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**Repression in Honduras, leading up to November 2013 presidential elections; Role of Canadian government and corporations since 2009 military coup**

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**Repression And Violence In Honduras Do Not Just Happen – They Are Policy**

Repression, corruption and impunity continue unabated in Honduras. Please send copies of this article, and your own letters, to your Canadian and American politicians (MPs, Congress members and Senators) and to your own media. Since the June 2009 military coup, that ousted the democratically elected government, Honduras has become the 'Murder Capital of the world'. State repression has reached the levels of the worst years of the 1980s.

Since the coup, the U.S. and Canadian governments have 'legitimized the illegitimate' post-coup regime. North American companies and investors have increased business activities in mining, sweatshops and tourism in Honduras since the coup. The regime remains in power due in large part to its political, economic and military relations with the U.S. and Canada.

There are no signs this repression, violence, corruption and impunity will decrease, even as a majority of Hondurans courageously support the LIBRE political party that will participate in the November 2013 presidential elections ... in a hope of putting an end to their nightmare.

Across Honduras, community based organizations in the pro-democracy movement need considerably more human rights accompaniment, funding, media attention on the harms and violations and education and activism in Canada and the U.S.

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