

ALERT #2 -- Military Coup in Honduras

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DESPITE THE MILITARY COUP THE HONDURAN PEOPLE ARE DEFENDING THEIR DEMOCRACY THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM POLL CONTINUES

Democracy in Honduras was violated by a military coup this morning, but the people of Honduras have come to the defense constitutional order and democracy in Honduras.

Though the President was forced into exile in Costa Rica, the goal of stopping the public opinion poll has not been successful.

Civil society leaders report that more than 25,000 Hondurans are protesting in front of the National Palace in support of the president, despite reports that the entry and exits to some towns have been blocked by the military to prevent public protests.

Though it is reported that in some areas the ballot boxes have been captured by the military, promoters of the poll have established mobile polling stations to defend the ballot boxes. The military has not been able to occupy all of the country, and some towns have declared that they will not recognize the authority of the military imposed government.

Though the President of the Congress, Roberto Michelletti, read a letter of resignation allegedly signed by President Zelaya and his cabinet, Zelaya from Costa Rica has denied signing the letter, as have his cabinet members.

The Congress proceeded to name Roberto Michelletti, a strong opponent of Zelaya, as president de facto.

Governments around the world, particularly in Latin America, have declared that they will not recognize any not elected by the population of Honduras.

The Chancellor of Honduras, Patricia Rodas, has been kidnapped by the military, in front of members of the diplomatic corps, and the ambassadors

of Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua were kidnapped with her but later released. The whereabouts of Patricia Rodas are unknown.

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CONTACT YOUR OWN MEDIA, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, SENATORS, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, TO DEMAND:

- a return of the constitutional government
- no recognition, whatsoever, of this military coup and the Congressional appointed 'de facto' government of Roberto Michelletti
- respect for safety and human rights of all Hondurans

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