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Honduras Daily: HRDs; Political Prisoners; Public Sector - Repression, Opposition; Impunity; Journalists; COPINH - US; MACCIH; Penitentiary System; ATIC; US; Electoral Reforms; and Rebellious Honduran Women

FOSDEH presented yesterday its report on the spending on the defense of HRDs in Honduras (see also yesterday for the link to the report). During the presentation, FOSDEH concluded that "[d]espite the increased demand for protection by human rights defenders, journalists and justice operators in Honduras, the funds of the institutions responsible for protecting them are not executed on time and are not effective."

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/transparencia/1136-incongruencia-honduras-no-ejecuta-presupuesto-en-proteccion-de-ddhh>

<http://www.fosdeh.com/2019/07/dentro-del-presupuesto-general-de-la-republica-de-honduras-la-linea-para-los-derechos-humanos-continua-siendo-una-agenda-pendiente/>

The Latin American labor union Rel-UITA announces a regional campaign to demand the liberation of the political prisoners in Honduras.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/rel-uita-lanzara-campana-en-favor-de-los-presos-politicos-en-honduras/>

As protests were taken up again yesterday, the JOH regime retreated to its usual response. Live bullets were fired against protesting university students in San Pedro Sula and four high school students were detained in Tegucigalpa.

The University Coalition published a press release denouncing the repression and presents the events at the universities as a reflection of broader trends in Honduras.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1145874581514665984>

<https://tiempo.hn/no-somos-vagos-ni-delincuentes-responde-la-coalicion-universitaria/>

The Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortés (CCIC) met with opposition leaders to discuss the crisis in Honduras.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/01/ccic-se-reune-con-lideres-de-la-oposicion-no-se-descarta-dialogo-para-abordar-salida-a-crisis/amp/>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2019/07/honduras-comunicado-sobre-reunion-de.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/partido-libre-presenta-ante-cicc-propuesta-para-la-transformacion-de-honduras.html>

CESPAD dedicates an article to the glaring impunity in the cases of the murdered protesters by state security forces during the 2017/2018 post-electoral protests. "Almost 2 years have passed since more than 30 Hondurans were killed in the midst of the post-electoral crisis, by elements of the army and the police. However, only 2 cases have been brought to trial, the rest remains in impunity. (...) More than 50 crimes are counted during the protests after the coup d'état in 2009; more than 30 during the post-electoral crisis and another 9 so far from the protests of the population against the privatization of health and education (May to June 2019). The actions of the government is censored, national and internationally, for the negligence in the investigation of these crimes."

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/07/01/analisis-mas-de-30-crimenes-que-al-estado-y-gobierno-de-honduras-no-importan/>

Criterio reports that the journalist Pablo Dalence was expelled from Honduras. He works for Radio Sweden and was detained at the airport in Tegucigalpa upon arrival before being deported to El Salvador.

The Latin American Association of Education and Popular Communication (ALER) raises alarm in a press release regarding the situation of journalists in Honduras.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/01/regimen-de-joh-expulsa-periodista-de-radio-suecia/amp/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/libertad-de-expresion/1137-aler-exige-respeto-al-ejercicio-de-un-periodismo-libre-y-seguro>

COPINH held its 12th general assembly with representatives from five departments. They elected their representatives for the coming three years, Bertha Isabel Zúniga Cáceres being reelected as the General Coordinator.

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/declaracion-xii-asamblea-general-copinh/>

COPINH also demands the approval of the Berta Cáceres Act in the US to stop military aid to "the fraudulent, corrupt, and human rights violating government of Honduras".

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1145838990974738432>

Since yesterday, MACCIH is led once more by the ad-interim spokesperson Ana María Calderón.

[https://twitter.com/OEA\\_oficial/status/1145728459848736768](https://twitter.com/OEA_oficial/status/1145728459848736768)

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3423-ana-calderon-asumira-como-vocera-interina-de-maccih-por-segunda-vez>

OACNUDH laments the death of the two inmates in El Pozo (see also yesterday). OACNUDH has documented at least five deaths of inmates in the last month alone and they exhort the authorities to tackle the structural problems of the deaths as well as investigate and sanction the ones responsible.

The deputy director of the National Penitentiary Institute (INP) speaks of a planned assassination.

According to ConfidencialHN, meanwhile, claims that they died due to the exposure to tear gas.

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1145860402317844482>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3422-honduras-dos-reos-son-asesinados-en-carcel-de-maxima-seguridad>

<https://tiempo.hn/german-mcneil-muertos-en-el-pozo-no-fue-por-reyerta-sus-companeros-los-ultimaron/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/dos-reos-de-carcel-el-pozo-murieron-intoxicados-con-gases-lacrimogenos-lanzados-por-militares/>

Two years ago in June, the regional head of ATIC, Sherill Yubissa Hernández Mancía, died in what was first presented as suicide. But the then head of Forensic Medicine, Julissa Villanueva, showed that she had been murdered. As a consequence, Villanueva herself received threats and was let go from her position. Now she talks with Criterio about what happened and releases new details about the investigations conducted by Hernández previous to her murder.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/01/agente-de-la-atic-asesinada-en-santa-rosa-de-copan-investigaba-el-cartel-de-occidente/>

Kevin McAleenan, the US Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, will visit Honduras this week.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1298085-466/secretario-de-seguridad-de-ee-uu-vendr%C3%A1-este-martes-a-honduras-por>

Libre announced that it will only stop its congressional insurrection if the representatives of the new electoral bodies will be elected in the next congressional session.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/libre-dejara-insurreccion-legislativa-solo-si-en-proxima-sesion-se-nombran-cargos-electorales.html>

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<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2019/07/01/manifiesto-rebelde-de-mujeres-hondurenas/>

02/07/19

Honduras Daily: Berta - Impunity; Tolupanes; Public Sector - Repression, Militarization, UNAH, US; Extractivism; Corruption - JOH; Extortion; US; Migration - US; Poverty; Electoral Reforms; Dengue; Domestic Labor - the Great Unknown

COPINH and Berta's family denounce 40 months of impunity. More than 3 years after the murder of Berta Cáceres, the intellectual authors of the crime have not been investigated nor tried, and now, COPINH is facing a new smear campaign that seeks to keep the case in impunity.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/02/caso-bera-caceres-40-meses-sin-justicia/>

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/video-a-40-meses-de-impunidad-seguimos-exigiendo-justicia-para-bera/>

The criminalizing trial against nine Tolupán defenders was suspended because the public prosecutors and the judges now go on holidays violating the Honduran Procedural Code.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/02/suspenden-audiencia-de-tolupanes-porque-fiscales-y-jueces-se-van-de-vacaciones/>

As the protests continue in Honduras, the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare received support from the Latin American labor union Rel-UITA, whose regional secretary met with their representatives yesterday.

The transport sector also continues their protests.

The protests and their violent crack-down by the JOH regime were also noticed by the International Crisis Group which just published their analysis of the situation.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/apoyo-incondicional-a-la-justa-lucha-de-medicos-y-maestros/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/paralizado-el-servicio-del-transporte-publico-en-varias-rutas-de-tegucigalpa/>

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/latin-america-caribbean/central-america/honduras/crackdown-raises-stakes-honduran-protesters-march>

COFADEH organized a press conference with Eva Mejía Turcios, aunt of the murdered Eblin Noel Corea. She says outright: "[I]n this country everything is ordered by the president and my nephew was killed by a soldier by order of the president".

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/02/a-mi-sobrino-lo-mato-un-militar-por-orden-del-presidente-tia-de-eblin-corea-video/>

Radio Progreso sees two things reconfirmed by the current crisis. "[T]he Armed Forces are one of the fundamental pillars that sustain the authoritarian regime of Juan Orlando Hernández" and "their demonstrations of brute force against citizen protests in the streets, at the National Autonomous University of Honduras and on the day that marked the decade of the coup d'état, reflect at the same time the weakness of the regime in the face of its lack of democratic legitimacy". Radio Progreso then concludes that "[t]herefore, before the exhaustion of the political transition that began almost 40 years ago, it is imperative that, in the agenda of a new stage of transition, the disappearance of the Armed Forces is a central point and a condition for the democratization of the country".

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/hacia-la-desaparicion-de-las-armas-militares/>

ContraCorriente reports on how the current protests expanded to the UNAH culminating in last week's violent repression.

On the same topic, El Pulso spoke with the former UNAH dean and human rights defender Juan Almendárez.

<https://contracorriente.red/2019/07/02/la-crisis-hondurena-se-extiende-a-la-unah/>

<http://elpulso.hn/los-militares-actuaron-como-si-estuvieran-en-una-caceria-humana-juan-almendarez-bonilla/>

James North writes in the Nation about the situation in Honduras and the link to the US.

In Honduras, meanwhile, Kevin McAleenan, the US Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, met with JOH.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/honduras-dictatorship-refugee-crisis-immigration/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/hernandez-y-secretario-interino-de-seguridad-de-eeuu-dialogan-sobre-migracion-irregular.html>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1298489-466/presidente-hernandez-y-secretario-de-seguridad-de-ee-uu-abordaron-crisis-migratoria>

ConexiHon reports on the fiscal policies driving extractivism in Honduras. FOSDEH recently published a report on this and now has presented it to the public.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/transparencia/1140-privilegios-fiscales-en-energia-y-mineria-agudizan-desigualdades-en-honduras>

ConfidencialHN published their newest investigation into corruption cases around JOH. They found that his wife Ana García bought fertile land in Olancho with public money.

<https://confidencialhn.com/ana-garcia-compro-con-dinero-publico-135-manzanas-de-tierra-en-zona-productiva-de-olancho/>

While the JOH regime celebrates the first anniversary of their anti-Mara force FNAMP, the transport sector denounces that extortion has risen not decreased.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/fuerza-anti-maras-celebra-primer-aniversario-con-mil-700-capturas-aunque-extorsiones-aumentan.html>

Melissa Elvir, director of Democracy without Borders Honduras, says that the NGOs working with USAID funds will suffer budget cuts due to Trumps announcement to cut (non-military) aid.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/02/usaid-suspende-ayuda-economica-de-ons-en-honduras/amp/>

Human Rights Watch and the Hope Border Institute published a report on the deportation of Central American migrants to Mexico. "Human Rights Watch's 50-page report, "'We Can't Help You Here': US Returns of Asylum Seekers to Mexico," finds that thousands of asylum seekers from Central America and elsewhere, including more than 4,780 children, are facing potentially dangerous and unlivable conditions after US authorities return them to Mexico. The US and Mexico agreed on June 7, 2019 to dramatically expand the returns program."

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/07/02/us-asylum-seekers-returned-uncertainty-danger-mexico>

El Pulso reports that another Honduran migrant, the 30-year old Yimi Alexis Balderramos, died in custody of the US border patrol.

<http://elpulso.hn/otro-hondureno-muere-en-custodia-de-migracion-en-estados-unidos/>

Honduras expects a more intense heat wave this year with negative effects on corn production and as a consequence, food security.

<http://elpulso.hn/la-canicula-sera-mas-extensa-este-ano-y-afectara-los-cultivos-de-maiz/>

Lawyer and university teacher Juan Carlos Barrientos denounces that the current TSE magistrates illegally stayed in power. But the Nationalist-controlled Congress so far failed to elect the representatives of the two new electoral bodies.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/denuncian-que-magistrados-del-tribunal-electoral-ejercen-funciones-de-forma-ilegal/>

Honduras declared a national emergency as the dengue cases and their death toll continue to rise.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1298487-466/declaran-emergencia-nacional-por-dengue-en-los-298-municipios-de-honduras>

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<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/35-mujeres/1139-autoridades-hondurenas-desconocen-el-convenio-sobre-el-trabajo-domestico>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/02/trabajadoras-domesticas-luchan-por-ratificacion-del-convenio-189-de-la-oit-y-ley-de-empleo/>

03/07/19

Honduras Daily: COPINH; Public Sector - Militarization, Impunity; Human Rights - Germany; Corruption - Health, US; Migration - Mexico; Fishing; Electoral Reforms; BCIE; US; and Mounting a Counter-Coup

COPINH sent out an alert as the Lenca community of Montaña Verde is being threatened by members of Chusquín, a neighboring community. Inhabitants of Montaña Verde have been denouncing for some week the illegal logging by inhabitants of Chusquín and now the later are threatening them and they destroyed the only access to the community of Montaña Verde.

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/alerta-agresores-impiden-el-unico-acceso-y-amenazan-de-bombardeo-a-la-comunidad-de-montana-verde/>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1146582544667807744>

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare announced new nationwide protest actions for today and tomorrow. "When announcing the protests, the leadership of the Platform said that while teachers have focused on academic and organizational activities in schools nationwide, the government has intensified its actions of labor repression and harassment against interim teachers and against those who participate in the struggle. Several teachers who have participated in the protests during the last three months have reported that they are being subjected to discharge hearings. The Platform also denounced the intensification of the criminalization and intimidation against students of the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) and of secondary education.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/03/plataforma-anuncia-reactivacion-de-acciones-de-protesta-para-el-jueves-y-viernes/>

Pasos de Animal Grande published a report on the militarization of the repression of public protests. The report is an ongoing process and they will continue "counting bullets and those who fire them", but already at this state, the report offers a helpful overview.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2505-contemos-las-balas-y-a-quienes-las-disparan>

Both ConexiHon and Defensores en Línea continue to report on the demands by the family of Eblin Noel Corea Maradiaga for justice for his death. The 17-year old Eblin was murdered on June 20 by state security forces.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1141-familiares-no-descansaran-en-lograr-justicia-para-eblin-noel-corea>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/eblin-el-menor-asesinado-por-militares-en-yarumela-sonaba-con-ser-doctor/>

The German Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Niels Annen, is currently in Honduras. "We all know that the situation of human rights in Honduras is very worrying. That is why I want to find out more about the protection mechanisms for human rights defenders".

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/03/situacion-de-derechos-humanos-en-honduras-es-preocupante-vicecanciller-aleman/>

The CNA announced new lines of investigation into corruption at 16 hospitals worth some 17 billion Lempiras.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/03/cna-anuncia-nueva-investigacion-por-desfalco-de-l-700-mil-millones-en-salud/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/cna-recuerda-que-presento-ocho-lineas-de-investigacion-en-salud-con-perjuicio-de-l-700-mil-millones.html>

The same day, during the 4th of July celebrations at the US embassy, the US lauded the efforts by the JOH regime against corruption...

<https://radiohrn.hn/en-celebracion-de-independencia-de-ee-uu-resaltan-trabajo-contr-la-corrupcion/>

JOH announced a planned meeting with the Mexican president AMLO to discuss migration.

<http://elpulso.hn/presidente-hernandez-se-reunira-con-amlo-para-discutir-migracion/>

Two fishing boats capsized yesterday in La Mosquitia and 27 people died.

It is a very dangerous job and over 400 lobster and shrimp fishermen have died in Honduras since 2011.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3425-honduras-27-muertos-y-dos-barcos-hundidos-deja-tercer-dia-de-pesca-industrial>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/03/desde-2011-mas-de-400-pescadores-muertos-en-pesca-de-langosta-y-camaron/>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/sucesos/1298764-410/muertos-desaparecidos-segundo-naufragio-la-mosquitia>

In protest, the deputy TSE magistrate Marco Ramiro Lobo resigned demanding that Congress approves the electoral reforms and elects the representatives of the new electoral bodies (see also previous e-mails).

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/03/marco-ramiro-lobo-renuncia-al-tse-y-pide-nuevos-representantes-en-organos-electorales/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/autoridad-electoral-desestima-dichos-de-exmagistrado-suplente-por-fraude-de-2017/>

JOH asks for additional support by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (BCIE).

<https://www.latribuna.hn/2019/07/03/hernandez-pide-apoyo-del-bcie-para-refundacion-del-sistema-electrico/>

Marlon Tábora, Honduran ambassador to the US, will leave his position.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1298873-466/marlon-tabora-deja-cargo-de-embajador-en-washington>

"Who said everything is lost? Poets remind us of this. And indeed, ten years after the coup d'état, of which it is necessary to continue speaking because its consequences are still pertinent, there are signs, beautiful dynamics, that have been built up as counter-blows ('contra golpes')." Radio Progreso then goes on to list the territorial defense by local communities, the eruption of alternative media outlets and more as examples of such counter-blows.

<https://wp.radioprogrsohn.net/seis-dinamismos-hondurenos-de-contra-golpe/>

04/07/19

Honduras Daily: Political Prisoners; LGBTQ; Public Sector - Dialogue, Repression, IACHR, Denigration; Violence; Corruption - Pandora, Health Sector; Indigenous Peoples; Impunity; Electoral Reforms; IMF; Children's Rights; and a Honduran AMLO?

The Committee for the Release of the Political Prisoners, the Convergence Against Continuity and the Latin American labor union Rel-UITA held a press conference in front of the National Penitentiary Institute (INP) where they denounced and condemned the risky situation in which the three social leaders Edwin Robelo Espinal, Raúl Álvarez and Rommel Baldemar Herrera Portillo are held in prison for political reasons.

