

Honduran 'Outraged' Movement Continues to March Against Government Corruption



Tegucigalpa, July 18 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Honduras' popular "outraged" movement took to the streets with tens of thousands of supporters for the eighth straight week on Friday night to protest government corruption and impunity and demand an independent investigation into the country's recent fraud scandals.

The movement, in alliance with opposition political parties, has focused on demanding the creation of a U.N. anti-impunity body. The proposed accountability body, called CICIH, would lead an independent probe into government corruption, beginning with President Juan Orlando Hernandez and his National Party, implicated in massive embezzlement from public coffers amounting to over \$200 million from the Social Security Institute alone.

The popular movement has also called for Hernandez' resignation, rejecting his proposed dialogue process as a viable means of tackling corruption. "The Honduran people are outraged, the Honduran people are fed up and each day are more upset because the president of the republic, who is an employee of the people, just does not listen to the people," said young activist Miguel Briceno, according

to Honduras' *La Prensa*.

Briceno was among five young leaders of the outraged movement who were able to meet with U.S. Ambassador James Nealon on Friday. During the meeting, the young activist questioned Nealon about the use of future U.S. financial support for Honduras, asking whether funds would go toward the popularly-supported CICIH or the government-proposed anti-corruption system, which opponents have condemned as doing nothing to challenge the status quo of impunity.

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