

President of Honduras denounces politicization of the United Nations



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Tegucigalpa, July 21 (RHC)-- The president of Honduras, Xiomara Castro, described Thursday as "unacceptable" the politicization of the United Nations in her country, in response to the support of its representative in Tegucigalpa, Alice Shackelford, to the director of the National Anti-Corruption Council, Gabriela Castellanos.

"Unacceptable politicization of the United Nations in Honduras!" said Castro in a message posted on his official Twitter account. Her advisor and husband, former President Manuel Zelaya, posted: "I am very sorry that Alice Shackelford, who knows international law, lends herself to the political and perverse game of the ANC to attack President Xiomara Castro." "All the Honduran people know the role the ANC has played in the dictatorship," Manuel Zelaya added.

Castellanos, president of the ANC, left the country due to alleged threats to her and her family last June 18, returned this Thursday to Tegucigalpa and said she has done so to see the corrupt in prison. "Our return is to see the corrupt in jail," Castellanos emphasized in a press conference, accompanied by representatives of the European Union, the United Nations and several Honduran civil society organizations.

In this regard, Shackelford said on Twitter: "All voices must be heard and involved in the dialogues of a country for its sustainable development. As the UN we will always continue to defend human rights defenders under threat, accompanying and supporting their institutions and their valuable work".

The threats against Castellanos appeared after he presented a report on May 24 called "Concentration of Power", where the ANC pointed out that "strategic positions and those that require a counterweight, are directed by members of the same political structure and by members of the same family, causing institutional monopolization by a minority."

"The nepotism that has emerged with the installation of the new government has given the space to visualize the imminent concentration of power that is operating in the current government of President Xiomara Castro," the ANC pointed out at the time.

Castro requested in 2022 to the United Nations its support to install an International Commission Against Impunity and Corruption in Honduras, to curb these social scourges in the Central American country.

The president reiterated "her strong support" for the establishment of an international commission, said the member of the Department of Political Affairs and Peacebuilding of the United Nations Secretariat, Andrés Salazar, in a press appearance.

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