Juan Carlos Herrera, father of political prisoner Herrera Portillo, publicly announced that he holds JOH and the National Penitentiary Institute (INP) responsible if something were to happen to his son.

"In consequence, the signatory organizations demand from the prison authorities: Adopt the necessary measures to guarantee the life and personal integrity of Edwin Robelo Espinal, Raúl Eduardo Álvarez and Rommel Baldemar Herrera. Taking into consideration the raising risk to the life and personal integrity as a result of the circumstances surrounding the deprivation of liberty of political prisoners, as well as the need to safeguard such rights, the competent authorities adopt, in light of the the applicable standards, alternative measures to the deprivation of liberty as a means to safeguard their rights, or make effective their transfer to a center of greater security for their lives."

The same day, some 276 inmates were transferred in between prisons.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/04/denuncian-que-gobierno-planifica-motin-en-la-tolva-para-atacar-a-los-presos-politicos/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/joh-y-las-autoridades-del-inp-son-responsables-si-le-sucede-algo-a-los-presos-politicos/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/04/denuncian-que-gobierno-planifica-motin-en-la-tolva-para-atacar-a-los-presos-politicos/defensoresenlinea.com/presos-politicos-se-encuentran-en-una-situacion-de-extrema-gravedad-en-carceles-de-honduras/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/rel-uita-demanda-la-liberacion-de-los-presos-politicos/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1299074-466/honduras-trasladan-279-reos-a-c%C3%A1rcenes-de-m%C3%A1xima-seguridad-y-otros-centros>

El Tiempo reports that a trans woman, Antonia Lainez, was murdered in El Negrito, Yoro.

<https://tiempo.hn/segun-familiares-femina-asesinada-dentro-casa-por-supuestos-policias/>

After three days of more or less normal activities at school and in hospitals, people took to the street again to protest efforts by the JOH regime to have teachers and medical staff fired for participating in the previous protests.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/plataforma-llama-al-gobierno-a-suspender-audiencias-de-descargo-contradocentes-y-medicos/>

At the same time, the alternative citizen dialogue continued yesterday with the installation of the thematic round tables.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/04/soluciones-a-problematica-de-salud-y-educacion-saldra-de-mesas-tematicas-instaladas-hoy-suyapa-figueroa/>

The protests were joined by university and secondary school students, both of which suffered violent repression by state security forces.

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the responsibility of the director of the Technical Institute Honduras (ITH), Nelson Cáliz, for the repression of the students.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1146893134841942017>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1146907366652338176>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1146908894242979841>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2507-director-de-instituto-tecnico-honduras-comete-graves-vejamenes-contra-estudiantes-sin-que-nadie-le-deduzca-responsabilidades>

Once again the IACHR felt compelled to emit a press release demanding that the JOH regime guarantees the right to peaceful protest and assembly. "The Commission condemns the acts of violence where the life and integrity of people were affected; and urges the State to adopt the necessary measures to investigate in a prompt, exhaustive and diligent manner, establishing the material and intellectual responsibilities and punishing those responsible."

<https://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/169.asp>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2506-cidh-llama-al-estado-de-honduras-a-garantizar-el-derecho-a-la-protesta-y-reunion-pacifica>

In a further attempt to undermine and denigrate the protests, the Commerce and Industries Chamber of El Progreso tries to hold the protesters responsible for the announced closure of the maquila by Gildan.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/incertidumbre-por-cierre-de-maquila-en-el-progreso-yoro/>

The former mayor of Tegucigalpa, Roberto Acosta, was murdered yesterday by unknown assailants on a motorbike.

El Libertador denounces that he was murdered just a few streets away from where the police was busy tear-gassing protesting students.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/04/asesinan-a-roberto-acosta-excalde-de-tegucigalpa/amp/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3426-increible-mientras-a-dos-calles-policia-gaseaba-la-upn-acribillan-excalde-de-tegucigalpa-roberto-acosta>

UFECIC denounces that one year has passed since the trial was opened against the the accused in the Pandora corruption case. But as the courts still have not resolved the legal challenges presented by the defense, the accused may soon leave pre-trial detention.

<https://twitter.com/UFECIC1/status/1146992828343562241>

New information was published on the newest corruption investigations into the health sector (see also yesterday).

<https://tiempo.hn/cna-investiga-empleados-corruptos-hospital-escuela/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/empleados-del-hospital-escuela-cobran-hasta-1-4-mil-por-preparar-cuerpos-denuncia-cna.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/mientras-interventores-del-hospital-escuela-niegan-recibir-pago-joh-les-da-un-sueldo-de-90-mil-lempiras/>

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, held a speech at the Global Landscapes Forum in Bonn, Germany. "Indigenous Peoples are the best guardians of the forests and biodiversity hotspots we all depend on. Research shows that lands managed by Indigenous Peoples with secure rights experience lower rates of deforestation, store more carbon, hold more biodiversity, and benefit more people than other lands—including protected areas." Based on this, she demands among other things "free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) of Indigenous Peoples and local communities—including women within these groups" as well as an end to "the criminalization, impunity and persecution of Indigenous Peoples and local communities".

<http://unsr.vtaulicorpuz.org/site/index.php/es/declaraciones-comunicados/295-global-forum>

Ten years ago today, in the post-coup repression, the 19-year old Isy Obed Murillo Mencía was murdered by state security forces. His case rests in impunity but his family members continue to demand justice.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/a-10-anos-de-su-asesinato-su-familia-y-el-pueblo-en-resistencia-lo-recuerdan-en-la-lucha-y-la-memoria/>

The Liberal Party published a press release demanding that Congress started discussing the electoral reforms.

The same day, Luis Zelaya also announced a possible alliance with Salvador Nasralla.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3427-partido-liberal-presiona-al-congreso-por-reformas-electorales>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/partido-liberal-no-descarta-una-alianza-con-salvador-nasralla.html>

The former president of the Central Bank of Honduras (BCH), Hugo Noé, holds the IMF partially responsible for the disastrous Honduran electric energy system.

<https://confidencialhn.com/aseguran-que-el-fmi-es-responsable-de-crisis-en-el-sistema-electrico-de-honduras/>

HRD and director of Coiproden, Wilmer Vásquez, denounces the situation of violence lived by Honduras' children.

<https://confidencialhn.com/revelan-cifras-alarmantes-de-la-situacion-de-violencia-que-vive-la-ninez-y-juventud-hondurena/>

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<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/opiniones/1142-que-bien-le-haria-un-amlo-a-honduras>

05/07/19

Honduras Daily: Berta - Impunity; Public Sector - Repression, EU, Economy; JOH; Journalists - Romero; Electoral Reforms; MACCIH; HRDs; Penitentiary System; Mayors; and Honduran Mercenaries

COPINH denounces that an important witness in the Berta Cáceres case was murdered. Olvin Gustavo García Mejía was found dead on June 4 after having disappeared 6 days earlier. In the past, he had been denounced on several occasions as a hitman hired by DESA to murder Berta Cáceres. David Castillo had even called him "our best insurance" in a text message to Sergio Rodríguez.

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/sicario-contratado-por-castillo-para-asesinar-berta-aparece-muerto/>

As announced by the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare, protests took place in various parts of Honduras.

In Tegucigalpa, they were violently repressed by state security forces.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/reportan-protestas-en-varios-sectores-del-pais.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/vuelven-a-reprimir-con-salvajismo-a-docentes-y-medicos-en-la-capital-de-honduras/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/enfrentamiento-entre-policias-y-manifestantes-en-bulevar-ffaa.html>

Amnesty International reacts to the ongoing repression in Honduras. "The government of President Juan Orlando Hernández has adopted a policy of repression against those who protest in the streets to demand his resignation and accountability for the actions of authorities. The use of military forces to control demonstrations across the country has had a deeply concerning toll on human rights, said Amnesty International upon presenting the findings of a field investigation. (...) Amnesty International's Americas crisis team conducted a rapid response mission during the first week of July, following the upsurge in violence during demonstrations of the last few weeks, which left a toll of six people dead and almost 80 injured. The organization documented a total of eight cases, two of which involved people killed by the army and military police, and six that involved people who were injured, four of them by firearms. In addition, the organization analyzed more than 60 pieces of audio-visual and photographic material to identify the weapons and ammunition used, among other things."

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/07/honduras-ejercer-derecho-protesta-tiene-alto-costo/>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/confirman-uso-de-balas-militares-en-manifestaciones-contra-joh/>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/ai-prioridades-de-joh-no-son-los-ddhh/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/ai-condena-respuesta-represiva-de-gobierno-contra-manifestantes-en-honduras.html>

EU Parliamentarians wrote an open letter to the EU's Foreign Secretary Federica Mogherini to express their concerns about the situation in Honduras and that the free trade agreement between the EU and Honduras will be suspended.

<https://www.cuartopoder.es/internacional/2019/07/05/los-eurodiputados-del-gue-piden-a-mogherini-que-suspenda-el-acuerdo-con-honduras/>

Salvador Nasralla claims that the business sector more and more doubts that the situation in Honduras can continue like this until 2021.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/05/empresarios-ya-no-soportan-crisis-que-vive-honduras-nasralla-video/amp/>

ConfidencialHN reports that declassified information in the US shows that JOH received more than \$100'000 by a US company to grant them the rights for oil exploration.

<https://confidencialhn.com/revelan-que-joh-recibio-100-mil-dolares-de-empresa-de-ee-uu-a-cambio-de-exploracion-petrolera-en-honduras/>

HCH reports on an attack on a social communicator in Puerto Cortés. His life hangs in the air.

The same day, the Press Emblem Campaign highlights Honduras as one of five Latin American countries that is dangerous for journalists.

<https://hch.tv/2019/07/05/atentan-contra-comunicador-social-que-se-debate-entre-la-vida-y-la-muerte-en-puerto-cortes/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/libertad-de-expresion/1144-cinco-paises-latinoamericanos-entre-ellos-honduras-peligrosos-para-periodistas>

Journalist and director of Radio Globo, David Romero, has been held in a military facility for four months. The IACHR asked the JOH regime for explanations for this given that Romero is a beneficiary of special protective measures, but so far they have not received an answer.

<https://confidencialhn.com/senalan-que-el-poder-judicial-debe-responder-a-peticion-de-la-cidh-por-david-romero/>

Salvador Nasralla fears that the mobile Congress, taking place next week in Gracias, Lempiras, will try to regulate the presidential reelection.

<https://tiempo.hn/salvador-nasralla-congreso-movil-pretende-reglamentar-la-reeleccion/>

The MACCIH will launch on Monday a decentralized observation system of the Honduran penal justice.

[https://twitter.com/OEA\\_MACCIH/status/1147156828389855232](https://twitter.com/OEA_MACCIH/status/1147156828389855232)

Iván Benítez published a beautiful portrait of the human rights defender and head of Radio Progreso and ERIC, Padre Melo.

<https://atreintaytresmilpies.blogspot.com/2019/07/en-el-corazon-del-padre-melo-periodista.html>

58 prison guards have been suspended for having committed illicit acts.

<https://radiohrn.hn/unos-58-agentes-penitenciarios-fueron-depurados-por-acciones-ilicitas/>

A Libre councilor denounces physical attacks and threats by the mayor of Lima, Cortés.

<https://tiempo.hn/agresion-fisica-amenazas-regido-denuncia-alcalde-la-lima-2/>

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<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/mercenarios/>

06/07/19

Honduras Daily: LGBTQ - Journalists; Corruption - JOH; Public Sector; Coup d'état; Militarization; Journalists; BID; and Protecting a Son's Grave

Santiago Carbajal, an LGBTQ social communicator was murdered yesterday morning after having received death threats.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1034-muere-comunicador-atacado-a-tiros-en-puerto-cortes>

<http://www.proceso.hn/caliente/12-caliente/fallece-comunicador-social-que-fue-atacado-a-balazos-anoche-en-puerto-cortes.html>

Criterio now also reports on the \$100'000 JOH received for granting oil exploration licenses to a US company (see also yesterday).

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/06/mas-de-2-millones-recibio-joh-como-soborno-por-aprobar-contratos-petroleros-en-honduras/>

Given the situation in Honduras, CNN felt compelled to report about it. "Dead protesters, a "failed state" and accusations of high-level drug trafficking. This time it's not Venezuela in the headlines, but key US ally Honduras. Protests over the last two months have left at least three people dead and are contributing to a growing political crisis for President Juan Orlando Hernandez. The recent 10-year anniversary of the coup that deposed President Jose Manuel Zelaya in 2009 provided a focal point for protesters, who are angry about many of the same issues -- such as insecurity, poverty and a crisis of governance -- that are also a factor in driving growing migration to the United States."

<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/07/06/americas/honduras-protests-explainer-intl/index.html>

Democracy Now! interviewed the former and ousted Honduran president Manuel Zelaya ten years after the coup d'état.

[https://www.democracynow.org/2019/7/3/manuel\\_zelaya\\_reflects\\_on\\_the\\_coup](https://www.democracynow.org/2019/7/3/manuel_zelaya_reflects_on_the_coup)

Avispa Midia published a thorough report on the militarization in southern Mexico and Central America. In the case of Honduras, it is a US-supported version of militarization.

A recent instance of this was a two-week training on security forces techniques and procedures by U.S. Army National Guard members. "This was Security Forces Training and we interacted with the Honduran military and taught them a little bit about our techniques," said U.S. Army Capt. Hermon Rivera, SFT Honduras officer in charge. "During the last 14 days, we were training the Honduran

Army in different tasks including clearing rooms, weapons qualification, vehicle searches and tactical control points.”

The head of the Honduran army, meanwhile, said that the militarization of Honduras is a necessity for the country.

<https://avispa.org/los-espejos-del-despojo-la-militarizacion-y-contrainsurgencia-en-el-sureste-mexicano-y-centroamerica/>

<https://www.southcom.mil/MEDIA/NEWS-ARTICLES/Article/1883162/honduran-soldiers-complete-us-army-led-security-forces-training/>

<https://tiempo.hn/jefe-de-estado-mayor-dice-que-la-militarizacion-es-una-necesidad-del-pais/>

ConfidencialHN fears that its director and director of Radio Globo, David Romero, will be sent from the army station to the high-security prison El Pozo as an act of vengeance.

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the situation of journalists in Santa Rosa de Copán, where 98% of them do not even receive a salary.

<https://confidencialhn.com/alerta-jefa-penitenciaria-quiere-enviar-a-carcel-el-pozo-a-david-romero-por-venganza/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2509-compromisos-politicos-y-competencia-por-la-pauta-publicitaria-dividen-a-prensa-en-santa-rosa-de-copan>

The Inter-American Development Bank granted ENEE a \$150 million loan to improve the energy grid.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/bid-invierte-150-millones-en-mejoramiento-de-red-de-distribucion-del-servicio-energetico.html>

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<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/06/insolito-familiares-de-nino-asesinado-en-represion-militar-montan-guardia-sobre-su-tumba/>

07/07/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; Miskito; Public Sector - Repression; Penitentiary System; Extractivism; MACCIH; Electoral Reforms; Migration; Forests; and Don Omar vs. JOH

Estefany Yolani Quiroz López, the 11-year old daughter of HRD and opposition leader Gabriel Quiroz, died after the car she was in was shot at several times in Choluteca last night.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/asesinan-a-hija-de-lider-de-la-oposicion-en-choluteca/>

A group of indigenous Miskito protested outside the casa presidencial denouncing the lack of basic services in their region. But instead of being granted a talk with JOH, they suffered harassment and repression at the hands of state security forces.

<https://hch.tv/2019/07/07/misquitos-en-protesta-cerca-de-casa-presidencial-denuncian-intentos-de-desalojos-violentos-por-parte-de-militares/>

The new week starts with announcements of protests both by the transport sector and the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare.

The Security Secretariat reacts with sending out threats.

<https://tiempo.hn/plataforma-anuncia-megamovilizaciones-miercoles/>

<https://hch.tv/2019/07/07/ante-amenazas-de-paros-en-sector-transporte-pesadosecretaria-de-seguridad-advierte-que-garantizara-los-derecho-de-libre-circulacion-y-locomocion/>

Defensores en Línea spoke with family members of Erik Peralta, who was killed two weeks ago by the Military Police when they opened fire against protesters.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/familia-de-erick-peralta-exige-justicia/>

Inmates at the two so-called high-security prisons La Tolva and El Pozo announced a strike to raise awareness about the human rights violations they suffer from.

<https://confidencialhn.com/privados-de-libertad-de-el-pozo-y-la-tolva-se-declaran-en-huelga-por-violaciones-a-ddhh/>

The last week, FOSDEH held a conference on the fiscal incentives for the extractive industry sector (see previous e-mail). The accompanying report is now online.

