

Rights Action  
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## **Junior Javier Rivas Rivas shot ten times, body burned, left for all to fear in Honduras**

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The Honduras Solidarity Network (HSN) reports that 23-year old, Junior Javier Rivas Rivas - a member of the LIBRE party and Honduras' popular resistance to the post-coup regimes - was murdered April 28, 2019, in Tegucigalpa, capital city of Honduras. According to press reports, Rivas Rivas was shot 10 times and then his body was burned in the La Esperanza neighborhood.

In 2016, during a LIBRE protest against the privatization of Honduran highways, Rivas Rivas was arrested along with 13 others. He was an active member of the popular citizen resistance to the military-backed regimes in power since the 2009 military coup.

The violent way in which he was killed and the next to impossible chance that the murder will be properly investigated, generates further terror amongst the Honduran movement and population.

Rest in peace, Junior Javier. Our condolences to his family and friends. (HSN)

Former President Mel Zelaya – ousted from power in the June 27, 2009, U.S and Canadian-backed military coup – wrote: *"We condemn the assassination of Javier Rivas Rivas by death squads operated by the criminal state headed by president Juan Orlando Hernandez, with the support of elite business sectors, hierarchies of various religions and by the international community."* (Facebook: Coquimbo/Cultura y Política)

### **This is how Honduras operates**

This is one more of 100s of state sanctioned killings since the 2009 U.S. and Canadian backed coup.

Edwin Espinal - spouse of Canadian human rights activist Karen Spring - is being illegally held as a political prisoner in a max-security military jail (since January 2018) because he was protesting the systemic state killings, human rights violations, corruption and impunity since the 2009 coup.

This is why 10s of 1000s of Honduras are forced to flee their homes and country, every year since the 2009 coup, and why many more are fleeing right now.

### **This will not stop**

As long as the U.S., Canada and the "international community" maintain full economic, military and political relations with the corrupt, repressive government in power in Honduras, this will not stop.

### **"Democratic allies" and illegal Venezuela interventions**

This will not stop, as long as the U.S. and Canada consider Honduras – with other corrupt, anti-democratic, repressive governments - as a "democratic ally" in illegal interventionist efforts to overthrow the government of Venezuela.

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### **Rights Action (U.S. & Canada)**

directly funds community-based human rights, environmental and territorial defense organizations in Guatemala and Honduras. We provide relief funds to victims of repression and human rights violations, health harms and natural disasters. We work to hold accountable the U.S. and Canadian governments, companies and investors, international actors (World Bank, etc.) that cause, contribute to and profit from repression and human rights violations, environmental harms and forced evictions, corruption and impunity.

### **Why Hondurans and Guatemalans Flee**

The U.S. and Canadian governments, U.S. military, North American businesses and investors (hydro-electric dams, mining, African palm, tourism, cattle, fruit, etc.) maintain profitable relations with corrupt, repressive governments in Honduras and Guatemala, turning a blind eye to and benefitting from repression, environmental devastation, human rights violations, corruption and impunity.

### **U.S. and Canadian problems**

Keep sending copies of this information, and your own letters, to families, friends and networks, to politicians and media, to pension and investment funds, asking: Why our governments, companies and investment firms benefit from and turn a blind eye to poverty, repression and violence, environmental and health harms in places like Guatemala and Honduras?

### **Get Informed / Get Involved**

- Speakers: Invite us to give presentations about these inter-connected issues and struggles
- Delegations: Join educational trips to Guatemala and Honduras
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