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Honduras Daily: Public Sector - JOH, Repression, UN, US; Corruption - JOH; Journalists; and JOH's Bot Army

El Pulso published an overview of day two (Friday) of the nation-wide strike.

The strike will continue next week and it seems to grow in strength as more than 5000 IHSS employees just announced to join in.

The protesters even received support from an unexpected side, the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés.

<http://elpulso.hn/segundo-dia-de-paro-movilizacion-masiva-y-danos/>

<https://tiempo.hn/trabajadores-ihss-unen-manifestaciones-2/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/01/trabajadores-del-ihss-se-unen-este-lunes-al-paro-nacional/amp/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/01/honduras-pierde-mas-con-la-conduccion-erronea-del-pais-ccic/amp/>

<https://tiempo.hn/ccic-perdidas-corrupcion-manifestaciones-1/>

There is now also some international coverage, for example by Democracy Now! and Peoples Dispatch.

Most article highlight that the protests are not anymore just against the controversial decrees threatening the public education and health sector with privatization and massive lay-offs, but it developed into a widespread protest against the JOH regime.

Padre Melo summarized it as follows: "There is no way to be found to end social conflictivity that does not involve the resignation of the head of State. Everywhere you look, Juan Orlando Hernández is the problem. Once again the [US] Embassy is wrong to support the person who lost the confidence of the majority of society."

<https://www.democracynow.org/es/2019/5/31/titulares/hondurans-continue-massive-protests-against-privatization-plans>

<https://peoplesdispatch.org/2019/06/01/struggle-against-privatization-in-honduras-renews-rebellion-against-government/>

<https://contracorriente.red/2019/05/31/protestas-contra-privatizacion-de-salud-y-educacion-reviven-consigna-fuera-joh/>

<https://twitter.com/Melosjmoreno/status/1134654563129200646>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/los-pcm-son-solo-la-punta-de-lanza/>

Amnesty International denounces the brutal repression by state security forces against the protesters (see also yesterday). "It is shameful that instead of guaranteeing the rights of its population, the Honduran government continues opting to repress demonstrations with the indiscriminate use of tear gas and lethal weapons, in violation of international standards."

But repression continued and it the campesino community Guadalupe Carney was especially targeted. The campesino organizations CNTC and MCA denounced that state security forces shot live bullets at protesters and beat them wounding five persons, among them an eight-year old boy.

<https://www.amnesty.org/es/latest/news/2019/06/autoridades-de-honduras-deben-dejar-de-reprimir-protestas/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/01/honduras-debe-parar-uso-excesivo-de-la-fuerza-para-reprimir-protestas-ai/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/01/colombianos-e-israelies-estarian-participando-en-desalojos-en-bajo-aguan/>

OACNUDH expressed its concern regarding the defamatory attacks against the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1083-oacnudh-preocupada-por-campanas-de-desprestigio-contra-plataforma-por-la-salud-y-educacion>

<https://tiempo.hn/oacnudh-gobierno-culpar-actos-violentos-organizadores-1/>

Rodolfo Pastor Fasquelle denounces the role of the US in the current situation, especially the one played by Chargé d'Affaires Heide Fulton who he declares a persona non grata.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/01/usted-es-non-grata-coronel-heide-fulton/>

ConfidencialHN uncovered another suspicious act by JOH. He and his wife acquired a luxurious apartment in Miami which later was transferred to a US couple for \$10.

<https://confidencialhn.com/descubren-otra-casa-a-mujer-de-joh-traspasan-lujoso-apartamento-a-matrimonio-por-10-dolares/>

A group of journalists came together yesterday to take the initial steps to create their own association unsatisfied with the work of the Journalists Association of Honduras (CPH).

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/01/se-gesta-nueva-asociacion-de-periodistas-ante-desproteccion-en-el-cph/>

"Honduran President and officials with more than 70% of false accounts on Twitter"

<https://elmensajero.news/2019/06/01/presidente-hondureno-y-funcionarios-con-mas-de-70-de-cuentas-falsas-en-twitter/>

02/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, National Party; JOH; Violence; Deportation;

Representatives of the public education and health sector announce that the protests will continue today and tomorrow.

Yesterday, they received support from the labor union CGT calling for the derogation of the disputed executive decrees.

<https://tiempo.hn/1-salud-educacion-continuaran-movilizaciones/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/presidenta-del-cmh-anuncia-que-asambleas-informativas-continuaran-el-lunes.html>

<https://tiempo.hn/cgt-exige-derogacion-de-los-pcm/>

The repression of the two-day national strike was very brutal as highlighted in the last e-mails. The Honduras Solidarity Network linked on Twitter to additional videos and photos of the repression and its results.

Especially targeted by state repression is the Bajo Aguán. When campesino communities there also joined the nationwide protests, they were attacked by the military and police, as happened in Guadalupe Carney in Trujillo, Colón (see also yesterday).

The community denounced that soldiers were flown in by helicopters and that they shot live bullets at protesters.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1135280726214041600>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1135287556105334784>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1135283163071012864>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/mas-heridos-en-protesta-registra-el-bajo-aguan/>

<https://twitter.com/ofraneh/status/1135230908213149696>

<https://twitter.com/ofraneh/status/1135220593392005120>

The JOH regime and its National Party organized a counter protest march yesterday, a "march for peace"...

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/nacionalistas-marchan-por-la-paz-en-la-capital-tegucigalpa.html>

On Saturday, the protests received unexpected support from the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés (CCIC) (see yesterday's e-mail). According to Criterio, this support runs deeper and there was a meeting between business people and the main business lobby COHEP in which the former demanded a coherent position by COHEP, i.e. to demand the resignation of JOH for the good of the country.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/02/empresarios-pedirán-al-cohep-que-exija-la-salida-de-joh/amp/>

Honduras lived through another violent weekend and the number of mass killings this year rose to 31. In five months, almost the same amount of mass killings took place as in all 2018 (39).

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/02/honduras-31-masacres-en-5-meses-de-2019/>

Over 40'000 Hondurans have been deported so far in 2019, more than in the same period in previous years.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/mas-de-40-mil-hondurenos-han-sido-deportados-en-2019.html>

03/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Analysis; Journalists; Corruption - JOH, Narcopolítica, Cuéllar; and Tony's Drug Plane

Yesterday, the JOH regime announced the derogation of the two controversial decrees in what it presented as a dialogue, but which was not accepted by most protesters, especially the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare. They denounced it as a demobilization strategy by the regime.

It is also indicative of the regime's strategies that those representative of the education and health sector participating faced threats of government persecution due to financial irregularities (3rd link).

MADJ published a press release denouncing this tactic.

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare announced that the protests will continue for the time being.

There was a big march in Tegucigalpa where the IHSS employees joined in, but there also continued to be protest outside the capital.

Reporteros de Investigación portrayed a protest in Santa Ana and COPINH tweeted about the successful resistance to state repression against a highway occupation in Siguatepeque.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/9674-2/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1135566087251120128>

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/03/opinionri-en-medio-de-acusaciones-de-lavado-y-pleito-criminal-entre-prichma-y-colprosumah-sentaron-a-dialogar-a-dirigentes-magisteriales/>

<https://madj.org/index.php/2019/06/04/en-salud-y-educacion-no-hay-dialogo-sin-derogacion/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/03/acusan-de-conducta-antiética-a-titular-del-conadeh-y-a-ministra-de-dd-hh/amp/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/03/medicos-y-docentes-rechazan-acuerdo-con-gobierno-y-anuncian-protestas/amp/>

<https://www.latribuna.hn/2019/06/03/plataforma-pone-requisitos-para-sentarse-a-mesas-de-dialogos/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/03/masiva-protesta-de-medicos-y-docentes-pese-a-division-orquestada-por-el-gobierno/amp/>

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/03/maestros-madres-padres-y-alumnos-en-protesta-por-la-educacion-en-la-ciudad-de-los-vientos/>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1135659964763185152>

CESPAD published a helpful analysis by Eugenio Sosa of the protests highlighting seven keys to interpret them: i) the context of illegitimate government politics; ii) the deterioration of the right to health and education; iii) emergency decrees creating interventionist bodies; iv) the reactivation of the labor unions in the health and education sector; v) leadership; vi) failed strategies by the JOH regime; and vii) open question on how far the protests will come.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/06/03/analisis-honduras-siete-claves-para-interpretar-la-ola-de-protestas-contra-las-privatizaciones-en-los-sectores-de-salud-y-educacion/>

The journalist César Omar Silva was sentenced to 37 days and 12 hours in prison for confronting the ambassador Marcos Tulios Porras Toledo of the self-proclaimed president of Venezuela, Juan Guaidó.

<http://elpulso.hn/condenan-a-periodista-cesar-silva-por-agresion-a-venezolano/>

<https://tiempo.hn/culpable-agresion-periodista-cesar-silva/>

According to Criterio, JOH had offered 20 million Lempiras to three congresswo/men of the Liberal Party so that they voted for Mauricio Oliva as the president of Congress.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/03/joh-ofrecio-20-millones-a-diputados-liberales-para-controlar-el-congreso-nacional/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/najera-revela-que-joh-dio-60-millones-a-tres-diputados-liberales-para-imponer-a-jefe-del-legislativo/>

Two more accused in the Narcopolítica corruption case will face trial.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/detencion-judicial-para-dos-imputadas-en-caso-narcopolitica.html>

<https://tiempo.hn/mas-detenciones-judiciales-en-caso-narcopolitica/>

ConfidencialHN denounces that one year after leaving office as deputy attorney general, Rigoberto Cuéllar is still not being investigated for corruption.

<https://confidencialhn.com/cuellar-y-esposa-se-escudan-en-el-poder-para-no-ser-perseguidos-por-masiva-corrupcion/>

Radio Globo and ConfidencialHN report that a decommissioned drug plane in 2014 had belonged to Tony Hernández and had been a gift by drug traffickers.

<https://confidencialhn.com/narcoavion-decomisado-en-2014-era-un-obsequio-para-tony-herandez/>

04/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, Criminalization, Economy; Journalists; MACCIH - Lobo; Corruption - de Lobo, Narcopolítica;

As announced, the nationwide protests continued yesterday, the sixth consecutive day.

The president of the Liberal Party, Luis Zelaya, also participated and warned the public education and health sector of falling into the trap of a false dialogue with the JOH regime.

Already Monday has shown, that this does not seem to be the case and yesterday, the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare presented seven conditions that need to be fulfilled to start a dialogue.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3384-sexto-dia-de-fuertes-protestas-exigen-renuncia-del-gobierno-hondureno>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/04/crisis-de-gobernabilidad-en-honduras-tiene-a-su-poblacion-en-las-calles/amp/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/04/luis-zelaya-persuade-a-medicos-y-docentes-que-no-caigan-en-su-error-de-aceptar-dialogo-con-joh/>

<https://tiempo.hn/condiciones-plataforma-de-salud-y-educacion-dialogo/>

<http://elpulso.hn/estas-son-las-condiciones-de-la-plataforma-para-comenzar-el-dialogo/>

While yesterday's protest in Tegucigalpa was not repressed as usual, maybe as a PR tool to show the international community that the JOH regime is ready for talks, repression has not stopped in the rest of the country.

The campesino community Guadalupe Carney remains militarized and under siege.

Human rights organizations filed a Habeas Corpus in favor of the community.

Four young Hondurans, including a 12-year old, were detained in La Lima, south of San Pedro Sula.

In El Progreso, the situation was especially bad as the Honduras Solidarity Network denounced. "At least 4 young people have been badly beaten & are being held in police station in city of El Progreso. Military & police are chasing protesters into large sugar cane fields causing panic & uncertainty about the well-being & whereabouts of those being chased #Honduras".

Pasos de Animal Grande denounces that the doctor Ligia Ramos was tear gased when she arrived to support other protesters on Monday before the casa presidencial.

Defensores en Línea reports on the violent repression in La Paz.

Radio Progreso rhetorically asks how one cannot call the state security forces criminals. "The actions of the National Police and the Military Police in the face of the recent demonstrations

against the privatization of health and public education reflect a systematic pattern that has not changed with the new curriculum or with the much publicized purification process. (...) When police and military agents repress violently, use their firearms against the disarmed people and use brute force indiscriminately, they violate the Constitution, international treaties and other laws of the republic. Therefore, what is the name of those who violate laws and commit crimes? Criminals. And criminals are those who let the crime pass and do not conduct an investigation promptly, impartially, independently and effectively."

CEJIL denounced the repression in a press release.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/militares-mantiene-sitiada-la-guadalupe-carney/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2481-le-exigen-a-joh-detener-la-represion-contra-los-campesinos-del-aguan>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/04/interponen-recurso-de-habeas-corpus-a-favor-de-la-comunidad-guadalupe-carney/amp/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1136023408943259655>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1136028075207122950>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2482-defensora-en-peligro-policia-echa-toxico-en-la-cara-de-integrante-de-la-plataforma-por-la-salud-y-la-educacion>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/sin-dialogo-policias-y-militares-atacan-a-docentes-de-la-paz/>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/como-no-llamarles-criminales/>

<https://www.cejil.org/es/condenamos-represion-manifestantes-salud-y-educacion-honduras>

Human rights organization denounce the persecution of the young teacher Ronmel Valdemar Portillo Herrera accused of setting fire to tires outside of the US embassy. And even though the Supreme Court accepted a Habeas Corpus in favor of him presented by COFADEH, Herrera was sent to the maximum-security prison La Tolva violating court orders.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/04/violando-orden-judicial-inp-lleva-a-ronmel-valdemar-portillo-a-la-tolva/amp/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/inp-contraviniendo-orden-de-juez-traslada-a-ronmel-valdemar-herrera-a-la-tolva/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1290394-466/padre-de-joven-acusado-de-quemar-la-embajada-de-ee-uu-es>

El Libertador reports that the Standard Fruit Company Honduras announced to suspend its activities in Honduras due to the protests.

There is even talk that it moves its operations to Guatemala and Mexico.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3382-honduras-cierra-standard-fruit-company-por-crisis-politica-y-social>

<https://tiempo.hn/eurofruit-dole-movera-operaciones-bananeras/>

Reporteros de Investigación denounces the failures of the protection mechanism in the case of journalist Miriam Elvir. Even though she had already denounced two attacks against her, the mechanism did not offer her protection and she was robbed and threatened again a week ago. Her cell phone was stolen and afterwards unknown attackers tried to enter her e-mail account she uses for work.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/04/periodista-asaltada-una-vez-mas-tras-ser-rechazada-por-mecanismo-de-proteccion-y-por-fiscalia-de-proteccion-ya-habia-denunciado-dos-ataques/>

Former president Pepe Lobo continues to legally persecute the head of MACCIH, Luis Marrey. Yesterday, he presented a complaint at CONADEH.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/04/pepe-lobo-denuncia-al-vocero-de-la-maccih-ante-el-conadeh/>

<https://tiempo.hn/pepe-lobo-denuncia-vocero-maccih-ante-conadeh/>

Lobo's wife, meanwhile, saw another attempt of her defense team to challenge the trial against her dismissed.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/deniegan-amparos-de-la-defensa-tecnica-en-caso-caja-chica-de-la-dama.html>

The initial hearing of two accused in the Narcopolítica corruption case took place yesterday.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/en-audiencia-inicial-imputadas-en-caso-narcopolitica.html>

05/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, Denigration, Analysis; Hydroelectricity - Reitoca; Corruption - Journalists, Narcopolítica; Armed Forces; Transparency; and the Many Faces of Violence

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare announced a partial return to work which includes assemblies to discuss the propose dialogue. They also announced new protests for the weekend if things remain the same. At the same time, protests and road blocks continue.

There is some criticism regarding this step, i.e. a partial withdrawal, by the platform.

But the situation is as clear cut. Suyapa Figueroa, the president of the Medical Association of Honduras (CMH), told media outlets that they cannot join a dialogue while a gun is being held to their heads.

The platform also demanded an international mediator.

The JOH regime remained numb to such demands and held a first day of dialogue yesterday without the presence of the platform.

<http://elpulso.hn/previo-a-comenzar-el-dialogo-se-normalizan-actividades-en-colegios-y-hospitales/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1136317955371819008>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/opiniones/1087-en-la-densa-realidad-politica-debe-exisitir-una-luz>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/05/no-se-puede-llegar-a-un-dialogo-con-una-pistola-en-la-cabeza-suyapa-figueroa/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/05/plataforma-exige-facilitador-internacional-para-entablar-dialogo-televiado/>

<https://tiempo.hn/gobierno-acuerdo-no-plataforma-de-salud-y-educacion/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1290784-466/honduras-los-primeros-acuerdos-entre-el-gobierno-y-el-magisterio>

As the situation in Honduras remains tense, there is also more international coverage. Nina Lakhani writes for the Guardian on how the protests came about and the violent repression by the JOH regime. "The current wave of social unrest was triggered by privatization reforms that critics warned would kill off public education and health services. This week, Hernández withdrew the proposed legislation, but more strikes and protests are planned for the coming days despite the militarized crackdown. "The people are on the streets because the crisis is extreme, and they have been betrayed too many times by this government, which is no longer recognized as credible or legitimate," said Dr Suyapa Figueroa, president of the Honduras Medical College and leader of the fledgling Platform for the Defense of Education and Health. "We are willing to dialogue but only with representatives who are honest, knowledgeable, and have no conflicts of interest, not those chosen by this illegal government," Figueroa added."