<http://www.fosdeh.com/2019/07/fiscalidad-y-desarrollo-en-las-industrias-extractivas-en-honduras/>

The undermining of the MACCIH continues as the former head of investigations at the CNA states that its contract should not be renewed.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/expersonero-del-cna-pide-no-renovar-convenio-de-la-maccih.html>

The National Party continues to create uncertainties about the electoral reforms. First, they stalled their approval. Then, they irregularly reelected the former TSE magistrates. Now, they pretend to

elect the representatives of the new electoral bodies before even having approved the electoral reforms creating these new bodies.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/pl-advierte-no-participara-en-sesion-de-gracias-si-elli-se-elige-a-nuevos-cargos-electorales.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/bancada-liberal-no-participaria-en-congreso-movil-si-se-eligen-a-los-consejeros-electorales/>

The Regional Migration Conference took place on July 4 and 5 in Mexico. It consists of Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, the United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic. Government representatives discussed the 2019-2025 Work Plan on Migrant Smuggling.

<https://rosanjose.iom.int/site/en/news/north-and-central-american-countries-follow-regional-plan-combat-migrant-smuggling>

According to JOH, Honduras will receive \$35 million from the Copenhagen Green Climate Fund for a forest restoration project.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/fondo-verde-del-clima-aprueba-propuesta-de-honduras-de-mejorar-la-gestion-forestal.html>

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<https://confidencialhn.com/rapero-puertorriqueno-califica-a-hernandez-de-dictador-y-cobarde/>

08/07/19

Honduras Daily: LGBTQ; OFRANEH; Public Sector - Repression; Violence against Women; Libre; Armed Forces; Migration - US; Electoral Reforms; Corruption - JOH, Health Sector; Violence; and 10 Years Coup d'état

Bessy Ferrera, trans-activist was murdered yesterday morning in Comayagüela and a person accompanying her was wounded. She was a member of the LGBTQ organization Arcoiris and sister of Rihanna Ferrera, director of Cozumel Trans.

It is the second assassination in two days of a member of the LGBTQ community in Honduras.

Two suspects were arrested.

<http://im-defensoras.org/2019/07/alertadefensoras-honduras-crimen-de-odio-contra-bessy-ferrera-activista-trans-e-integrante-de-la-asociacion-arcoiris/>

<https://tiempo.hn/ultiman-a-hermano-del-reconocido-integrante-lgtb-rihanna-ferrera/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1300063-466/dos-miembros-de-la-comunidad-lgtbi-asesinados-en-menos-de-48-horas>

<https://confidencialhn.com/detienen-a-sospechosos-de-asesinar-a-miembros-de-la-comunidad-lgtbi-en-comayagua/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/policia-detiene-a-sospechosos-de-asesinar-a-miembro-de-comunidad-lgtbi.html>

OFRANEH denounces that part of their coconut nursery was destroyed in Vallecito. In an important effort, OFRANEH intends to reintroduce coconuts in the Honduran agriculture as an important pillar "to strengthen the family economy, while creating living barriers, to protect the beaches from the inexorable coastal erosion."

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2019/07/08/destruccion-de-los-viveros-de-coco-en-vallecito/>

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare calls for a nation-wide march for tomorrow. They asked people to come dressed in black to mourn the killings of the youth, the death of 101 people from dengue and the 30 Miskito indigenous people that had drown off the coast of Honduras.

There is also an announced strike by the transport sector still in the air.

Protests already took place yesterday, when students of the Instituto Central Vicente Cáceres (ICVC) took to the streets. State security forces reacted once more with repression.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1148424109430398976>

<https://confidencialhn.com/transportistas-de-carga-advierten-paro-nacional-si-cohep-no-cumple-con-el-pago-de-tarifa/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/nuevo-enfrentamiento-entre-estudiantes-del-icvc-y-policias-en-bulevar-ffaa.html>

Ever since the post-electoral repression starting in December 2017, Choluteca has seen almost bi-weekly protests. At the same time, they were heavily repressed even leading to the murder of protesters and HRDs by state security forces. After the recent murder of the 11-year old Stefani Yolany López, daughter of HRD Gabriel Quiroz (see also yesterday), Pasos de Animal Grande speaks of possible death squads active in the region.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2510-escuadrones-de-la-muerte-podrian-estar-en-operaciones-en-el-sur-de-honduras>

Radio Progreso reports on violence against women taking the example of a young woman displaced by "domestic" violence.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/mujeres-agobiadas-por-la-violencia-e-impunidad/>

The former president Manuel Zelaya denounces that possible hit-men are following him.

And Libre councilor of Talanga, Francisco Morazán, Mario Moncada, filed a complaint at CONADEH which says that the local mayor, Roosevelt Avilés, ordered hit-men on him.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/08/expresidente-zelaya/amp/>

<https://tiempo.hn/expresidente-mel-zelaya-denuncia-sicarios-me-persiguen/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/08/regidor-denuncia-que-alcalde-de-talanga-pago-para-que-lo-mataran/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/regidor-de-talanga-mario-moncada-denuncia-amenazas-de-muerte-ante-el-conadeh.html>

The MP informs that they opened trial against four members of the Armed Forces for abuse of authority.

[https://twitter.com/MP\\_Honduras/status/1148272467783421952](https://twitter.com/MP_Honduras/status/1148272467783421952)

"UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet said on Monday she is appalled by the conditions in which migrants and refugees - children and adults - are being held in detention in the United States of America after crossing the southern border. She stressed that children should never be held in immigration detention or separated from their families."

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=24800&LangID=E>

[https://hchr.org.mx/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=1288:bachelet-consternada-por-condiciones-de-personas-migrantes-y-refugiadas-detenido-en-los-estados-unidos&Itemid=266](https://hchr.org.mx/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=1288:bachelet-consternada-por-condiciones-de-personas-migrantes-y-refugiadas-detenido-en-los-estados-unidos&Itemid=266)

El Pulso spoke with congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez about the electoral reforms which she opposes for being just "of form but not of substance". But according to her, there are still things that could be informed, e.g. the inclusion of the two-round presidential election.

After a lot of uncertainty (see previous e-mails), the president of Congress Mauricio Oliva now claims that the mobile Congress won't discuss the electoral reforms.

<http://elpulso.hn/reformas-electorales-son-de-forma-y-no-de-fondo/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/oliva-afirma-que-no-se-discutiran-temas-politicos-en-congreso-de-gracias/>

ConfidencialHN published new details on the \$100'000 received by JOH for petrol exploration licenses. Apparently, the money came from Yankel Rosenthal.

<https://confidencialhn.com/empresa-que-dio-100-mil-dolares-a-joh-es-de-yankel-roenthal-y-esta-en-lista-negra-de-ee-uu/>

The CNA announces new details on the new details on their newest corruption investigation into the healthcare sector.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/desfalco-de-l-700-mil-millones-en-salud-sera-fundamentado-anuncia-el-cna.html>

The UN lists Honduras as one of the countries with the highest murder rate.

<https://tiempo.hn/onu-honduras-figura-entre-paises-tienen-alta-tasa-homicidios/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/centroamerica-a-la-cabeza-del-mundo-en-homicidios-por-las-maras-y-la-droga.html>

Juan Almendarez Bonilla published a booklet on ten years of a military coup.

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/200874>

09/07/19

Honduras Daily: COPINH; Tolpunanés; Berta - Impunity; Journalists; LGBTQ; Public Sector - UNAH; Drug Trafficking; Mayors; Corruption - Health Sector; and More Problems with the Electoral Reforms

COPINH denounces that yesterday morning at 5am, the National Police arrived at the Lenca community Nueva Esperanza to arrest 15 people, among them a pregnant woman. They are accused of usurpation, a common approach to criminalize the use of land by subsistence farmers. The initial hearing will already take place today, but now specific hour was given.

IM-Defensoras sent out an alert.

The MP also published a statement claiming they illegally cut wood. And according to them, 14 people were arrested.

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/alerta-policia-detiene-a-15-companerxs-de-nueva-esperanza-comayagua/>

<http://im-defensoras.org/2019/07/alertadefensoras-honduras-detienen-y-criminalizan-a-defensoras-de-la-tierra-de-la-comunidad-de-nueva-esperanza-integrantes-del-copinh/>

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/139-julio2019/4483-requerimiento-fiscal-por-usurpacion-de-terrenos-en-el-ceda-de-comayagua>

In another case of criminalized indigenous people, Peace Watch Switzerland published an update on the situation of the nine criminalized Tolupán defenders and MADJ members from San Francisco de Locomapa. The initial hearing was on June 24 and the hearing was planned to continue on July

3, but it was postponed as the public prosecutors went on holiday, violating article 128 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

<https://peacewatch.blog/2019/07/09/tolupanes-una-tribu-ancestral-que-lucha-por-lo-que-siempre-ha-sido-suyo/>

COPINH continues to denounce the ongoing impunity for the murder of Berta, especially the lack of investigation into the intellectual authorship.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1148758870426365952>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1148624501862805505>

<https://www.hispantv.com/noticias/honduras/432683/asesinato-berta-caceres-copinh>

Two accredited journalists of Radio Progreso were not allowed to cover the parliamentary session of the mobile Congress in Gracias, Lempiras. The security staff claimed that there is not enough space...

The journalist Israel Lanza received threats after covering a local issue in Puerto Cortés.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/denuncia-publica-09-julio-2019/>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/radio-progreso-hace-denuncia-por-negar-derecho-a-evento-publico/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1035-periodista-victima-de-amenazas-por-realizar-su-trabajo-en-puerto-cortes>

Proceso Digital covers the violence confronted by the LGBTQ movement in Honduras. Since 2009, 320 LGBTQ activist, defenders and members were assassinated and 24 in the current year.

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/comunidad-lgtb-en-zozobra-por-ataques.html>

One of the negative highlights of the repression of the recent protests in Honduras was when state security forces stormed UNAH violently attacking students. UNAH dean Francisco Herrera now denounces that it was the Association for a More Just Society (ASJ) which called for the police to enter the university.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/09/asj-ha-querido-que-metamos-la-policia-a-la-unah-rector-francisco-herrera/amp/>

<https://tiempo.hn/rector-unah-asj-pide-abrir-puertas-del-campus-presencia-policial/>

ConfidencialHN reports that the two lawyers Marlon Duarte and Dagoberto Aspra are being investigated by the US for collaborating with the Los Cachiros drug cartel.

<https://confidencialhn.com/justicia-de-ee-uu-apunta-contra-marlon-duarte-y-dagoberto-aspra-por-supuesta-colaboracion-con-narcos1/>

Even though there are complaints filed at the MP against the mayor of Talanga, Roosevelt Avilez, nothing happens. According to the lawyer Benedicto Santos, both the MP and the state apparatus as a whole are protecting him.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/09/ministerio-publico-y-todo-el-aparato-estatal-protogen-al-alcalde-de-talanga/>

In the previous two days, the CNA highlighted new acts of corruption in the healthcare sector, now the TSC joins in announcing that at least 29.3 million Lempiras were stolen from the Health Secretariat.

<https://confidencialhn.com/tribunal-de-cuentas-halla-irregularidades-por-unos-30-millones-en-secretaria-de-salud/>

Salvador Nasralla wants the company responsible for the new identity cards investigated for corruption.

<https://confidencialhn.com/nasralla-exige-una-investigacion-a-empresa-que-emitira-nueva-cedula-de-identidad/>

10/07/19

Honduras Daily: COPINH; Public Sector - Education; Congress; Corruption - Congress; Women's Rights; Migration - HRDs; MACCIH; US; Miskito; Drug Trafficking - JOH; and Human Rights à la Honduras

The initial hearing against the 15 criminalized COPINH members from Nueva Esperanza, Comayagua (see yesterday) took place yesterday. As with most cases of criminalization, the accused are forced to sign in at the courts every two weeks and they are forbidden to approach the land they have worked to nourish their families.

Just hours before the hearing, another member of the Nueva Esperanza community, Sandra Echeverria, went to the police to ask about the state of her friends when she herself was also arrested.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1149026997261258752>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1148966744712724480>

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare denounces the smear campaign against them and announces new protest actions for today and tomorrow.

Reporteros de Investigación uncovered shady deals made by former and the current Education Ministries with teacher salaries - a form of financial repression.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/plataforma-para-la-defensa-de-salud-y-educacion-llama-a-fortalecer-acciones-el-jueves-y-viernes.html>

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/07/10/ministros-de-educacion-autorizaron-intermediacion-financiera-con-sueldos-de-maestros-sin-que-ellos-lo-supieran/>

The repression has moved from the streets to Congress. Libre has been in insurrection for a while to protest the attempt by the JOH-regime and the Nationalist Party to control everything around the electoral reforms. Yesterday, Libre congresswo/men were tear-gassed and attacked by private security at a session of the mobile Congress in Lempira.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1149007064061976576>

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2019/07/honduras-la-represion-se-extiende-desde.html>

<https://tiempo.hn/legislativo-reforma-leyes-congreso-movil-hubo-pitazos-altercados/>

At the same time, Congress' president Mauricio Oliva is testing the ground for reinstating congressional immunity.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/cn-vuelve-a-colocar-la-inmunidad-parlamentaria-en-agenda-publica.html>

Anna-Cat Brigida writes for Al-Jazeera on who the "[d]ebate over the morning-after pill has prevented the adoption of crucial guidelines for attending to sex abuse survivors" in Honduras.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/honduran-women-demand-protocol-survivors-sex-abuse-190707003702255.html>

Defensores en Línea portrays the forced migration of a young HRD and social communicator from Zacate Grande. "For the general coordinator of COFADEH, Berta Oliva, the migration of human rights defenders, especially those who have been part of the Committee's formation processes (...) is a direct attack for the organization. It's a blow because we no longer have such valuable people."

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/vivian-una-voz-defensora-que-se-llevo-la-migracion-forzada/>

The Center for Strategies and International Studies in Washington DC. will hold a discussion next Wednesday on "Lessons Learned from CICIG and MACCIH to Combat Corruption and Promote the Rule of Law".

At the same time, discussions are taking place between the OAS and the JOH regime regarding the future of the MACCIH. The civil society Provisional Committee of the Penal Justice System Observatory of Honduras emitted a press release demanding transparency in the discussions and the renewal of the mandate.

In this context, the US ambassador to the OAS is also traveling to Honduras.

ConfidencialHN claims that the JOH regime wants to pull all the remaining teeth of the MACCIH and renew the contract with a body meant more or less for offering workshops.

<https://mailchi.mp/csis/event-lessons-learned-from-cicig-and-maccih-to-combat-corruption-and-promote-the-rule-of-law?e=74a216e15e>

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/07/10/comitiva-del-observatorio-de-justicia-penal-se-pronuncia-ante-el-proceso-de-negociacion-respecto-al-futuro-de-la-maccih/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/embajador-de-eeuu-en-la-oea-visita-honduras-para-tratar-tema-de-la-maccih-segun-sociedad-civil.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/regimen-nacionalista-quiere-dar-tiro-de-gracia-al-mandato-de-la-maccih/>

The JOH regime said goodbye to their good friend US chargé d'affaires Heide Fulton.

<https://twitter.com/USAmbHonduras/status/1149093038335176705>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/fulton-se-despide-de-honduras-diciendo-que-fueron-tres-anos-de-muchas-sorpresas.html>

Radio Progreso offers a helpful socio-economic analysis on why indigenous Miskito fell forced to take up the dangerous work on fishing boats - work which had cost dozens of them their lives last week.

Back in Tegucigalpa, a group of Miskito continues to protest outside the casa presidencial.

<https://wp.radioprogressohn.net/buzos-miskitos-obligados-a-sumergirse-en-el-mar-para-no-morir-de-hambre/>

<https://tiempo.hn/misquitos-exigen-aprobacion-ley-de-saneamiento/>

The trial against JOH's brother Tony Hernández in the US may be rescheduled again.

<https://confidencialhn.com/fiscalia-pide-a-tribunal-neoyorquino-reprogramar-fecha-de-juicio-para-tony/>

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<http://elpulso.hn/derechos-humanos-estilo-honduras/>

11/07/19

Honduras Daily: LGBTQ; Public Sector - Repression, Congress, Libre; Penal Code; IACHR; Violence; Campesinas; Electoral Reforms; Drug Trafficking - JOH; and the Women of MAS

The murder of three trans women in less than a week in Honduras has widespread reactions and repudiation.

The German Foreign office published a press release demanding a swift and thorough investigation and a better protection for human rights defenders and especially the LGBTQ community.

The Honduran Human Rights Secretariat also published a press release.

The U embassy reacted to it on social media insisting that the authorities investigate the crimes and improve the security of the LGBTQ community.

The MP informs about the initial hearing against two suspects of the latest murder.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2513-comunidad-lgtb-se-agudiza-el-riesgo-las-mujeres-trans-son-el-blanco>

In German: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/newsroom/mrhhb-mord-lgbti-aktivistin-honduras/2232862>

<https://twitter.com/USAmbHonduras/status/1149446923964878848>

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/139-julio2019/4486-en-audiencia-inicial-supuestos-homicidas-de-miembro-de-la-diversidad-sexual-ultimado-en-comayagueela>

The family members of the murdered 17-year old Eblin Noel Corea Maradiaga, assassinated in the context of the protests, demands that the exhumation takes place in front of them. The fear that the JOH regime will cover up a murder by the state security forces.

