

Honduran president, once backed by Washington, sentenced to 45 years in U.S. prison on drug charges



New York, June 27 (RHC)-- A U.S. federal judge has sentenced former Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández to 45 years in prison on drug trafficking charges.

Prosecutors successfully argued Hernández ruled Honduras as a “narco-state” as he accepted millions of dollars in bribes from cocaine traffickers in exchange for protection.

Before his presidential term ended in 2022, Hernández was a longtime U.S. ally who received unconditional backing during his eight-year rule, despite mounting reports of serious human rights violations and accusations of corruption and drug trafficking.

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