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jun/05/honduras-protests-teachers-doctors-president>

The Meso-American Initiative of Women Human Rights Defenders demands a stop to the repression of the protests. They denounce state violence by the JOH regime and the arbitrary detention of at least 25 protesters.

The Latin American Secretary of the labor union UITA wrote an open letter to JOH.

<http://im-defensoras.org/2019/06/comunicado-alto-a-la-represion-de-la-protesta-social-en-honduras/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/la-rel-uita-entrega-carta-al-presidente-juan-orlando-hernandez/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/05/rel-uita-respalda-la-plataforma-por-la-defensa-de-la-salud-y-la-educacion/amp/>

Radio Progreso dissects the smear campaign against the protesters. "It is true that both crime and social protest are nourished by poverty, unemployment, rising prices, corruption, abandonment of the countryside by the State, and ultimately, the unfair distribution of wealth. But in comparison to crime which is clearly associated with powerful groups in the country connected to organized crime and corrupt public institutions and officials, social protest has no organizational relationship with crime. Social protest has a direct relationship with the just complaints and discomforts of the poor. And these claims have been increasing to the extent that public policies enlarge inequalities and respond more to the interests of mafias than to the realities of the country. As inequality continues to grow, it is an ethical responsibility to participate in social protests, and it is an obligation to decontaminate them from leaders or political groups interested in manipulating them. Social protests are good news when they express the will of the population to channel their discontent in an organized way and demand answers to their clamor."

OFRANEH's Miriam Miranda sent out words of support for Suyapa Figueroa, a special target of smear and hate campaigns.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/protستا-social/>

<https://twitter.com/baraudawaguchu/status/1136425782631424005>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/opiniones/1088-loor-al-colegio-medico-de-honduras>

Eugenio Sosa analysis for CESAD what the derogation of the controversial decrees mean and what new scenarios now await. He concludes that "all popular sectors and citizens in general, must assume the challenge of preparing to advance popular struggle on a new scale, constituting a Platform for Popular Struggle Against All Privatizations and Corruption which includes the demand to repeal all types of territorial concessions for mining, hydroelectric and other types of extractivism, popular demands on the subject of electric power and the fight against corruption."

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/06/05/analisis-la-derogacion-de-los-pcm-nuevo-escenario-y-nuevos-desafios-en-la-lucha-contra-las-privatizaciones-en-honduras/>

CESPAD regularly presents helpful overviews of territorial conflicts in Honduras. In the newest publication, they offer an analysis of the situation in Reitoca, where the indigenous Lenca population resists the imposition of a hydroelectric project on the Petacón river.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/06/05/coyuntura-desde-los-territorios-reitoca-un-municipio-enfrentado-por-la-instalacion-de-un-proyecto-hidroelectrico/>

Reporteros de Investigación highlights what the journalist Gabriel Hernández had been investigating before he was assassinated - the construction of a 18.2 million Lempiras dirt street.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/05/esta-carretera-de-tierra-de-20-millones-investigaba-periodista-asesinado/>

ContraCorriente published an analysis of the newest corruption case presented by the MACCIH and UFEVIC, Narcopolítica.

<https://contracorriente.red/2019/06/04/caso-de-narcopolitica-e-ilegitimidad-de-juan-orlando-hernandez-desestabilizan-pais/>

Radio Progreso reports on possible divisions inside the Honduran Armed Forces and speaks with the former army captain Santos Rodríguez Orellana. Yesterday, a press release was published by an unknown group of army members denouncing the current leadership of the Armed Forces.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/division-en-fuerzas-armadas-es-profunda-un-90-de-la-institucion-rechaza-decisiones-de-actual-cupula-militar/>

C-Libre documented the lack of transparency by the JOH regime and its state bodies. In the last years, 48 requests for secrecy were filed and most were granted by the Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP).

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/transparencia/secretividad/1085-cerca-de-40-resoluciones-mantienen-ocultos-los-secretos-del-estado-hondureno>

Migdonia Ayestas criticizes the reductionist view of a more peaceful Honduras by only looking at (the disputed) homicide rates.

<https://tiempo.hn/ov-unah-no-reduccion-muertes-violentas-en-honduras/>

06/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, US, Church, Liberal Party; Journalists; Corruption; Abortion; Migration - US; Weapons - US; and a Women's History

Even though some members of the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare temporarily withdrew to discuss the options on the table, the Honduran people continue to protest in various cities. The platform also announced that they will return to the streets the next week if there are no satisfying answers by the JOH regime.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/06/si-no-hay-acuerdos-la-plataforma-regresara-a-las-calles-la-proxima-semana/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3387-plataforma-impone-nueve-requisitos-para-dialogo-con-gobierno-hondureno>

The Network of Human Rights Defenders of El Paraíso denounces the repression by state security forces.

And the situation may become worse, as the Honduras Solidarity Network highlights a worrisome development. "Military task force FUSINA announces military operations in cities around country to supposedly protect pop'n during time when employees receive an extra month of pay. It just so

happens to be the time when protests against gov't are the strongest, particularly in north #Honduras"

The IACHR published a press release expressing concern about the injuries inflicted on protesters by tear gas and live bullets reiterating that fire arms should not be used to repress protests.

But the repression is not just physical, the JOH regime also launched smear campaigns against the leadership of the protests, especially against Suyapa Figueroa.

<https://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/143.asp>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/06/cidh-preocupada-por-violencia-en-el-paro-nacional-en-honduras/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/red-defensores-de-el-paraiso-condena-brutalidad-del-estado-contra-manifestantes/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1136832611777540097>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/2484-gobierno-usa-activistas-politicos-para-amenazar-a-la-dirigencia-de-la-plataforma-por-la-salud-y-la-educacion>

Yesterday, the initial hearing against the young teacher Ronmel Valdemar Herrera Portillo took place. He is being criminalized for setting fire to tires outside the US embassy.

The judge decided to open trial with pre-trial detention. Portillo had to return to the high-security prison La Tolva.

A protest in support of him was held outside the court.

In a press release, the US Cross Border Network raises question about the narrative presented by the US and the Honduran authorities regarding the fire. Some of its members were inside the embassy as part of a human rights delegation when it happened.

Nevertheless, the US embassy almost daily fuels the criminalization of Portillo by publishing press releases or tweeting claiming that they had to temporarily stop the emissions of visas at the embassy implying that it is Portillo's fault.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/audiencia-inicial-contra-ronmel-valdemar-herrera-portillo/>

<https://tiempo.hn/prision-rommel-herrera-embajada-eeuu/>

<https://twitter.com/Conexihon/status/1136705138217967616>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/06/defensores-de-ee-uu-y-canada-sospechan-que-ataque-a-embajada-fue-preparado/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1136635990771036160>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1291032-466/heide-fulton-ante-la-quema-de-la-embajada-de-ee-uu-confiamos>

Radio Progreso spoke with the director of the Pastoral Social Caritas of San Pedro Sula, Carlos Paz. "The people have marked their level of tolerance, they are fed up and at this moment they know that

dialogues only serve to postpone the crises, to sharpen the crises and at this moment they don't believe in a dialogue".

The Episcopal Conference of Honduras emitted a press release on the protests expressing understanding for why the people take to the streets.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn/honduras-ante-el-reto-de-recuperar-el-estado-de-derecho-dice-pastoral-social-caritas/>

<https://fidesdiariodigital.com/2019/06/06/conferencia-episcopal-de-honduras-emite-nuevo-comunicado/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3386-basta-ya-iglesia-catolica-hondurena-reclama-ineptitud-del-gobierno-ante-crisis>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/06/conferencia-episcopal-ve-la-crisis-en-honduras-como-una-encrucijada-sin-salida/>

The president of the Liberal Party, Luis Zelaya, reacts to attempts by the main media outlets to denigrate the protests, e.g. by saying that there is a hidden agenda. Zelaya says that the goal is clear and publicly known, to get rid of JOH.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/06/no-hay-agenda-oculta-la-agenda-es-publica-y-es-sacar-a-juan-hernandez-luis-zelaya/amp/>

Three men were found guilty for the murder of journalist Igor Padilla in 2017. Pasos de Animal Grande laments that once more the intellectual authorship was not investigated.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2485-quien-ordeno-el-crimen-del-periodista-igor-padilla>

The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) denounces that state bodies block corruption investigations highlighting five cases. Among the institutions failing to share information are the privatizing body COALIANZA and the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE).

<https://tiempo.hn/cna-instituciones-estado-obstaculizan-investigacion-corrupcion/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/cna-denuncia-que-varias-instituciones-estatales-obstaculizan-investigaciones.html>

"Honduras' total ban on abortion in all circumstances puts women and girls in danger and violates their rights, Human Rights Watch said today, releasing a web feature on the topic. Abortion in Honduras is illegal in all circumstances, including rape and incest, when a woman's life is in danger, and when the fetus will not survive outside the womb."

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/06/06/honduras-abortion-bans-dire-consequences>

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/06/06/life-or-death-choices-women-living-under-honduras-abortion-ban>

<http://derechosdelamujer.org/honduras-las-dramaticas-consecuencias-de-la-prohibicion-del-aborto/>

At least seven Central American migrants died in US custody since October 2018. Last Sunday, a 33-year-old Salvadoran man died after suffering a seizure while in custody of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. On Monday, a 40-year-old Honduran woman died in the hospital after having collapsed at a Border Patrol station.

<https://eu.usatoday.com/story/news/2019/06/04/us-border-two-more-migrants-die-federal-custody/1261131001/>

The US-Mexican civil society initiative Stop US Arms to Mexico published a fact sheet on US weapon sales to Honduras.

<https://stopusarmstomexico.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Fact-Sheet-Gun-Sales-to-Honduras.pdf>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/06/la-historia-esta-siendo-escrita-con-puno-y-letra-de-mujer/>

07/06/19

Honduras Daily: COPINH - Río Blanco; Public Sector - Journalists, JOH; Coup d'état; Extractivism; Corruption - Narcopolítica; MACCIH; Penitentiary System; Extortion; Armed Forces - US; Extradition; Remittances; Deportations; and a June in Movement

Trocaire published a portrait of indigenous Lenca defender Rosalina Dominguez from Río Blanco who has been suffered a renewed wave of threats in the recent months.

<https://www.trocaire.org/news/one-bravest-people-i-have-ever-met-danger>

The Platform in Defense of Education and Healthcare calls for new protests this weekend and invites Honduras to join with a so-called "cacerolazo" (pot-banging).

Libre supports this call for protests.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3389-honduras-cacerolazo-y-caravana-el-fin-de-semana-anuncia-la-plataforma>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/libre-decide-apoyar-a-la-plataforma-y-llama-a-militancia-a-sumarse-a-todas-las-movilizaciones.html>

C-Libre denounces that infiltrators at the protests destroyed the equipment of Hispan TV journalist Dassaev Aguilar.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1019-infiltrados-en-movilizacion-de-plataforma-destruyen-equipo-a-corresponsal-de-hispan-tv>

The platform Citizen Action against the Dictatorship published a press release demanding the resignation of JOH and inviting the Honduran people to remain in the streets until the end of the dictatorship.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/accd-exige-la-salida-de-joh-del-poder-y-llama-a-estar-de-manera-indefinida-en-las-calles/>

In the aftermath of the coup d'état - ten years ago this month - Agustina Flores was illegally detained and tortured by the police. Yesterday, two police agents faced an initial hearing, but only for the crime of ill-treatment ("delito de vejámenes").

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/primer-juicio-oral-y-publico-por-violacion-a-ddhh-en-el-golpe-del-2009/>

FOSDEH published a report on the mining and energy sector in the south of Honduras.

<http://www.fosdeh.com/2019/06/territorios-en-riesgo-ii-el-caso-de-la-zona-sur-de-honduras/>

Carol Ivón Pineda Baide received pre-trial detention in the Narcopolítica corruption case while the charges against another accused were dropped. In total, three people are in pre-trial detention and another three are additionally accused, but can await trial outside prison.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/dictan-prision-preventiva-y-sobreseimiento-definitivo-a-dos-sospechosas-en-caso-narcopolitica.html>

The MACCIH will hold a public forum next Wednesday on different organizational structures of MPs in Latin America.

https://twitter.com/OEA_MACCIH/status/1137077662848049152

CESPAD reports on the so-called maximum-security prison El Pozo in Santa Bárbara highlighting regular abuse and human rights violations.

And just this weekend, the National Penitentiary Institute (INP) announced that family visits at El Pozo and La Tolva are suspended for "security reasons".

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/06/07/el-pozo-de-ilama-el-alcatraz-hondureno/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/07/gobierno-suspende-visitas-en-carceles-de-maxima-seguridad-durante-el-fin-de-semana/amp/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/suspenden-visitas-el-fin-de-semana-a-carceles-de-maxima-seguridad.html>

"The MS13 in Honduras has gone from shaking down motorcycle taxi drivers to owning fleets of the bikes and controlling the organizations that license them, showing the evolution of the gang's extortion rackets."

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/honduras-ms13-mototaxi-fleet/>

Some 300 US marines arrived in Honduras yesterday as part of the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force of SouthCom.

Additionally, there are over 2600 new army graduates as Proceso Digital reports.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/07/llegan-a-honduras-300-elementos-de-la-marina-de-ee-uu/amp/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/ffaa-suma-dos-mil-600-nuevos-soldados.html>

El Libertador reports that the US is pressuring the JOH regime to extradite the former Nationalist mayor and JOH ally Arnaldo Urbina Soto.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3388-ee-uu-presiona-por-extradicion-de-excalcalde-del-partido-nacional>

El Pulso emphasizes the important role of remittances in (partially) stabilizing the Lempira compared to the US Dollar.

<http://elpulso.hn/remesas-han-reducido-la-acelerada-devaluacion-del-lempira/>

The number of deported Hondurans rose by 45.9% between January and May this year.

<http://www.proceso.hn/migrantes/1-migrantes/deportacion-de-migrantes-hondurenos-aumento-45-9-en-2019.html>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/junio-en-movimiento/>

08/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, Journalists, JOH; Migration - Journalists, Mexico; Extradition; and a Letter to Oracle

While the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare is contemplating next steps, protests continue at the community level. In Guapinol, nationally known for its resistance to a mining project, inhabitants blocked a road in solidarity with the nationwide protests and to reiterate their demand for the derogation of the mining concession in their area. They were repressed by the national police and the Military Police, but they stood their ground. The police then went to the community itself to raid various houses and arrested and arrested at least four people.

According to the Honduras Solidarity Network, eight youths had been arrested but they were later release after the people of Guapinol had mobilized.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/medicos-a-reunion-este-domingo-para-definir-estrategias-a-seguir.html>

<https://tiempo.hn/video-toma-en-guapinol-militares-casas-1/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1137522828511571968>

The repression also affected community radios, for example in the case of the campesino community Guadalupe Carney, where two community radio stations are located. The Latin American section of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) expressed its concern regarding the militarization of the community and they denounced that the radio stations had to stop their transmission for fear of repression.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1020-asociacion-latinoamericana-exige-respeto-a-trabajo-de-radios-comunitarias-en-colon>

As the previous weekend, the JOH regime organized its own march.

On the stage, JOH laughably claimed that education and health care are top priorities of his government and he even presented new possible presidents for Honduras from his party...

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/08/desesperado-joh-encabeza-marchas-a-su-favor/amp/>

<https://tiempo.hn/marcha-por-la-paz-nacionalistas-tegucigalpa/>

<https://tiempo.hn/salud-y-educacion-prioridad-dice-joh/>

Some months ago, when the first migrant caravan took off from Honduras, the JOH regime was fast to criminalize and denigrate journalist and former Libre congressman Bartolo Fuentes, unconvincingly claiming that he organized the caravan. Fuentes reacted with filing complaints against some of them. The former ENEE president Jesús Mejía was among them and now, fearing the courts, he publicly asked for forgiveness.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2486-funcionario-se-retracta-de-acusaciones-bartolo-fuentes-no-incentiva-a-la-gente-a-migrar>

"As part of ongoing negotiations to avoid the tariffs President Trump threatened last week, Mexican officials have offered to deploy 6,000 national guard troops to their border with Guatemala to stem the flow of Central American migrants traveling through Mexico to the U.S."

