

Human Rights Monitoring in the Context of the 2017 Elections

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In 2009, coup supporters justified the coup by claiming that President Zelaya was trying to stay in power for a second term in office. U.S. solidarity organizations joined the Honduran popular movement to refute this. Now, eight years later, the U.S.-supported Juan Orlando Hernandez government is illegally running for reelection. What was once the justification for a military coup is now being attempted.

Join TFA's delegation to Honduras to monitor and document the human rights situation in the context of the 2017 elections.

Arriving in Tegucigalpa, delegates will share meetings with U.S. solidarity delegation led by La Voz de los de Abajo (Chicago) and CODEPINK for meetings on the general human rights context in the country.



The TFA group will then meet in Santa Barbara with land and environmental activists, and visit a political prisoner, arrested and jailed by a joint U.S.-Honduran military operation in the municipality of La Unión, Lempira. The group will then proceed to La Unión, in order to document the repression, threats and electoral registration “fixing” which has already occurred. La Unión is home to an inspiring group of coffee farmers who since the last election formed a coffee coop and now sell their products to U.S. buyers. Many of the members are activists who have been organizing throughout the municipality to offer progressive alternatives to the powerful, National Party-controlled mayor's office dominated by a well-known family with strong ties to current President Juan Orlando Hernandez.

The day after the elections, the delegation will return to Tegucigalpa to meet with other human rights organizations and movements. The group may also request a meeting with the U.S. Embassy. The delegation will be led by Karen Spring, Honduras Solidarity Network (HSN) Coordinator in Honduras, and Maria Robinson, TFA board member.

COST: \$1100 (Includes transportation, translation, food and hotel. Airfare is not included)

DEADLINE: Application deadline October 21 with \$300 deposit. Delegation limited to 10 people

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