

Honduran Congressional Leader Warns Corruption Scandal to Grow



Tegucigalpa, June 4 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Despite the fact that the embattled Honduran President Juan Hernandez admitted on Wednesday that he accepted money from companies involved in one of the worst corruption scandals to rock the Central American country for his presidential campaign, his administration could still face further problems.

Lawmakers warn they are not fooling around when it comes to investigating graft. Hernandez claimed he was unaware where the money came from and defended his National Party, saying they didn't know where the funds actually originated.

The President of Congress Mauricio Oliva said a full report of 13 cases of government corruption were to be made public by Thursday. "We will demonstrate that when it comes to combating corruption we are not playing," Oliva affirmed.

However, Honduran newspaper *La Prensa* revealed that authorities, including the Superior Accountability Court (TSC), is proving lack of will by being "excessively" slow in at least 18 investigations into government corruption and illegal enrichment. The national anti-corruption commission is also facing

obstacles.

Hernandez is facing an increasing wave of protests calling for his resignation fueled by a massive \$200 million scandal linked to the Honduran Institute of Social Security. Officials close to the President are allegedly involved in the scandal as trails of checks have led investigators to find out whether they were used to buy luxury homes and vehicles.

The president also said he was open to collaborating with the investigation in any way deemed necessary, while claiming he had nothing to do with the corruption scandal.

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