

Rights Action
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Massive Crack-Down On Pro-Democracy Movement In Honduras

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URGENT ACTION FROM COFADEH (HONDURAN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP), VIA HONDURAS ACCOMPANIMENT PROJECT

The Committee of the Families of the Detained and Disappeared of Honduras (COFADEH) has just called requesting urgent action on behalf of 26 people who are being detained.

6 minors are detained at the police station Core 7.
20 others are being detained at the Posta de Manchen.
4 wounded have been taken to the hospital.

- Spanish speakers please call the Core 7 station: 011-504-2223-6908, and the Posta de manchen station: 011-504-2237-8545.
- See other USA, Canadian & Honduran government names & contact info, below.

Below is a list of all of the people who are currently being detained - including the minors. Police have refused to let the COFADEH press person, Dina Meza, into the police station to check on the status of the detainees. Please call to express your concern for ongoing repression and the safety of those detained today. The 6 minors are particularly at risk.

DETAINED IN THE POSTA DE MANCHEN

MEN:

1. Andrés Adalid Romero, Identidad 1515-1978-00276 – Colegio: SINPRODOH
2. Elvis Rolando Guillén, Colegio: COLPROSUMAH, Identidad: 0301-1982-02440
3. Edgard Cobos, COPROSUMAH, Identidad : 0415-1979-00318
4. Donaldo Molina – COLPROSUMAH, identidad: 1317-1984-0089
5. José Martín Suazo Sandoval – COLPROSUMAH,
6. Leavin Amaya – COLPROSUMAH, Identidad: 1317-1977-00177
7. José Rolando Servellón – COLPROSUMAH, Identidad: 0415-1979-00084
8. José Erasmo Chinchilla – COLPROSUMAH, Identidad: 0613-1975-00180
9. Alfredo Gutiérrez - COPEMH
10. Demnis Nuñez Bojorque – COLPROSUMAH, Identidad: 0601-1972-01256
11. Walter Urbina Mencía – COLPROSUMAH, Identidad: 1801-1974-00897
12. José Alex Martínez Ponce – COPEMH, Identidad: 1603-1968-00073
13. Marco Antonio Melgar – PRICMAH, Identidad: 0415-1972-00058
14. José Francisco Zelaya Ramos, Identidad: 0319-1959-00179
15. Héctor Núñez (no es maestro), Identidad: 0801-1954-05402

WOMEN DETAINED (teachers)

1. Wendy Yamileth Méndez Campos
2. Nuria Evelin Verduzco Bendaña
3. Linda Merlina Guillén
4. Ingrid Lizeth Sierra
5. María Auxiliadora Espinoza

MINORS DETAINED - in Core 7

1. Brayan Antúne (17), Identidad: 0801-1993-10036
2. Abner Moisés Alvarado (17), Identidad: 0801-1993-18981
3. Enrique Alexander Mejía Ferrera (17)
4. Raúl Oquellí Zepeda (17)
5. Mario Leonel Valle (17)
6. Milton Noel Rodríguez Padilla (17)

INGRESADOS AL HOSPITAL ESCUELA

(Gaseados)

1. Estefany Reconco, estudiante de la Universidad Metropolitana, padece de asma y sufrió los efectos de los gases lacrimógenos cuando los policías cercaron la Plaza COLPROSUMAH.

HERIDOS

2. Emilia Díaz Matute (25), golpeada en rodilla. Iba seguida de una tanqueta policial y se cayó cuando huía, es profesora de San Francisco de Lempira, COLPROSUMAH. Fue trasladada a HOSPIMED, por el asedio policial en el Hospital Escuela.
3. Andrés Adalid Romero (59), golpeados en la cabeza, jubilado, fue presidente del COPEMH. Fue trasladado a HOSPIMED por el asedio policial en el Hospital Escuela.
4. Edwin Alexander Sorto Pineda (33), COLPROSUMAH, traumas en el cráneo, trasladado a HOSPIMED, por el asedio policial en el Hospital Escuela. Policías intentaron llevárselo de HOSPIMED pero la presencia de maestros y defensores y defensoras de derechos humanos, evitó eso.

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POLICE AND MILITARY RAID THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF HONDURAS

Wednesday, 23 March 2011

http://www.defensoresenlinea.com/cms/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1257:policias-y-militares-allanan-otra-vez-la-unah&catid=54:den&Itemid=171



Police special force COBRAS and military elements threw large quantities of tear gas on to the UNAH campus then entered the property. Dozens of police and military have again raided the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH), where thousands of students are receiving classes. Students had taken over the boulevard bordering UNAH when the repressive forces proceeded to remove them and they took refuge within the educational institution, where they were followed by agents. This is the fourth time this kind of repression has taken place. The last time was on the 5th of September when the police took control of the university campus in the early morning and captured union members Cristian David Durón Durón and Antonio López Mendoza, who were sent to court in an effort to criminalize their labour struggle.