<https://news.yahoo.com/mexico-offers-deploy-6-000-123734560.html>

<http://elpulso.hn/mexico-ofrece-enviar-6-mil-efectivos-a-frontera-sur-para-frenar-migracion/>

The pressure from the US seemed to have worked (see yesterday) as a judge approved the extradition of the former mayor of Yoro and JOH ally Arnaldo Urbina Soto.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/08/corte-extraditara-al-exalcalde-de-yoro-arnaldo-urbina-soto/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/juez-concede-extradicion-al-exalcalde-arnaldo-urbina.html>

The Social Citizen Platform for Honduras wrote an open letter to the president of Oracle to inform him about the situation in Honduras, the illegal reelection of JOH and the irregularities in Congress that led to the \$8 million contract with Oracle.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/08/envian-carta-a-oracle-por-ilegal-contrato-en-honduras/amp/>

09/06/19

Honduras Daily: LGBTQ; Public Sector - CCC, Church; JOH - US; Extractivism – Guapinol;

El Tiempo reports that the 20-year old member of the LGBTQ community Jhony Alexander Gutiérrez Sabillón was murdered in Choloma, Cortés. According to El Tiempo, he was stoned to death. It is at least the third murder of a member of the LGBTQ community this year.

<https://tiempo.hn/muerto-a-pedradas-en-choloma/>

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare calls the offered dialogue by the JOH regime a monologue.

The gave the regime an ultimatum until today at 12pm to respond to the nine points presented by the platform as a precondition for a real dialogue.

The ultimatum is accompanied by a call for another strike starting at 7am today.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/dialogo-del-gobierno-con-gremios-magisteriales-es-un-monologo-denuncia-doctora-ligia-ramos.html>

<https://tiempo.hn/plataforma-ultimatum-gobierno-manifestaciones-lunes-1/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1137902190394085376>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1137904172039376896>

The Alignment against Continuity (CCC) met in Siguatepeque to discuss the current situation in Honduras, especially the protests in the public sector. El Tiempo spoke with Carlos H. Reyes about the meeting.

<https://tiempo.hn/carlos-h-reyes-honduras-nunca-habia-estado-en-tanta-desgracia/>

The public statement by the Episcopal Conference of Honduras about the current crisis caused widespread reactions. Even the former head of MACCIH, Juan Jiménez Mayor, welcomed their statement from abroad.

El Pulso, meanwhile, highlights, that the leadership of the Catholic Church had also their role in producing the crisis.

<https://tiempo.hn/exvocero-maccih-alaba-pronunciamiento-obispos-honduras/>

<http://elpulso.hn/la-culpa-de-la-tesis-en-honduras-tambien-es-culpa-de-la-iglesia-catolica/>

Rodolfo Pastor Fasquelle list no less than twelve accusations against JOH from being part of the conspirative group that led to the coup d'état 10 year ago to collusion with organized crime.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/08/acuso-a-juan-hernandez-alvarado/>

As the US is keeping JOH in power in Honduras, Libre demanded yesterday the immediate exit of all US military personnel from Honduras as well as its current Chargé d'Affaires Heide Fulton.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/08/libre-exige-la-salida-inmediata-de-honduras-de-las-tropas-militares-de-ee-uu-y-de-heide-fulton/amp/>

COPA published a press release denouncing the repression of the inhabitants of Guapinol and the arrest of eight local youths (see also yesterday).

<https://twitter.com/ofraneh/status/1137740972169879559>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1137581351870222343>

10/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, Analysis; MADJ; Journalists; MACCIH; Corruption - Public Health; Migration - Children; and Honduras, a Model Country

Two teachers started a hunger strike as part of the protests by the public education and healthcare sector. They additionally demand the freedom of the political prisoners as well as an end to the JOH regime.

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare calls for an alternative and more inclusive citizen dialogue as the JOH regime did not comply with the preconditions for a real dialogue.

The regime rather continues with its limited dialogue with a disavowed part of the education sector.

Radio Progreso reports that the Nationalist Party also met with powerful representatives of the Liberal Party to discuss the possibility of a national assembly or a "derivative constituent assembly" as opposed to a real one long demanded by the political opposition.

<https://hch.tv/2019/06/10/instalan-huelga-de-hambre-frente-al-copemh-tgu/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/10/plataforma-llama-a-un-dialogo-ciudadano-alternativo-e-incluyente/amp/>

<https://tiempo.hn/plataforma-de-salud-y-educacion-dialogo-alternativo/>

<http://elpulso.hn/el-gobierno-ha-comenzado-un-dialogo-a-medias-tintas/>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/oposicion-denuncia-plan-para-instalar-constituyente-como-salida-a-la-crisis/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/el-bipartidismo-nunca-aceptara-la-constituyente-dice-expresidente-zelaya.html>

Unable to stop the protests, JOH once more publicly denigrated them and he threatened with more violence, i.e. sending the Armed Forces.

His announcement was accompanied by further threats by Security Minister Julián Pacheco Tinoco.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/10/hernandez-envia-a-sus-soldados-a-reprimir-al-pueblo/amp/>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1138253736344805376>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1021-amenaza-de-secretario-de-seguridad-no-importa-a-quien-tengamos-que-ir-a-arrestar-lo-vamos-a-hacer>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/10/secretario-de-seguridad-tilda-de-grupusculo-a-poblacion-que-protesta-y-amenaza-con-mas-represion/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/contra-el-anuncio-oficial-de-la-represion/>

CESPAD published another piece of analysis on the protests focusing on the weaknesses and possibilities of the dialogue and the sustainability of the protests.

nacla published a helpful interview in English on the roots of the current protest in Honduras with educator and organizer Bayron Rodríguez Pineda.

Lastly, Giorgio Trucchi published an interview with Carlos H. Reyes on the current situation and how everything is linked to the demand of an end to the JOH regime.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/06/10/analisis-honduras-en-que-momento-estamos-en-la-lucha-contra-las-privatizaciones/>

<https://nacla.org/news/2019/06/10/roots-national-strike-honduras-interview-bayron-rodr%C3%ADguez-pineda>

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/200331>

MADJ denounces the criminalization of nine indigenous Tolupan defenders. "First, they steal their land then they criminalize them, and if that does not succeed, they assassinate them".

<https://twitter.com/MovAmplioHn/status/1138103606547308544>

Reporteros de Investigación continues to investigate the circumstances of the assassination of journalist Gabriel Hernández.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/10/sicarios-de-la-mara-del-poder/>

The contract keeping MACCIH in Honduras will run out in January 2020. The Parliamentary Front in Support of the MACCIH fears that it won't be renewed.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-maccih-podria-estar-con-los-dias-contados/>

ConfidencialHN announces that a former secretary of health and other former public officials will soon be charged by the MP for corruption.

<https://confidencialhn.com/emitiran-requerimientos-contra-exfuncionarios-por-presunta-corrupcion-publicaf/>

Physicians for Human Rights published the new report "There Is No One Here to Protect You: Trauma Among Children Fleeing Violence in Central America".

<https://phr.org/news/asylum-seeking-children-from-northern-triangle-suffer-multi-dimensional-recurrent-sustained-trauma/>

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/200321>

11/06/19

Honduras Daily: Political Prisoners; HRDs; JOH; Public Sector - Liberal Party, Repression, Journalist, Analysis; Labor Rights; MACCIH; Corruption - Astropharma, Judicial Power; Environmental Law; Violence; Armed Forces; Inflation; and Dear Mister Security Minister

A new urgent action was launched to demand the freedom of the political prisoners Edwin Espinal and Raúl Alvarez. Both have been jailed for 16 months in a high-security prison in Honduras. It is feared that they will face a show trial. Their rights are being violated and their health is in danger.

<https://www.oeku-buero.de/libertad-presos-politicos-en-honduras.html>

COPINH denounces the ongoing smear and criminalization campaign against human rights defenders and international human rights organizations accompanying them.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1138601126343974913>

The Coalition against Impunity held a forum called "The State of the Dictatorship". ConexiHon published a video of the complete forum.

Criterio spoke with human rights scholar and defender Joaquín Mejía Rivera who participated at the forum. "The state of the dictatorship is what we have been struggling with since 2009, a scenario of permanent unconstitutionality, permanent exceptionality of democratic abnormality, where those who govern the country are not only the elites, but also the military and the embassy of the United States".

Edy Tábora, director of C-Libre believes that the Honduran dictatorship lives through a moment of political weakness, but still has the tools to control citizen which were put in place between 2010 and January 20, 2014, the first term of JOH.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/transparencia/1094-estado-de-la-dictadura-coalicion-contr-la-impunidad>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/11/profundizacion-de-la-dictadura-puede-significar-el-fin-de-la-misma-video/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/11/dictadura-creo-toda-una-institucionalidad-para-blindarse-en-el-poder-video/amp/>

As in the previous days and weeks, Hondurans once more took to the streets yesterday.

Students celebrated a day of occupation of the main schools and universities of the country.

The protests will also continue today.

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare announces more details on its alternative citizen dialogue which will start next Tuesday.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/11/hondurenos-salen-nuevamente-a-la-calles-pese-a-amenazas-de-represion-del-regimen/amp/>

<https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/honduras/430542/protesta-salud-educacion-orlando-hernandez>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3393-estudiantes-hondurenos-celebran-su-dia-en-rebelion>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/plataforma-de-defensa-de-la-salud-y-educacion-anuncia-continuidad-de-movilizaciones-a-nivel-nacional.html>

<https://tiempo.hn/dialogo-alternativo-conocer-realidad-de-salud-y-educacion/>

The president of the Liberal Party, Luis Zelaya, appeared before the media to demand a social pact for Honduras. He reiterates that JOH has to leave power.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/11/luis-zelaya-presenta-pacto-social-por-el-futuro-de-honduras/>

<http://www.radioamerica.hn/luis-zelaya-salida-crisis-social-politica-honduras-joh-deje-poder/>

Protesters around Honduras continued to suffer state repression and the platform even speaks of "state terrorism".

Salvador Zúniga, founder of the indigenous organization CINPH denounces that he was attacked by a group of Nationalist activists when he tried to defend five children between 9 and 13-year old who themselves were harassed by the activists. This was linked to the nationwide protests.

<https://radiohrn.hn/2019/06/11/plataforma-hay-terrorismo-y-persecucion-gobierno-denuncia-vinculo-maras-protestantes/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/tomas-y-desalojos-se-reportan-en-varias-regiones-de-honduras.html>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/2488-turba-de-activistas-del-partido-nacional-atacan-al-defensor-indigena-salvador-zuniga>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/turba-fugaz-ataca-a-salvador-zuniga-en-intibuca/>

The Honduras Solidarity Network links to a video showing police repression of a journalist in Choloma.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1138345382130270208>

A group of Honduran public intellectuals published a short analysis of the current situation accompanied by a call to protest.

<http://www.web.elibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3392-analisis-metastasis-del-sistema-politico-hondureno>

"Following letters to Costco Wholesale from Fair World Project and the International Labor Rights Forum urging the retailer to make future purchase orders with fruit company Fyffes contingent on the cessation of labor rights violations, Costco has confirmed that it has not placed future orders for melons from the Fyffes operations where ongoing violations occur. Fyffes is an Irish multinational company owned by the Japanese conglomerate Sumitomo, and is one of the largest fruit brands in the world. "This is a victory for the Honduran farmworkers who have been organizing for three years to have their union rights respected," said Gabriela Rosazza, a campaigner at the International Labor Rights Forum."

<https://laborrights.org/releases/costco-ceases-orders-following-union-busting-fyffes%E2%80%99-honduran-plantations>

The MACCIH held a forum on the different setups of MPs in Latin America. During this, its head Luiz Marrey Guimaraes made a worrisome statement. Proceso Digital cites him saying that UFECIC (the MP's anti-corruption body) is ready to work independently of the MACCIH. He then goes on that there is still some work to do together, but it still can be interpreted that Marrey does not believe that the MACCIH will stay in Honduras for long.

The same day, Marrey also said that there are still some 20 active lines of investigation.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/el-ministerio-publico-demostro-su-evolucion-en-lucha-contra-la-corrupcion-resalta-vocero-de-maccih.html>

<https://tiempo.hn/maccih-20-lineas-investigacion-activas-corrupcion/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/jefe-anticorrupcion-alaba-valentia-del-fiscal-de-ufecic-no-quiere-hablar-de-chinchilla/>

The MP published an update on the Astropharma corruption case in which 15 people are accused of various crimes such as fraud or crimes against health. The case is currently in the last phase of the public hearing.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/136-junio2019/4383-delitos-de-corrupcion-y-contra-la-salud-del-pueblo-seran-probados-por-fiscales-anticorrupcion-en-juicio-oral-y-publico-por-caso-astropharma>

<https://confidencialhn.com/inicia-juicio-oral-y-publico-contra-ex-vicepresidenta-del-parlamento-por-causa-astropharma/>

A group of prosecutors denounce corruption at the MP and the Supreme Court.

<https://confidencialhn.com/fiscales-reafirman-infiltracion-de-delincuencia-organizada-en-el-ministerio-publico/>

The Environmental Law Institute of Honduras (IDAMHO) published the newest Gaceta Verde.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/d02dd2498a2fb3cd56bd850c3/files/7e8fa530-fa1f-45c8-87b1-4c4796f072a3/Gaceta_Verde_73_Marzo_Abril_2019.pdf

Yesterday, the 34th multiple murder took place in Honduras this year, almost double the amount as in the same time period in 2018.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1292428-466/una-masacre-cada-cinco-d%C3%ADas-se-ha-registrado-este-2019-en-honduras>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/sucesos/1292405-410/hombres-chalecos-dpi-asesinos-jovenes-puerto-cortes-violencia-honduras>

ConfidencialHN reports on a crash by an army helicopter with one ton of cocaine crashed in a remote community in Gracias a Dios.

<https://confidencialhn.com/ffaa-en-la-mira-por-misterioso-viaje-de-cocaina-que-se-accidento-en-la-mosquitia/>

FOSDEH challenges the inflation numbers by the Central Bank of Honduras.

<https://confidencialhn.com/fosdeh-advierte-que-cifras-de-inflacion-presentadas-por-el-banco-central-de-honduras-no-son-coherentes/>

"General Julián Pacheco Tinoco, the almighty man of military intelligence in the country, the same who was unable or unwilling to use that intelligence to investigate and dismantle the criminal structures linked to drug trafficking, threatens through the media that his police, the purged one, will not allow the protests to continue. (...) General Pacheco Tino, the same who threatens the population that he must protect and protects the criminals that he must persecute, has already reserved a place of honor in the dustbin of history."

<https://wp.radioprogresohn.net/el-general-pacheco-tinoco-el-mismo/>

12/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression; JOH; Tasa de Seguridad; National Party; OFRANEH; ILO; MACCIH; Penitentiary System; Maras; Violence; Migration; and a B1 for Honduras

Protests took place once more yesterday.

<https://confidencialhn.com/incansable-ante-amenazas-del-regimen-docentes-alumnos-y-medicos-se-movilizan-por-honduras/>

The JOH regime continue to ignore the voices from the street and the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare and convokes for a dialogue for today.

The protesters won't attend and they go on with their alternative dialogue planned for next Tuesday.

<https://tiempo.hn/gobierno-dialogo-plataforma-convoca-otro-manana-3/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/dialogo-de-sordos-joh-llama-a-conversaciones-sin-tener-salida-a-crisis-sanitaria-y-educativa/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/doctora-suyapa-figueroa-dice-no-asistir-an-dialogo-convocado-por-el-gobierno.html>

Criterio reports on a "salvage hunt" of protesters by state security forces yesterday. Three students were illegally arrested, but HRDs succeeded in having them liberated two hours later.

Labor leader and president of Copedagogosh, Edwin Hernández, denounces persecution by the JOH regime and he fears being arrested or worse.

COFADEH launched an urgent action regarding the attack on HRD and member of the indigenous organization CINPH, Salvador Edgardo Zúniga (see also yesterday).

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/12/policias-y-militares-de-honduras-reprimen-y-capturan-ilegalmente-a-manifestantes/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/12/policia-hace-el-ridiculo-al-presentar-supuestas-evidencias-contramanifestantes/amp/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/hay-un-acecho-permanente-de-la-jauria-estatal-en-contra-de-los-luchadores-sociales-edwin-hernandez/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/accion-urgente-por-ataque-al-defensor-de-los-pueblos-indigenas-salvador-edgardo-zuniga/>

Defensores en Línea also reports on Tuesday's forum The State of the Dictatorship (see also yesterday's e-mail). They conclude that Honduras under JOH is only a step away to become a totalitarian regime.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/expertos-senalan-que-honduras-esta-a-un-escalon-de-convertirse-en-un-regimen-totalitario/>

ConfidencialHN reports on the misuse of the tasa de seguridad (security tax) by the JOH regime.

<https://confidencialhn.com/jefe-del-tason-beneficia-a-parientes-con-contratos-para-compra-de-bombas-lacrimogenas/>

National Party mayor Nery Noé Méndez was sent to prison accused of sexual abuse.

<https://confidencialhn.com/envian-a-prision-a-alcalde-nacionalista-de-la-campa-por-ultraje-sexual/>

OFRANEH continues to highlight problematic actions by the mayor of La Ceiba, Jerry Sabio. According to them, Sabio plans to have a ZEDE installed in the National Park Cordillera Nombre de Dios.

<https://twitter.com/ofraneh/status/1138781571799035904>

Honduras was put by the International Labor Organization (ILO) on a black list because it does not respect labor rights. ILO also announced a visit to Honduras for this year.

