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Marriage in the “La Tolva” military jail in Honduras: Karen Spring and political prisoner Edwin Espinal

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Karen Spring, a Canadian human rights activist and expert, and political prisoner Edwin Espinal were married at midday, October 18, 2018, in the maximum security “La Tolva” military jail in Honduras. They were married 9 months after Edwin was illegally jailed for his participation in widespread protests against government killings, and against the fraudulent, repressive elections of November 2017.

They were married, while thousands of Honduras are fleeing the endemic repression, destitution, organized crime, corruption and impunity of the Honduran regime that is

supported militarily, politically and economically by the “international community”, and particularly by the U.S. and Canadian governments.

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To be clear: Edwin was jailed on January 19, 2018 –similar to the jailing of dozens of political prisoners across the country- due to their participation in protests against this same repression, destitution, organized crime, corruption and impunity that are forcing thousands to flee, year in and year out.



Gathered in the “La Tolva” chapel, upon completion of the marriage ceremony, L-R: Prisila Alvarado (Comité por la liberación de presos políticos), Mery Agurcia (COFADEH), Raul Alvarez (political prisoner, detained Jan.19, along with Edwin), Edwin Espinal, Grahame Russell (Rights Action), Karen Spring (Honduras Solidarity Network) and Karina Flores (Comité por la liberación de presos políticos).

Information

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Edwin Espinal y Karen Spring, casados hoy, en la carcel militar “La Tolva”
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El preso político Hondureño Edwin Espinal se caso hoy con Karen Spring (Canadiense experta y activista en derechos humanos), a medio-día (18 octubre 2018), 9 meses después de que Edwin fue encarcelado ilegalmente por su participación en las protestas en contra de los asesinatos gubernamentales, y en contra del robo de las elecciones (noviembre 2017) a través del fraude y represión.

Hoy, se casaron en este cárcel militar, mientras miles de Hondureños huyen la violencia, corrupción, crimen organizado, impunidad y destitución del régimen Hondureño apoyado políticamente, miliarmente y económicamente por la “comunidad internacional”, y en particular por los gobiernos de los USA y Canada.

Que queda claro: Edwin fue encarcelado –igual que docenes de presos políticos en el país– por protestar en contra de esta misma violencia, corrupción, crimen organizado, impunidad y destitución del régimen (apoyado por esta “comunidad internacional”), por la cual miles están huyendo.

Reunidos a dentro de la capilla de La Tolva, justo después de la ceremonia formal de matrimonio, Izq-Der: Prisila Alvarado (Comité por la liberación de presos políticos), Mery Agurcia (COFADEH), Raul Alvarez (preso político, encarcelado el 19 enero, a la par de Edwin), Edwin Espinal, Grahame Russell (Rights Action), Karen Spring (Honduras Solidarity Network) y Karina Flores (Comité por la liberación de presos políticos).

Informacion

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