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Citizen participation

«Democracy Defense Network» will oversee the election process of the Public Prosecutor's Office

The National Anticorruption Council (CNA), together with 14 civil society organizations, launched the «Democracy Defense Network», created with the mission of monitoring the election process of the next attorney general and deputy attorney general, and the recovery of the Public Prosecutor's Office.

The Network is made up of representatives of civil society, academia, private enterprise, churches, youth groups and organized women.

The Executive Director of the CNA, Gabriela Castellanos, read the Network's public letter urging the President of the Supreme Court of Justice (CSJ), Rebeca Ráquel Obando to call for the formation of the proposing board that will submit a list of five candidates for Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General to the National Congress, which must be sent 30 days before the end of the term of the current authorities.

On Monday, May 8, the President of the Supreme Court called for the formation of the proposing board, 12 days after the launching of the «Democracy Defense Network».

"It is urgent to carry out a clean, meritocratic and free of influence peddling election, where we demand the incorporation of transparency mechanisms and citizen oversight without conditions," said the executive director of the CNA, Gabriela Castellanos.

The Network urged the authorities to choose independent, honest, and competent prosecutors committed to the fight against corruption.



THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ANC, GABRIELA CASTELLANOS, READ THE PUBLIC LETTER OF THE NETWORK FOR THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY.

CNA trains personnel of the Defense University of Honduras

The National Anticorruption Council (CNA), gave the workshop: "Strengthening values, etiquette and culture of transparency", to the personnel of different departments of the Defense University of Honduras (UDH).

The training was coordinated by the Continuing Education Department of the UDH, with a schedule that included different theoretical and practical activities.

The course took place over four days: two days in virtual mode and two days in face-to-face mode. The training cycle is part of the agreement signed between the CNA and the UDH.



CA civil society representatives and journalists debated on the weakening of democracy in the region





The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) held the virtual meeting "State and authoritarianism in Central America: a challenge for democracy and human rights", with the participation of representatives of civil society and independent journalists from the region.

The meeting provided a space for learning, analysis, and reflection, from the perspective of civil society organizations, independent media, human rights defenders, and anti-corruption leaders, on the decline of the rule of law and the weakening of democracies in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, for the population of these countries to learn about their context.

These spaces seek to raise the voice of civil society to provide collective regional responses to address this complex social, political, and economic phenomenon.

CNA developed information campaign on the Tax Justice Law

The National Anticorruption Council (CNA) developed an informative campaign in social networks on the Tax Justice Law with the publication of six videos and three infographics on the subject.

The topics addressed were tax exemptions, basic basket, reduction of indirect taxes and elements that support a true tax justice.

Tax Justice Act decree approved

The Council of Ministers unanimously approved the Tax Justice Law decree, which is being promoted by the Revenue Administration Service (SAR). President Xiomara Castro endorsed the decree that was sent to the National Congress.

The government assures that this is one of the most discussed projects in the history of the country, which has been socialized with private companies, international organizations, workers, students, and residents.



THE DIRECTOR OF THE SAR, MARLON OCHOA, ASSURED THAT THE APPROVED DECREE CONTAINS MODIFICATIONS SUGGESTED BY VARIOUS SECTORS.

President signs terms of reference for the arrival of the CICIH

President Xiomara Castro signed the letter with terms of reference for the arrival of experts from the United Nations (UN), which will allow the installation of the International Commission against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (CICIH).

"It is our firm conviction that the CICIH arrives in Honduras and enjoys the independence to prosecute criminal networks and the evident public-private corruption that prevails and the legal omissions and crimes committed against the people", said the President.





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