<http://dinero.hn/honduras-en-lista-negra-de-la-oit-paises-que-incumplen-normativas-laborales/>

The US embassy thanks the head of the MACCH Luis Marrey for his work and announces that it "will continue to support MACCIH and the fight against corruption".

<https://twitter.com/USAmbHonduras/status/1138993506792484870>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/lucha-contra-la-corrupcion-no-se-para-con-salida-del-vocero-de-la-maccih-dice-heide-fulton.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/es-necesario-un-poder-judicial-independiente-y-un-mp-autonomo-vocero-de-maccih.html>

A confrontation between different gangs in the national prison in Támara, Francisco Morazán left one inmate dead and 26 hurt.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/12/un-muerto-y-26-heridos-deja-enfrentamiento-en-carcel-de-honduras/amp/>

<http://elpulso.hn/26-heridos-y-un-muerto-en-pelea-entre-paisas-y-emeeses/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1292712-466/un-muerto-y-varios-heridos-durante-una-ri%C3%B1a-en-la-penitenciar%C3%ADa-nacional>

An investigation by Reporteros de Investigación comes to the conclusion that the two gangs Mara Salvatrucha (MS) and Barrio 18 (18) receive different treatment from the JOH regime. Apparently, the regime goes after the MS more leniently which Reporteros de Investigación explains with their connections to members of the JOH regime.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/12/sicarios-de-la-mara-del-poder-2/>

According to El Libertador, more than 1500 students have been assassinated in Honduras since 2010

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3395-honduras-mas-de-1-500-estudiantes-asesinados-de-2010-a-2018>

The International Organization for Migration presented the results of a survey of Hondurans abroad in Tegucigalpa.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/oim-72-de-hondurenos-que-vive-en-eeuu-tiene-intencion-de-volver-a-honduras.html>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/economia/1292738-466/moodys-mantiene-calificaci%C3%B3n-de-riesgo-para-honduras>

13/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, Criminalization, Analysis; COPINH; Journalists; Drug Trafficking - JOH; MACCIH; Migration; Penitentiary System; Extradition - Lobo; Electoral Reforms - EU; and an Inspirational Struggle

After weeks of protest, JOH started yesterday his, disputed and widely rejected, dialogue.

Criterio writes: "The real dialogue is in the streets and demands the departure of Hernández".

The Medical Association Honduras (CMH) reacts to threats of having protesting medical staff fired. They announce that if they fire someone, all of them will leave the hospitals abandoned.

They also announced that the platform will join today the weekly torch marches.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/libertad-de-expresion/1098-sin-propuesta-y-con-un-fuerte-proceso-de-intimidacion-arranca-el-dialogo-de-joh>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/13/gobierno-de-honduras-instala-dialogo-sin-la-participacion-de-sectores-en-conflicto/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/13/el-verdadero-dialogo-esta-en-las-calles-y-exige-la-salida-de-hernandez/amp/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/13/con-una-persona-que-toquen-de-la-lucha-vamos-a-dejar-los-hospitales-ligia-ramos/amp/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/hernandez-contra-las-cuerdas-plataforma-sanitaria-y-educativa-se-suma-a-movilizaciones-de-antorchas/>

While JOH calls for a dialogue, his security forces continue to violently repress protesters.

COFADEH published an important preliminary report on the state repression of the protests documenting four murders, three acts of torture, 48 illegal detentions and more.

And the repression continued yesterday. The Honduras Solidarity Network reports on the use of live bullets against protesters in Danlí and La Esperanza and the attempted kidnapping of young protesters in Choluteca.

They also published a video of the violent arrest of three young protesters in Tegucigalpa.

The 28-year old teacher Bayron Rodríguez was heavily beaten by the police and then thrown into the river. He was saved by other protesters but remains in a critical state.

Another teacher, José Ramón Salinas, was shot in Villanueva, Cortés, but fortunately he survived.

ConexiHon published an interview with a university student giving testimony of the repression suffered by her and her colleagues.

COPINH denounces repression in Siguatepeque as well as the illegal detention of buses full of COPINH members on their way back from protests in Siguatepeque.

Somehow blind to all of this, the head of the Armed Forces claimed yesterday that "his courageous soldiers" act according to UN protocols...

<http://www.web.llibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3399-insolito-bajo-represion-bala-viva-y-tanques-gobierno-pide-dialogo-a-plataforma>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/INFORME201912junio.pdf>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/informe-preliminar-de-violaciones-a-los-ddhh-en-el-contexto-de-la-crisis-de-salud-y-educacion/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1139023323248058370>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1139024760778633216>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/alerta-maestro-permanece-en-estado-delicado-por-ataques-de-la-policia-santa-barbara/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/13/policia-reprime-nuevamente-con-balas-y-gases-en-honduras/amp/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1293004-466/un-maestro-resulta-herido-de-bala-en-violento-desalojo-en-cort%C3%A9s>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/tv/1096-estudiante-de-la-upnfm-narra-minutos-de-terror-a-manos-de-la-policia-nacional>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/policia-arremetio-contrajovenes-en-manifestaciones/>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1139227009077448705>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1139265599236976640>

<https://tiempo.hn/jefe-ffaa-soldados-actuan-manual-onu/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/jefe-militar-amenaza-con-desalojar-protestas-de-medicos-y-maestros/>

Defensores en Línea explains why the burning of the US embassy door has to be seen as a false positive to further denigrate and criminalize the protests and the main victim is the young teacher Rommel Herrera Portillo currently in pre-trial detention.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/rommel-es-una-victima-mas-de-los-falsos-positivos-del-regimen/>

Sociologist Eugenio Sosa looks ahead on what the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare as well as the social movement built around it has to do to keep the momentum going. He proposes a five-day nationwide strike.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/13/plataforma-debe-retomar-el-paro-nacional-por-unos-cinco-dias-eugenio-sosa-video/>

COPINH denounces the arrival of a group of Israeli soldiers to the Lenca community Colomoncagua, Intibucá.

<https://copinh.org/2019/06/no-al-ejercito-israeli-en-territorio-lenca/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/2490-denuncian-llegada-de-militares-israelitas-a-comunidad-lenca>

Journalist Rogelio Trejo was harassed by the municipal police in Choloma.

The president of the Journalists Association Honduras (CPH), Dagoberto Rodríguez, announced to travel to the US to meet with the IACHR on the problems with the new Penal Code.

<https://hch.tv/2019/06/13/policia-municipal-de-choloma-agrede-al-periodista-rogelio-trejo/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3398-periodistas-advierten-a-cidh-que-atienda-lo-que-pasa-en-honduras>

The defense of JOH's brother Tony Hernández does not want the courts document to link him to the president.

<https://confidencialhn.com/defensa-de-tony-busca-bloquear-version-de-ee-uu-para-salvarlo-de-larga-condena/>

After the US embassy on Wednesday, others joined yesterday in reiterating their ongoing support for the MACCIH.

<http://elpulso.hn/comunidad-internacional-expresa-respaldo-hacia-la-maccih/>

https://twitter.com/EmbaFrancia_Teg/status/1139169282594619393

<https://twitter.com/EmbCanCRHNNI/status/1139216183511724033>

Caley Pigliucci reports on the fate of rural and indigenous migrants in Central America.

<http://www.ipsnoticias.net/2019/06/migrantes-rurales-e-indigenas-los-olvidados-america-central/>

The death toll of Wednesday's confrontation inside the Támara prison rose to three (see also yesterday). Nevertheless, the National Penitentiary Institute (INP) claims that its prisons are secure and safe.

<https://tiempo.hn/enfrentamiento-en-tamara-identifican-fallecidos/>

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/136-junio2019/4393-medicina-forense-identifica-cuerpos-de-tres-privados-de-libertad-que-perdieron-su-vida-en-reyerta-de-la-penitenciaria-nacional>

<https://confidencialhn.com/las-mentiras-de-gudiel-y-mcneil-sistema-penitenciario-reafirma-seguridad-carcelaria/>

Former president Pepe Lobo says that he does not fear an extradition to the US.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/13/expresidente-de-honduras-preferiria-mil-veces-ir-a-un-tribunal-estadounidense-porque-yo-se-que-no-tengo-nada-que-ver-en-el-tema-de-drogas/>

EU ambassador Alessandro Palmero met with the president of the Central Committee of the National Party, Reinaldo Sánchez, to discuss the stalling electoral reforms.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/partido-nacional-y-union-europea-dialogan-sobre-reformas-electorales.html>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1097-trabajadoras-domesticas-de-honduras-inspiran-campana-en-europa>

14/06/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; Public Sector - Repression, US; MACCIH; Corruption - Astropharma, JOH, Tasa de Seguridad, Penitentiary System; Migration - Guatemala; Poverty; and the 2018 Budget

The human rights defender and environmental leader Santos Isidro Cruz was found yesterday in El Guante, Francisco Morazá with signs of torture and three bullet wounds. He was brought to the University Hospital in Tegucigalpa, but on the way there he died. Cruz was the speaker of the Environmental Committee of the Syrian Valley.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/defensores-exigen-investigacion-por-crimen-de-ambientalista-del-valle-de-siria/>

UUSC and the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas launched together with Radio Progreso an urgent action reaction to the protests in Honduras and their violent repression.

<https://www.uusc.org/initiatives/honduras-in-crisis-how-you-can-help/>

Yesterday, the protests in the public sector and the Torch Marches joined forces.

Javier Suazo published an analysis on the proposed alternative dialogue by the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare.

Radio Progreso spoke with the Honduran writer Julio Escoto who sees the protests as a sign of hope for the whole country.

<https://hch.tv/2019/06/14/realizan-marcha-de-las-antorchas-de-la-capital/>

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/200433>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/protesta-social-en-estos-momentos-es-una-esperanza-para-honduras/>

A group of teachers has started a hunger strike this week.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3404-ultima-hora-maestros-cumpliran-tres-dias-en-huelga-de-hambre>

There is additional information on the most excessive uses of violence by state security forces taking place on Thursday - the beating up of a teacher who was then thrown into a river and the shooting of another teacher in the back (see also yesterday).

OACNUDH published a series of Tweets expressing concern about state violence against protesters. They announce that they are investigating the possible use of live bullets against protesters as denounced by human rights organizations.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/13/denuncian-que-policia-intento-matar-a-maestro-en-santa-barbara/amp/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3403-policia-rocia-gas-pimienta-en-rostro-y-lanza-al-rio-a-maestro>

<http://elpulso.hn/denuncian-abuso-de-la-fuerza-por-parte-de-la-policia-en-protestas-de-ayer/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1099-brutalidad-policial-violenta-protocolo-de-actuacion-para-el-control-de-multitudes>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1139545593737596929>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/14/policia-de-honduras-debe-respetar-estandares-sobre-uso-de-la-fuerza-contr-manifestantes/>

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare met with US chargé d'affaires Heide Fulton. "We have told her and we have made it clear that the protests will continue and that they could worsen in view that the government, far from withdrawing the troops that have occupied many places in the country, in response, has militarized practically the entire country".

Meanwhile, US embassy continue to support the criminalization of the protest by publishing posts such as these: "Criminal damage of @usembassyhn on 5/31 has forced cancellation of all visa appointments and routine consular services from June 17-21, 2019."

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/14/plataforma-dice-a-heide-fulton-que-gobierno-es-ilegitimo-y-que-movilizaciones-continuaran/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/figueroa-confirma-reunion-del-cmh-con-personeros-de-embajada-de-eeuu-para-abordar-crisis.html>

<https://twitter.com/USAmbHonduras/status/1139699944787501058>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1293381-410/heide-fulton-embajada-eeuu-honduras-cancelan-visas-citas>

The MACCIH was strengthened with two new prosecutors this month (Colombian and Brazilian) and another one (German) will join in July.

<http://elpulso.hn/20-lineas-de-investigacion-pendientes-en-la-maccih-y-cna-investiga-salud-y-soptravi/>

The MP informs about the ongoing trial in the Astropharma corruption case involving the powerful Gutiérrez family. They questioned a protected witness who declared that if something were to happen to them, they would hold the Gutiérrez' responsible.

https://twitter.com/MP_Honduras/status/1139599710866608128

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/concluye-evacuacion-de-medios-de-prueba-en-caso-astropharma.html>

Reporteros de Investigación published the second part of their interview with former president Lobo in which he accuses JOH of an impunity pact with the OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/14/luis-almagro-hizo-pacto-de-corrupcion-con-juan-orlando-hernandez-para-evitar-perseguir-hechos-de-2014-en-adelante-expresidente-lobo-sosa/>

ConfidencialHN continues to cover the irregularities at the tasa de seguridad (security tax), i.e. the body supervising it.

<https://confidencialhn.com/molina-se-volvio-en-padrino-magico-de-vendedores-de-armas-quimicas-para-el-tason/>

El Tiempo reports on corruption inside the penitentiary system.

<https://tiempo.hn/recluso-revela-enfrentamiento-tamara/>

This week, a riot took place in the Támara prison costing three inmates their lives (see previous e-mails). The human rights organization CPTRT holds the prison administration responsible.

<https://tiempo.hn/juan-almendarez-la-no-entrada-de-garachana-a-tamara-era-senal-que-algo-andaba-mal/>

"The Trump administration hopes within days to conclude a deal with Guatemala that would block Central Americans from seeking asylum in the U.S. VOA has obtained an unsigned copy of a seven-page draft White House agreement which would establish a "safe third country" protocol between the U.S. and Guatemala. The draft is set to be presented to the government in Guatemala City this week. Under the terms of the agreement, migrants fleeing persecution in El Salvador and Honduras would be required to seek asylum in Guatemala".

<https://www.voanews.com/americas/us-guatemala-close-deal-block-central-american-asylum-seekers>

The World Food Program published an updated country brief on Honduras.

<https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Honduras%20Country%20Brief%20May%202019%20.pdf>

FOSDEH published an analysis on the 2018 budget and its execution.

<http://www.fosdeh.com/2019/06/liquidacion-del-presupuesto-en-honduras-cuanto-se-gasto-quien-lo-gasto-y-que-resultados-se-obtuvieron/>

15/06/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; Hydroelectricity; Public Sector - Criminalization; Lobo; Penitentiary System; Health - Dengue; and Talking Like a Gang Member

More information on the murder of the HRD and environmental leader Santos Isidro Cruz has been published (see also yesterday).

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/15/asesinan-a-ambientalista-en-el-valle-de-siria-francisco-morazan/amp/>
<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3406-alerta-otro-ambientalista-es-asesinado-en-honduras>

Defensores en Línea denounces that the promised community development projects by the hydroelectric company behind Aurora 1 did not materialize. The plant started producing energy in 2014 and until recently was linked to the Nationalist congresswoman Gladys Aurora López through her husband. But according to Defensores en Línea, the plant has been transferred to another company.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/aurora-1-no-cumple-con-sus-promesas-de-desarrollo-comunitario/>

Nationalist congressman plans to present a bill criminalizing masked protesters. In a country where forced disappearance still takes place, masking oneself for a protest can be seen as a protective measure and something to be sent to jail for.

The criminalization and denigration of the protesters is also aided by the corporate media outlets. Proceso Digital reproduces claims that the tourism sector in Tela lost millions due to the protests...

<https://tiempo.hn/oswaldo-ramos-soto-delito-protestar-enmascarado/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/millonarias-perdidas-reporta-industria-del-turismo-de-tela-por-tomas-de-la-plataforma.html>

Former president Porfirio "Pepe" Lobo launched his own political movement "Everyone for Change". During the presentation he lauded the Platform in Defense of Education and Healthcare for their struggle for the Honduran people.

He seems to be willing to do anything to distance himself from JOH, while both men have been linked to drug trafficking and corruption.

<https://tiempo.hn/pepe-lobo-lanza-movimiento-todos-por-el-cambio/>

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/15/lobo-sosa-lanza-hoy-su-movimiento-y-con-un-grupo-de-amigos-quieren-expulsar-a-juan-orlando-del-partido-nacional-por-traicion/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/15/pepe-lobo-lanza-movimiento-politico-pese-a-senalamientos-de-la-maccih-de-nexos-con-el-narcotrafico/>

Family members of inmates protested outside the Támara prison against the prohibition to visit.

<https://hch.tv/2019/06/15/tamara-familiares-de-reos-protestan-por-reciente-prohibicion-de-visitas/>

12 departments are in a state of sanitary emergency due to dengue.

CONADEH even asked for international assistance.

<https://radiohrn.hn/2019/06/14/declaran-alerta-sanitaria-por-dengue/>

<https://tiempo.hn/conadeh-ayuda-internacional-dengue/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1213900-466/diccionario-de-las-maras-los-t%C3%A9rminos-que-utilizan-los-pandilleros-de-centroam%C3%A9rica>

16/06/19

Honduras Daily: HR-Situation; Public Sector - Political Prisoners, UNAH; MACCIH; and Congress in Suspension

The Honduras Forum Switzerland published the May 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:

foro_honduras_suiza@riseup.net

https://honduras-forum.ch/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/1905_AnotherMonthInHonduras.pdf

The healthcare and education sectors met over the weekend and decided that the protests will continue in expectation of the alternative citizen dialogue planned to start on Tuesday.

