

EDITION XIV

LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN HONDURAS

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Analysis

CNA presented the study "Concentration of Power".

Council (CNA) presented the study "Concentration of Power", in order to establish the consequences for the the separation of powers and affect the institutionality of the Honduran State.

The document explains how observed in administration of President Xiomara Castro, who has appointed relatives and members of the same political structure of the Libertad y Refundación (Libre) party to strategic positions, is evidence that the three branches of government and other

The National Anticorruption institutions are aligned to the same idea of the Executive Branch, a minority that concentrates power.

The CNA warned that Honduras already experienced country of these practices that violate a similar situation during the two terms of former President Juan Orlando Hernández (2014-2021), during which time the institutional framework was weakened.

> The CNA questioned that in the past this practice "was subject to criticism, today it is part of the new

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philosophy, seen that, in the term of one year and four months, they have not fulfilled what they promised."

"They mock and boast in the face of the people that they are appointing their relatives because they are positions of trust, they say; they are 'compas' of struggle, because they earned them in the streets", said CNA executive director Gabriela Castellanos.

The CNA made a strong call to the Legislative Power to regulate these conducts and thus punish and dissuade nepotism.

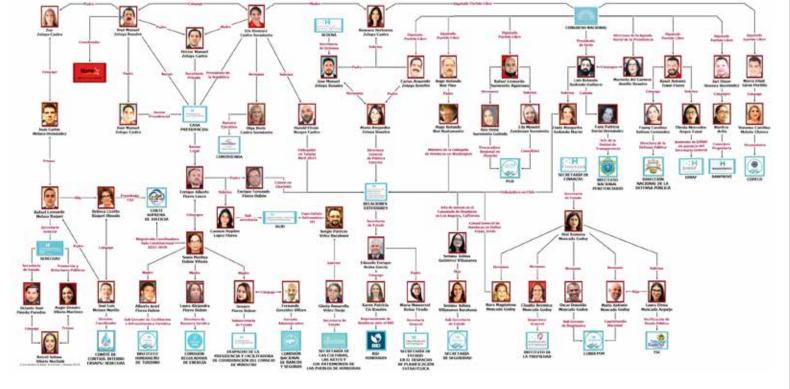
Proposed Board for the election of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General of the State is formed

The Proponent Board for the selection of the candidates for Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General for the period 2023-2030 is complete, after the representative of the civil society was elected.

The Proponent Board is formed by the president of the Supreme Court of Justice (CSJ), Rebeca Ráquel Obando; the magistrate of the Constitutional Chamber of the Judiciary, Wagner Vallecillo; the head of the National Rights Human Commissioner (Conadeh), Blanca Izaguirre; and the coordinator of the master's program at the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH), Odir Fernández.

It also includes the representative of the private universities, Julio Raudales; of the Honduran Bar Association, Alejandro Hernández; and on behalf of civil society, Juan Ramón Ávila, of the Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (Asonog).

In the first meeting of the Board, the five commissions that will guide the election process were defined, which were formed to prepare the regulations, prepare the evaluation matrix, prepare the different instruments, the schedule of activities and the call for nominations.



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Closing of the XII Internship on Transparency and Fight against Corruption

The XII Transparency and Fight against Corruption Internship, promoted by the National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA), culminated the training process of 31 law students from public and private universities in San Pedro Sula, Cortés, northern Honduras.

The young people also participated in the simulation of an oral and public trial in criminal matters, in which they applied the knowledge acquired in the different trainings.

This is a generation of lawyers committed to the promotion of transparency and the strengthening of the institutions that control and prosecute crime.





Socialization of the Tax Justice Law Project was completed

The Special Commission of the National Congress held 22 hearings to socialize the Tax Justice Bill.

The Commission met with representatives of labor centers, specialists in tax policy, organized private enterprise, political parties' benches, coffee, agro-industrial, cooperative, micro, small and medium enterprises, among others.

During the hearings, the Special Commission receivea different comments and proposals, both verbal and written, which it must evaluate before submitting the bill to the Congress.

The reform proposed with the Tax Justice Law needs 65 votes of the 128 deputies to be approved. The ruling Libertad y Refundación (Libre) party has 50 votes in Congress.









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Proposed Board for the election OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND **DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE** STATE IS FORMED



