

# *Garífuna land defenders kidnapped in Honduras*

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Tegucigalpa, July 21 (RHC)-- In Honduras, three Garífuna land defenders were kidnapped over the weekend in the northern coastal town of Triunfo de la Cruz.

Snider Centeno, Milton Martínez and Suany Álvarez were all taken from their homes by heavily armed men in what local leaders say is the latest attack against the community by the government of Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández, as Afro-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples continue to fight against mining and other extractive industries on sacred land.

In other news from Honduras, prominent journalist David Romero has died after reportedly contracting COVID-19 in prison. He was serving a 10-year sentence over so-called slander and defamation charges for his reporting exposing government corruption and possible links between drug traffickers and top military and government officials, including Honduran President Hernández. Romero was the director of the media outlets Rádio Globo and Globo TV.

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