

WE WANT TO LIVE, NO MORE FEMICIDES IN HONDURAS!

COMMUNICATION

The Centre for Women's Studies - Honduras (CEM-H), in light of the events that have occurred in the Cruz Roja neighbourhood of Tegucigalpa, make the following declaration:

1. The Cruz Roja neighbourhood was founded after Hurricane Mitch passed through the country, when the houses of the Nueva Esperanza neighbourhood collapsed as a result of this natural disaster. Since then, as a women's organisation we have been accompanying the network of women that has been organised in this zone to prevent and deal with violence against women.
2. During the first years the community maintained an atmosphere of solidarity despite the interference of external forces, although it has always had problems with poverty in the same way as the rest of the Honduran population.
3. We are worried that in recent years, and especially since the coup d'état, a number of alarming situations have arisen in this community such as sexual trafficking, disappearances and killings of women, and the presence of gangs. The last such event that occurred is the crime against Jessica Patricia Gálvez Bulnes, a 21 year old ex-member of Cruz Roja's Network of Young Women, who was raped and subsequently killed in the early hours of Sunday morning.
4. Jessica, like all of the women who have been victims of femicide in the country (more than 180 so far this year) had many aspirations and a great desire to live, both for herself and for her 18 month old daughter whom she leaves behind and who will now never have a mother to watch her grow and to support her.
5. Whilst this was occurring in the Cruz Roja community, the Secretary of Security, alongside the National Police and the Public Ministry, invaded the premises of the City University and assaulted the employees of UNAH. We would like to remind those bodies responsible for justice in this country that we citizens pay our taxes in order for these bodies to provide security and protection for the population, which includes women. Jessica can no longer demand justice, but we feminists and the relatives of the victims will continue to do so.

As such we demand:

- a) That the Special Fiscal Office of the Woman and the Unit of Crimes Against the Lives of Women properly investigate the femicide of Jessica Patricia Gálvez and of all other victims until those responsible for commissioning and undertaking these crimes are found.
- b) That the Secretary for Security puts an end to the repression and targets the efforts of the police towards stopping delinquency, criminality, femicides, and violence against women, which is the purpose for which this body was created.
- c) We warn all of the bodies responsible for justice that if we do not find justice for women in this country, we will bring our concerns before the international courts based on the

human rights of women as they are contained in the international conventions and covenants that have been signed by the state of Honduras.

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THE MURDERED HAVE NAMES, AS DO THEIR KILLERS
STOP IMPUNITY, NOT ONE MORE DEATH
JESSICA LIVES, THE FIGHT AGAINST VIOLENCE TOWARDS WOMEN CONTINUES