New support comes from the transport sector which announced strike actions for the coming days.

University teachers at the National Pedagogical University Francisco Morazán published a press release supporting the protests and highlighting why given the situation of Honduras they are more than called for.

Human rights defender, doctor and former UNAH dean Juan Almandares Bonilla presents the current situation in Honduras as a battle between state terrorism and the defense of education and healthcare.

Luís Méndez, meanwhile, highlights the importance of the alternative citizen dialogue proposed by the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/maestros-y-medicos-de-honduras-mantienen-protestas-previo-a-instalar-dialogo.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/transportistas-de-carga-a-paro-por-apoyo-a-salud-y-educacion-y-falsas-promesas-de-joh/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/16/docentes-de-ciencias-sociales-de-la-upn-fm-argumentan-lucha-en-defensa-de-la-salud-y-educacion/amp/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/opiniones/1100-terrorismo-de-estado-y-la-defensa-por-la-salud-y-educacion>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/16/honduras-un-dialogo-ciudadano-alternativo-por-la-defensa-de-la-salud-y-la-educacion/amp/>

C-Libre director Edy Tábora spoke on the radio program "Voices against Oblivion" about the defense of the political prisoner Rommel Valdemar Herrera Portillo. "We have a very coercive Public Ministry that does not allow a technical defense according to the parameters of due process. This situation is compounded by the state's interest in maintaining, controlling and generating fear, keeping political prisoners in the country".

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/los-presos-politicos-son-parte-de-esa-ciudadania-que-esta-luchando-por-un-estado-de-derecho-edy-tabora/>

UNAH published a press release that the university will open today again, but in the case that there are still occupations in support of the strike, the students will have to decide if they want the semester to continue or not.

<https://tiempo.hn/unah-dejara-que-los-estudiantes-decidan-quieren-clases-o-apoyar-las-tomas/>

According to the head investigator at the National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA), Odir Fernández, Honduras, i.e. JOH needs to prolong the stay of the MACCIH.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/si-el-estado-quiere-hacer-una-verdadera-lucha-contr-la-corrupcion-la-maccih-debe-continuar-reitera-el-cna.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/las-sesiones-en-el-parlamento-hondureno-seguiran-suspendidas-hasta-julio/>

17/06/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; OFRANEH; Public Sector - Repression, Infiltration, US, Corruption, Dengue; Journalists; US; Corruption- Astropharma; Penitentiary System; Migration; Secrecy Law; and Electoral Reforms

OACNUDH expressed its solidarity with the HRDs and organizations targeted in a new defamatory attack.

IM-Defensoras denounced the criminalization of the indigenous Tolupán women human rights defenders Ángela Murillo Bardales, Wendy Yadira Pineda López and Alizon Lourdes Pineda Lopez members of MADJ in San Francisco Locomapa.

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1140725941121048577>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/17/preocupante-campana-de-desprestigio-a-defensores-de-derechos-humanos-en-honduras/>

<http://im-defensoras.org/2019/06/alertadefensoras-honduras-criminalizan-a-defensoras-indigenas-del-territorio-tolupan/>

Criterio spoke with OFRANEH representative Geovany Bernárdez about the persecution of the Garífuna people in the north of Honduras through the JOH regime and its extractivist projects.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/17/comunidades-garifunas-viven-persecucion-estatal-para-implementar-proyectos-extractivistas-video/>

Today at 10am in Tegucigalpa, the alternative citizen dialogue will take place.

CONADEH announced that it will attend the alternative dialogue.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/opiniones/1104-dialogo-ciudadano-alternativo-y-pan-con-mierda-pcm>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2491-dialogo-alternativo-convocado-por-la-plataforma-opaco-al-gobierno>

<https://tiempo.hn/conadeh-dialogo-plataforma-salud-educacion/>

Once again, state security forces shot live bullets at protesters in Choluteca.

The two teachers currently on a hunger strike denounce constant acts of intimidation.

C-Libre denounces the targeted repression against journalists.

According to C-Libre, members of the armed forces also profiled journalists covering the protests and HRDs accompanying it.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1140734061113225222>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3407-protesta-y-represion-no-dan-tregua-hoy-lunes-manana-plataforma-a-dialogo-ciudadano>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/libertad-de-expresion/1102-denuncian-intimidacion-en-la-huelga-de-hambre-en-el-copemh>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1024-periodistas-continuan-siendo-victimas-de-agresiones-policiales-en-choluteca>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1025-policia-municipal-destruye-equipo-de-periodista-en-choloma>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1023-militares-y-policias-agreden-y-levantan-perfiles-a-la-prensa-y-a-defensores-de-ddhh>

Reporteros de Investigación reports on the infiltration of protests by state intelligence to denigrate them in the eye of international human rights organizations and foreign governments.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/17/infiltrados/>

The mother of the criminalized teacher Rommel Baldemar Herrera Portillo demands from the US embassy that they release the videos of the fire outside the embassy.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/17/madre-de-rommel-herrera-pide-a-embajada-de-ee-uu-que-entregue-los-videos-del-incendio-video/>

In what can be assumed as an indirect act of solidarity with the protests, UFECIC wrote on Twitter that had all the money stolen through corruption in Honduras been invested in education and healthcare, today's situation would be different.

<https://twitter.com/UFECIC1/status/1140700712986394627>

Doctor Ligia Ramos, spokesperson of the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare, denounces that the JOH regime failed to adequately invest in dengue prevention the consequences of which have become manifest in the current dengue health crisis.

According to Radio HRN, some strike actions were suspended to attend dengue victims.

<https://tiempo.hn/1-denuncian-que-gobierno-no-realizo-acciones-para-prevenir-dengue/>

<https://radiohrn.hn/2019/06/17/alarma-casos-de-dengue-llegan-a-12000-en-su-mayoria-ninos/>

Radio Progreso denounces the persecution by car of the journalist Eleana Borjas for 20min by state security forces.

OACNUDH expressed its concerns regarding her harassment and they demand an investigation.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/radio-progreso-denuncia-seguimiento-a-periodista-en-tegucigalpa/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1026-radio-progreso-denuncia-seguimiento-a-periodista-en-tegucigalpa>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1140620628606771200>

Trump's announcement some weeks ago to cut aid to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras has hung in the air for a while, but yesterday the State Department announced that they cut aid ""until [they] are satisfied that the Northern Triangle govts are taking concrete actions to reduce the number of illegal migrants coming to the US border".

<https://twitter.com/cspan/status/1140716831012982784>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/17/ee-uu-recortara-millonaria-ayuda-a-centroamerica-por-flujos-migratorios/>

The MP published an update on the Astropharma corruption case.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/136-junio2019/4410-ministerio-publico-presenta-solidas-pruebas-contrainplicados-en-caso-astropharma>

Last week, three inmates died in the Támara prison. OACNUDH expressed concerns about the situation of Honduras' prisons.

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1140789544364728320>

Human Rights First denounces the plans by the Trump administration to have Guatemala declared a safe third country (see previous e-mail). "It's simply ludicrous for the United States to assert that Guatemala is capable of protecting refugees turned away from the United States at a time when its own citizens are fleeing violence and other failures of state protection. This is just another shameful and illegal attempt to ban, bar, and block refugees from seeking asylum in the United States."

The US pushes for such an agreement also in Mexico, but without success so far.

<https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/press-release/safe-third-country-agreement-guatemala-would-endanger-not-protect-refugees>

<https://theintercept.com/2019/06/14/trump-tariffs-mexico-refugees/>

According to Proceso Digital, Congress is in no hurry to reform the disputed secrecy law.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/leyes-de-secretos-y-de-delacion-estan-en-la-agenda-del-cn.html>

ASJ warns of the consequences if Honduras fails to approve the electoral reforms.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/riesgo-de-crisis-politica-enfrenta-honduras-de-no-avanzar-en-reformas-politicas-advierterasj.html>

18/06/19

Honduras Daily: Tolupeán; Journalists; Public Sector - Repression, Infiltration; US - JOH; Violence against Women; Corruption - Astropharma; TIGRES; Transparency; and 10 Years of a Perpetual Crisis

Today, a Webinar takes place on the criminalization of the indigenous Tolupeán defenders from San Francisco Locomapa.

<https://twitter.com/GHRCUSA/status/1140991693031903233>

IM-Defensoras published an alert regarding the situation of Radio Progreso journalist Eleana Borjas (see also yesterday).

The MP announced that they arrested a former police agent for attacking the journalist Ronnie Huete Salgado.

<http://im-defensoras.org/2019/06/alertadefensoras-honduras-seguimiento-e-intimidacion-a-la-periodista-eleana-borjas-de-radio-progreso/>

https://twitter.com/MP_Honduras/status/1141140102007132160

The Alternative Citizen Dialogue started yesterday. To some surprise, even two representatives of the JOH regime, the vice-minister of education and the vice-minister of governance, participated.

The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) also participated.

There are nine thematic discussions for each sector, e.g. the application of international conventions and national laws or on corruption in the national healthcare system.

The same day, there were also renewed protest marches.

Several Latin American human rights organizations sent a letter of solidarity to the protesters.

<http://elpulso.hn/plataforma-en-defensa-de-la-salud-y-educacion-inaugura-dialogo-alternativo/>

<https://tiempo.hn/cna-se-suma-dialogo-alternativo-plataforma/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/18/con-el-respaldo-ciudadano-se-inaugura-dialogo-alternativo-en-honduras/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1109-conozca-las-mesas-tematicas-del-primer-dialogo-ciudadano-alternativo>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/con-movilizacion-y-mesas-tematicas-se-inaugura-el-dialogo-ciudadano-por-salud-y-educacion/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/18/defensores-latinoamericanos-se-solidarizan-con-lucha-de-honduras-por-la-salud-y-la-educacion/>

Criterio reports that due to the successful protests and occupations, parts of Olancho now has empty gas stations.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/18/confirmado-departamento-de-olanchosin-combustible/amp/>

The World Medical Association demanded in a letter to JOH an end to the repression.

Defensores en Línea reports on the repression suffered by protesters in Choluteca, a city which is especially hard hit for their two-weekly protests since the illegal reelection of JOH.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3409-asociacion-medica-mundial-exige-terminar-violencia-contra-hondurenos>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/se-agudizan-represiones-en-choluteca/>

Reporteros de Investigación continues to report on the infiltration of protests (see also yesterday). In the newest article, the concentrate on the burning of tires outside the US embassy and the criminalization of Ronmel Valdemar Herrera Portillo.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/18/al-otro-lado-de-la-infiltracion/>

The Washington Post published more details on the proposed aid cuts, i.e. they will be less than previously announced. "The State Department said that after a review of more than \$615 million in assistance that President Donald Trump ordered in March to be cut entirely, it would go ahead with \$432 million in projects and grants that had been previously approved. The remaining amount will be held in escrow pending consultations with Congress, it said." And the disputed security assistance will continue either way.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/us-restores-some-aid-to-el-salvador-honduras-guatemala/2019/06/17/189ebb76-916d-11e9-956a-88c291ab5c38_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.216f0f8de6e9

The first lady Ana García will meet with the US Homeland Security ad-interim secretary Kevin McAleenan.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/primera-dama-se-reunira-con-el-secretario-interino-del-departamento-de-seguridad-nacional-de-eeuu.html>

Pinu congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez denounces the violence suffered by women participating in politics, even from their supposed colleagues.

<http://elpulso.hn/mujeres-en-politica-denuncian-violencia-en-su-contra/>

The MP withdrew accusations against two accused in the Astropharma corruption case.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/fiscalia-retira-acusacion-para-dos-imputadas-en-caso-astropharma.html>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1294547-466/honduras-ministerio-p%C3%BAblico-piden-absolver-a-dos-empleados-de-salud>

ConfidencialHN reports that the TIGRES special forces laid down their work yesterday to protest against bad working conditions.

<https://confidencialhn.com/conato-de-rebelion-fuerza-tigres-exige-mejores-condiciones-laborales/>

ConexiHon reports on efforts by the unity for transparency and inspection of political party financing (UFTF) to keep party donors secret.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/transparencia/1106-unidad-de-transparencia-impone-un-secreto-complice-del-financiamiento-politico-en-honduras>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/10-anos-de-crisis-continuada/>

19/06/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; Indigenous Peoples - Tolupán, Lenca; Public Sector - JOH, TIGRES, Repression; MACCIH; Transparency; and Honduras' Internal Debt

OACNUDH demands an swift, independent and transparent investigation into the murder of the two HRDs Miriam Mercedes Burgos and Santos Isidro Cruz.

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1141356807346098182>

Next week, nine indigenous Tolupán defenders face a criminalizing trial.

<https://twitter.com/cejil/status/1141373193527189504>

Fabricio Herrera is making the case that there are elements of a Lenca genocide found in Honduras under National Party rule.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/19/genocidio-lenca/>

"Without a doubt, we are witnessing what could be a turning point in the recent history of Honduras, and this week could be a crucial moment for the movement that until now has led the Platform in Defense of Healthcare and Education and that should continue to do so. In all this time, and despite the campaigns against it, and the false call to dialogue by the JOH regime, this space that appeared by surprise and with great force in the Honduran context, has shown great clarity and coherence when making their decisions."

The second day of the Alternative Citizen Dialogue was accompanied by nationwide protests and road blocks - the latter thanks to a solidarity strike with the transport industry.

Due to this, more Honduras cities and villages are faced by empty gas stations.

According to El Tiempo, it was not even necessary that the platform called for new mobilizations, given the current situation in Honduras, its people "self-summoned" to the protests.

The main press once more presents the protests as violent and its participants as vandals and thieves.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/plataforma-para-la-defensa-de-la-salud-y-educacion/>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/dialogo-alternativo-ejercicio-democratico-generado-desde-el-pueblo/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2492-dialogo-alternativo-buscar-soluciones-integrales-a-la-grave-crisis-en-los-sistemas-de-salud-y-educacion>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1141383265485377536>

<https://tiempo.hn/transporte-de-carga-pesada-no-aceptaron-propuestas/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/19/caos-ciudades-de-honduras-se-quedan-desabastecidas-de-combustibles/>

<https://confidencial.hn.com/reportan-desabastecimiento-de-carburantes-en-varias-ciudades-de-honduras/>

<https://tiempo.hn/sectores-autoconvocarse-tomas-y-marchas-en-la-zona-norte/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/portadas/10-portada/reportan-tomas-y-danos-a-negocios-en-la-capital-y-protestas-en-el-norte.html>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1294904-466/saqueos-protestas-y-caos-vial-en-la-capital-y-varias-ciudades-de>

Criterio writes off a Honduras in flames demanding the resignation of JOH.

Rodolfo Pastor Fasquelle highlights the need to think of a post-JOH Honduras and presents some paths to follow.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/19/arde-honduras-esta-noche-exigiendo-la-salida-de-hernandez/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3411-militares-se-atrincheran-con-joh-tomas-en-todo-honduras>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/19/la-hora-despues-fantasia-en-clave-de-si-mayorcon-plan-b/amp/>

This new protest wave coincides with the announced strike by the TIGRES special forces (see also yesterday).

Once more a proposed dialogue by the JOH regime failed when after talks between the director of the National Police and the striking agents ended in the launching of tear gas.

Criterio reports of a stand-off between the TIGRES and other members of the National Police.

Afterwards, the National Police held a press conference trying to minimize the problem.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1111-fusiles-caidos-por-represion-contra-de-la-represion-al-pueblo>

<http://elpulso.hn/miembros-de-la-policia-tigres-anuncia-paro-de-brazos-caidos-de-manera-indefinida/>

<https://tiempo.hn/excobras-gasean-director-pn-balacera-celebrar/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/19/honduras-en-medio-de-crisis-policia-hondurena-se-enfrentan-entre-si/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/portadas/10-portada/policia-asegura-se-ha-dignificado-la-carrera-policial-y-dicen-efectivos-en-paro- apenas-son-150.html>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1294870-410/secretaria-seguridad-esfuerzos-mejorar-bienestar-social-policias-fuerzas-especiales-brazos-caidos>

Two teachers stopped their hunger strike due to constant harassment and threats.

COFADEH filed an official complaint at the MP demanding the investigation into the attack by seven TIGRES agents against the teacher Byron Roberto Rodríguez Enamorado on June 13.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/maestros-suspenden-huelga-de-hambre/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1113-asecho-del-regimen-obliga-suspension-de-huelga-de-hambre>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/criminalizar-a-defensores-de-ddhh-es-la-estrategia-del-regimen/>

OACNUDH met with the parting representative of the MACCIH highlighting the importance of its work.

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1141431512132390912>

C-Libre presented another constitutional challenge against two articles of the Intelligence Act which limits the right to freedom of information.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1110-la-corte-debe-revisar-si-las-leyes-son-inconstitucionales-kenia-oliva>

"What is internal debt, to whom the Hondurans owe money in their own country, how much is owed, what implications does the burden of this debt have for the Treasury, what consequences does that debt have for the daily life of the population?"