<https://tiempo.hn/autopsia-de-joven-de-la-paz-eblin-corea/>

The mobile Congress in Gracias, Lempira decided two measures to appease protesters in the transport and education sector. If it works remains to be seen.

<http://elpulso.hn/a-pesar-de-la-inserreccion-legislativa-se-aprueban-reformas/>

In the context of the mobile Congress, Libre congressman Fabricio Sandoval denounces that the Nationalist congressman Oswaldo Ramos Soto threatened him with death for the protest held by Libre.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/diputado-fabricio-sandoval-denuncia-amenazas-a-muerte-por-parte-de-diputado-oswaldo-ramos-soto/>

The Spanish new outlet El Estado spoke with Libre activist Gilberto Ríos about the situation in Honduras.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/11/cinco-familias-controlan-el-75-de-la-economia-de-honduras-gilberto-rios/amp/>

Congress proposes changes to the disputed Penal Code before it becomes law in November.

<https://tiempo.hn/congreso-nacional-propone-revisar-nuevo-codigo-civil/>

In a press release, the Monitoring Board of the Compliance with Sentences of the IACtHR demands that the JOH regime finally complies with the reparation orders from the IACtHR in the case of the murdered human rights defender Juan Humberto Sánchez in 1992.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/honduras-continua-sin-cumplir-sentencia-de-la-corte-idh-en-el-caso-juan-humberto-sanchez-2/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/11/honduras-27-anos-sin-justicia-por-ejecucion-extrajudicial-de-juan-humberto-sanchez/>

This week, UNODC published its newest edition of the Global Study on Homicide with a strong focus on Central America. The report consists of six booklet, one for example is on gender violence.

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/global-study-on-homicide.html>

Campesinas, women peasants, denounce the prolonged delay in the execution of the CREDIMUJER program approved in 2015 and which should give them access to credit.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1150-inaceptable-retraso-de-funcionamiento-de-credimujer-denuncian-campesinas-y-feministas>

The OAS handed over its report on the proposed electoral reforms to Congress.

Congress' secretary Tomás Zambrano promised reforms within two weeks.

<https://confidencialhn.com/secretario-del-legislativo-asegura-que-en-15-dias-se-presentaran-dictámenes-de-reformas-electorales/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/oea-entrega-recomendaciones-para-reformas-electorales-al-cn.html>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1300991-466/oea-presenta-recomendaciones-para-leyes-electorales-al-congreso-de-honduras>

The trial against JOH's brother Tony Hernández accused of drug trafficking in the US may be sped-up.

<https://confidencialhn.com/ordenan-implementar-un-juicio-rapido-contra-tony-hernandez-en-tribunal-de-ee-uu/>

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<http://im-defensoras.org/2019/07/red-nacional-de-defensoras-de-derechos-humanos-en-honduras-mas-mujeres-en-el-movimiento-ambientalista-santabarbarese-mas/>

12/07/19

Honduras Daily: OFRANEH; Berta - Solidarity; LGBTQ; Public Sector - Repression, Dengue; Military Police - Torture; ATIC; Lawyers; Penal Code; MACCIH; US; Migration; and the Authoritarian Face of Congress

IM-Defensoras published an alert regarding the situation of OFRANEH general coordinator Miriam Miranda. It is the third alert since January 2019, highlighting the ongoing persecution and harassment of her and her organization.

<http://im-defensoras.org/2019/07/alertaurgente-honduras-hostigamiento-intimidacion-y-ataques-reiterados-contra-ofraneh-ponen-en-alto-riesgo-a-sus-integrantes/>

Berta Zúniga was in Barcelona where she met the mayor Ada Colau to discuss the situation in Honduras and the ongoing impunity in the Berta Cáceres case.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1149741770797977600>

The police claims to have captured a suspect in the murder case of LGBTQ social communicator Ivis Enrique Amaya.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/sucesos/1301233-466/capturan-a-sospechoso-de-crimen-contra-miembro-de-la-comunidad-lgtbi-en>

Yesterday was another day of protest in Honduras. The president of the Medical Association of Honduras (CMH), Suyapa Figueroa, participated in a march in El Progreso.

<https://tiempo.hn/suyapa-figueroa-asamblea-movilizacion-plataforma/>

But once more, the protests were repressed. The Honduras Solidarity Network reports on the use of live bullets against protesters in Nacaome, Valle.

Further protests took place in Tegucigalpa, where the police once more used tear gas, as well as in the north of the country.

On social media, videos are circulating showing the aftermath of school children having been tear-gassed by the Military Police.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1149781015910477826>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1149737089845485569>

<https://twitter.com/AntiBotsHN/status/1149757813540950016>

<https://tiempo.hn/policias-gasean-a-ninos-dentro-de-la-universidad-pedagogica/>

Honduras has declared a national emergency due to the ever rising dengue infections. Gilberto Ríos Munguía denounces that the international community took part in the official launch of the campaign against dengue while failing to mention the roots of the crisis, the failings of the Honduran public health system. Rather than fighting dengue, the regime has fought those protesting for a better public health system.

<http://elpulso.hn/honduras-gaseados-no-por-el-dengue-sino-por-protestar/>

The human rights organization CPTRT has documented 16 cases of torture in the last year highlighting a case involving the Military Police.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/de-violacion-y-acoso-sexual-acusan-a-policias-militares/>

ConfidencialHN reports that the former head of forensic medicine, Julissa Villanueva, is being followed and harassed by ATIC agents in civilian clothes. Villanueva has been vocal in presenting the death of a former regional head of ATIC as a murder and not as a suicide as claimed by ATIC.

<https://confidencialhn.com/asedio-supuestos-espias-de-la-atic-dan-vigilancia-y-seguimiento-a-exjefa-forense-julissa-villanueva/>

According to the Lawyers Association of Honduras, at least 40 lawyers have left the country so far this year after receiving threats.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/unos-40-abogados-han-abandonado-el-pais-por-amenazas-en-primer-semester-del-ano.html>

On Thursday, Congress announced changes to the disputed Penal Code before coming into force in November (see yesterday's e-mail). Now, OACNUDH and the IACHR demand just that in a joint press release. They express "concern about the publication last May of the final text of the new Penal Code, which contains disproportionate restrictions on freedom of expression, freedom of the

press, as well as certain provisions that by their formulation may affect the right to protest and defend human rights in the country, among other things.

Proceso Digital spoke with several experts on the question of the Penal Code. Should it be changed or derogated altogether?

<https://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/174.asp>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/nuevo-codigo-penal-revisarlo-o-derogarlo.html>

Even though he has attacked the MACCIH on several occasions for the cases brought forward against his family, the former president Pepe Lobo now says that he is in favor of renewing its contract. But he wants a more independent MACCIH denouncing an ongoing impunity pact between JOH and the OAS.

<https://tiempo.hn/pepe-pide-revisar-casos-de-la-maccih-y-sus-conexiones-en-oea-y-presidencial/>

Lawrence J. Gumbine took over as the new chargé d'affaires at the US embassy.

<https://hn.usembassy.gov/es/lawrence-j-gumbiner-asume-cargo-como-encargado-de-negocios-de-la-embajada-de-los-ee-uu-en-honduras/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3435-ee-uu-no-quiere-embajador-en-honduras-ya-llego-el-reemplazo-de-fulton>

"Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales will travel to Washington next week to discuss migration, while five former senior officials went to court to block an agreement Morales may sign declaring the Central American country a safe destination for asylum seekers."

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-guatemala-usa/guatemalan-and-us-leaders-to-discuss-migration-asylum-deal-seen-close-idUSKCN1U6299>

Radio Progreso denounces that Congress has once more shown its authoritarian and corrupt face these last months and years.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/congreso-nacional-muestra-su-lado-autoritario-corrup-to-e-impune/>

13/07/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; LGBTQ; Public Sector - UN; Drug Trafficking; Violence; and Back to the 1980s

The Human Rights Roundtable, a platform of some 20 national human rights organizations, met this Friday with CONADEH to denounce that their work is being obstructed by state security forces.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2515-organizaciones-de-la-mesa-de-derechos-humanos-denuncian-agresiones-estigma-y-amenazas-ante-el-conadeh>

Avispa writes about the increase in hate crimes against the LGBTQ community in Honduras culminating in three assassinations in less than a week this July. Speaking with Donny Reyes of the Association Arcoíri, he highlights one of the main sources of violence. "We have done some research throughout our organizational life. And through the investigations it has emerged that those who commit the greatest number of crimes towards the LGBTI community are those linked to the Armed Forces or State Security Forces. That is, from an investigation we did on 171 cases that we had, 61% had been committed by state security forces: the National Police, the investigation police, the army."

<https://avispa.org/en-aumento-crimenes-de-odio-contra-la-comunidad-lgtbi-en-honduras/>

OACNUDH laments the attack on the school children with tear gas (see yesterday's e-mail) and demands an investigation.

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1149881593282080769>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/policia-ejecuta-violentos-desalojos-contra-universitarios-en-la-pedagogica/>

In the Spanish newspaper El País, Carlos Dada describes Honduras as a narcostate.

[https://elpais.com/internacional/2019/07/13/america/1562993182\\_470044.html?id\\_externo\\_rsoc=FB\\_CC](https://elpais.com/internacional/2019/07/13/america/1562993182_470044.html?id_externo_rsoc=FB_CC)

In the 38th multiple killing of 2019, three young Hondurans were murdered, a 20-year old man and two 17-year old and 15-year old girls.

<https://tiempo.hn/identifican-victimas-de-masacre-en-olancho-dos-eran-menores-de-edad/>

Bertha Oliva, coordinator of COFADEH, speaks about the similarities between the current situation in Honduras and the 1980s with a strong focus on the role of US foreign policy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wqHWW5PfMI>

14/07/19

Honduras Daily: HR-Situation; Berta - Trial; LGBTQ; Electoral Reforms - OEA; and 50 Years after the Football War

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/2019/07/1906\\_AnotherMonthInHonduras.pdf](https://honduras-forum.ch/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/1906_AnotherMonthInHonduras.pdf)

Peoples Dispatch reports on the recent murder of Olvin Gustavo García Mejía. "The Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH) reported that on July 5 that Olvin Gustavo García Mejía was found dead in the San Bartolo community, in the north region of the Intibucá department. García Mejía was an unofficial employee of the Desarrollos Energéticos S.A. (DESA) company and allegedly carried out their dirty work of threats, intimidation and even selective assassinations in order to pave the way for the construction of their hydroelectric project, Agua Zarca. COPINH released copies of chats between DESA executives David Castillo and Sergio Rodríguez calling García Mejía their "best security at the dam". In a communique, COPINH said that "With the death of Olvin García Mejía, a key witness is buried and the truth about the plans of the DESA company to assassinate Berta Cáceres are hidden."

<https://peoplesdispatch.org/2019/07/14/death-of-key-witness-in-berta-caceres-case-a-plot-to-erase-evidence/>

A court in San Pedro Sula ordered pre-trial detention for the accused murdered of LGBTQ social communicator Santiago "Santi" Carbajal.

According to CONADEH, at least 325 members of the LGBTQ community have been murdered in Honduras since 2009. He demands a stop to these hate crimes as well a stop to the high impunity rates of more than 90%. CONADEH also condemns the 21 assassinations of 2019, four of which took place in less than a week in the beginning of July.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/detencion-judicial-contra-supuesto-asesino-de-miembro-de-la-comunidad-lgtbi-en-puerto-cortes.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/al-menos-325-miembros-de-comunidad-lgtbi-asesinados-en-honduras-desde-2009.html>

The report on the proposed electoral reforms by the OEA was published online. The report includes a 126 pages long Electoral Bill and a 58 pages long Electoral Procedural Bill.

<https://radiohrn.hn/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Informe-Final-ENTREGA-ANEXOS.pdf>

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<https://confidencialhn.com/a-50-anos-de-la-guerra-del-futbol-la-verdad-detras-del-mito/>

15/07/19

Honduras Daily: Political Prisoners; COPINH; LGBTQ; Migration - US; MACCIH; Corruption - Education; Electoral Reforms; Congress; Drug Trafficking; National Police; IMF; and the JOH Regime Explained

Rights Action denounces that the political prisoners Edwin Espinal, Raul Alvarez and Rommel Herrera held in so-called maximum security prisons received death threats. " As a result of death threats received from other inmates, all three told prison authorities on July 7th that they refused to return to their cellblock and would withstand being beaten or punished for not obeying. All feared for their lives. Edwin, Raul and Rommel have denounced threats against their life since at least June 6th and penitentiary authorities have done nothing to implement security measures to protect them. (...) As of July 11th (the last communication with them), all three report being sick. Rommel and Raúl have a harsh cough and Edwin complains about constant ringing and thumping in his ear as a result of an ear infection that has never been adequately treated since December 2018."

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/death-threats-against-honduran-political-prisoners-edwin-espinal-raul-alvarez-rommel-herrera>

COPINH sent out an alert after COPINH members from Somolagua, Santa Bárbara were being shot at by men linked to the Ríos brothers. The latter oppose the land recuperation efforts by the community and are being supported by the Nationalist congressman Mario Pérez.

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/alerta-disparan-a-miembros-de-la-comunidad-de-somolagua-santa-barbara/>

OACNUDH published a press release condemning the murdered of the LGBTQ community in Honduras.

<https://oacnudh.hn/oacnudh-honduras-condena-la-muerte-de-miembros-de-la-comunidad-lgbti/>  
<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/denuncias/item/2516-oacnudh-honduras-condena-la-muerte-de-al-menos-20-miembros-de-la-comunidad-lgbti-en-el-2019>

Some 150 regional and international human rights organizations wrote an open letter demanding that the US and Guatemala abstain from signing an agreement declaring Guatemala a safe third country for migrants. "The signatory organizations denounce that Guatemala can not guarantee the protection of the asylum seekers that would be sent from the USA, reason why this agreement represents a threat to the guarantee of the human rights of this population and, if implemented, would put in serious risk their integrity and their lives."

The Guatemalan government, facing legal challenges at home for the deal, announced that it postponed the meeting with the Trump administration.

<https://www.cejil.org/es/organizaciones-ddhh-guatemala-y-estados-unidos-deben-abstenerse-firmar-acuerdo-tercer-pais-seguro>

<https://twitter.com/GuatemalaGob/status/1150425042163044353?s=08>

US congressman Norma Torres visited a migrant detention center in Florida and addressed the "narco government" of JOH on Twitter asking him what she should say to the children held captive there.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/15/congresista-norma-torres-llama-narcogobierno-al-regimen-de-hernandez/amp/>

<https://twitter.com/NormaJTorres/status/1150530762556542983>

Proceso Digital asks if the MACCIH entered in hibernation mode with the exit from its spokesperson Luis Guimarães.

The MACCIH met with representatives of the German embassy and the German development agency GIZ.

<http://www.proceso.hn/portadas/10-portada/maccih-frente-a-una-etapa-dehibernacion.htm> l

[https://twitter.com/OEA\\_MACCIH/status/1150923784318328832](https://twitter.com/OEA_MACCIH/status/1150923784318328832)

After the official publication of the proposed electoral reforms by the OAS (see yesterday's e-mail), the political opposition denounces that the OAS abstained from commenting on the presidential reelection as well as the two-round presidential election, two key topics.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/oea-omite-sugerencias-sobre-segunda-vuelta-y-reeleccion-presidencial-denuncia-oposicion/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/segunda-vuelta-y-reglamentacion-de-reeleccion-estan-fuera-de-reformas-politicas-mauricio-oliva.html>

<https://tiempo.hn/oea-reformas-lo-que-propuso-el-tse-sirvio-de-base/>

The Supreme Audit Court (TS) uncovered irregularities at a 13 million Lempira fund at the Education Secretariat.

<https://confidencialhn.com/tsc-muestra-irregularidades-en-13-millones-de-lempiras-transferidos-a-la-secretaria-de-educacion/>

Nincy Perdomo published a special edition of her parliamentary chronicles on the mobile Congress in Gracias - a session which in total only took three hours.

PINU congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez denounces that Congress suffers from a legislative crisis.

<http://elpulso.hn/cp-1007-2019/>

<http://elpulso.hn/congreso-nacional-en-crisis-legislativa/>

Criterio reports that the former government official Miguel Rodrigo Pastor was mentioned in US court documents linked to Fabio Lobo and Fredy Nájera who worked with the Los Cachiros drug cartel. He is a former mayor of Tegucigalpa and ran in the Nationalist race to become their presidential candidate.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/15/miguel-pastor-habria-ayudado-a-transportar-10-toneladas-de-cocaina-a-estados-unidos/amp/>

The Security Secretariat announced changes in the leadership of the police.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/oficializan-seis-nuevas-rotaciones-en-jefaturas-policiales.html>

The JOH regime signed an \$311 million stand-by agreement for 24 months with the IMF.

