



In Honduras, lawyers are victims of violence

- Since 2010 more than 100 lawyers have been murdered.
- 20% of them were women.
- 94% of murders are unpunished.
- Just 5 cases have been brought to the court
- 2000 lawyers quitted their job because of insecurity

Human right defenders, tax lawyers, labor lawyers, mercantile lawyers, family lawyers; the crime against lawyers and right defenders embraces all people, regardless their specialization.

They murder lawyers specializing in human rights.

José Ricardo Rosales, murdered on 17th January of 2012, three days after he denounced gross human rights violations made by the police. On 14th of January, he accused some member of the police of hitting and torturing kids in the city of Tela. Three days after that, three hooded men shot him.

They murder lawyers who reported corruption.

José Eduardo Gauggel Rivas was murdered with his son in the city of San Pedro de Sula on 10th April of 2015. He was a candidate for the Presidency of the Republic in 2012, and his campaign was against corruption.

They murder lawyers who lost a case.

José Enrique Reyes Coto, murdered on 8th December of 2013 in Rio Blanquito de Choloma because he could not assure the freedom of his client.

They murder lawyers who opposed to the organized crime.

Luis Octavio Mejia Caballero murdered on 23rd February of 2011. According to the investigation, he was killed because he refused to pay the rent to the organized crime in the Bella Oriente district.

They murder lawyers who represented gangs.

Hired murderers killed Saira Fletes on 15th June of 2016 in San Pedro Sula. She represented a gang called “los Olanchanos” defending organized crime members, drug trafficker, money launderers and others.

They murder lawyers who represented farmers.

Antonio Trejo Cabrera, murdered on 22nd September of 2012 while he was attending a wedding in the south of the capital. According to the investigation, he was killed because he was representing farmers in a land dispute.

They murder lawyers who represent landowners.



Walter Diaz Padilla, murdered on 13th June of 2013 because he was defending the Dinant company interests in a conflict with farmers in the Aguan region.

They murder lawyers who refused to be hired by specific people.

Jose Angel Perez Aguilar, killed on 6th August of 2013 because he refused to defend some member of a gang.

They murder lawyers who asked to get paid for their services.

Dimer Eleuterio Reyes, killed on 16th September of 2014 because his client refuses to pay the established fee.

They murder lawyers who represented police.

Mirna Yamileth Chavez Zelaya, killed on 26th May of 2015. She was the lawyer of some police officer involved in the murder of some student in Comyaguela.

They murder lawyers apparently without any reasonable reasons.

It's the case of Elvin Roberto Reyes Martinez, criminal lawyer, murdered on 14th March of 2015, of Hector David Quezada Garcia, corporation lawyer, killed on 22nd February of 2013 and of Francisco Erick Rodriguez, labor lawyer, murdered on 16th May of 2013.

100 lawyers murdered – just 8% of cases being investigated = 92% of impunity

Stop this spiral of violence that hit the country.

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