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Dear friends, the letter below has been emailed to as many Canadian and U.S. politicians and government officials (and media) as we have email addresses for.

PLEASE make this email your own, and send it to your own politicians, government officials, and media.

Thank-you.  
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## **Photos for public education ~ U.S. & Canada Help, In Effect, Murder Soad Nicolle Ham Bustillo, A 13 Year-old Honduran Girl**

**Memo:** To Canadian and American politicians & government officials  
**Re:** Assassination of 13 year-old middle school student by Honduran police  
**Enclosed:** 2 photos, to be displayed on office billboards and other public places



Here is 13 year-old Soad Nicolle Ham Bustillo on March 25, 2015. After she was kidnapped by police on March 24, her murdered body was dumped for all to see.



Here is Soad Bustillo on March 24, protesting education privatization plans.

I think that all American and Canadian politicians and government officials should reflect on this photo, to learn more about the U.S.- and Canadian-backed Honduran regime that dumps bodies of murdered girls in public places.

These photos should be posted in public places across Canada and the U.S. to educate North Americans about the State terrorism tactics of repression being used by the Honduran regime. (On request, I can send more photos of more people murdered by the regime, their bodies dumped in more public places.)

**From a report by the Honduran Committee for Freedom of Expression (C-Libre):**

*“On March 24, three students were assassinated (two boys and one girl), students taking in night classes at Jesús Aguilar Paz Institute of Comayaguela, who had left the school grounds after class. On the morning of March 25, the cadaver of a 13-year-old girl – Soad Bustillo - was found wrapped in a sheet. She was a student at the Vicente Cáceres Central Institute of Comayaguela. She was last seen on the morning of March 24 leaving her house to go to school. The minor was the victim of kidnapping for multiple hours and her cadaver was found this morning wrapped in a sheet in the La Granja neighborhood of*

*Comayagua. Globo Radio and TV showed photos of her participating, a few days before, in a student protest."*

### **"Murder Capital of the World" / "Repression Capital of the Americas"**

Most North Americans learn little about what is going on in Honduras from our media that is, I believe, in violation of its public trust and journalistic responsibility to investigate and report on issues pertinent to the U.S. and Canada.

Since the June 2009 military coup, that ousted the last democratically elected government, Honduras has become the 'Murder Capital of the world' and a 'Repression Capital of the Americas'.

Yet, repression and violence in Honduras are not a "Honduran problem" – they are an American / Canadian problem.

Since the coup, the U.S. and Canadian governments have supported and legitimized a succession of repressive regimes. Military and police "aid" has increased from both countries to the Honduran regime that uses repression and violence to create and maintain an environment conducive to global corporations and investors.

As a result, North American companies and investors, and the investment development banks (World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank), have increased business activities in: African palm production, maquiladora sweatshops, privatized "model cities", tourism, hydro-electric dams and mining, benefitting from and turning a blind eye to the repression, corruption and impunity.

Please reflect on these photos of Soad Bustillo, and share them widely. There are many policy decisions the governments of the U.S. and Canada should take. But, if you do not look at these photos, if our governments (and media) continue to turn a blind eye to the repression and violence that our countries are helping create and perpetuate, then the regime will dump more bodies in more public places, while more corporations and investors continue with more business as usual.

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