<https://tiempo.hn/honduras-firmo-acuerdo-stand-by-fmi-1/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/tras-autorizacion-por-multimillonarios-recortes-fmi-da-credito-a-honduras-por-311-millones-de-dolares/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TrYShA65FE>

16/07/19

Honduras Daily: COPINH - Río Blanco; Journalists; Lencas - Violence against Women; Corruption - UFECIC, Construction; Migration - US; Dengue - EU; Penitentiary System; IMF; CAFTA; Congress; and Selective Tweeting by the IACHR

COPINH denounces that last night, members of the Madrid family with links to the Atala Zablah family destroyed the complete harvest of the COPINH community in Río Blanco. COPINH launched a urgent call to the international community to support the people of Río Blanco and to put pressure on the JOH regime.

IM-Defensoras also sent out an alert.

This attack took place almost on the day six years after the murder of Tomás García in Río Blanco by state security forces.

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/alerta-urgente-ataque-en-rio-blanco/>

<http://im-defensoras.org/2019/07/alertaurgente-honduras-hostigamiento-al-copinh-destruyen-todas-las-cosechas-de-maiz-de-la-comunidad-de-rio-blanco/>

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/a-6-anos-de-su-asesinato-la-lucha-sigue-rio-blanco-resiste/>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the difficult situation of journalists and social communicators who do not inform in line with the JOH regime.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2517-castigos-por-el-gobierno-por-no-seguir-la-linea-oficial>

Young indigenous Lenca female peasants denounce their situation of sexual harassment, threats and violence they suffer from their partners and former partners.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2518-jovenes-campesinas-indigenas-lencas-la-violencia-domestica-nos-mata>

UFECIC published a series of tweets demanding the renewing of the contract with the MACCIH as well as the approval of crucial legislative reform, e.g. the derogation of the secrecy law or the strengthening of the investigative capacities of the TSC.

<https://twitter.com/UFECIC1/status/1151220749706780672>

<https://twitter.com/UFECIC1/status/1151235922828189696>

<https://twitter.com/UFECIC1/status/1151236110384803841>

<https://twitter.com/UFECIC1/status/1151236753996406784>

<https://twitter.com/UFECIC1/status/1151237318155669504>

<https://confidencialhn.com/ufecic-urge-de-reformas-legales-para-profundizar-combate-a-la-corrupcion/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/ufecic-senala-necesidad-de-aprobar-reformas-sustanciales-para-luchar-contra-corrupcion.html>

The CNA announced investigating the construction sector.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/cna-investiga-ongs-involucradas-en-procesos-de-construccion.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/cna-investigara-a-oeneges-que-reciben-dinero-publico-para-construccion-de-obras/>

"The Trump administration on July 15, 2019 announced a new rule that effectively bars from asylum nearly anyone who crosses the southern US border after traveling through a third country, Human Rights Watch said today. "The Trump administration's new rule shows breathtaking disregard for US obligations toward asylum seekers," said Bill Frelick, refugee rights director at Human Rights Watch. "It dumps asylum seekers on other countries without any assurances that they will get a fair hearing."

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/07/15/us-new-rule-flouts-asylum-norms>

The EU supports the Red Cross Honduras with some \$180'000 to fight dengue, which has already claimed at least 51 lives so far this year in Honduras.

The number of suspected deaths rose to 90.

Suyapa Figueroa, president of the Medical Association of Honduras (CMH), demands the depolitization of the fight against dengue by the JOH regime and that it leaves it in the hand of the experts.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/honduras/la-uni-n-europea-brinda-ayuda-las-v-ctimas-del-brote-de-dengue-en-honduras>

<https://tiempo.hn/muerte-dengue-ascienden-a-90/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/epidemia-de-dengue-en-manos-de-expertos-se-controla-en-seis-semanas-dice-presidenta-del-colegio-medico.html>

The National Penitentiary Institute (INP) announced that they would strengthen its staff's capacity to avoid their collaboration with gangs.

<http://elpulso.hn/carceles-sin-privilegios/>

FOSDEH denounces the lack of transparency around the newest IMF deal.

<https://confidencialhn.com/fosdeh-denuncia-que-acuerdo-con-el-fondo-monetario-internacional-no-se-manejo-con-transparencia/>

The US is meeting with representatives of the Central American countries this week in San José to start renegotiating the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA).

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/16/centroamerica-y-ee-uu-revisaran-tlc-y-crisis-migratoria/>

Libre maintains its congressional insurrection.

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1302295-410/cohetes-bengalas-humo-extintor-congreso-nacional>

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<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/07/16/los-tuits-selectivos-de-la-cidh/>

17/07/19

Honduras Daily: UN; COPINH; Public Sector; Penal Code; Journalists; Femicide; US; Electoral Reforms; Miskito; and Poverty-Inducing VAT

The UN Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Diego García-Sayán, will visit Honduras from August 16-22. OACNDH calls on civil society organization to share information with them in preparation of the visit.

<https://www.ohchr.org/SP/Issues/Judiciary/Pages/VisitHonduras.aspx>

MADJ, which also accompanies COPINH in legal cases, published additional information on the most recent attack against the COPINH community in Río Blanco, the destruction of their corn harvest (see also yesterday).

<https://madj.org/index.php/2019/07/17/ataques-contras-familias-lencas-son-sistematicos-y-amparados-por-la-impunidad-que-permite-la-institucionalidad-hondurena/>

As students and pupils participated in the protests by the education and healthcare sector, many schools are now heavily occupied by state security forces.

But protests continue both in San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3438-insolito-policias-impiden-clases-a-colegiales-hondurenos>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/estudiantes-de-media-protestan-en-tegucigalpa-y-san-pedro-sula.html>

<https://confidencialhn.com/se-registran-enfrentamientos-entre-estudiantes-y-policias-en-el-bulevar-fuerzas-armadas/>

Some 30 civil society organizations, business association and also the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare jointly opposed the new Penal Code meant to come into force in November. They propose a different Penal Code and will send a proposal to Congress.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/organizaciones-de-sociedad-civil-rechazan-nuevo-codigo-penal-y-entregaran-propuesta-para-reemplazarlo.html>

Radio Globo journalist Marvin Neptalí Ortiz denounces having been persecuted for the second time by the same car.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/16/periodista-marvin-ortiz-de-radio-globo-denuncia-persecucion/amp/>

The newest report by the Human Rights of Women Observatory found that Honduras has had the second highest femicide rate in Central America in 2017 and 2018.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/opiniones/1157-honduras-el-segundo-pais-con-tasas-mas-altas-de-femicidio-en-centroamerica>

"The Trump administration plans to divert more than \$40 million in humanitarian aid from Central America to the U.S.-backed opposition in Venezuela, according to an internal memo and interviews. The memo, dated July 11 and obtained by The Times, is a notification to Congress from the U.S. Agency for International Development that the money is going to Venezuela in response to an "exigent" crisis involving U.S. "national interest."

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2019-07-16/usaid-diverting-humanitarian-aid-to-political-opposition-in-venezuela>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/17/ee-uu-desviara-mas-de-40-millones-de-ayuda-humanitaria-a-honduras-y-guatemala-para-apoyar-a-guaido/amp/>

Radio Progreso published an important short explanation of the discussions around the electoral reforms. "What then is behind the anguished desires and purposes of these sectors and obscure characters for the approval of the so-called electoral reforms? In our Honduran case, the elections, instead of being synonymous with democracy, have become, at least in the case of the last three electoral contests, an instrument that legitimizes the power of the strong, the corrupt, the criminal and the unpunished. And today, they need to repair that process with a few tweaks and stories that they call reforms, in order to suit the so-called international community, and thus continue deceiving the unwary".

Proceso Digital, meanwhile, reports on the possibility to temporarily elect new TSE magistrates until the electoral reforms are approved. Some weeks ago, the current magistrates were confirmed in their position under protest by the political opposition and civil society organizations.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/reformas-electorales-cual-es-la-cuestion/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/contemplan-eleccion-temporal-de-sustitutos-de-titulares-del-tse.html>

Indigenous Miskito denounce being discriminated by the Administrative Office for Seized Goods (OABI) and they also demand licenses for artisan fishing by the Agriculture und Livestock Secretariat (SAG).

<http://elpulso.hn/misquitos-denuncian-discriminacion-y-piden-licencias-de-pesca/>

<https://tiempo.hn/misquitos-ruegan-oabi-casa-lanchas-vehiculo-incautadas/>

The Central American Fiscal Studies Institute (Icefi) found that VAT increases in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras undermines the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the region.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/17/pobreza-aumentara-en-triangulo-norte-por-aumento-al-iva/>

18/07/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression; LGBTQ; HRDs; Women's Rights; Electoral Reforms; Penal Code; National Police; Armed Forces - US; Migration; National Party; Internet; UK; and Hope in the Midst of Disappointment

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare denounced yesterday that the JOH regime apparently has reactivated the controversial executive decrees through the creation of a new one, PCM 036-2019. They link it to the recent approval of a IMF deal (see previous e-mails).

As a response, they called for new protests.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/18/plataforma-denuncia-que-gobierno-ha-reactivado-los-pcm-con-un-nuevo-pcm/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/plataforma-convoca-a-fortalecer-acciones-a-nivel-nacional-para-exigir-derogacion-de-un-nuevo-pcm.html>

The Honduras Solidarity Network reports on the arrest of five high school students and an adult in San Pedro Sula as part of the repressive answer to protests by the JOH regime.

There is also growing criticism of the heavy presence of state security forces at schools (see also yesterday).

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1152053142479134720>

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/diversos-sectores-condenan-presencia-militar-y-policial-en-centros-educativos/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/centros-educativos-de-tegucigalpa-amanecieron-con-grandes-contingentes-policiales/>

The IACHR emitted a press release repudiating the violence against trans people in Honduras reacting to the murder of several trans women this month. "The Commission warns that these acts of violence are not isolated. During the on-site visit carried out in 2018, the IACHR was able to

observe that LGBTI people live in a context characterized by frequent physical, psychological and sexual violence against them, in addition to widespread impunity in those cases."

<https://www.oas.org/es/cidh/prensa/comunicados/2019/176.asp>

Trocaire and C-Libre published an evaluation of the protection mechanism for human rights defenders.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/noticias/1040-evaluacion-del-sistema-nacional-de-proteccion-2015-2018>

Some months ago, El Heraldo reported on the clandestine online purchase through Facebook of drugs to stop pregnancies. Regina Fonseca now explains for ConexiHon the realities that force women in Honduras to buy such pills online - widespread sexual violence in Honduras, the prohibition of emergency contraceptive pills, teenage pregnancies.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/opiniones/1159-la-realidad-tras-venta-clandestina-de-cytotec>

El Pulso summarizes the current debate about the electoral reforms, highlighting where consensus exists and where not (presidential reelection, two-round presidential election, election of the representatives of the new electoral bodies).

<http://elpulso.hn/segunda-vuelta-y-reeleccion-el-aguijon-de-los-partidos-politicos/>

With only a few months left until its approval, criticism of the new Penal Code resurfaced again.

The CNA even announced an investigation into various congresswo/men for the incorporation of four controversial articles that had not been debated.

<https://tiempo.hn/nuevo-codigo-penal-delito-favorece-corrupcion-reiteran-dirigentes-civiles/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/sip-muestra-preocupacion-por-nuevo-codigo-penal-de-honduras-y-pide-revisarlo.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/cna-investiga-a-diputados-por-cuatro-articulos-del-nuevo-codigo-penal-que-no-se-discutieron-en-el-pleno.html>

Miguel Briceño, speaker of the indignados movement, accuses the police commissar José Martín Mejía Flores of having him threatened with death during a protest march.

<https://tiempo.hn/miguel-briceno-denuncia-ante-el-mp-a-oficial-de-policia-que-lo-amenazo-a-muerte/>

The US Coast Guard was present with a ship in Honduras for three days and its Deputy Commander Atlantic Area, Rear Admiral Todd A. Sokalzuk, held meetings with Honduran military officials.

<https://twitter.com/USAmbHonduras/status/1151875703119462400>

<https://twitter.com/USAmbHonduras/status/1151870251883212800>

According to Guadalupe Ruelas, director of Casa Alianza, some 25'000 Honduran children leave the country every year.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/18/unos-25-mil-ninos-salen-anualmente-de-honduras-hacia-estados-unidos/>

El Pulso published a portrait of the former president Rafael Leonardo Callejas, "the Nationalist Monarch".

<http://elpulso.hn/rafael-leonardo-callejas-el-monarca-nacionalista/>

Honduras has the worst Internet coverage in Central America according to the report Digital Competences in Honduras.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3440-honduras-ultimo-lugar-en-cobertura-de-internet-en-la-region>

The UK signed a free trade agreement with Central America, i.e. the agreement keeps in place the existing agreement with the EU for after the Brexit.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/el-reino-unido-y-centroamerica-firman-continuidad-de-acuerdo-de-asociacion.html>

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<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/18/esperanza-en-medio-de-decepcion/amp/>

19/07/19

Honduras Daily: Public Sector - Repression, Political Prisoners; Journalists; Extractivism - Solar; LGBTQ; Electoral Reforms; Migration - Children; IMF; Remittances; US; and Enough

On Thursday, five students (two minors) and an adult supervisor from the José Trinidad Reyes Institute in San Pedro Sula were arrested (see also yesterday's e-mail).

After the violent repression of protests, the police and TIGRES special forces threw tear gas and entered the school. Even though MADJ presented a habeas corpus in favor of them, they remained in custody overnight.

Yesterday, they were released but they were also accused of damages against the state.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/18/policia-retiene-estudiantes-del-jtr-capturados-esta-tarde/>

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/07/19/alerta-estudiantes-expuestos-a-tortura-tratos-cruels-e-inhumanos-por-parte-de-fuerzas-policiales/>

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1043-policias-ingresan-y-detienen-a-cinco-estudiantes-en-centro-educativo>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/estudiantes-y-guardia-del-jtr-quedan-en-libertad/>

Defensores en Línea published an interview with the parents of the newest political prisoner, the 23-year old teacher Rommel Baldemar Herrera Portillo. "Our son is a political prisoner and his imprisonment is a clear message to the Honduran people fighting in the streets claiming their rights. With his arrest they try to stop the social movement and criminalize the protest."

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/lo-queremos-libre/>

The journalist Wenceslao Canales received death threats after reporting on irregularities at the San Isidro Hospital in Tocoa.

<http://www.clibrehonduras.com/index.php/portada-alertas/1042-periodista-es-amenazado-por-denunciar-contaminacion-en-hospital-de-tocoa>

CESPAD published an important report on the negative effects of extractivist solar energy projects in the south of Honduras focusing on the community of Namasigüe.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/07/18/coyuntura-desde-los-territorios-namasigue-un-pueblo-que-esta-evidenciando-el-dano-de-los-proyectos-fotovoltaicos-en-el-sur-de-honduras/>

The Spanish government published a press release condemning the recent assassinations of LGBTQ activists linking it also to the worrisome situation of human rights defenders in general.

[http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/SalaDePrensa/Comunicados/Paginas/2019\\_COMUNICADOS/20190719\\_COMU117.aspx](http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/SalaDePrensa/Comunicados/Paginas/2019_COMUNICADOS/20190719_COMU117.aspx)

Radio Progreso published an update on the discussions around the electoral reforms. There are currently talks between the different political parties.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/fuerzas-politicas-podrian-llegar-a-acuerdos-electorales-en-proximos-dias/>

The New York Times reports on the heart-wrenching fate of the 13-old Heydi Gámez García. Granted asylum in the US, she waited for her father to join her, but he was picked up by the border patrol on several occasions. During the last attempted, he was jailed. "But as days turned into weeks and more than a month passed without his release, the young girl seemed to lose hope, her family said." Shortly afterwards, she took her own life.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/17/us/migrant-teen-suicide-long-island.html>

The number of migrant children and youth picked up by Mexican authorities grew by 132% in the first semester of 2019 compared to the same period in 2018. Of the over 33'000 children and youth, over 8500 are not accompanied by parents or relatives. The majority, over half of them, are from Honduras.

<https://www.elsalvador.com/eldiariodehoy/sube-112-migracion-de-menores-rumbo-a-ee-uu/622202/2019/>

This week, Honduras signed a new agreement with the IMF (see previous e-mails). The US embassy congratulated them on Twitter.

The IMF also published a new report on Honduras

<https://twitter.com/USAmbHonduras/status/1152290010252677120>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/nuevo-encargado-de-negocios-de-eeuu-felicita-a-honduras-por-alcanzar-acuerdo-con-fmi.html>

<https://www.imf.org/en/News/Articles/2019/07/17/NA071819-Honduras-New-Economic-Plan-for-Stability-and-Growth>

Honduras is one of the top-ten countries regarding the percentage of remittances of GDP (almost 20%).