Members of the police's special force COBRAS as well as military elements first threw large quantities of tear gas onto the campus, then entered the

property. Many students fainted, vomited, and suffered other reactions due to the tear gas.

No university authority protested these actions. Each time that the regime has raided UNAH it has been claimed that the raid was requested by the university rector Julieta Castellanos. It has also been reported that students from Francisco Morazán National Teaching University (UNPNFM) as well as striking teachers were repressed at protests today.

The police were reportedly entering homes in the neighbourhoods of Tres Caminos, Luís Landa, and El Hogar, where people who were being chased by the police and army had taken refuge. Many homeowners gave shelter to those who were pursued.

During the previous three days of repressed peaceful protests various people reported that they had been threatened by police for protecting those who sought refuge in their homes.

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DE FACTO REGIME VIOLATES UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY

Wednesday March 23, 2011

http://www.resistenciahonduras.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2398:el-regimen-de-facto-viola-la-autonomia-universitaria&catid=95:resistencia&Itemid=334

Morazan Information Network

Various wounded reported

In accordance with orders by the de facto regime to suppress any popular demonstrations, the police and military savagely attacked students of the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) who were demanding respect for public education.

Using large numbers of tear gas bombs and without warning, hundreds of officers attacked students who were holding a rally in front of the main site of the public university in Tegucigalpa.

University autonomy violated

Military and police entered into the higher education centre in an act that disrespects the guaranteed autonomy of the UNAH and repeats the actions of the dictatorship in 2009 which was headed by Roberto Michelletti.

The repressive forces entered the university property throwing tear gas bombs against buildings where students who had nothing to do with the attack were receiving classes. Professors and administrative personnel called local radio stations to denounce the aggression of the dictatorship against human rights.

At least two students were taken to a nearby hospital for emergency attention after being assaulted by the riot police.

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From: presente-honduras-bounces+info=rightsaction.org@lists.mayfirst.org
On Behalf Of Karen Spring
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011
Subject: Honduras: Police are currently surrounding and gassing COPEMH building

After speaking with Carlos Amador (member of the Siria Valley Environmental Committee & a teacher) that was inside COPEMH last night when the police began shooting tear gas inside, he gave me the following information:

Police showed up at roughly 8:30 and shot over 10 canisters of tear gas inside COPEMH. At 9:30, Dina Meza from COFADEH showed up & everyone managed to get out of the building. Everyone was affected by the tear gas but no one was seriously injured.

The teachers are protesting again today. Right now they are leaving from IMPREMA and heading to the Presidential House.

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About an hour ago, police again (accompanied by the military) started again to shoot tear gas & evict the teachers that were gathered in front of IMPREMA. Both the National University & Teaching University were occupied this morning by students. Right now, the National University is in chaos. At about the same time they began evicting teachers in front of IMPREMA, police entered the University shooting tear gas. Based on reports right now, various people fainted, some are injured & at least 2 students have been detained.

This is the fifth consecutive day of mass repression against the teachers & the resistance.

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WHAT TO DO – WRITE YOUR OWN POLITICIANS & GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Using or borrowing from the information (above), please write to your own elected politicians and government officials in Canada and the USA (addresses below), holding them partially responsible for the on-going State repression in Honduras, demanding government pressure on the military-backed Honduran regime to stop the repression and demanding a suspension of normal political, military and economic relations with the military backed regime in Honduras.

US GOV'T OFFICES AND POLITICIANS

WHITE HOUSE: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/CONTACT/>, 202-456-1111,
Comment Line: 202-456-1414

CONGRESS: Go to <http://www.house.gov/> to get info for your member of Congress, and call: 202-224-3121

SENATE: Go to <http://www.senate.gov/> to get contact for your Senator, and call: 202-224-3121

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STATE DEPARTMENT - Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs: 202 647-0834, WHAAsstSecty@State.Gov

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<http://www2.parl.gc.ca/Parlinfo/Compilations/HouseOfCommons/MemberByPostalCode.aspx?Menu=HOC>

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WHAT TO DO - TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

To make a tax-deductible donation for community based organizations in Honduras' pro-democracy movement working to eradicate poverty and exploitation and to re-found their nation-state, make check payable to "Rights Action" and mail to:

UNITED STATES: Box 50887, Washington DC, 20091-0887

CANADA: 552 - 351 Queen St. E, Toronto ON, M5A-1T8

CREDIT-CARD DONATIONS: <http://rightsaction.org/contributions.htm>; or go to: www.rightsaction.org. (Credit card donations can be done anonymously)

FOR DONATION OF STOCK: contact info@rightsaction.org. (Stock donations can be done anonymously – have your stockbroker contact info@rightsaction.org)

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