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/06/19/la-deuda-interna-un-gasto-sin-control-e-inefectivo-que-paga-la-poblacion-hondurena/>

20/06/19

Honduras Daily: Indigenous Peoples - Tolupán, Garífuna, COPINH; Public Sector - Repression, Militarization, TIGRES, Journalists, US, Transport Sector; MACCIH; Corruption - Astropharma; US; and Privatizing Soccer

CEJIL informs about Monday's criminalizing trial against the nine indigenous Tolupán defenders and members of MADJ. It is the third time, the State of Honduras legally persecutes this indigenous tribe and in 2013, the IACHR granted 35 of them protective measures.

<https://www.cejil.org/es/honduras-pueblo-indigena-tolupan-enfrenta-nuevo-proceso-criminalizacion>

OFRANEH denounces the massive exodus of Garífuna youth as a result of the desperate state of Honduras under Nationalist rule. "In the last ten years, the state has been looted by politicians and their relatives, who have dedicated themselves to legislate in order to infringe on rights and divide up the spoils. Meanwhile, poverty has exploded at the same time as the neoliberal reforms led to the privatization of demolished institutions; On the other hand, biodiversity and national territory are auctioned, through "model cities" (ZEDE).

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2019/06/20/exodo-masivo-narcodictadura-y-sus-padrinos-en-washington-y-telaviv/>

At the beginning of June, COPINH was on a six-day delegation in Italy.

<https://copinh.org/2019/06/gira-del-copinh-en-italia/>

I wrongly linked to a fake press release by the JOH regime claiming that it ordered a curfew. Nevertheless, there was a meeting by the National Defense and Security Council in which JOH announced a "mass deployment" of members of the army, police and state intelligence.

OACNUDH expressed concerns.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/libertad-de-expresion/1116-poder-ejecutivo-declara-persecucion-militar-contra-la-poblacion-hondurena>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/20/acorralado-joh-convoca-de-emergencia-al-consejo-nacional-de-defensa-y-seguridad/amp/>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1141879245481881600>

While the Coalition against Immunity documented 49m protests around the country, the situation further worsened yesterday.

In the night from Wednesday to Thursday, at least two protesters were killed, one was shot by the Military Police in the head. In Tegucigalpa alone, at least 12 protesters were treated in the University Hospital for injuries due to repression.

OACNUDH has additionally documented 19 injured protesters, 16 by fire arms.

They also confirm the two deaths and demand an investigation.

A report by the University Hospital counted 21 injured, 17 of which by fire arms, and two deaths. COPINH links to a video showing a young protester unconscious - he had been beaten by the police.

IM-Defensoras emitted an alert.

Reporteros de Investigación published photographic and videographic material of the protests and the repression.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1115-dos-fallecidos-y-19-heridos-dejan-jornada-de-insurreccion-en-honduras>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1141653265332834305>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1141877366370820096>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1141860564177698816>

<https://twitter.com/GildateleSUR/status/1141693795790196736>

<https://www.telesurtv.net/news/fallecidos-heridos-protesta-honduras-20190620-0001.html>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1141874143345991680>

<http://im-defensoras.org/2019/06/alertaurgente-honduras-gobierno-reprime-a-manifestantes-se-reportan-al-menos-dos-personas-muertas-y-decenas-de-herida-en-su-mayoria-por-arma-de-fuego/>

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/20/opinionri-imagenes-de-rebeldia-ciudadana-y-policial-contra-regimen-de-honduras/>

The Honduras Solidarity Network reports that more and more members of the Armed Forces are used to repress the protests instead of the National Police Force.

OACNUDH reminds the JOH regime that the Armed Forces should not participate in matters of law enforcement.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1141819768141426688>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/policia-militar-reprime-a-manifestantes-y-agrede-a-periodista/>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1141879246866059265>

The TIGRES special forces, meanwhile, accompanied by municipal and departmental police forces continued their strike (see also yesterday).

Radio HRN reports that the internal matters body of the police, DIDADPOL, profiled the protesters inside the police and that they face sanctions and even being fired.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/policias-mantienen-paro-de-labores-y-se-niegan-a-desalojar-protestas/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/20/no-queremos-apoyar-un-gobierno-que-no-vale-la-pena-policia-de-honduras/amp/>

<https://radiohrn.hn/didadpol-recoge-evidencias-para-identificar-a-agentes-policiales-levantados-en-rebeldia/>

The current situation eerily reminds us about the post-electoral repression at the end of 2017 and beginning of 2018. Another commonality is the restriction of the freedom of press. Two TeleSur journalists were held at the airport in Tegucigalpa.

The authorities claim that they would have needed an invitation to cover events in Honduras, something which according to journalist Gilda Silvestrucci is completely false.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2493-gobierno-de-joh-retuvo-a-periodistas-de-telesur-que-llegaron-a-cubrir-las-protestas-en-honduras>

<https://twitter.com/GildateleSUR/status/1141748972249387008>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/retenidos-dos-corresponsales-de-telesur-en-terminal-aerea-toncontin.html>

While all of the above happened, the US chargé d'affaires Heide Fulton felt the urge to praise the work of the Honduran human rights secretary...

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/heide-fulton-destaca-trabajo-de-secretaria-de-ddhh-pero-dice-retos-persisten.html>

These last days, the protest initially started by the education and healthcare sector then spread to a wider public, was supported by the transport sector, i.e. large truck drivers. El Pulso reports that they came to an agreement with the JOH regime yesterday.

<http://elpulso.hn/en-madrugon-acuerdan-terminar-paro-de-transporte/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1295203-466/transportistas-y-gobierno-afinan-acuerdos-para-que-sean-aplicados>

Professor Chuck Call analyses the prospect of an international anti-corruption mission for El Salvador looking at the Guatemalan and Honduran example. "However, the experiences of Guatemala's CICIG and Honduras's MACCIH show that a strong investigative mandate, close partnership with vetted national prosecutors, strong international backing, and transparent accountability will increase the chances of success of any such mission. (...) CICIG and MACCIH were born of political crises, but they were given different authorities, faced different expectations, and delivered different results."

<https://aulablog.net/2019/06/20/central-america-hybrid-anti-corruption-commissions-can-work/>

Criterio published more information on the corrupt behavior by Astropharma.

<https://criterio.hn/2016/01/06/astropharma-uso-cinco-registros-sanitarios-falsos-expendio-medicamento-adulterado/>

El Pulso claims that the US chargé d'affaires Heide Fulton will be replaced by Lawrence Gumbiner.

<http://elpulso.hn/embajada-de-eeuu-sustituira-a-encargada-de-negocios-heide-fulton/>

<http://elpulso.hn/privatizacion-estadios/>

21/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, Criminalization, Militarization, Police, US; JOH - Lobo, US; Migration; Budget - Youth; and the Prison Business

ContraCorriente spoke with the president of the Medical Association of Honduras, Suyapa Figueroa, about the protests and the crisis in Honduras.

<https://contracorriente.red/2019/06/21/honduras-es-un-pasto-seco-y-cualquier-cosa-enciende-la-chispa-suyapa-figueroa-presidenta-del-colegio-medico-de-honduras/>

The JOH regime and its security forces continue to repress its people. As a result, another protester, the 17-year old Eblin Noel Maradiaga, was shot dead yesterday by the Military Police.

The OACNUDH "profoundly regrets" his death, sending out a message of solidarity with his family. They also demand an investigation.

According to COFADEH, five people died between June 19 and June 20 due to military repression.

But state security forces continue to use live bullets to repress people. "Coordinator of Popular Organizations of the Aguan (COPA) denounces that live bullets were fired by Honduran military about two hours ago at campesinos in the Aguan Valley region during an eviction. Two young people were injured by bullet & various others were tortured".

Amnesty International wrote an open letter to JOH demanding to stop the violence. "The Honduran authorities must not continue on the path of violence and repression. We urge the administration of Juan Orlando Hernández to guarantee the rights to freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly, and limit the use of force to a proportional minimum to avoid further injuries and deaths."

In a press release, CEJIL also demands a stop of state repression.

There is also a solidarity message with COFADEH and the Honduran people from several Latin American human rights organization.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1141932946120683521>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/polifacetico-joven-es-asesinado-en-una-represion-policia-militar/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/policia-de-honduras-responsabiliza-a-ffaa-por-muerte-de-manifestante-de-yarumela/>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1142155570687959040>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/represion-militar-en-honduras-deja-5-muertos-y-mas-de-treinta-heridos/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/2494-crece-la-cifra-de-personas-asesinadas-en-las-manifestaciones>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1142231749709246464>

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/06/21/alerta-militares-disparan-bala-viva-en-colon/>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/06/honduras-amnistia-advierte-hernandez-sobre-despliegue-fuerzas-armadas/>

<https://www.cejil.org/es/estado-honduras-debe-cesar-represion-y-garantizar-derecho-protesta-social>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/organizaciones-de-ddhh-de-america-del-sur-se-solidarizan-con-cofadeh-y-con-los-trabajadores-de-la-salud-educacion-y-el-pueblo-hondureno/>

In La Esperanza, Intibucá, protesters tried to stop the detention of a minor by the police leading to a confrontation.

Due to the tense situation, a local food festival was canceled. In the press release, the organizing committee blamed COPINH for it. COPINH "strongly rejects the slanderous accusations".

In this context, the JOH regime also tries to criminalize the lawyer and HRD Mario Amílcar Portillo Contreras. Even though he tried to mediate, he is being presented as an organizer of the protests. FIDH and OMCT express their concerns about his criminalization and the threats launched against him. They demand a stop to this.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/policia-y-militares-atacan-al-pueblo-intibucano/>

<http://elpulso.hn/intibuca-arde-en-llamas-y-se-suspende-festival/>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1142094205134749696>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/omct-y-la-fidh-solicita-intervencion-urgente-por-amenazas-contra-defensor-de-derechos-humanos/>

COFADEH warns of a further deterioration due to the use of the Armed Forces. "The Armed Forces are now in charge of confronting citizen mobilizations instead of the Preventative Police and Police Special Forces which continue in rebellion against the Executive and are under threat of being attacked by force to make them submit, destroy or imprison them."

The Security Secretariat, meanwhile, calls the militarization fake news and criminalizes alternative media outlets for inciting violence.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/the-new-urgencies-of-the-crisis/>

<https://www.policianacional.gob.hn/noticias/3731>

<https://radiohrn.hn/secretaria-de-seguridad-desmiente-militarizacion-del-pais/>

The Washington Post reports on the recent strike by the TIGRES special forces and other police elements. "Riot police ended a three-day work stoppage Friday but warned Honduras' government they will not crack down on thousands who continue to protest in the streets demanding President Juan Orlando Hernández resign. "We will not repress our people anymore and we will respect their human rights," an officer with his face covered told journalists outside a station, accompanied by fellow officers."

Criterio published the agreement signed between the JOH regime and TIGRES special forces.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/honduran-police-end-strike-as-protests-demand-president-quit/2019/06/21/556e1388-9462-11e9-956a-88c291ab5c38_story.html?utm_term=.55ad46f8fa83

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/21/en-otro-madrugon-fuerzas-especiales-de-la-policia-firman-acuerdo-con-el-gobierno/>

In this context, the head of SOUTHCOM, Adm. Craig Faller, visited Honduras, for the opening ceremony of the Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Southern Command deployment to the region...

<https://twitter.com/Southcom/status/1142074817677615104>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/21/en-medio-de-crisis-comando-sur-de-ee-uu-reafirma-respaldo-a-regimen-de-joh/amp/>

Javier Suazo published an interesting analysis on the role of former president Pepe Lobo in the anti-JOH movement.

El Pulso published a portrait of Lobo.

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/200564>

<http://elpulso.hn/pepe-lobo-de-la-presidencia-a-la-desgracia/>

The Carnegie Council published an article by Lynn Holland on the activities of the DEA in JOH's Honduras focusing on drug trafficking and corruption investigation more and more linked to JOH himself.

https://www.carnegiecouncil.org/publications/ethics_online/the-dea-in-honduras-targeting-corruption-in-high-places

"The recent kidnapping and sexual assault of a Honduran migrant woman deported from the United States to Mexico underscores the extreme dangers that migrants face from corrupt security forces and organized crime groups south of the US border."

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/mexico-police-collude-criminals-kidnap-migrant/>

FOSDEH and COIPRODEN published a study on the investment or lack thereof in Honduras' children and youth.

<http://www.fosdeh.com/2019/06/una-mirada-critica-a-la-inversion-publica-en-ninez-y-adolescencia-en-honduras-2015-2018/>

<http://elpulso.hn/los-centros-penales-el-negocio-de-las-maras/>

22/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Journalists, Militarization, Police, Church, Canada; National Police;

Sandra Cuffe published a helpful overview in English on the protests in Honduras focusing on five key aspects: the roots of the protest, the reason why they erupted this time, what has happened since, the response of the JOH regime, and an outlook.

When interpreting the current situation in Honduras, ones thought almost immediately go back to 2009 to the coup d'état. On June 28, it will be ten years since Manuel Zelaya was ousted and the consequences are still felt very clearly.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/06/honduras-protest-crackdown-190621221439388.html>

<https://www.jornada.com.mx/2019/06/22/opinion/022a1mun?>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/22/juan-orlando-hernandez-una-vez-mas-contr-honduras/amp/>

For the third week in a row, the JOH regime organized a so-called March of Peace busing in supporters from different parts of the country. C-Libre denounces that the Nationalist activists harassed and attacked reporters.

At the end of the march, JOH held a speech announcing a possible cut in energy prices by 15%...

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1028-activistas-de-la-marcha-de-la-paz-apalean-a-periodistas-en-cobertura>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/gobierno-estudia-rebaja-del-15-a-tarifa-de-energia-anuncia-el-presidente-hernandez.html>

Criterio focuses on the use of the Armed Forces in repressing protesters under the headline "The Soldiers of Honduras Came Out to Kill".

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/21/los-militares-de-honduras-han-salido-a-matar/>

TIGRES special forces and other police departments laying down their arms this week in protests voiced their fear of retaliation.

Now, the JOH regime announces to replace the head of the National Bureau of the Special Forces, Javier Díaz Herrera.

<https://tiempo.hn/tras-rebelion-cambio-mandos-fuerzas-especiales/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1295662-466/jefe-de-fuerzas-especiales-es-removido-de-su-cargo-tras-huelga-de>

Allied with JOH and gifted with important positions, the Evangelical Confraternity of Honduras make excuses for the violent repression by the JOH regime of its people.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/2496-confraternidad-evangelica-respalda-la-represion-de-las-fuerzas-del-orden-contra-manifestantes-en-honduras>

The Honduras Solidarity Network links to photo showing the Honduran Military Police driving in cars donated by Canada to the Ministry of Health.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1142627257636143104>

Radio HRN reports that by 2022, Honduras will have 26'500 police agents compared to some 17'000 today.

<https://radiohrn.hn/a-2022-numero-de-policias-crecera-en-77-por-ciento/>

23/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, Journalists; National Police - Women; and Obscure NGOs

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare announced to "widen and deepen" the protests as they presented a complaint at OACNUDH for the repression they face.

<https://tiempo.hn/plataforma-invita-a-extender-y-profundizar-las-manifestaciones-1/>

<https://tiempo.hn/plataforma-presentara-denuncia-por-muerte-de-joven-en-la-paz-1/>

Hondurans took to the streets in Yarumela, La Paz, denouncing the murder of the 17-year old Eblin Noel Corea by state security forces.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/23/de-rodillas-tia-de-joven-asesinado-pide-a-militares-que-entreguen-a-quien-mato-a-su-sobrino/amp/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1142787633120104448>

C-Libre denounces that the Security Secretariat publicly threatened media outlets regarding their covering of the protests and their repression. One example: "We reserve the right to make an exhaustive analysis of the malicious contents that are inciting the population to disorder, anarchy and that promote conditions of instability and social decomposition at all levels".

Defensores en Línea spoke with the journalism student Jefferson Martínez who was attacked when covering the Nationalist march on Saturday (see also yesterday).

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1029-con-analizar-contenidos-amenaza-secretaria-de-seguridad-a-la-prensa-que-denuncia-represion-a-protestas>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/crei-que-iba-a-morir-estudiante-de-periodismo-atacado-en-marcha-por-la-paz/>

ContraCorriente published an article on women in the National Police Force. "Women within the Honduran National Police face many barriers to exercise their profession freely and on equal terms: they are victims of harassment by their peers or their superiors, and they are usually relegated to community work. Additionally, they are burdened with domestic work because they never stop being women in a society that tells them how they should live or die. That is why they also face being victims of unpunished femicides, even when they belong to institutions that should prevent and punish these crimes."

<https://contracorriente.red/2019/06/22/mujeres-invisibles-y-acosadas-en-la-policia-nacional-de-honduras/>

Only six out of 51 NGOs receiving state funds comply with transparency requirements.