Randolfo García summarized the finding as follows: "In other words when human beings become merchandise. To provoke forced migration is a business."

<http://blogs.worldbank.org/opendata/money-sent-home-workers-now-largest-source-external-financing-low-and-middle-income>

<https://twitter.com/randygarciaHn/status/1152217586676961281>

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) denounces the cut to US aid to Central America. "“This cruel removal of aid to vulnerable communities will not make the so-called border crisis go away, it will only fuel the impulse to escape misery and seek a better future across the U.S. border, said Jan Egeland, Secretary General of NRC."

<https://www.nrc.no/news/2019/july/u.s.-aid-cut-to-central-america-cruel-and-counterproductive/>

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<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/19/fuera-joh-banqueros-ladrones-y-militares-asesinos/amp/>

20/07/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; National Police; Transport Sector; Electoral Reforms; Penal Code; and the Lack of Listening

Proceso Digital cites a statistic from CONADEH which says that between 2015 and the beginning of 2018, CONADEH received some 310 complaints of human rights violations of human rights defenders.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/defensores-de-ddhh-articulan-esfuerzos-en-honduras-para-que-su-labor-no-sea-criminalizada.html>

Two police agents were found guilty for a murder back in 2010.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/139-julio2019/4502-15-anos-de-carcel-para-dos-policias-por-el-homicidio-de-un-ciudadano-en-minas-de-oro-comayagua>

48 workers in the transport sector have been murdered so far in 2019.

<https://confidencialhn.com/transportistas-cuestionan-al-gobierno-por-la-muerte-violenta-de-48-trabajadores/>

<https://hch.tv/2019/07/19/a-48-asciende-el-numero-de-transportistas-asesinados-en-201911/>

These last days, there was some talk on convergence between the political parties on the electoral reforms. But according to Libre congressman Jorge Cálix, there have been no formal talks to come to an agreement.

<https://tiempo.hn/jorge-calix-dice-que-aun-no-hay-acuerdos-para-realizar-reformas-electorales/>

The Lawyers Association of Honduras (CAH) claims that according to the law, the new Penal Code first has to come into force before it can be reformed or derogated.

<https://tiempo.hn/cah-sin-entrar-vigencia-nuevo-codigo-penal-no-reformado/>

"Honduras lives a history of division and polarization, so much so that every opinion that is poured out, without being heard and analyzed, is divided up into an official and opposition position, but the content was never listened to. So all the political, economic and social sectors talk about dialogue, but nobody talks and nobody listens to anyone."

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/escucha-y-dialogo/>

21/07/19

Honduras Daily: OFRANEH; Journalists; Public Sector - Education, Health; Migration – US;

The Spanish newspaper El Periódico spoke with Mirjam Miranda, coordinator of OFRANEH. They speak about the situation of environmental defenders, the murder of Berta Cáceres and the negative impacts of extractivist projects at the community level.

<https://www.elperiodico.com/es/internacional/20190719/en-honduras-por-defender-el-medio-ambiente-te-convierten-en-terrorista-7560780?>

Unsatisfied by the work and lack of democracy of the Journalists Association of Honduras (CPH), journalists and social communicators formed their own association, APPCH, and elected their board members.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/21/asociacion-de-periodistas-creada-por-desproteccion-de-gremio-elige-directivos/>

The representatives of the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare from the north of Honduras published a joint press release. They announce that they don't recognize current authorities in the education sector and therefore neither recognize the evaluation process that starts today.

<http://www.hondurastierralibre.com/2019/07/elmagisterio-de-los-departamentos-de.html>

The former Secretary of Education, Roxana Araujo, denounces that the JOH regime has not taken the precautionary measures to confront the dengue crisis.

Proceso Digital reports that the main victims of dengue are children under 10 years.

<https://confidencialhn.com/exfuncionaria-de-salud-senala-que-no-se-tomaron-previsiones-para-controlar-el-dengue/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/ninos-menores-de-10-anos-la-mayoria-de-victimas-mortales-por-dengue-en-honduras.html>

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is currently in El Salvador and now present its new government as a possible model to follow in regards of migration.

<https://tiempo.hn/el-salvador-puede-ser-modelo-en-tema-migratorio-secretario-de-estado-de-eua/>

<https://www.state.gov/secretary-of-state-michael-r-pompeo-and-salvadoran-president-nayib-bukele-at-a-press-availability/>

22/07/19

Honduras Daily: COPINH; HRDs; Public Sector - Repression; Youth; Journalists - FoE; Extractivism; Transport Sector; Migration - US; Corruption - Health; National Police; Electoral Reforms; and No Plan B in Honduras

Communities linked to COPINH have suffered four attacks in the last two weeks. In reaction, COPINH protested yesterday outside the offices of the National Agrarian Institute (INA) demanding the land titles for nine communities.

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/accion-urgente-por-la-tierra/>

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/1166-copinh-instala-planton-indefinido-ante-retrazo-de-titulacion-se-tierras>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1153384937615241218>

ACI PARTICIPA emitted a press release denouncing a series of attacks and acts of harassment and intimidation against its director Hedme Castro and the organization in general.

See attachment

National, regional and international human rights organizations condemn in a joint press release the ongoing repression in Honduras highlighting the attacks against children and youth protesting for a better Honduras.

COFADEH explains the importance of student movements to struggle against state oppression. "The police don't like students, especially the one that protects the dictatorship of the imposter and his criminal cartel. In general, despots do not like organized youth because they are independent, they are not afraid and because they represent the new energy of the homeland. In the last 50 years in Latin America, high school and university students unfortunately headed the lists of tortured, disappeared and murdered people. The youth suffers from the disastrous state of the country inherited by corrupt adults, criminals and drug traffickers. It hurts them more than anyone. And they face brute force for their future, risking everything in the present."

The most recent attack was against children at the CIIE, an institution of the National Pedagogical University Francisco Morazán (UPNFM). The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare denounce that they suffered emotional and psychological stress.

The platform now demands the destitution of Security Minister Julián Pacheco.

<https://www.cejil.org/es/organizaciones-nacionales-e-internacionales-condenamos-actos-represion-contra-ninas-ninos>

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/los-estudiantes-siempre/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/22/despues-de-gaseada-ninos-y-ninas-del-ciie-enfrentan-estres-post-traumatico-video/>

<https://tiempo.hn/asfixia-y-panico-provoco-gas-lacrimogeno-lanzado-a-escolares-del-ciie-de-upnfm/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/22/exigen-la-destitucion-del-ministro-de-seguridad-por-reprimir-a-ninos-y-jovenes/>

According to Casa Alianza, 44 youth under 23 years were murdered in Honduras last month.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/casa-alianza-reporta-muerte-de-44-jovenes-menores-de-23-anos-en-junio.html>

The MP failed to present important evidence in a case of aggression against the journalist Ronnie Huete resulting in the provisional freedom of the aggressors, private security guards from the company ESPA.

<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/libertad-de-expresion/1165-negligencia-de-la-fiscalia-deja-en-libertad-provisional-al-agresor-de-periodista>

The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office published a blog post by Honduran journalist Dina Meza and director of PBI UK Susi Bacon on the importance of freedom of expression.

<https://blogs.fco.gov.uk/guestpost/2019/07/22/freedom-of-expression-as-a-fundamental-pillar-of-democratic-societies/>

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/editorial/item/2519-la-libertad-de-expresion-como-pilar-fundamental-de-las-sociedades-democraticas>

22 communities of Atima, Santa Bárbara, came together in a town hall meeting deciding against the exploitation of their forests demanding the cancellation of the permit granted by the Institute for Forest Conservation (ICF) to Miguel Ángel Bautista Castellón, who has been cutting trees without oversight since 2017.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/en-cabildo-abierto-habitantes-de-atima-santa-barbara-deciden-no-aceptar-ningun-plan-de-manejo-para-explotacion-de-bosque/>

In less than 24 hours, two more minibus drivers as well as a passenger have been murdered.

The assassinations are linked to extortion and the director of the National Anti-Mara and Anti-Pandilla Force (FNAMP) admitted that their work is not effective.

<http://elpulso.hn/un-verdadero-calvario-en-el-transporte-publico/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/22/transportistas-en-grave-riesgo-de-desplazamiento-interno-por-ola-criminal/>

<https://tiempo.hn/jefe-de-la-fnamp-admite-fracaso-en-lucha-antiextorsion-y-culpa-de-ello-a-infiltrados/>

"The U.S. Government and the Government of Guatemala continue to make important progress on a comprehensive regional approach to addressing irregular migration patterns. The two countries are currently cooperating on several initiatives to reduce the flow of irregular migration and ensure the safety and protection of vulnerable populations, especially children."

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2019/07/22/joint-statement-between-us-government-and-government-guatemala>

<http://elpulso.hn/estados-unidos-y-guatemala-aprueban-acuerdos-para-reducir-flujo-migratorio/>

The MP announced to be investigating some 100 people in the newest corruption cases involving the healthcare sector.

<https://tiempo.hn/un-centenar-de-personas-investiga-mp-por-grandes-casos-de-corrupcion-en-salud/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/component/k2/38-politica-nacional/fiscalia-investiga-grandes-casos-de-corrupcion-en-salud.html>

The MP emitted an arrest warrant against the police official Douglas Armando Muñoz Cruz accused of murder.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/ordenan-capturar-a-oficial-activo-de-la-policia-implicado-en-muerte-de-empresario-de-sps.html>

UN representative Igor Garafulic urges Congress to approve the electoral reforms.

<https://confidencialhn.com/garafulic-urge-al-legislativo-que-emprendan-las-reformas-electorales-por-el-bien-de-honduras/>

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<http://www.conexihon.hn/index.php/dh/35-mujeres/1164-prohibicion-de-la-pae-diez-anos-violentando-los-derechos-de-las-hondurenas>

24/07/19

Honduras Daily; Berta - Juicio; COPINH; HRDs; Indigenous Peoples; Journalists; Public Sector - Dengue; MACCIH; Corruption; Migration - US; Electoral Reforms; Transport Sector; Fiscal Policy; and Persecuting the Purged

The Spanish Lawyers Foundation published a press release demanding the respect of due process in the case against David Castillo, so far the only accused intellectual author of the murder of Berta Cáceres. They accompanied the press release with an amicus curiae to the Honduran courts. "David Castillo is the only person accused as the intellectual author of the murder of our companion Berta Cáceres, his process is stopped due to the intention of the defense of Castillo to irregularly evacuate evidence. Today, the Spanish Lawyers Foundation introduced a legal opinion to the process, which is in the court of appeals of Francisco Morazán, with the objective that the actions of the judge that leads the process are rectified and that the oral and public trial in this case can take place."

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/7334/>

COPINH held a two-day protest outside the National Agrarian Institute (see also yesterday). They communicated that an agreement was found regarding the lack of land titles of COPINH communities.

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/toma-del-ina-22-y-23-julio-2019/>

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1153780596805701633>

OACNUDH tweeted in solidarity with the HRDs at ACI Participa (see also yesterday).

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1153860508564492290>

<https://share.mayfirst.org/s/7afByXnx8KZEdaH#pdfviewer>

A group of 22 indigenous land defenders have to sign in at the courts every two week since 2012 and 2015 respectively even though yet no proof has been presented of their claimed wrong doing (usurpation and illegal logging).

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/grupo-indigena-campesino-de-la-paz-solicita-suspension-de-medidas-despues-de-varios-anos/>

Reporteros de Investigación spoke with IACHR Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, Edison Lanza, about the situation in Honduras. He voiced dismay regarding the situation of journalists in Honduras and their treatment by the JOH regime. "The Honduran State often says, or it is customary to say, this case had nothing to do with their profession, it had to do with economic, sentimental or whatever problems, but I think that is not the answer, the answer is to see what did the journalist do, what did the presenter do, what did the communicator do, who could they have

bothered, investigate that line and then well then discard it, but not a priori to make an excuse not to investigate."

<https://reporterosdeinvestigacion.com/2019/07/23/relator-edison-lanza-cidh-califica-a-honduras-como-un-pais-preocupante-gobierno-ha-incumplido-con-liberar-periodista-encarcelado/>

El Pulso spoke with sociologist Eugenio Sosa about the Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare. He presents it as an important new actor consisting of two sectors heavily beaten in the last ten years since the coup but which found new force. Additionally, they protests were able to link to a general discomfort with and even repudiation of the JOH regime.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-monopolio-de-las-calles-ya-no-es-de-libre-eugenio-sosa/>

Radio Progreso explains how the JOH regime is the main culprit of today's dengue crisis in Honduras - counteracting a narrative pushed by the regime itself that the protesting healthcare sector is somehow at fault.

So far this year, at least 51 people died and there are 28'600 cases of dengue.

According to Proceso Digital, there are 54 confirmed deaths and 50 more being investigated.

<https://wp.radioprogressohn.net/el-estado-principal-responsable-de-crisis-sanitaria-por-dengue-segun-medicos/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/23/honduras-reporta-51-muertes-y-28600-casos-de-dengue/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/mujer-de-21-anos-muere-por-dengue-en-olancho.html>

The Honduran ambassador to the OAS wants the agreement with the MACCIH to be renewed for another term.

And so does the Parliamentary Front in Support of the MACCIH.

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/con-la-maccih-se-debe-renovar-un-periodo-mas-dice-leonidas-rosa-bautista.html>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/convenio-de-la-maccih-deber-renovado-sin-tocar-ni-una-coma-en-el-texto-fatima-mena.html>

The charges against two accused, Ramón Lobo Sosa and Wilfredo Cerrato Durón, in the Caja chica del hermano corruption case were dismissed.

<https://confidencialhn.com/dan-sobreseimiento-definitivo-a-ramon-lobo-y-wilfredo-cerrato-duron-por-caja-chica-del-hermano/>

The IACHR "expresses its concern about the situation of migrants and refugees in the United States, Mexico, and Central America, especially because of the recent policies and measures adopted by States on migration and asylum; the securitization, militarization, and externalization of the borders; as well as the criminalization of defenders of the human rights of migrants and refugees. The Commission urges the States of the region to respect and guarantee the rights of migrants and refugees, as well as those of the defenders of their human rights."

Trump, meanwhile, tweeted: "Guatemala, which has been forming Caravans and sending large numbers of people, some with criminal records, to the United States, has decided to break the deal they had with us on signing a necessary Safe Third Agreement. We were ready to go. Now we are looking at the "BAN," Tariffs, Remittance Fees, or all of the above. Guatemala has not been good. Big U.S. taxpayer dollars going to them was cut off by me 9 months ago."

<https://reliefweb.int/report/united-states-america/iachr-expresses-deep-concern-about-situation-migrants-and-refugees>

<https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1153641906699681795>

EL Pulso published an OpEp by Gilberto Ríos Munguía highlighting Libre's view on the current discussions about the electoral reforms.

Oscar Miguel Marroquín writes of a new electoral fraud in the making.

<http://elpulso.hn/el-derecho-a-la-transparencia-electoral/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/23/un-nuevo-fraude-electoral-se-cocina-a-fuego-lento-en-honduras/>

Two inter-urban bus companies announced to stop their services for the ongoing extortion.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3446-ultima-hora-transportes-hedman-alas-y-viana-cierran-operaciones-por-inaguantable-extorsion>

According to the Central American Institute for Fiscal Studies (Icefi), tax collection in Central America may fall for the second year in a row.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/23/recaudacion-de-impuestos-continua-cayendo-en-centroamerica-icefi/>

El Libertador picks up the talks regarding the creation of a new elite unit to follow up on the purged police agents and officials.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3445-hernandez-prepara-fuerza-elite-para-cazar-policias-depurados>

24/07/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; COPINH; OFRANEH - IACtHR; Miskito; Journalists - FoE; Judicial Power; MACCIH; Secrecy Law; Armed Forces - US; Penitentiary System; JOH's Cabinet; Economy; and a New Word of Resistance

In a civilian car, five police agents arrested the human rights defender from ADEPZA, Santos Hernández. ADEPZA denounces that they came to his milpa to arrest him, one of them threatening him with a gun.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/alerta-tras-detencion-adepza-desconoce-paradero-de-su-integrante-santos-hernandez/>

Indigenous Lenca from Río Blanco presented a complaint at the Special Prosecutor's Office for Ethnic Groups regarding the destruction of their cultivated land presumably by the Madrid family. At the same time, COPINH denounces that 22 complaints have been filed so far to no avail.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1154185361096105985>

Four years have passed since OFRANEH and the Garífuna communities Triunfo Cruz and Punta Piedra won before the IACtHR. But the JOH regime continues to fail to comply.

<https://twitter.com/ofraneh/status/1154107428306374656>

A group of indigenous Miskito has protested outside the casa presidencial for more than three weeks (see previous e-mails). With the recent approval of the Sanitation Law, they now stopped the protest hopeful that it will improve their situation.

