

Brother of Honduran President (and former ruling party member) arrested on organized crime drug trafficking charges

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September 2017, Juan Antonio Hernandez, then deputy for ruling Partido Nacional de Honduras
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Juan Antonio Hernandez was arrested in Miami and later taken to New York. [According to](#) local media sources, former Honduran congressman, Juan Antonio Hernandez, was arrested this Friday in the Miami airport (Florida, USA), for drug trafficking ties. The arrest of the former congressman and brother of the President of Honduras, Juan Orlando Hernandez, has been confirmed by Presidential Palace. United States authorities have taken the congressman to New York.

- **Read:** “Ex-military Rodríguez Orellana reaffirms connections between Honduran military hierarchy and drug trafficking organized crime”, CONFIDENCIALHN news, <https://confidencialhn.com/exmilitar-rodriguez-orellana-reafirma-nexos-de-altos-jerarcas-de-ffaa-con-el-narcotrafico/>

The Honduran government issued a statement from the president asserting that “due to growing rumors about his brother’s alleged direct or indirect, voluntary or circumstantial relationship with people or with

supposed unlawful activities, his position is clear that no one is above the law and that all people should have the right to legitimate defense and the presumption of innocence.” [...]

In 2017, in a hearing before a U.S. court, the former leader of the Honduran drug-trafficking cartel “Los Cachiros”, Devis Leonel Rivera, [asserted](#) that he had paid a bribe to the brother of the President of Honduras in exchange for President Hernandez’s commitment to make arrangements to settle the Honduran government’s “debt” with that criminal organization.

Complicity of “international community” and media

Most U.S. and Canadian media, elected politicians and government officials REFUSE to investigate how our governments, companies and investors maintain full relations with, and prop up the repressive, military-backed Honduran regime, even as:

- corruption and organized crime have infiltrated all institutions of the military-backed Honduran State and government;
- 10s of 1000s of citizens are forced into exile, every year, in refugee caravans or in small groups.

Since the 2009 U.S. and Canadian backed military coup, Honduras is systematically producing and forcing desperate migrants and refugees to flee. The governments of the U.S., Canada and the European Community, global companies and investors, the World Bank, etc. are co-responsible.

"The exodus is going to continue"

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