las-zede/>

<https://avispa.org/protestan-en-honduras-contra-la-cesion-de-territorios-a-inversionistas/>

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/movilizacion-nacional-contras-las-zede-por-la-soberania-y-los-derechos-humanos/>

<https://www.defensoresenlinea.com/proclama-por-la-erradicacion-de-las-zedes-la-defensa-de-la-soberania-y-la-defensa-de-los-derechos-humanos-y-ambientales/>

The former vice-president of the US Chamber of Commerce spoke out against the ZEDEs.

<https://tiempo.hn/creador-de-las-zede-richard-ranh-honduras/>

El Libertador denounces the lack of oversight of party financing - after all the drug trafficking trials in the US, the whole world knows about the drug trafficking links of Honduran politicians but somehow the Clean Politics Unit cannot find any prove.

As part of its electoral monitoring, CESPAD published a report on the question of how to avoid this year "the experience of 2017".

The National Electoral Council (CNE) presented a request to Congress to reform a controversial bill undermining its autonomy (see some days ago).

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3164-honduras-politica-sucia-sin-castigo-autoridad-aun-espera-pruebas>

<https://cespad.org.hn/2021/08/31/institucionalidad-electoral-contra-reloj-elecciones-2021-en-honduras-como-evitar-la-experiencia-del-2017/>

<https://proceso.hn/cne-remite-iniciativa-al-cn-para-reformar-de-decreto-que-violenta-autonomia/>

Congress in Honduras is well known for such controversial bills and this has now been recognized regionally as well. "Characterized by significant restrictions on access to public information, the imposition of the agenda and the tendency not to listen to citizens' demands, the National Congress of Honduras ranks second to last in the ranking of legislative transparency in Latin America".

<https://proceso.hn/la-opacidad-del-congreso-nacional-en-el-ranking-latinoamericano/>

<https://elpulso.hn/2021/08/31/congreso-hondureno-reprobado-en-informe-internacional-de-transparencia-legislativa/>

So far, there have been 339'841 COVID-19 cases detected in Honduras and there are 8932 confirmed deaths.

<https://proceso.hn/honduras-roza-los-9-mil-decesos-por-covid-19/>

"Contract doctors from the Leonardo Martínez hospital, who work in COVID-19 wards, held an informative assembly on Tuesday to demand their payment of two months' salary and other labor rights."

<https://confidencialhn.com/por-falta-de-pago-medicos-del-hospital-leonardo-martinez-en-asambleas-informativas/>

The pandemic in Honduras has deepened the poverty of women and further pushed them into informal work according to UN Women.

<https://confidencialhn.com/covid-19-profundiza-pobreza-femenina-senala-onu-mujeres/>

ConfidencialHN reports that the JOH regime multiplied public debt by five to \$16 billion in the last 12 years (the first four years, JOH was the president of Congress).

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