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### CNA presented the report: "Between waste and a false perception of security"

The millionaire amounts were used for car rental, travel expenses, events in the Cayman Islands and cruise conferences, among others.

The National Anticorruption Council (CNA) presented the investigation report entitled: "Between waste and a false perception of security", which shows how the famous Security Tax trust was administered.

According to the investigation, the Technical Committee of the Trust allocated funds for purposes other than those contemplated in the resolutions issued by the National Council of Defense and Security (CNDS), in

contravention of the Law of Population Security and denaturalizing a project that in its formal conception was indispensable for the fight against citizen insecurity that has plagued the Honduran people in recent decades.

For the investigation, 15 resolutions issued by the CNBS

Since August 13, 2013 it was alerted that the Security Tax trust was overdrawn, but the millionaire payments continued without control or supervision.

between 2013 to 2018 on different projects were analyzed, such as the repair of helicopters, purchase of bulletproof vests, purchase of vehicles for security activities, construction of facilities and emergency expenditures, among others.

The report identified the waste of more than 307 million lempiras in the management of the Security Tax funds.



THE CNA FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR VIOLATION OF DUTIES AGAINST EIGHT FORMER OFFICIALS OF THE PAST ADMINISTRATION WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE CNDS.

# CNA and ABA train Honduran journalists on the selection and election process of the attorney general and deputy attorney general

The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA), together with the American Bar Association (ABA), trained journalists and communicators on international standards and best practices in the process of selection and election of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General.

The discussion focused on the role of the media in ensuring that each stage is carried out in faithful compliance with the principles of transparency, publicity, and maximum divulgation.



#### Launching of the Regional Strategic Oversight initiative (VER)



The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) launched the Regional Strategic Oversight (VER) initiative, in order to expand the anti-corruption message in the 18 departments of Honduras.

The VER initiative is aimed at training social leaders who know and manage the technical-legal tools that promote citizen participation and social auditing, as mechanisms for the prevention and deterrence of acts of corruption

Activities include training for children and young people to promote values and ethical conduct among students.

#### Process of selection and election of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney Generalprocess of the attorney general and deputy attorney general

The Proposed Board for the election of the attorney general and deputy attorney general eliminated as grounds for the filing of challenges and complaints the fact that a legal professional has represented persons accused of corruption and organized crime.

The Board used as justification the search for not undermining the right to equality and non-discrimination, as well as respecting the freedom of professional practice.

It is important to mention that the right to opt for a second degree elected position is not absolute and may be subject to reviews that weigh the general interest of society, as provided in Article 232 of the Constitution on the function to be performed by the Public Prosecutor's Office.

## The "Absolute Silence" report points out the failure of OABI to safeguard assets

The National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA) presented the investigation report called: "The absolute silence", in which it denounced the head of the Administrative Office of Seized Assets (OABI), Jorge Alberto González Salinas, for the crime of violation of the duties of officials, by not complying with his obligations to safeguard seized properties.

According to the investigation, Marcelo Antonio Chimirri Castro, with intimidation and threats, demanded the return of a house that was seized by the Honduran State.

The report reveals that Gonzales Salinas was formally notified of these demands, but no measures were taken to prevent third parties from gaining access to the place and removing the Honduran Red Cross, which at that time had possession of the property.

In addition, the omissions committed by the director of OABI, who is responsible for the administration and custody of assets declared forfeited by final judgment, were established.



#### Start of the XIII edition of the Anti-Corruption Internship Program

The inauguration of the XIII edition of the Anti-Corruption Internship Program was attended by the executive director, Gabriela Castellanos, and the director of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Foundation in Guatemala and

The internship program promoted by the National Anti-Corruption Council (CNA), is taught to university law students from public and private universities.

"It is necessary to punish the corrupt and have a reaction from the population to stop this scourge; civil society must be placed in a position to fight," said Stefan Jost.



