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# Boycotting the January 27, 2018 "inauguration" of Juan Orlando Hernandez and the regime, is the only way forward



Her life, in Honduras.



The country has been militarized and ruled by corrupt governments since the 2009 U.S. and Canadian backed coup ousted Honduras' last democratic government. Since the fraudulent elections of November 26, 2017, the regime has again sent troops throughout the country to control the population and repress pro-democracy protests.







Army convoys:
 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/HondusaTV/videos/1625599364194553/">https://www.facebook.com/HondusaTV/videos/1625599364194553/</a>

• Troop mobilizations: https://www.facebook.com/grahame.russell.9/videos/1560944910649641/

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Condenamos el asesinato de la compañera Kimberly Dayanna Fonseca, por la Policía Militar en la Col. Honduras. ¡#JOH Asesino!





Kimberly Dayanna Fonseca, shot and killed by military police December 2, 2017, during a pro-democracy, anti-electoral fraud protest.



Una menor de edad de nombre Nicol fue ultimada de cuatro impactos de arma de fuego en frente La guardería del sector Lopez Arellano, según relato de algunas personas que presenciaron él hecho ella caminaba por esa calle cuando un joven se le acerco y le disparo hasta quitarle la vida, según vecinos este hecho no tiene nada que ver con las protestas.







35 comentarios · 84 veces compartido

Nicol shot 4 times and killed December 19, 2017.



Anselmo Villareal, elderly campesino, shot and killed January 20, 2018.

 Last moments of Anselmo's life: https://www.facebook.com/grahame.russell.9/videos/1557660257644773/



Partial list of killings, as of December 28, 2017, compiled by www.defensoresenlinea.com.

Over 40 people, and counting, have been killed by the regime since the stolen elections. Since the 2009 coup, over 500 people have been killed and assassinated for political reasons.

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Manuel de Jesus Bautista Salvador, "disappeared" by the regime December 3, 2017. Police, army and death squads are not just killing pro-democracy protestors, they are "disappearing" people ... as the regime did in during the years of U.S. backed militarism in the 1980s.

- Police roundups of anti-electoral fraud protestors: https://www.facebook.com/grahame.russell.9/videos/1558552690888863/
- Enraged, courageous community members resisting arbitrary detentions: https://www.facebook.com/katherin.flores.1614/videos/1570267543065001/

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Hundreds of people have been attacked and wounded by the police and military.









 Military teargas attacks against peaceful anti-electoral fraud protesters: https://www.facebook.com/grahame.russell.9/videos/1561604833916982/

Hundreds of pro-democracy, anti-electoral fraud protestors detained.







(These men, illegally detained, had their hair forcibly cut.)

Many of the detained are being kept as political prisoners.



Edwin Espinal, widely respected in Honduras and by many in the U.S. and Canada, now a political prisoner in a military prison on a laundry list of criminal charges.

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 Watch this courageous woman walk into a water cannon and line of police and soldiers, protesting the U.S. and Canadian backed regime of JOH (Juan Orlando Hernandez):

https://www.facebook.com/unetvhn/videos/1454640027998040/



Since November 26, 2017, there have been anti-electoral fraud, pro-democracy protests almost every day, across the country. Millions of people have taken to the streets.







"Down with JOH", "Freedom for political prisoners", "Freedom for Edwin".



Indigenous Garifuna people taking their streets and roads, along the north coast.

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### This is the U.S. and Canada in Honduras

Since the 2009 military coup (supported by the U.S. and Canada), repression and violence, impunity and corruption (including electoral fraud in three elections, 2009, 2013, 2017) are now endemic. However, these are not "Honduran" problems. Brought back to power by the 2009 coup, the economic, military and political elites of Honduras care about two things:

- maintaining economic and political relations with the international community, primarily the U.S., and Canada, the World Bank and a host of global companies working in the sectors of African palm, sugar cane and bananas production; garment "sweatshop" factories; mining and dams; tourism; and
- maintaining funding, training, weapons supplies from the U.S. military.

These international military, political and economic relationships are the lifeblood of the regime. This is how power and wealth, corruption and impunity work.

## Boycotting the January 27, 2018 "inauguration" of Juan Orlando Hernandez and the regime, is the only way forward

It is up the people and media of the U.S. and Canada to denounce and hold our governments, the U.S. military, and our companies and investors accountable for empowering and being complicit with electoral fraud, repression, corruption and impunity in Honduras.

- U.S.: Call the Capital Switchboard to get contact information for your Senators and Representatives: (202) 224-3121.
- Canada: Find your MP contact information by entering your postal code here: <a href="http://www.ourcommons.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members">http://www.ourcommons.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members</a>.

Get their phone numbers and email addresses. Keep on sending them copies of this and other information. Insist that they agree to the points below. Share your efforts with the media, family, friends and networks.

#### Short term

The U.S. and Canadian governments must:

- Boycott the January 27, 2018 "inauguration" of Juan Orlando Hernandez
- Reconsider their "legitimization" of the Nov. 26, 2017 fraudulent elections;
- Support the call for new, internationally organized and monitored elections;
- Condemn the multiple acts of electoral fraud carried out by government of Juan Orlando Hernandez;
- Condemn the repression (including the killing of an estimated over 40 people) against anti-electoral fraud protesters;
- Suspend all economic, military and political relations with the government until the political / electoral crisis has been resolved;

### Medium and longer term

There must be legislative inquiries in the U.S. and Canada into the causes of Honduras' now endemic repression and exploitation, corruption and impunity, with specific focus on the role played by the U.S. and Canadian governments:

- In support of the 2009 military coup;
- In support and legitimization of fraudulent and violent elections in 2009, 2013 and 2017;
- In support (in the case of Canada) of the signing of the arguably illegal "Free Trade Agreement" with the illegitimate government of Honduras;
- In support of the expansion of corporate investments in Honduras (mining, garment "sweatshop" industry, bananas, hydro-electric dams, tourism, African palm, etc.), while turning a blind eye to and in effect benefitting from repression, fraud, corruption and impunity.

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