

Brother of Honduran president to be sentenced

Days 6-8 - US drug-trafficking trial against Honduran military regime, staunch “democratic ally” of US & Canada

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/brother-of-honduran-president-to-be-sentenced>

As reported by Karen Spring, Tony Hernandez, brother of the Honduran regime leader President Juan Orlando Hernandez, is to be sentenced March 23 in the New York Southern District court for the guilty conviction in his drug-trafficking trial last year.



Juan Orlando Hernandez, drug-trafficking implicated President of Honduras, glad-handing with US and Canadian leaders whose governments have supported and worked closely with the Honduran regime since the June 28, 2009 military coup ousted Honduras' last democratically elected government.

Day 6, Geovanny Fuentes Ramirez trial, New York City: March 16

The biggest headlines revealed: "Geovanny Fuentes Ramirez (GFR) said that he had photos and videos of President Juan Orlando Hernandez (JOH) receiving shipments of cocaine from Colombia at the San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa airports. According to GFR, JOH did this right in front of the DEA without the DEA knowing and JOH made fun of the DEA."

<https://www.aquiabajo.com/blog/2021/3/15/day-six-trial-against-honduran-drug-trafficker-geovanny-fuentes-ramirez>

InSight Crime asks if this trial would finally break US-Honduras ties.

"“It seems that the US Government has decided that its relationship with JOH is untenable,” a former senior State Department official told InSight Crime on the condition of anonymity.

<https://insightcrime.org/news/drug-trial-us-honduras-ties/>

Day 7, Geovanny Fuentes Ramirez trial, New York City: March 17

The first protected witness began to testify.

<https://www.aquiabajo.com/blog/2021/3/16/day-seven-trial-against-honduran-drug-trafficker-geovanny-fuentes-ramirez>

<https://www.univision.com/univision-news/latin-america/accountant-gives-explosive-testimony-of-alleged-drug-meetings-with-honduran-president>

Day 8, Geovanny Fuentes Ramirez trial, New York City: March 18

<https://www.aquiabajo.com/blog/2021/3/17/day-eight-trial-against-honduran-drug-trafficker-geovanny-fuentes-ramirez>

In-depth background article

Drug money, coup d'états & global corporations in Honduras, a staunch “democratic ally” of US & Canada

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/drug-money-coup-detats-global-corporations-in-honduras>

NACLA Report on the Americas, by Karen Spring

Why thousands of Hondurans & Guatemalans flee into exile, year after year

The US and Canadian governments, the World Bank and global businesses and investors (in the sectors of mining, dams, African palm, sugarcane, bananas, garment “sweatshop” factors, tourism, etc.), maintain beneficial relations with anti-democratic, corrupt, repressive governments in Honduras and Guatemala, contributing to and benefitting from exploitation and poverty, environmental harms, repression and human rights violations, corruption and impunity.

“Shithole countries”: US government promises pathway to citizenship for 11 million people, but will the US, Canada and “international community” continue to treat Honduras and Guatemala like “shithole countries”, creating ever more forced migrants and refugees?

By Grahame Russell, Rights Action, February 9, 2021, <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/us-government-promises-pathway-to-citizenship-for-11-million-people>

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