

Feminists in Resistance

Before the Honduran People and the International Community:

In light of the increased repression, persecution and psychological warfare suffered by the members of the National Front of the Popular Resistance, we declare that:

1. Since the coup d'etat on the 28th June, the increased violation of human rights by the repressive organs of the State has not ceased. In fact it increases daily, without any evidence that the government of Porfirio Lobo Sosa is taking measures to investigate and punish the crimes committed against the people during their peaceful resistance.
2. Violence against women is increasing, and in addition to being persecuted, violated, and killed, women are now being psychologically tortured in new ways.
3. We condemn death threats such as the persecution of our sister Gladys Lanza, National Coordinator of the women's peace movement *Visitación Padilla*. These threats are directly linked with the publication of a communication in which this organisation criticised the militarisation of Honduras since the coup d'etat.

As such, we demand:

1. That international bodies, particularly the Organisation of American States (OAS), the United Nations (UN), and the Central American Integration System (SICA), only allow Honduras to re-enter their organisations on the condition that it demonstrates clear advances in respecting the Human Rights of the Honduran people.
2. That the Honduran government takes the necessary measures to protect Gladys Lanza's life. In addition to this, that it guarantees effective protection of all of the members of the women's movement *Visitación Padilla*.
3. That women's organisations in Honduras and worldwide unite our voices and, over a year after the coup, continue to demand respect for the human rights of the citizens of our country.
4. Support and solidarity for our sisters in *Visitación Padilla*, who fight alongside the Honduran people for the restoration of democracy.

For freedom and the respect of the lives of the people in resistance!
No coup d'etats nor striking of women!

For the emancipation of women and everyone who is oppressed!

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