

REPORTED USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS TO TRY AND FORCE PRESIDENT ZELAYA AND 85 SUPPORTERS OUT OF THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY

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As reported at 10:30am today (September 25, 2009) on Honduran radio "Radio Globo", by the Honduran First Lady, Xiomara Castro de Zelaya, wife of President Zelaya, it is strongly suspected that the illegal military-oligarchic regime, headed by Roberto Micheletti and General Ramon Vasquez Velasquez, is intentionally spraying chemical compounds and toxic gases at and around the Brazilian embassy, resulting in serious illness to 87 people inside the embassy.

- This appears to be an illegal use of illegal weapons against unarmed civilians,
- Constituting a direct armed attack against the territory of Brazil.

Below, a translation of report sent by Luz Ernestina Garcia, that summarizes what Honduran First Lady, Xiomara Castro de Zelaya reported on Radio Globo.

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CHEMICAL TERRORISM, DENOUNCES THE FIRST LADY

Courageously, First Lady Xiomara de Zelaya went on the roof of the Brazilian embassy to look at machines soldiers were using at 10:30am, from neighboring houses, to spray toxic gases at the embassy.

Masked agents of the DGIC (Department of Criminal Investigations) were holding the apparatuses that were spraying toxic gases at the Brazilian embassy, as well as holding regular weapons.

Confronted with shouts by the First Lady – "assassins, assassins" -, the DGIC agents disconnected the apparatuses.

EVERYONE IN THE EMBASSY BEGAN TO EXPERIENCE THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

Dizziness
Nausea
Headaches
Bleeding noses
Dry, irritated throats
Tachycardia (excessively fast heart-beat)

Skin irritations all over body
People spitting and defacating blood

85 people are accompanying the President and First Lady. All say they will not leave the embassy, they will not leave the President and First Lady alone.

The First Lady attempted 3 times to call Radio Globo – her calls were cut off each time.

People believe it is some sort of acid that is being sprayed, to pressure everyone to leave the embassy.

Today, no food has entered the embassy. Yesterday, the daughter and mother of President Zelaya arrived with food at 3:00pm; they did not let the food enter until 10:00pm.

There is desperation inside the embassy. There are rumours that trucks full of earth have been seen leaving the area; people suspect the regime might be trying to tunnel in.

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TERRORISMO QUIMICO: DENUNCIA LA PRIMERA DAMA

La Primera Dama Xiomara de Zelaya con valentia subio al muro de la embajada de Brazil para ver las maquinas que tienen los militares desde las casas vecinas lanzando gases toxicos, en este momento (10:30a.m) lanzan humo hacia la embajada, agentes de la DGIC enmascarados, con aparatos y armas apuntando. Ante los gritos de la Primera Dama diciendoles asesinos, asesinos proceden a desconectarlo.

TODOS EN LA EMBAJADA PRESENTAN LOS SIGUIENTES SINTOMAS:

mareos
nauseas
dolor de cabeza
sangrado de nariz
resequedad en la garganta
taquicardia
dolores de estomago
sangrado de nariz
picazon en el cuerpo
Personas escupiendo y defecando sangre.

85 personas acompañan al Presidente y La Primera Dama, dicen que no van a salir de allí, que no dejarán solo al Presidente.

3 intentos de llamadas a Radio Globo con esta denuncia de la Primera Dama y cortan la llamada.

Con este químico presionan para que salgan todos de la Embajada, dicen que es un ácido para

A esta hora aún no han dejado ingresar la comida. Ayer la hija y la mamá del Presidente llegaron a las 3:00 p.m. con la comida y la dejaron entrar hasta las 10:30 de la noche.

Hay desesperación dentro de la Embajada, también denuncian que salen carros cargados de tierra de la zona por lo que se sospecha, están abriendo un túnel.

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should contact our members of congress, senators & members of parliament every day, day after day, send copies of this information, and demand:

unconditional and public support for the return of the entire constitutional government of President Zelaya
unequivocal denunciation of the military coup and no recognition of the illegal oligarchic-military regime of Roberto Micheletti and General Romeo Vasquez
unequivocal demand and pressures from international community for

regime to relinquish power
no recognition of the November 2009 elections, that candidates from the traditional Nationalist and Liberal parties are campaigning for, even as the country is militarized and repression is widespread
immediate suspension of all international funds and loans to the regime, and targeted economic, military and diplomatic sanctions against the coup plotters and perpetrators
application of international and national justice against the coup plotters and perpetrators
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