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# Report

# CNA presented investigation on abuses in the magnagement of Securyty Tax funds

The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) presented the report "Security Tax: New lost decade in Honduras", which exposed legal trickery to consolidated an absolute and discretionary power structure the management of that resources.

The report details that the allocation and use of the Security Tax money, were characterized by excess and abuse, causing a waste of Romeo funds were used to buy tickets for a

**Security Tax** 

spending, thus failing to comply with the purpose of the fund.

CNA denounced that part of the

Santos concert, flowers and to pay restaurant and nightclub bills.

Although the Security Tax had a steady flow of money, security conditions did not improve in the country and Honduras continues to be a reference point for insecurity and violence in Latin America.

**Progress in the installation** 

**Corruption and Impunity** 

of the International

**Commission against** 

in Honduras (CICIH)

The chancellor of Honduras, Enrique Reina, reported that the memorandum of understanding for the installation of the International Commission against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (CICIH) is ready.

The installation of an anti-corruption mechanism is being negotiated, pending the hiring of international experts and how the commission will be funded. After the government's announcement, the civil society awaits no obstacles for it to be fully operational.

#### Government launches a comprehensive plan for the extortion problem



Honduran government decreed a state of emergency and partially suspend constitutional rights in 162 neighborhoods in Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula, due to the increase of violent acts in the main cities of the country, especially related to extortion. The measure will have a duration of one month, which began to be applied on December 6, 2022, and will be in force until January 6, 2023. The decree allows the authorities to detain persons of associating, suspected executing, or having links in the commission of crimes and offenses.

### **Nominating Board applied** evaluation tests to **Supreme Court candidates**



The Nominating Board for the selection of candidates for magistrates of the Supreme Court applied the knowledge test to the applicants on November 14.

Out of 185 candidates who applied from the beginning -53 women and 132 men-, 105 candidates are still in the race to reach the Supreme Court.

The Nominating Board, due to budgetary lack of its independence, has had to delegate to the Superintendence the performance of the toxicological and psychometric tests and the socioeconomic studies.



CNA Executive Director, Gabriela Castellanos presented the report about Security Tax.

## **CNA** development an international panel of citizen oversight in Congress: A step towards legislative transparency in Latin America

The new MIC platform was also launched to exercise citizen oversight in the National Congress



The National Anti-Corruption Beatriz Gil coordinator Council (CNA) development an Colombian Visible Congress, and international panel oversight mechanisms: a step analyst of Argentina Legislative towards legislative transparency in Directory Foundation. Latin America", with experts from other countries, that consider civil Social oversight in Congress society should promote these initiatives.

of those mechanisms to enhance of transparency y accountability of opportunity for population to know legislative work in the Congress.

In the meeting participated Foundation, Mauricio Alarcón;

"Citizen Pablo García Baccino, politic

The CNA launched the web site www.mic.cna.hn, a pilot project in Speakers highlighted the impact National Congress, under the figure Congressman, 129 how the institution works.

The site offers people different Ecuador Citizen and Developed tools to understand how decisions in Congress affects them.

### Complaint CNA presented an investigation into the purchase of the presidential plane



nation", a financial analysis 2,676 hours on it. demonstrating the high The report details that the expenditures of money related to aircraft was registered as a debt the purchase, use and maintenance owed by the State of Honduras, of the plane, in 2015 evolved into when it was an asset that the State a mechanism for irregular national acquired as property, although the international financial previous activities.

The plane was acquired

## 114 Unpunished cases

The Anti-corruption Council through ECC Leasing Company (CNA) presented the investigative Limited, a company that trades report "Presidential plane: the second-hand aircraft, so the takeoff of the plundering of a Embraer Legacy 600 already had

administration announced it as a donation from the government of Taiwan.