

Honduras update

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Honduras: The coup continues and repression escalates

The Quixote Center delegation in Honduras reports that Aug. 11 -- a day on which the popular movements had called for large urban rallies -- did indeed produce very large protests against the coup government in both Tegucigalpa and in San Pedro Sula, the second largest city in Honduras. But it also produced increased repression.

Here is part of their firsthand report:

"Police and military are rounding up people and taking them to places used for torture in the 1980s. Ambulances full of people with their faces smashed in and bodies beaten are racing to hospitals -- among them is Marvin Ponce, a Honduran member of Congress who just met with State Department officials in Washington to denounce to coup.

The Universidad Pedagogica and the STIBYS union hall (a private building which has served as the organizing center for the anti-coup resistance front) have been taken by the military and large numbers of people are reported detained. Human rights organizations fear they are being tortured."

More firsthand information is available at the Quixote Center Web site: <http://www.quixote.org/>

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