<https://www.televicentro.hn/noticias/detalle/5d0e3e2f4bafd63ab7a0c7f6/de-51-ongs-que-reciben-fondos-publicos-solo-seis-cumplen-requisitos-de-transparencia-en-honduras?>

24/06/19

Honduras Daily: Tolupanes; Public Sector - Repression, Denigration, Militarization, Church; Mining - Guapinol; US; and Drug Trafficking;

Yesterday, nine indigenous Tolupán defenders faced their initial hearing. The start of this criminalizing trial was accompanied by a press release signed by more than 100 national and international human rights organizations condemning it. "We demand an immediate end to the prosecution of the nine Tolupán land defenders currently charged. Likewise, we ask the authorities to cease the violence, discrimination, and criminalization of the Tolupán tribe of San Francisco Locomapa and to guarantee their rights over their ancestral territory, protect their lives and punish those who have systematically violated their human rights. Finally, we lend our solidarity to the

legitimate and dignified defense exercised by the Tolupan defenders and call on the national and international community to closely follow and demand justice for their case."

The nine Tolupán defenders are members of MADJ and they are accompanied by MADJ lawyers. MADJ additionally published an overview of the case which goes back at least to 2010.

OACNUDH will accompany the process.

<https://www.cejil.org/en/more-100-national-and-international-organizations-condemn-criminalization-nine-indigenous-tolupan>

<https://madj.org/index.php/2019/06/25/conflicto-tolupan-corrupcion-y-saqueo-de-su-territorio/>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1143175952404570112>

Students at the UNAH in Tegucigalpa held various solidarity protests these last weeks. Yesterday, the UNAH was suddenly stormed by the Military Police who opened fire on students. At least five students were injured by bullets and dozens suffered from the tear gas attacks. Once more, the autonomy of UNAH guaranteed in the constitution was violated.

OACNUDH published several Tweets denouncing the attacks and sending a message of solidarity with the injured students. Once more, they felt compelled to remind the JOH regime that "[e]xceptional circumstances such as internal political instability or any other public emergency situation can not be invoked to justify breaching the Basic Principles on the use of force".

In the evening, the students denounced that they are being held captive on university grounds.

UNAH dean Francisco Herrera condemned the violent repression.

FUSINA, to which the Military Police belongs, tries to justify their violent attack in a press release.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1030-policia-militar-abre-fuego-en-la-unah-deja-varios-estudiantes-heridos>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3416-despotismo-ocho-estudiantes-heridos-en-invasion-militar-a-la-nacional-honduras>

Video: <http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/especiales/protesta-social-unah/item/2497-video-represion-militar-en-la-unah-deja-al-menos-cinco-heridos-de-bala>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/24/oacnudh-se-pronuncia-de-manera-energica-contra-uso-de-fuerza-militar-en-la-unah/>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1143335820667097088>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1143333464214839301>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/24/militares-mantienen-secuestrados-a-los-estudiantes-en-la-unah/>

<https://tiempo.hn/rector-de-la-unah-condena-irrupcion-militares/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/unah-denuncia-a-policia-militar-ante-fiscalia-hondurena-por-ataque-a-estudiantes/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/24/fusina-justifica-disparar-sus-armas-dentro-de-la-unah/>

Radio Progreso reports on a two-hour long "savage repression" of teachers in Baracoa, Cortés. It was a joint protest of teachers from Cortés, Yoro and Santa Bárbara.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/con-gas-y-bala-gobierno-responde-a-magisterio-y-estudiantes-universitarios/>

The JOH regime continues to accompany outright repression with the denigration of the protests. The vice-minister of Tourism, Guillermo Orellana, claims that Honduras has lost out on more than 400 million Lempiras due to the protests.

<http://elpulso.hn/mas-de-400-millones-ha-perdido-el-turismo-por-tomas/>

Proceso Digital reports that the Military Police has taken over "strategic places" all over Honduras to suffocate protests.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/policia-militar-no-permitira-tomas-de-vias-en-el-litoral-atlantico.html>

While the Evangelical Confraternity stays allied with JOH (see yesterday and first link below), Honduran bishops dare to criticize the regime. The National Catholic Reporter writes about a recent statement by the Episcopal Conference of Honduras from the beginning of June which included "a scathing assessment of their government's handling of recent conflicts in the country and a heartfelt cry of "¡Basta ya!" "Enough!".

The speaker of the Episcopal Conference of Honduras also denounced yesterday's attack on UNAH students.

<https://confidencialhn.com/confraternidad-evangelica-a-favor-de-que-joh-militarice-la-seguridad-y-reprima-al-pueblo/>

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/world/honduran-bishops-issue-scathing-critique-their-countrys-government>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/iglesia-y-sector-privado-condenan-actos-de-violencia-en-la-unah.html>

Radio Progreso denounces the ongoing smear campaign against COPA and Radio Progreso correspondent Leonel George linked to the mining conflict around Guapinol, Colón.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/incrementa-campana-de-odio-contra-organizaciones-de-ddhh-en-honduras/>

As recently made public, US chargé d'affaires will leave Honduras after three years.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/24/se-va-heide-fulton-de-honduras/amp/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3415-heide-fulton-finaliza-su-gobierno-en-honduras>

<https://twitter.com/USAmbHonduras/status/1143226367422713856>

According to ConfidencialHN, the extradited drug trafficker Juan Carlos Arbizú Hernández accuses the current head of the police Leonel Saucedo of having been involved in illicit activities.

<https://confidencialhn.com/narco-extraditado-a-ee-uu-acusa-a-leonel-saucedo-de-recibir-maletas-llenas-de-dinero/>

25/06/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Dialogue, Repression, Militarization, UN, US, JOH, FoE; Journalists; National Police; Labor Rights; Coup d'état; and Ten Years of Metastasis Growth

Due to the ongoing repression (see also below), talk about the alternative citizen dialogue has almost stopped. CESPAD now has published a short analysis on its potential and limits.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/06/25/analisis-el-dialogo-ciudadano-alternativo-con-protestas-y-demandas-de-cambio/>

For a second day in a row, the Military Police attacked students. Yesterday, they went after students at the Technical Institute of Honduras (ITH).

In an additional protest in Choluteca, people fled from state security forces repression into a mall, but they were followed and shot at. A man handing out leaflets inside the mall was shot in the leg.

Human rights defender and former UNAH dean Juan Almendarez Bonilla looks back on Monday's state violence at the UNAH. "I am writing to the university community, the entire Honduran people and the international community to condemn the violation of university autonomy that occurred on June 24 in the afternoon, when Military Police troops violently entered the university and in an act of terror hunted protesters, resulting in 8 injuries, 2 of them extremely grave. Since the arrival of 300 US Marines, in this time of great insurrectionary protests of the people, the government has felt stronger and therefore has become more repressive."

Talking to Criterio, Bonilla also said that UNAH has to take a clear position to be with the people.

As already written yesterday, UNAH filed an official complaint which ConfidencialHN now has published.

Former police commissioner María Luisa Borjas denounces that "people trained to kill cannot solve conflicts at a place of study".

The repression was also picked up by international media outlets.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/policia-militar-vigila-y-reprime-a-estudiantes-de-colegios-capitalinos/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/presuntamente-por-policias-joven-resulta-herido-en-tiro-teo-en-interior-de-mall-en-choluteca.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/honduras-hieren-de-bala-a-joven-durante-represion-en-choluteca/>

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/25/el-terror-militar-hiere-el-alma-mater/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/25/la-universidad-debe-estar-clara-si-esta-con-el-pueblo-o-esta-contra-el-pueblo-juan-almendares-bonilla/amp/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/denuncian-criminalmente-a-la-policia-ante-el-ministerio-publico-por-represion-en-unah/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/maria-luisa-borjas-personas-entrenadas-para-matar-no-pueden-solucionar-conflictos-en-un-centro-de-estudios/>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-48758146>

The Human Rights Board presented an official complaint against the Security Secretary and against the head of the Military Police.

And in a stand against the militarization, the municipal corporation of La Paz decided to expel Fusina from the municipal building - a first in Honduras.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/25/denuncian-a-secretario-de-seguridad-y-director-de-la-pmop/amp/>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/eblin-noel-la-voz-apagada-por-las-balas-militares/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/alcaldia-de-la-paz-expulsa-a-fusina-de-edificio-municipal/>

The Platform in Defense of Education and Healthcare met yesterday with OACNUDH to present various human rights violations committed by the JOH regime in relation to the repression of the protests.

Radio Progreso published a portrait of the 17-year old Eblin Noel Corea Maradiaga who was murdered by state security forces.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/25/ante-oacnudh-plataforma-denuncia-violaciones-a-los-derechos-humanos-en-honduras/>

Instead of outright condemning the state violence which led to several deaths, dozens of injured and illegally detained protesters, the US embassy insinuates in a press release that protesters were violent.

<https://twitter.com/USAmbHonduras/status/1143682855689736194>

<https://tiempo.hn/embajada-de-eeuu-pide-abstenerse-violencia/>

Radio Progreso refers to a recent publication by The Dialogue - Leadership for the Americas, in which Jorge J. Kawas Mejía, partner at K&M Abogados, Hugo Llorens, former U.S. ambassador to Honduras, and Christine Wade, professor of political science and international studies, all agree in their analysis. "These three people agree that the resentment of the Honduran population against the United States has increased, since they feel that they supported a fraudulent election that re-elected a corrupt president. None of them can be accused of being a Bolivarian leftist, so their diagnosis is

extremely revealing as it fully coincides with the analyzes that we permanently carry out in ERIC-SJ and Radio Progreso. Undoubtedly, the image of the regime of Juan Orlando Hernández is increasingly deteriorating outside our borders and reveals its most corrupt, repressive, illegal and dictatorial face."

Back in Honduras, JOH continued to present the violent repression at the UNAH as the proportionate answer to the protests.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/tres-voces-un-mismo-diagnostico/>

<https://www.thedialogue.org/analysis/will-protests-in-honduras-threaten-hernandezs-govt/>

<https://hch.tv/2019/06/25/existe-un-manualchavista-para-crear-conflictos-en-honduras-juan-orlando-hernandez/>

<https://tiempo.hn/joh-describe-violenta-incursion-militar-unah/>

Pasos de Animal Grande highlights a widely overlooked (except by C-Libre and mentioned here) press release by police from June 21, in which they raise the possibility to intervene in the publication process of media outlets, if according to their definition, they incite people to protest.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2501-policia-podria-intervenir-publicaciones-en-los-medios-de-prensa>

Journalist Lidieth Díaz denounces that her husband, journalist and director of Radio Globo, David Romero, is mistreated in custody.

<https://tiempo.hn/lidieth-diaz-denuncia-maltrato-david-romero/>

An active member of the police force was sent to prison for extortion.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/136-junio2019/4443-por-extorsion-envian-a-prision-a-miembro-activo-de-la-policia-nacional>

El Tiempo reports on the fact that Honduras failed for the fifth consecutive year to comply with ILO standards.

<https://tiempo.hn/honduras-por-quinto-ano-en-la-lista-de-paises-que-incumplen-normativas-laborales/>

With the upcoming tenth anniversary of the coup d'état, more and more articles analyzing the coup, its origin and aftermath are being published.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/la-dimension-politica-y-simbolica-del-golpe-en-honduras/>

<http://elpulso.hn/10-anos-metastasis/>

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Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, US, UN, Transport Sector; Political Prisoners; Mining - Guapinol; WHRDs; Coup d'état; Migration; Corruption - Pandora; Electoral Reforms; and 17'500 Police Agents

Protests continued yesterday and for a third day in a row, state security forces repressed students at the Technical Institute Honduras (ITH).

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare, meanwhile, is strengthening its base by having regional representatives elected.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/lanzan-bomba-lacrimogena-a-instituto-tecnico-honduras-cuando-alumnos-recibian-clases.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/plataforma-llama-a-sus-bases-a-elegir-un-representante-tanto-distrital-como-departamental.html>

Escalating the situation further, the JOH regime temporarily held the US anthropologist and human rights activist Adrienne Pine at the airport in Tegucigalpa.

In Nacaome, a police agent shot a rubber bullet from a motorcycle at the chest of the human rights defender Marlon García.

The human rights network REDHESUR filed a complaint at the regional CONADEH office and the MP in Nacaome against the police sub-commissioner Wilmer Jurandir Pineda Ordóñez for human rights violations in the context of the protests.

Defensores en Línea spoke with teacher Bayron Roberto Rodríguez who two weeks ago was beaten up by state security forces and then thrown into a river. "TEacher Bayron recalls that on that Thursday there was persecution of the riot police, they fired live bullets, and the population fled to save their lives. Sadly he did not run with luck, but rather he was caught by the repressive force of the State, being a victim of torture, pepper spray and among many blows, with one in the neck, lost consciousness. Finally "I woke up in the river, and a boy took me to the clinic, they said I convulsed but later I did not remember ..." he described, when asked what he remembered from that moment."

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1144009297375797248>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/policia-dispara-bala-de-goma-contra-defensor-de-la-redehsur/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/redehsur-denuncia-abusos-de-la-policia-y-militares-en-nacaome/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/la-lucha-del-profesor-que-los-militares-lanzaron-al-rio/>

US congressman and chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Eliot Engels, urges the Honduran government "to allow peaceful demonstrations and to ensure that security forces refrain from repressing protesters."

<https://twitter.com/HouseForeign/status/1143944496532611074>

After the violent repression at the UNAH on Monday, OACNUDH met with UNAH dean to follow-up.

The Union of Latin American and Caribbean Universities (UDUAL) condemned the attack at the UNAH.

OACNUDH also announced that it sent out various special missions to monitor the situation in Honduras.

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1143969636435865600>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/universidades-latinoamericanas-condenan-ataque-a-universidad-en-honduras.html>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/26/oacnudh-despliega-misiones-en-honduras-para-monitorear-derechos-humanos/amp/>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1143980949216157696>

There was an additional nationwide strike action yesterday by motorbike taxi drivers.

Some weeks ago, the truck drivers had also joined the protest but withdrew after an agreement with the JOH regime. This agreement now causes problems between the truck drivers and the Honduran business lobby Cohep.

<http://elpulso.hn/mototaxis-a-paro/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/mototaxis-de-brazos-caidos-por-indiferencia-de-funcionarios-del-instituto-del-transporte/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/26/gobierno-genera-pleito-entre-empresarios-y-transportistas-de-carga-pesada/>

The Honduras Solidarity Network published a call to free the political prisoners Edwin Espinal, Raúl Álvarez, Gustavo Cáceres and Romel Herrera. Three of them have been imprisoned since the end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018, while Herrera is the newest victim in context of the current protests.

The political prisoners fear for their lives as other inmates may be hired to murder them.

Additionally, Honduran prisons in general described as "torture centers" by human rights organizations such as CPTRT. "Pavón [HRD at the CPTRT] said that the maximum security prisons La Tolva I and II and El Pozo are terrible places where people deprived of their liberty live in conditions of permanent torture and isolation and where they are often denied visits, which is their only contact with the outside world."

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1143950432647045120>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/26/presos-politicos-edwin-espinal-raul-alvarez-y-rommel-herrera-denuncian-posibles-asesinatos-video/amp/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/denuncian-que-el-estado-hondureno-desatendio-la-crisis-del-sistema-penitenciarioc-carceles/>

Pasos de Animal Grande denounces the persecution and hate campaign against the HRD Carlos Leonel George who has accompanied the resistance against the mining project in Guapinol.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/2500-denuncian-persecucion-y-campana-de-odio-contra-defensor-los-derechos-humanos-del-aguan>

Invited by OFRANEH, women human rights defenders will meet in Vallecito for two days to discuss their struggles and plan upcoming actions.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/opiniones/1127-encuentro-de-mujeres-hondurenas-en-vallecito-faya>

<https://twitter.com/ofraneh/status/1143952917361283078>

More pieces of analysis on the tenth anniversary of the coup d'état were published by CESPAD and Radio Progreso.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/06/26/analisis-honduras-a-diez-anos-del-golpe-de-estado-donde-estamos/>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/yo-juan-orlando-hernandez-diez-anos-de-golpe-de-estado/>

The UN Refugee Agency UNHCR emitted a press release on the tragic death of a El Salvadorian migrant and his two-year old daughter at the US border. "While the details remain uncertain, what is clear is that the circumstances that led to this tragedy are unacceptable. Less than four years after the world witnessed the lifeless body of a Syrian refugee toddler, Alan Kurdi, washed up on the shores of the Mediterranean, we are once again confronted with powerful visual evidence of people dying during their dangerous journeys across borders."

<https://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2019/6/5d134c674/tragic-image-drowned-father-child-must-propel-prevention-measures.html>

E Tiempo reports that new evidence in the Pandora corruption case was admitted by the courts.

<https://tiempo.hn/admiten-pruebas-peritos-caso-pandora/>

Libre reiterated that they remain in parliamentary insurrection until the the approval of the electoral reforms.

<https://confidencialhn.com/jorge-calix-asegura-que-la-insurreccion-legislativa-seguira-hasta-aprobacion-de-reformas-electorales/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/oea-pospone-discusion-de-leyes-electorales-por-ausencia-de-parlamentarios-de-libertad-y-refundacion/>

<https://www.latribuna.hn/2019/06/26/policia-nacional-saca-a-17500-efectivos-a-la-calle-este-28-de-junio/>

27/06/19

Honduras Daily: Coup d'état - UN, US; Public Sector - Repression, Impunity, Church, Canada; Mining - HRDs; Journalists; Drug Trafficking - JOH; MACCIH; and Travel Warnings

Today is the tenth anniversary of the coup d'état in Honduras. Massive protests are expected throughout the country linked with the already existing protests by the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare. Libre announced different events, protest actions to commemorate the coup.