<https://confidencialhn.com/misquitos-suspenden-huelga-tras-publicacion-de-ley-de-saneamiento-en-la-gaceta/>

In a press release, the Association of Judges for Democracy (AJD) denounces the ongoing interference by the JOH regime in the Judicial Power.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/24/basta-de-intromisiones-a-la-independencia-judicial-dicen-jueces-por-la-democracia-a-joh/amp/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/asociacion-de-jueces-por-la-democracia-exige-a-joh-que-respete-la-independencia-judicial/>

The human rights organization ASOPODEHU organized a forum on freedom of expression in Honduras in which national and international experts participated.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2520-senalan-en-foro-sobre-libertad-de-expresion-las-sociedades-no-pueden-estar-en-la-cuerda-floja-sino-en-el-equilibrio>

OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro tweeted that he received an official request by the JOH regime to evaluate the work and results of the MACCIH. He published his favorable response online.

[https://twitter.com/Almagro\\_OEA2015/status/1154147916606595073](https://twitter.com/Almagro_OEA2015/status/1154147916606595073)

<https://tiempo.hn/oea-gobierno-hondureno-gestion-para-evaluar-desempeno-maccih/>

C-Libre presented another constitutional challenge against the Secrecy Law, five years after it came into force.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/amenazas-a-la-libertad-de-expresion/item/2521-a-cinco-anos-de-vigencia-c-libre-demanda-inconstitucionalidad-de-ley-de-secretos>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/24/a-cinco-anos-de-vigencia-c-libre-demanda-inconstitucionalidad-de-ley-de-secretos/>

The US Joint Task Force-Bravo has a new commander, Colonel Steven Barry. US chargé d'affaires Lawrence J. Gumbiner attended the ceremony.

<https://twitter.com/USAmbHonduras/status/1154159283824672774>

A riot in the Santa Rosa de Copán prison resulted in one dead inmate and three injured.

<https://confidencialhn.com/amotinamiento-en-penal-de-santa-rosa-de-copan-deja-dos-reos-heridos/>

JOH nominated Lisandro Rosales as the new Foreign Minister, while his predecessor María Dolores Agüero will become the new ambassador to the US in Washington.

El Pulso published a critical analysis by the historian Edgar Soriano on Honduras' foreign policy, especially migration policy.

<http://elpulso.hn/31746-2/>

<http://elpulso.hn/sin-una-estrategia-integral-la-gente-seguira-huyendo-edgar-soriano/>

According to the business lobby COHEP, some 80'000 companies closed shop these last five years due to extortion, insecurity and high taxes. "[W]hat is happening is that the bad guys have taken over the country; some are in the elites of power and others are in the streets".

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/24/80-mil-empresas-han-cerrado-en-honduras-en-los-ultimos-5-anos/amp/>

To abrogate

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/abrogar/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3449-hondurenos-dependen-del-congreso-para-suprimir-codigo-de-impunidad>

<https://tiempo.hn/cna-nuevo-nuevo-codigo-penal-realidad-honduras-no-espana/>

25/07/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; Berta - Impunity; COPINH; Public Sector - Repression; Bajo Aguán; Penal Code; Penitentiary System; Social Media; MACCIH; Drug Trafficking; Migration - Mexico; Canada; Transport Sector; Drinking Water; and the Aftermath of the Coup

CESPAD published an alert regarding Wednesday's arrest of human rights defender Santos Hernández (see also yesterday). According to the alert, he was already sent to court yesterday, but no news has been published regarding the outcome.

<http://cespad.org.hn/2019/07/25/alerta-detenido-el-defensor-santos-hernandez-por-el-supuesto-delito-de-usurpacion/>

Amnesty International launched an urgent action addressed at the Honduran Attorney General demanding justice in the case of Berta Cáceres, i.e. the sentencing of the material authors and an investigation into the intellectual authors.

<https://www.amnesty.org/es/get-involved/take-action/verdad-y-justicia-para-berta-caceres/>

COPINH published a new alert regarding the criminalization of 16 members of the Nueva Esperanza community. The court opened trial against them and there is the fear of 100 additional arrest warrants against community members.

Avispa Midia reports on COPINH's two-day protest outside the National Agrarian Institute (INA) this week (see previous e-mails).

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/otra-alerta-nueva-esperanza/>

<https://avispa.org/honduras-indigenas-lencas-denuncian-agresiones-y-exigen-titulacion-de-tierras-para-sus-comunidades/>

Even though there seems to be less media coverage, Hondurans still protest against the JOH regime. Yesterday, in Choluteca, state security forces once more opened fire injuring at least three protesters.

In Tegucigalpa, students occupied a school demanding that state security forces leave the premise.

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1154580642614730753>

<https://confidencialhn.com/estudiantes-del-jesus-milla-selva-realizan-toma-con-quema-de-llantas-exigen-retiro-de-policias/>

The MP informs about the arrest of a former Dinant security guard accused of murder of three campesinos.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/139-julio2019/4528-con-detencion-judicial-segundo-ex-guarda-de-seguridad-implicado-en-el-asesinato-de-tres-campesinos-en-el-aguan>

OACNUDH published an analysis of the new Penal Code from a human rights perspective. They highlight problems with the Penal Code and international human rights treaties, problems with ambiguous wording and problems with proportionality. They also include recommendations regarding the decriminalization of certain crimes, e.g. slander.

<https://oacnudh.hn/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Observaciones-Co%CC%81digo-Penal-Nuevo-OACNUDH-ok.pdf>

According to National Committee for the Prevention of Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment (CONAPREV), yesterday's riot at the prison in Santa Rosa de Copán was caused by the deputy director of the prison. He opened fire. One inmate died and several ones were wounded (see yesterday's e-mail).

OACNUDH "laments the growing number of deaths and violent acts" in Honduran prisons. On Wednesday, the sixth inmate in two months died.

CONADEH also criticized the insecurity in Honduras' prison.

<https://tiempo.hn/comisionada-conaprev-evidentemente-subdirector-presidio-comenzo-a-disparar/>

<https://twitter.com/ONUDDHH/status/1154475699106910208>

<https://confidencialhn.com/ombudsman-hondureno-cuestiona-inseguridad-de-los-centros-penales/>

"Facebook Inc (FB.O) said on Thursday it had erased over 1,800 accounts and pages from Thailand, Russia, Ukraine and Honduras, its latest move to counter deceptive political propaganda and other abuses of its service. (...) In Honduras, Facebook said it removed fake accounts and pages posting positive content about the country's president, adding that some of the activities were linked to people who run social media for the government of Honduras."

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-facebook-accounts/facebook-removes-fake-accounts-from-thailand-russia-ukraine-honduras-idUSKCN1UK0KE>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/25/facebook-elimina-cuentas-manipuladas-por-el-gobierno-de-honduras-para-favorecer-a-hernandez/>

The new Foreign Minister Lisandro Rosales announced that an independent organization will evaluate the MACCIH (see previous e-mail).

The evaluation should be over in 45 days.

<https://tiempo.hn/canciller-rosales-maccih-evaluado-por-organismo-independiente-1/>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1304917-466/gobierno-espera-evaluaci%C3%B3n-de-la-maccih-en-45-d%C3%ADas>

Criterio reports that US court documents revealed that the former Honduran minister Miguel Rodrigo Pastor received \$50'000 from the Sinaloa drug cartel.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/25/miguel-pastor-habria-recibio-50000-del-cartel-de-sinaloa/>

More than 200'000 Hondurans have been detained this year on their way to the US and the Association for a More Just Society estimates that by then end of the year it will be 300'000.

<http://elpulso.hn/los-hondurenos-estan-votando-con-los-pies/>

JOH announced to travel to Mexico today to talk about migration with AMLO.

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1304954-410/joh-mexico-lopez-obrador-migratorio-hondure%C3%B1os-pobreza-deportados->

The Canadian government supports an anti-human trafficking program in Honduras.

<http://www.proceso.hn/mas-noticias/32-m%C3%A1s-noticias/honduras-y-canada-buscan-fortalecer-lucha-contra-la-trata-de-personas.html>

InSight Crime reports on the ongoing extortion crisis in Honduras' transport sector (see also previous e-mails). "Street gangs in Honduras are forcing transport workers to participate in extortion rackets, highlighting the vulnerability of a group already hit hard by such gangs. Since 2018, the country's anti-gang unit has arrested 21 bus sector employees who are suspected of collaborating with gangs in extortion schemes, La Tribuna reported. The gangs use the bus workers as intermediaries to collect the extortion fees from other public transport operators."

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/honduras-gangs-bus-workers-collect-extortion/>

The labor union CGT denounces that SANAA concessioned the water treatment plant El Picacho to an Ecuadorian company.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/25/denuncian-que-sanaa-concesiono-planta-de-el-picacho-a-empresa-ecuatoriana/>

CESPAD published an analysis on the socio-economic consequences of the coup d'état ten years later.

<http://cespad.org.hn/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Golpe-de-Estado-IMPRESION.pdf>

26/07/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; Violence against Women - WHRDs, Femicide; Military Police - Impunity; MACCIH; Corruption; Migration - Guatemala; IMF; Dengue; Electoral Reforms; Penitentiary System; Transport Sector; and Writing against the Regime

ACI Participa launched a new campaign informing the general public about the important work of human rights defenders and their vulnerability in the Honduran context.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/26/ante-vulnerabilidad-lanzan-campana-de-proteccion-para-defensores-de-dd-hh/>

Various human rights organization held a Alternative Tribunal on four cases of violence against women "Defending Our Bodies and Territories". The JOH regime was found guilty of not guaranteeing their access to justice.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/contexto/item/2523-tribunal-alterno-condena-al-estado-de-honduras-por-violencia-contra-las-mujeres>

CEM-H informs about the work of women and feminist organization to have the general budget reflect the situation of Honduras' women, e.g. by attributing enough money to persecute and prosecute femicide.

<http://www.cemh.org.hn/haciendo-historia-sobre-el-presupuesto-de-genero-y-el-acceso-a-recursos-para-reducir-los-femicidios-en-honduras/>

Defensores en Línea reports on the work of COFADEH accompanying the family members of Raúl Antonio Triminio Cisnado seeking justice. Triminio Cisnado was murdered by the Military Police on December 3, 2017 during the post-electoral repression.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/impunidad-militar-vestida-de-civil/>

Pinu congresswoman Doris Gutiérrez criticizes the evaluation of the MACCIH as a strategy to further postpone the prolongation of the agreement (see previous e-mails).

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/evaluar-la-maccih-es-una-estrategia-para-dilatar-la-extension-del-convenio-doris-gutierrez.html>

Americas Quarterly looks and ranks different anti-corruption measures, such as plea bargains or international collaboration (e.g. MACCIH).

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/content/fighting-corruption-what-workswhat-doesnt>

Another Honduran, the 23-year old Dennis Arsenio Pineda Martínez, died on the way to the US.

<https://www.laprensa.hn/mundo/1305062-410/honduras-hondureno-migrante-ahogado-repatriado-san-pedro-sula-rio-bravo>

"After months of negotiations and threats, President Donald Trump said Friday he has reached a "safe third country" agreement with Guatemala designed to reduce the number of migrants claiming asylum in the United States."

<https://news.yahoo.com/donald-trump-says-safe-third-200543227.html>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/mundo/1305079-466/guatemala-y-estados-unidos-firman-acuerdo-para-restringir-solicitantes-de-asilo>

Javier Suazo looks at the latest agreement between the IMF and the JOH regime as well as their relationship in general. "For the IMF, the JOH administration represents efficient management - if measured by the fulfillment of the commitments and goals established in the Cooperation Agreements, he graduated with excellence notes. It does not matter that he is accused of corruption, drug trafficking, violation of the Constitution and being a liar, what interests is that he lowered the fiscal deficit and inflation, stabilized the economy, promotes clear rules (regarding the handing over of public goods and natural resources) to foreign investment, which remains low, but is on the rise."

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/201242>

El Libertador and El Tiempo report that the JOH regime is using expired gas to fumigate against dengue.

The Medical Association Honduras (CMH), meanwhile, denounces that the JOH regime is not revealing the true number of victims of dengue.

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3451-con-plaguicida-vencido-gobierno-hondureno-pretende-derrotar-al-dengue>

UN representative Igor Garafulic reiterates that Congress should elect the representatives of the two new electoral bodies, the Electoral Justice Tribunal (TJE) and the National Electoral Council (CNE).

<https://tiempo.hn/garafulic-deben-elegir-cuanto-antes-a-magistrados-del-cne-y-tje/>

The deputy director of the prison in Santa Rosa de Copán was suspended. He is held responsible for starting a riot last Wednesday (see previous e-mails).

<https://confidencialhn.com/imputan-a-funcionarios-de-carcel-copaneca-por-amotinamiento-del-miercoles/>

Another bus company stopped inter-urban transport due to extortion.

<https://confidencialhn.com/el-rey-express-tambien-deja-de-prestar-servicio-para-la-ceiba-ante-cobro-de-extorsion/>

The National Association of Women Writers of Honduras (ANDEH) emitted a press release in which it denounces the abuse of power, theft and the constant violations of human rights by the JOH regime.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/26/escritoras-de-honduras-denuncian-los-desmanes-del-regimen-de-hernandez/>

27/07/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs; Public Sector - Repression, Dengue; Migration - US; Mexico; Penitentiary System; Electoral Reforms; and a Penal Code for Criminals

This week, the human rights defender Santos Hernández, member of ADEPZA in the south of Honduras, was arrested this week. Defensores en Línea published new details on the arrest and his hearing. During the arrest, a police agent pulled his gun and threatened to murder him. Hernández may also lose his land on which he cultivates maize and water melons - due to court-mandated restrictions, he is not allowed to approach the land.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/con-medidas-sustitutivas-integrante-de-adepza-recobra-su-libertad/>

Defensores en Línea reports on Friday's repression at the hand of the police suffered by students at the Central Institute "Vicente Cáceres". Eight students suffered injuries and lawyers from COFADEH documenting the repression were verbally attacked.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/ocho-centralistas-heridos-en-violento-deslaojo-policial/>

The Honduras Solidarity Network denounces that the JOH regime "contracts National Party activists in urban/rural neighbourhoods to implement dengue prevention methods which are deeply mistrusted by large portion of population limiting adequate prevention techniques".

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1154965831496994816>

The agreement between Guatemala and the US to declare the former a safe third country caused widespread reactions. "On Friday afternoon, the US and Guatemala signed an agreement that will direct Central American migrants who pass through Guatemala hoping to seek asylum in the United States to first apply for protection in Guatemala instead. Those who travel to the US without applying for asylum in Guatemala could be removed by US border officials to that country. (...) Notably, it does not do so due explicitly [i.e. calling Guatemala a safe third country], likely due to Guatemalan controversies over third safe country deals and legal barriers to such an agreement erected by Guatemala's court system. Nevertheless, the move is expected to curb migration from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, the Central American countries from which the bulk of asylum-seekers at the US border originate. (...) With US activists and Democratic politicians decrying the deal, lawsuits are expected to follow. Rep. Eliot Engel, D-NY, chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called the agreement "illegal." "Simply put, Guatemala is not a safe country for refugees and asylum seekers, as the law requires," he said. And lawyers from the ACLU, which has been involved in a number of lawsuits challenging US attempts to limit asylum claims, agreed."

The Economist calls the agreement "morally and legally precarious—and a potential game-changer".

Criterio cites a press release by Alianza Americas which denounces that the agreement "erodes democracy and disregards causes of migration".

<https://www.vox.com/2019/7/27/8932786/guatemala-us-third-safe-country-deal-immigration-asylum-process>

<https://www.economist.com/democracy-in-america/2019/07/27/inside-donald-trumps-migration-pact-with-the-guatemalan-president>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/26/el-acuerdo-entre-ee-uu-y-guatemala-atenta-contra-los-dd-hh/>

<https://www.alianzaamericas.org/asylum-agreement-between-the-united-states-and-guatemala-erodes-democracy-and-disregards-causes-of-migration/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/26/ante-amenazas-de-trump-guatemala-se-convierte-tercer-pais-seguro/>

JOH traveled to Mexico this week and signed yesterday an agreement with AMLO called "Sowing Live", a program promised to generate employment.

El Herald writes that the program should generate 20'000 employments until the end of 2019...

<https://www.laprensa.hn/especiales/inmigrantes/1305339-410/presidentes-honduras-mexico-firma-acuerdo-migracion-empleo>

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1305346-466/m%C3%A9xico-y-honduras-acuerdan-crear-20-mil-empleos-entre-julio-y-diciembre>

After being suspended, the vice-director of the prison of Santa Rosa de Copán Wilmer Alexander Núñez has now himself being sent to prison for being responsible for a prison riot this week (see previous e-mails).

<https://www.laprensa.hn/sucesos/1305262-410/subdirector-centro-penal-santa-rosa-copan-enviado-tamara>

Rodolfo Pastor Fasquelle shares his reflection on the discussions around the electoral reforms. "The problem are not these much-vaunted reforms, much less the obligatory protest of LIBRE. The problem is Congress itself, a mockery, old evil."

