

Honduras Solidarity

Opposing the coup by Honduras' military against democratically elected president Mel Zelaya, and supporting the resistance movement against the coup regime.
Building publicity and support for the fight against the coup in Manchester and generally.

Golpistas' murder list exposed

COFADEH has carefully prepared a list of confirmed political murders since the coup d'état in June 2009, until the end of Feb. It is part of their Third Report of human rights violations since the coup.

They have included in their report only killings and deaths that COFADEH staff have directly investigated and confirmed as related to the resistance movement and the coup. The report is available in various places online, including <http://quotha.net/node/786>

It is widely understood in Honduras that the number of politically motivated killings is much higher than those listed here, but there are many factors which contribute to a reporting of fewer deaths.

In some cases, COFADEH and other human rights organizations are asked by family members not to publish information including names and facts of murders that were politically motivated.

The purpose of the selective assassinations, as a tactic of State repression which continues in Honduras, is to instill fear in anyone who dares to stand up against the coup or who continues to resist the false 'restoration of normalcy' which is the position and argument of the Pepe Lobo government and the military regime that was behind the coup.

Unfortunately, this list will continue to grow as the regime continues to target, capture and torture resistance movement members. 'Normalcy' has not been achieved in Honduras despite what the Pepe Lobo government - supported by the U.S. and Canadian governments - want us to believe.



Huge march on 25th February, the 243rd day of struggle!

"Neither forgive nor forget", Shouts the Resistance

(See photo above)

The Frente de Resistencia carried out a massive protest march in Tegucigalpa. The newspaper *Tiempo*, which provided the headline quoted above, reported estimates of 20,000 participants who marched to demand constitutional reform and accountability for human rights violations that followed the coup d'etat of June 28, 2009.

The crowd was described by *Tiempo* as composed of

"Teachers, union members, workers in general and the unemployed... galvanized by the popular leaders Rafael Alegría, Daniel Durón and Eulogio Chávez."

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Resistance statement 25th Feb

Translated from

<http://hondurasenlucha.blogspot.com/2010/02/marchas-en-honduras-contra-violaciones.html>

El Frente Nacional de Resistencia Popular de Honduras (FNRP) is holding a march in the capital city to protest against the continued human rights violations in the country.

The coordinator of the FNRP alliance confirmed that a similar protest will also take place on Saturday in the northern city of San Pedro Sula; the second largest city in the country and the dominant economic and industrial centre.

The Federation of Teachers Organisations (FOMH), the largest Honduran trades union and member of the FNRP, summoned teachers to a national strike in support the demonstrations of the resistance.

In their communiqué the FNRP maintain that "the human rights situation in Honduras is serious and continues to deteriorate".

They also state that during the last few weeks more assassinations, harassment and persecution of individuals involved in the Popular Resistance have been recorded. They denounced the fact that one of the most recent assassinations, the 3rd this year against a member of the resistance, was that of Claudia Brizuela (aged 36) in San Pedro Sula.

The young woman, daughter of Pedro Brizuela, a veteran of the Communist Party, was killed by gun shots fired by unidentified assailants.

The FNRP has reiterated their rejection of the government presided by the conservative Porfirio Lobo, considering him to be merely the latest face of the regime imposed by the military coup on 28th June last year.

The march this Thursday will be the first organised by the FNRP (which was established on the day of the coup) since the Lobo administration took control of the country.

"Rights Action" web round-up

For these reports in full and further documentation of the *golpistas'* attacks on trade unionists and resistance activists as we reported, see www.rightsaction.org

Photo-Essay

by James Rodriguez

This photo-essay relates the history of the Committee of Relatives of the Detained-Disappeared in Honduras (COFADEH), its role in documenting human rights violations since last year's coup d'état, as well as an analysis on the importance of this event not only in Honduras, but also at regional level. To read and view the full photo essay, please visit: <http://www.mimundo-photoessays.org/>

changes in Honduras, eyewitness report by Jeff Moore

"Truth is stranger than fiction. Fiction has to make sense." (Mark Twain)

"I have just returned from participating in a Human Rights Delegation to Honduras arranged by Canadian-US based Rights Action There have been a lot of very dramatic occurrences in Honduras over the past six months, but very little international attention beyond Latin America...."

Hondurans demand repeal of hydro-electric plant sale under Mitchelletti regime

TeleSUR, February 19, 2010 (Google translation)

The residents of 90 communities in southern Honduras occupied the "Jose Cecilio del Valle" hydroelectric dam to demand that the National Congress repeal the decree that gives this important project to an Italian-Honduran consortium. The President of the Congress, Juan Orlando Hernández, ordered a review of laws passed during the last three months of the de facto regime.

Leaders from 90 communities in southern Honduras announced that starting this week they will hold demonstrations to demand the repeal of the decree adopted under the de facto regime over the concession of the hydroelectric Jose Cecilio del Valle to an Italian consortium.