



IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ZACATE GRANDE

In light of the situation experienced by the people of Zacate Grande, **The Centre for Women's Studies Honduras (CEMH)** denounces:

The entry of a strong military and police contingent yesterday into the community of Puerto Grande and other villages of the Peninsula in the south of the country, in order to apprehend five leaders of the Movement for the Certification and Reclamation of Land of Zacate Grande in accordance with orders that came from the Court of Amapala. Furthermore, the police blocked the access door of the community radio station 'The Voice of Zacate Grande' to prevent it from broadcasting. This radio station has been used to denounce abuses committed by the oligarchy, everything relating to the coup d'etat, and threats made by the businessman Miguel Facusse, who was involved in the coup, that have enabled him to keep lands belonging to the people of this zone.

We want to denounce the process of remilitarization which the country has been subjected to since the coup d'etat on 28th June 2009, and which is having a direct impact on the rural and urban population. The oligarchical forces are using the instruments and apparatus of government against the Honduran population, in the same way as the military and police do, and against the people who defend their land in Zacate in the same way that they have done with the people of Aguan. This demonstrates how the government is putting into practice the famous Country Plan 2010-2038, and Vision of the Country 2010-2038, in which one of the indicators is to move from a 70 percent rate of occupied land to 5 percent in 2038. This logically implies that the regime will use repression and assassination as a method of fulfilling their goal for 2038.

We also want to denounce that in these types of situations of displacement and persecution, women and girls are placed in a much more vulnerable position than the rest of the population, given that their gender exposes them to other types of human rights violations such as sexual abuse, rape, and physical and emotional abuse.

We denounce that this government, for all of the supposed discussions of reconciliation that have been announced to the international community, is not demonstrating in practice that it wants to resolve the situation of persecution and repression suffered by the Honduran population. It is time for the Director of the National Agrarian Institute, Cesar Ham, to show that he is different, both in his announcements and by joining the struggle to put land in the hands of those who work it instead of keeping it in the hands of the oligarchy; and also, so that women can own their own land and have access to technology.

As members of the feminist movement we support the people in their struggle for the reclamation of the land that belongs to them, and we call for all expressions of social movement to close ranks so that in Honduras it is possible to implement a process of agrarian reform that includes women.

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WITHOUT WOMEN, AGRARIAN REFORM WON'T WORK
WITHOUT WOMEN, THE CONSTITUTION WON'T WORK**