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/27/el-bochinche-en-el-congreso-y-cuales-reformas-para-que/>

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<http://defensoresenlinea.com/el-derecho-penal-de-los-delincuentes/>

28/07/19

Honduras Daily: Libre; Migration - Canada; Mexico; Extradition; and an Obsolete Energy Grid

Proceso Digital reports on the threats received by Libre councilor in Talanga, Mario Moncada. He has denounced corruption inside the mayoralty and has been receiving threats ever since.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/regidor-talangueno-recibe-proteccion-y-vuele-a-denunciar-corrupcion.html>

Sean Rehaag writes about the role of Canada in the US' "assault on Central American refugees". "The United States has even drawn inspiration from Canada in its bid to block the arrival of Central American asylum seekers, using the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) as a model. Under the STCA, Canada returns to the U.S. most refugee claimants who present themselves at the border."

<https://theconversation.com/canada-must-not-be-complicit-in-the-u-s-assault-on-central-american-refugees-121023>

Criterio published more details on the deal between the JOH regime and the AMLO administration in Mexico (see also previous e-mails).

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/28/mexico-se-convierte-en-muro-de-defensa-de-trump/>

Since Honduras approved the extradition to the US in 2013, 24 Hondurans have been extradited, 60% of which have by now been sentenced.

<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1305580-466/estados-unidos-ya-conden%C3%B3-a-24-de-41-hondure%C3%B1os-acusados-de-narcos>

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<https://tiempo.hn/fosdeh-gobierno-mantiene-obsolete-el-sistema-de-energia-del-pais/>

29/07/19

Honduras Daily: COPINH; Miskito; Corruption - Pandora; MACCIH; Judicial Power; Migration - Mexico; Penal Code; National Police; Drug Trafficking; and Twitter Wars

COPINH denounces that the mayor of Gracias, Lempira threatened community members of Montaña Verde and that the courts in Gracias did not inform them about a trial for illegal logging close to the water source of Montaña Verde. COPINH believes that this behavior favors the accused illegal loggers.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1156023339967582208>

OFRANEH writes about the situation of the indigenous Miskito in Honduras, focusing on how industrial fishing is destroying both their livelihoods and local biodiversity.

<https://ofraneh.wordpress.com/2019/07/29/la-flota-pesquera-industrial-destruccion-de-la-biodiversidad-y-etnocidio-de-buzos-miskitos/>

The MP published three infographics on the Pandora corruption case. The case has been stalled for a while by appeals.

[https://twitter.com/MP\\_Honduras/status/1155890215522902018](https://twitter.com/MP_Honduras/status/1155890215522902018)

To no surprise, close JOH ally and president of the Judicial Power, Rolando Argueta, welcomes the evaluation of the MACCIH - denounced by some as a tactic to further stall the renovation of its contract (see previous e-mails).

He showed his real intentions by further claiming that the Honduran judicial system is now able to function without the MACCIH.

<https://tiempo.hn/poder-judicial-respalda-revision-gestion-realizada-por-maccih/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/argueta-insiste-que-sistema-judicial-ya-puede-trabajar-sin-el-acompanamiento-de-la-maccih/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/el-futuro-de-la-maccih-a-decidirse-tras-una-evaluacion.html>

The same Rolando Argueta also felt forced to defend "his" judges after the coordinator of the sentencing tribunals, Mario Díaz, denounces the lack of independence of judges.

<https://tiempo.hn/rolando-argueta-confio-en-la-independencia-y-objetividad-de-los-jueces-y-magistrados/>

NACLA published an article by Annette Lin, in which she outlines how "[f]aced with pressure from the U.S. to reduce immigration, the López Obrador administration has started to do the dirty work they vowed to avoid".

<https://nacla.org/news/2019/07/24/amlo%e2%80%99s-crumbling-promise-migrants>

Congress invited the (corporate) Journalists Association of Honduras (CPH) to present their problems with the new Penal Code.

<https://tiempo.hn/manana-cn-convoca-a-cph-para-inquietudes-nuevo-codigo-penal/>

Six police agents were arrested accused of various crimes.

ConfidencialHN highlights recent findings by the Association for a More Just Society (ASJ) that a lot of police stations are in a precarious condition even though the security sector benefits from a substantial part of Honduras' budget.

<https://tiempo.hn/captura-seis-policias-delitos-de-lesiones-abuso-autoridad/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/arrestan-a-seis-policias-en-olancho-por-lesiones-fuerza-publica-repudia-conducta-de-imputados/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/paraestatal-asj-evidencia-miserrimas-condiciones-de-postas-policiales-en-honduras/>

La Prensa reports that US court documents claim that the Honduran drug cartel leader Héctor Emilio Fernández Rosa, "Don H", payed \$2 million to Manuel Zelaya in 2005. The same documents also claim that Los Cachiros paid \$500'000 to support the presidential campaign of Pepe Lobo in 2009.

Zelaya denies having received money from Don H.

<https://www.laprensa.hn/sucesos/1305607-410/hector-fernandez-don-h-pago-millones-presidente-honduras-2006>

<https://confidencialhn.com/expresidente-zelaya-rechaza-haber-recibido-durante-su-gobierno-dinero-de-don-h/>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/honduras/1305666-410/manuel-zelaya-niega-dinero-don-h-narco-honduras-eeuu->

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<https://www.elheraldo.hn/pais/1305074-466/representante-de-cepal-responde-a-hugo-noe-pino-ante-informe-de-economia>

<https://confidencialhn.com/joh-llama-mezquinos-a-quienes-cuestionan-a-la-cepal-por-alabar-su-regimen/>

30/07/19

Honduras Daily: HRDs - Protection Mechanism; Public Sector - Criminalization; Journalists; Militarization; Corruption - de Lobo; Drug Trafficking - Lobo, Mel; Migration; National Police; STENEE; and Resisting the Penal Code

Global Witness published its annual report on the situation of land and environmental defenders. They document 164 assassinations worldwide in 2018, Latin American being the region with the highest murder rate and Guatemala being the country with the highest rate per capita. For Honduras,

they documented four assassinations - the tenth highest in the world and the third highest per capita. The report focuses on the criminalisation of defenders.

<https://www.globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/environmental-activists/enemies-state/>

ACI Participa denounces that the protection mechanism prioritizes non-human rights defenders handing out blinded cars and more. They were made aware of this using the Law for Access to Public Information. They also found that of the 25 million Lempiras budget of the mechanism, half of which is meant for protective measures for HRDs, by December 2018, only one third has been executed.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/30/mecanismo-de-proteccion-otorga-vehiculos-blindados-a-personas-que-no-son-defensoras-aci-participa/>

The Platform for the Defense of Education and Healthcare announced new protests for Thursday and Friday.

<http://www.proceso.hn/politica-nacional/36-proceso-electoral/plataforma-convoca-a-movilizaciones-el-jueves-y-viernes.html>

Radio Progreso reports on the situation of two teachers, Ángel Adolfo Reyes de San Nicolás and Víctor Hugo Tejada from Las Vegas, Santa Bárbara, criminalized for participating in the protests of the last three months. They will know the outcome of the process in two weeks.

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn/en-15-dias-se-sabra-suerte-de-maestros-llamados-a-audiencia-de-descargo-en-santa-barbara/>

Pasos de Animal Grande reports on the ongoing persecution of the Radio Globo journalist Marvin Ortíz. In the last incidents, he was followed by a car while he was with his youngest son.

<http://www.pasosdeanimalgrande.com/index.php/en/monitoreo-de-compromisos-internacionales/item/2525-implacables-persiste-la-persecucion-contra-el-periodista-marvin-ortiz>

CESPAD published a report in which they investigated the question if a democratic reform for the defense and security sector of Honduras is feasible. "The study is guided by two central questions: the first, what transformations and continuities has the defense / security sector had in recent years (2009-2017) and what have been its impacts for democracy in terms of democratization and de-democratization? Second, is it possible to democratize the defense / security sector and establish a democratic policy and not rely on force, as the articulating center of state operation?"

<http://cespad.org.hn/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Seguridad-y-Defensa-WEB.pdf>

The MP published a second set of infographics, this time on the corruption case against the former first lady Rosa Elena Bonilla de Lobo.

[https://twitter.com/MP\\_Honduras/status/1156274866754134022](https://twitter.com/MP_Honduras/status/1156274866754134022)

Criterio published new details on the role of Fabio Lobo in drug trafficking activities. He established contacts for the Valle Valle cartel to many important figures, his then president father, the now Security Minister Julián Pacheco Tinoco as well as JOH's brother Tony Hernández.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/30/tony-hernandez-socio-del-cartel-de-los-valle-valle/>

On Sunday, La Prensa reported on alleged links between drug traffickers and former president Manuel Zelaya (see yesterday's e-mail). Zelaya now held a press conference. He reiterates his innocence and denounces La Prensa for having distorted the facts.

He also highlights that drug trafficking activities have increased since 2010, i.e. after the coup against him.

The former president Pepe Lobo supports him - with his proper agenda given that he himself is accused of links to drug trafficking - saying that drug traffickers in US custody will say anything to get a better deal.

<https://tiempo.hn/mel-zelaya-el-mismo-fiscal-dice-que-don-h-nego-haber-dado-un-soborno/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/mel-niega-sobornos-del-narco-esta-dispuesto-a-ir-a-eeuu-y-asegura-es-la-persona-mas-investigada.html>

<https://tiempo.hn/manuel-zelaya-casos-narcotrafico-han-aumentado/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/pepe-responde-ante-dichos-de-don-h-los-capos-de-la-droga-dicen-cualquier-tontera-en-ee-uu/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/el-que-tenga-algo-escondidito-que-se-preocupe-dice-pepe-lobo-sobre-senalamientos-en-cortes-de-eeuu.html>

The Guardian published an article by Wendy García, who fled from Honduras to the US. "I am seeking asylum in the US because of a hydroelectric dam. I fled Honduras fearing for my life after being teargassed and arrested by police when our community resisted a dam which contaminated the water we rely on for drinking, cooking and washing".

[https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jul/29/honduran-asylum-seeker-dam-protester?CMP=share\\_btn\\_tw](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jul/29/honduran-asylum-seeker-dam-protester?CMP=share_btn_tw)

A police agent will await trial in prison accused of attempted murder.

<https://www.mp.hn/index.php/author-login/139-julio2019/4549-por-tres-delitos-envian-a-prision-a-policia-de-la-umep>

A judge found the former president of the labor union STENEE, Miguel Aguilar Gámez, for misappropriation of funds from STENEE.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/30/por-el-delito-de-apropiacion-indebida-declaran-culpable-al-expresidente-del-stenee/>

<http://www.web.ellibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3454-miguel-aguilar-exsindicalista-de-enee-iria-a-la-carcel-por-apropiacion-de-seis-millones>

"Honduras not only needs a new Penal Code, it needs a new institutionality and a new democratic culture that places dignity and people's rights at the center of its priorities."

<https://wp.radioprogreso.hn.net/voces-unidas-contra-el-codigo-pena/>

31/07/19

Honduras Daily: COPINH - Río Blanco; Political Prisoners; Public Sector - Impunity; LGBTQ; Corruption - National Party, Pandora; MACCIH; Drug Trafficking - JOH; UNAH; Economy; and Baltimore

COPINH denounces that state security forces destroyed some 50'000 coffee and 7000 banana plants of the El Mirador community in Siguatepeque. The plants belonged to 29 families currently in a land recuperation process awaiting their land titles.

<https://copinh.org/2019/07/alerta-policia-destruyen-siembra-de-comunidad/>

In a second alert, COPINH denounces that former DESA employees threatened with a machete Rosalina Domínguez, COPINH leader in Río Blanco.

<https://twitter.com/COPINHHONDURAS/status/1156767723629817856>

The Committee for the Liberation of the Political Prisoners will launch a five day campaign from next Monday to Friday in front of the MP resulting in a solidarity concert on Friday.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/realizaran-ayuno-en-solidaridad-con-los-presos-politicos/>

<https://twitter.com/EdwinLibertad/status/1156746908695748608>

Yesterday, the exhumation of the 17-year old Eblin Noel Corea Maradiaga took place. He was murdered by the Military Police as part of the repression of the education and health care sector.

And the repression continues. At least two students were arrested during a protest yesterday.

<http://defensoresenlinea.com/hermetismo-durante-exhumacion-de-eblin-noel/>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/31/mp-impidio-participacion-de-exdirectora-de-medicina-forense-en-exhumacion-de-cadaver-de-nino-asesinado-en-represion-militar/>

<https://tiempo.hn/mp-exhuma-cuerpo-de-menor-ultimado-durante-protesta-popular-en-la-paz/>

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1156760047394971648>

The MP informed about the arrest of suspects for the murder of two members of the LGBTQ community in 2017, Greysi Karolina Meza Torres and Karol Estefany Alas Bautista.

[https://twitter.com/MP\\_Honduras/status/1156738465029152769](https://twitter.com/MP_Honduras/status/1156738465029152769)

The Honduras Solidarity Network denounces that Reinaldo Sánchez, the president of the National Party, has a private company which received \$3.6 million for fumigation against dengue. Sánchez is also the Minister of Social Inclusion and Development...

<https://twitter.com/hondurassol/status/1156745743761174528>

The MACCIH and UFECIC request the confiscation of the properties of the accused in the Pandora corruption case - among them goods by the National and Liberal Party.

The press release of the two bodies is especially note-worthy because it includes Ana Rosalinda García Carías, JOH's wife, among the accused, i.e. a company linked to her (4th link).

<https://www.oas.org/es/sap/dsdme/maccih/new/docs/MCH-011.MACCIH-y-UFECIC-solicitan-privacion-definitiva-de-bienes-de-origen-ilicito-en-Caso-Pandora.pdf>

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/31/maccih-y-ufecic-piden-privacion-definitiva-de-bienes-de-origen-ilicito-en-caso-pandora/>

<https://tiempo.hn/maccih-pide-privacion-bienes-para-procesados-caso-pandora/>

<https://confidencialhn.com/maccih-y-ufecic-confirman-participacion-de-ana-garcia-carias-en-trama-pandoras/>

Civil society organizations held a press conference in support of the MACCIH demanding the renovation of its contract.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/31/organizaciones-de-sociedad-civil-brindan-respaldo-a-la-maccih/>

<https://tiempo.hn/coalicion-de-la-sociedad-civil-respalda-a-maccih/>

El Libertador published additional information on the newest revelations by Fabio Lobo (see also yesterday). El Libertador emphasizes the importance of Lobo highlighting JOH's brother Tony

Hernández as an associate of the Valle Valle drug cartel. Lobo also mentioned JOH himself several times in his testimony.

<http://www.web.llibertador.hn/index.php/noticias/nacionales/3455-ultima-hora-tony-socio-del-cartel-de-los-valle>

The former Liberal congressman held in the US, Fredy Nájera, changed his declaration claiming his innocence now. He says that he had been threatened by Leonel Rivera Maradiaga, head of the Los Cachiros, to announce that he was guilty.

<https://criterio.hn/2019/07/31/fredy-najera-cambia-su-declaracion-en-nueva-york-y-se-declara-inocente/>

In September 2017, important student struggles took place in Honduras which were answered with violence and criminalization. Various students were expelled and El Pulso now covers the story of one former student leader who, two years later, still is not allowed to finish her studies.

<http://elpulso.hn/mas-de-dos-anos-de-no-poder-estudiar-tiene-alumna-de-quimica-y-farmacia-expulsada-de-la-unah/>

Javier Suazo published an analysis of the feud between the former director of the Central Bank of Honduras, Hugo Noé Pino, and the Executive Secretary of CEPAL, Alicia Bárcenas. The former accuses Bárcenas of painting a rosy picture of the Honduran economy in support of the JOH regime. "Doña Alicia Bárcenas owes the Honduran people an apology, since the welfare of a country cannot be measured by spending cuts and tax increases that result in a low fiscal deficit, low inflation and insufficient GDP growth in sectors generating few good quality jobs. We must analyze these policy measures and their impact on the real sector, highlighting the structural problems that halt development and do not allow progress, including corruption, impunity and the crisis of political and social governance of an illegitimate government."

See for example the second link on the claims by CEPAL.

<https://www.alainet.org/es/articulo/201334>

<http://www.proceso.hn/actualidad/7-actualidad/informe-de-cepal-reafirma-crecimiento-control-de-inflacion-y-reduccion-de-pobreza-en-honduras.html>

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<https://tiempo.hn/trump-compara-baltimore-honduras-indices-violencia/>

<http://www.proceso.hn/nacionales/9-nacionales/trump-compara-a-baltimore-con-honduras-por-ser-las-zonas-sumamente-violentas.html>

<https://www.laprensa.hn/fotogalerias/mundo/1306368-411/baltimore-trump-comparo-honduras-violencia-racismo-eeuu>