

Rights Action  
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## **Say NO to fraudulent re-election of Juan Orlando Hernandez (JOH)**

Urgent Action, by La Voz de los de Abajo, CODEPINK, Honduras Solidarity Network

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### **Urgent action needed in the U.S. and Canada**

Say NO to electoral fraud and then four more years of U.S. and Canadian-backed government repression, corruption and impunity in Honduras. Not only is it illegal for JOH to run a second time for the presidency, but his National Party has been carrying out electoral fraud; people fear they are trying to outright steal the election from Salvador Nasralla, candidate from the Opposition Alliance.

If JOH and his National Party fraudulently “win” the presidential elections held last Sunday in Honduras, the government will assuredly use military and police repression to implement and enforce a stolen election.

Rights Action endorses the urgent action below, prepared by La Voz de los de Abajo, CODEPINK and Honduras Solidarity Network, and calls on U.S. and Canadian folks to contact their government and elected officials. Next to the U.S., Canada is the country that has most supported the repressive, corrupt governments in power in Honduras since the 2009 military coup.

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### **URGENT ACTION: Contact US Embassy and Congress to Stop All Support for Juan Orlando Hernandez**

We, an international delegation sponsored by La Voz de los de Abajo, CODEPINK, and the Honduras Solidarity Network, urge you to contact the US Embassy in Tegucigalpa as well as your Congressional and Senate representatives to demand that the US stop all support (political and economic) for Juan Orlando Hernandez as he attempts to steal an election to extend his dictatorship.

Feel free to use the following observations from our delegation, which is currently in Honduras, as talking points:

- Since the days leading up to the election, though to today now, Honduras has been in a constantly escalating state of militarization and intimidation intended to strike fear into those willing to vote against Juan Orlando Hernandez and the National Party.
- Two members of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE), Marco Lobo and Eric Mejia, have shared statements that lead of the Opposition Alliance candidate, Salvador Nasralla, in the vote is irreversible. Despite this, there has been an unprecedented delay in the official announcement of the winner of the election.
- As the delay persists, there are widespread reports in the media of voter fraud to benefit Juan Orlando Hernandez and the National Party. This includes a video of piles of blank ballots being stamped en masse for Juan Orlando Hernandez, and incidences of violence around the country as National Party forces try to gain control of ballot boxes (including stabbings, shootings, kidnappings, and other forms of threats and intimidation).
- According to social media reports, Une TV's broadcast building (which has recognized the Opposition Alliance's Salvador Nasralla as the President Elect of Honduras) has been circled by either military or police.

These are all signs of a dictatorship and are not reflective of fair, democratic elections. In all of the meetings we have had with social movement leaders since the first TSE official announcement of Nasralla's "irreversible" lead (and apparent victory), they all said that Juan Orlando Hernandez is likely very surprised by this result and warned that he does not want to give up power and will do anything he can do to stay in power. The militarization and weapons of war that our delegation observed on election day and since then, give weight to the alarm bells being sounded.

Furthermore, right now, organizations and people from across Honduras are mobilizing to go to Tegucigalpa to recognize and defend Salvador Nasralla and the Alliance to End the Dictatorship as the rightful winner of the election.

We urge you to support the Honduran people in their effort to stand up to Juan Orlando Hernandez's voter fraud, intimidation, and dictatorship by contacting the US Embassy and your elected officials with the demand that all support end now.

### **U.S.A.**

U.S. Embassy Tegucigalpa

011-504-22385114

011-504-22369320

U.S. Capital Switchboard (to contact your Senators and Representatives): (202) 224-3121

### **CANADA**

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- Chair Michael Levitt (Liberal) for York Centre: 613-941-6339, 416-638-3700
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