<http://elpulso.hn/libre-anuncia-acciones-para-conmemorar-diez-anos-del-golpe-de-estado/>

In preparation, OACNUDH sent out missions to different parts of Honduras (see also yesterday). They met among others with regional CONADEH offices and the Military Police.

Once more, they also published the ten rules for the adequate response to protests.

The JOH regime, meanwhile, announced that they will guarantee order...

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1144342677284163585>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1144343753517404161>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1144351324521345039>

<https://confidencialhn.com/oficina-de-ddhh-de-onu-moviliza-equipos-de-observacion-ante-protestas-masivas-en-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/gobierno-asegura-que-mantendra-el-orden-este-viernes.html>

In the US, meanwhile, different sectors call for a reevaluation of US policy towards Honduras. US representative Jan Schakowsky writes in the Hill: "The United States has continued to support successive administrations in Honduras, even though elections have been biased by vote buying, fraud, and assassinations. The United States sends the Honduran military and police aid even though these security forces have been ordered to beat and shoot non-violent protesters and there are credible allegations of death squads formed to assassinate journalists and citizens working for social change. One of these citizens was the well-known environmental activist Berta Cáceres. No one is held accountable for these crimes. (...) Under the circumstances, it is shameful that our government continues to send aid to this corrupt and illegally-elected government in Honduras. The

security aid in particular is being used to lift up a dictatorial president who abuses power and implicates our country in the human rights abuses of his regime. It is high time for my colleagues in the House to co-sponsor H.R. 1945, the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act, which would cut off U.S. aid to the Honduran military and police until such time as their human rights violations cease and impunity ends for the crimes they have committed."

US representative Hank Johnson comes to a similar conclusion. "One of the reasons we have a crisis at the border is our funding of the Honduran military & police. In the name of #BertaCáceres, we need to consider cutting that funding."

And so does representative Ilhan Omar. "The military police in Honduras function as a hit squad. Hondurans are fleeing their dictatorship by the tens of thousands. We must stop arming this dictatorship until the human rights violations cease and the perpetrators are brought to justice.

The same call also comes from US civil society organizations. In a joint press release, they call on the Honduran government to "order all security forces to end immediately excessive use of force against protesters; withdraw military and Military Police from responding to any protests; disband the Military Police; ensure government agents end any threats and abuse against human rights defenders and journalists; and ensure cases against state agents for these abuses are promptly investigated and prosecuted"; and on the US State Department to "call on the Honduran government to end excessive use of force, respect the rights of Hondurans to protest, defend rights and report on the news, disband the Military Police, and ensure justice for human rights crimes. We call on the U.S. Embassy in Honduras to end its all-too-often deafening silence and publicly, regularly denounce the abuses taking place."

<https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/foreign-policy/450462-10-years-after-the-coup-in-honduras-the-us-must-reevaluate>"

<https://twitter.com/RepHankJohnson/status/1144365791938265088>

<https://twitter.com/Ilhan/status/1144285544479952896>

<https://confidencialhn.com/legisladora-democrata-critica-a-joh-por-ordenar-a-los-militares-a-reprimir-protestas/>

See attachment

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/al-gobierno-hondureno-basta-de-matar-y-herir-a-manifestantes/>

Protests continued yesterday in several parts of Honduras. In La Ceiba, the Military Police violently evicted protesters occupying a highway.

Radio Progreso spoke with human rights scholar and analyst Joaquín Mejía about the violent repression by the JOH regime. He concludes: "This repression represents the weakness of the regime in terms of democratic legitimacy, and the need to impose it. It will do so through the force of arms. This shows its weakness, and the level of tiredness that Honduran citizens have "

<https://tiempo.hn/manifestantes-toman-paso-la-ceiba-pm-gasea/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/maestros-protestan-en-san-pedro-sula-y-la-ceiba.html>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/aumento-de-la-represion-es-producto-de-la-anormalidad-democratica-en-el-pais-dice-analista/>

The MP announced the exhumation of the 17-year old Eblin Noel Corea Maradiaga who was murdered during the protests by state security forces on June 20.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/136-junio2019/4455-ministerio-publico-listo-para-realizar-exhumacion-de-joven-que-fallecio-en-protestas-en-yarumela-la-paz>

<https://tiempo.hn/exhuman-cuerpo-menor-protestas-en-la-paz/>

The Honduran Jesuits Organization published a press release denounces the repression by the JOH regime against the participants of the last months protests.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/comunicado-consejo-nacional-apostolico/>

Last week, a pictures circulated showing Canadian sponsored cars transporting Honduran military personnel. The Canadian ambassador now reacted expressing that the Canadian government is "deeply worried about the images" and according to him, the cars were only meant to transport staff from the Health Secretariat.

The Health Secretary unconvincingly claims that the soldiers just accompanied them.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/27/canada-molesto-por-uso-de-vehiculos-donados-para-traslado-de-militares/>

<https://radiohrn.hn/salud-aclara-sobre-uso-de-vehiculos-del-gobierno-para-traslado-de-militares/>

CESPAD sent out an alert to call for the protection of HRD Leonel George (see also yesterday).

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/06/27/alerta-en-riesgo-leonel-george-defensor-de-bienes-comunes/>

ConexiHon reports on the situation of journalist Ronnie Huete who fled Honduras to the US after being tortured by the police and receiving death threats. This Friday, the responsible police officer will face an initial hearing.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/libertad-de-expresion/1131-en-busca-de-justicia-tras-la-tortura-contra-periodista-ronnie-huete>

Another petition by the lawyers of JOH's brother Tony Hernández was rejected.

ConfidencialHN, meanwhile, claims that there are ongoing investigations on JOH and some of his closest allies.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/juez-rechaza-peticiones-de-la-defensa-de-tony-hernandez.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/realizan-investigaciones-en-ee-uu-contrajoh-y-ebal-diaz-por-delincuencia-organizada/>

The outgoing head of MACCIH calls on the Honduran people to demand an end to corruption.

<https://confidencialhn.com/jefe-saliente-de-maccih-da-ultimo-consejo-no-desistan-de-pedir-el-fin-de-la-corrupcion-en-honduras/>

<https://hch.tv/2019/06/27/honduras-encabeza-la-lista-de-paises-a-donde-no-viajar-este-verano-sugerida-por-eeuu/>

28/06/19

Honduras Daily: Coup d'état - Repression, UN, Solidarity, US, Zelaya, Analysis; HRDs - MADJ, Zacate Grande; Public Sector - Impunity; National Police; Drug Trafficking - JOH; Dengue; and a Eco-Trafficking Paradise

C-Libre denounces that the journalist Melissa Hernández and her cameraman were harassed by the police in Choluteca when covering the repression of a protest in context of the tenth anniversary of the coup d'état.

The JOH regime accompanied the days publishing threatening press releases and further militarizing the country.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1031-policia-nacional-dispara-contraperiodista-y-camarografo-en-choluteca>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/28/honduras-se-paraliza-sin-convocatoria-a-paro/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/2504-a-10-anos-del-golpe-meu-y-libre-seran-el-foco-de-la-represion-del-gobierno-de-joh-este-28-de-junio>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3420-diez-anos-en-golpe-hondurenos-siguen-en-la-calle>

The UN High Commissioner on Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, called out to the Honduran authorities to guarantee the right to freedom of opinion and expression in the wake of yesterday's protests.

UN Special Rapporteur for human rights defenders Michel Forst also called for the respect of human rights and a safe space for HRDs.

In Honduras, OACNUDH continued their monitoring of the situation throughout Honduras.

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=24758&LangID=E>

<https://news.un.org/es/story/2019/06/1458571>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1144672157009698816>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1144651205039263744>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2503-naciones-unidas-desplaza-personal-a-observar-violaciones-de-los-derechos-humanos-en-honduras>

The World Organization against Torture (OMCT) condemns the state violence against protesters in Honduras and demands a withdrawal of the armed forces.

The Human Rights Observatories of the Peoples published a press release in solidarity with the Honduran people.

CEJIL sent an open letter to Honduras' HRDs.

<http://www.omct.org/es/urgent-campaigns/urgent-interventions/honduras/2019/06/d25407/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1132-persiste-militarizacion-en-honduras-a-pesar-de-condena-internacional>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Declaraci%C3%B3n-Observatorio-Derechos-Humanos-de-los-Pueblos.pdf>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/28/defensores-de-honduras-estamos-con-ustedes-cejil/amp/>

Actor Dany Glover called for the approval by US Congress of the Berta Cáceres Act to stop security assistance to Honduras (see also yesterday for more voices calling for this).

Ilhan Omar published a second Tweet in solidarity with COPINH and calling for a stop of US-funded "brutality".

<https://twitter.com/mrdannyglover/status/1144597065390936065>

<https://twitter.com/ilhanmn/status/1144626355860119552>

The ousted president Manuel Zelaya published yesterday a book on the events ten years ago.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/27/expresidente-zelaya-cuenta-la-historia-del-golpe-a-traves-de-un-libro/>

<https://tiempo.hn/mel-zelaya-libro-golpe-de-estado-2009/>

<https://tiempo.hn/mel-zelaya-libro-general-rene-osorio-iba-encapuchado/>

Various articles were published on this historic days, most linking the coup with the current situation. Sandra Cuffe writes for Al Jazeera that "[t]en years after coup, Hondurans flee amid violence and repression".

James Phillips, author of Honduras in Dangerous Times, published "a critical assessment" of Honduras ten years after the coup.

Peoples Dispatch published a short video.

ConexiHon highlights 22 steps (mostly executive decrees) from the coup to today's dictatorship.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/06/ten-years-coup-hondurans-flee-violence-repression-190628150952496.html>

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2019/06/28/honduras-at-ten-years-after-the-coup-a-critical-assessment>

<https://peoplesdispatch.org/2019/06/28/honduras-10-years-of-resistance-against-right-wing-coup/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1133-diez-anos-despues-del-golpe-en-honduras-un-estado-dictatorial>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/a-diez-anos-del-golpe-de-estado-honduras-ha-tenido-una-lucha-abierta-en-la-busqueda-del-cambio-sociologo-eugenio-sosa/>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/hace-10-anos-un-cierre-hoy-amenazas-hostigamiento-y-criminalizacion-para-radio-progreso/>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/golpe-estado-un-decada-despues-en-vigencia-violaciones-a-ddhh-reportaje/>

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/200712>

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/200695>

HRD and member of MADJ, Marlon Cruz, denounces receiving death threats by a soldier when accompanying a protest in Arizona, Atlántida.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/defensor-del-madj-denuncia-amenaza-hecha-por-militar/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/28/joven-defensor-de-dd-hh-denuncia-amenazas-a-muerte-por-parte-de-un-militar/>

ConexiHon portrays the HRD and LGBTQ activist Alan Torrez, who is active in ADEPZA on Zacate Grande.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1134-defender-el-territorio-y-la-diversidad-sexual-para-cambiar-la-historia-alan-torrez>

On Thursday, the MP announced to exhume the body of the 17-year old Eblin Corea, murdered by state security forces. Yesterday, they suddenly suspended the exhumation. They claim that the family is opposed.

<https://tiempo.hn/suspenden-exhumacion-menor-en-la-paz/>

Two municipal police agents were found guilty of abuse of authority. On February 13, they detained someone, jailed them and the next morning, the person who remains unidentified, was dead.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/136-junio2019/4453-condenan-a-policias-municipales-por-abuso-de-autoridad-en-san-antonio-del-norte-la-paz>

Criterio published more details on the last hearings in the case of Tony Hernández before the trial is supposed to start on September 30.

Once more, JOH is directly being linked to the case.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/28/las-batallas-perdidas-de-tony-hernandez-en-la-corte-del-distrito-sur-de-new-york/amp/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/06/28/abogado-confiesa-que-blanco-de-investigacion-de-la-dea-es-joh/amp/>

<http://www.web.llibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3419-con-racha-de-humillantes-derrotas-llegara-tony-a-juicio-en-septiembre>

In 2018, 8 people died of dengue in Honduras, this year the number is already at 44.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1297439-466/muertes-dengue-en-honduras>

<https://contracorriente.red/2018/06/26/la-moskitia-hondurena-un-paraiso-para-el-ecotrafico/>

29/06/19

Honduras Daily: Berta - Impunity; Coup d'état - UN; Public Sector; Electoral Reforms; and Nasralla retiring...from TV

Seven months have passed since the conviction of the material authors in the Berta Cáceres case but there is still no sentence.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1145054867708370945>

Honduran civil society commemorated its martyrs of the coup d'état.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/en-un-pais-militarizado-honduras-rindio-homenaje-a-los-y-las-martires-de-la-resistencia/>

<https://contracorriente.red/2019/06/29/los-que-recuerdan-el-golpe/>

Radio Progreso succinctly summarizes the situation in Honduras. "The same people, ten years later" or in more detail:

"The beneficiaries of the coup d'état are those who at this time conclude contracts with multinationals and are launching the model cities [ZEDEs]. They are those who have used the State not only for their businesses, but to turn the State into their most formidable business.

The beneficiaries of the coup d'état are those who receive ample praise from the high authorities of the United States, and are currently put as an example and model to follow, for that reason, some of them, among the most conspicuous representatives of the highest oligarchy, they are chosen as business leaders of Latin America. (...) Those same people are the ones that Honduran society has to face, as a condition to recover the country that remains deeply wounded, and which can only be healed by the dignified struggle of the people who are determined to turn this pain of homeland into a mobilizing force towards the construction of popular and national sovereignty."

<https://wp.radioprogreso.net/los-mismos-diez-anos-despues/>

OACNUDH published a press release entitled "10 Years after the Coup d'état, Honduras still faces human rights challenges".

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1145025875450236928>

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare announced new strike actions and protests for July.

The same day, the president of the motorcycle taxis association announced a strike for the coming Monday demanding a new Transport Bill.

The Honduran ambassador to the US, Marlon Tábora, expressed worries about the effects of the protest on the international cooperation with Honduras, i.e. the protests, not their violent repression.

<https://tiempo.hn/plataforma-de-salud-y-educacion-de-cortes-protestas-julio/>

<https://tiempo.hn/asociacion-de-mototaxis-paro-de-labores/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/violencia-que-ha-vivido-el-pais-pone-nerviosa-a-la-cooperacion-internacional-marlon-tabora.html>

An OAS delegation arrives in Honduras today to discuss electoral reforms, i.e. they will finalize a proposal to be presented in July.

<https://confidencialhn.com/expertos-electorales-de-la-oea-llegaran-a-honduras-el-domingo/>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/espectaculos/1297622-410/salvador-nasralla-avisa-que-planea-su-retiro-del-programa-x-0>

30/06/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; Public Sector - Repression; Penitentiary System; Congress; ENEE; and the Children of the Golpe

FOSDEH published an analysis on state spending on the protection of human rights defenders. "The analysis shows the incongruity that exists in terms of the protection of Human Rights Defenders, Journalists, Communicators and Operators of Justice, by the State, since most of the acts of

aggression against them are carried out by police, military and other public officials. Within the program budget of the institutions that make up the National Council for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, the protection of Human Rights is superficially included, and in some cases there is no mention of the subject, which shows that there is no budget linked to the protection of Human Rights Defenders in Honduras."

<http://www.fosdeh.com/2019/06/analisis-de-la-efectividad-del-gasto-publico-en-proteccion-de-defensores-de-derechos-humanos/>

The employee of the psychiatric hospital Santa Rosita announce strike actions for today.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2019/06/honduras-empleados-del-hospital-santa.html>

Lawyer and HRD Reina Rivera expresses concern about the announced investigation into the violent repression at the UNAH last week - it seems as if FUSINA is investigating itself.

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/06/30/un-organo-judicial-dirigido-por-mandatario-de-honduras-investigara-abusos-de-policia-militar-creada-por-mandatario-de-honduras/>

Two inmates in the so-called high-security prison El Pozo died yesterday in what is presented as another fight between gangs. But the victims don't have neither gun nor knife wounds.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1297830-466/dos-muertos-deja-ri%C3%B1a-entre-miembros-de-la-mara-salvatrucha-en-el>

<https://tiempo.hn/motin-carcel-el-pozo-dos-reos-muertos-heridos/>

Yesterday was the International Day of Parliamentarism and OACNDH urged Congress to "play its vital role as a pillar of democracy and counterweight to the other powers". They also recommend to adopt special measures to increase the number of congresswomen.

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1145509707932753920>

The Central Bank for Economic Integration (BCIE) will setup a guarantee fund worth \$450 million in support of the National Electric Energy Company (ENEE).

<https://tiempo.hn/bcie-destinara-450-millones-de-dolares-para-saldar-deuda-y-rescatar-a-la-enee/>

<https://contracorriente.red/2019/06/27/nacidos-de-golpe/>