

STOP THE COUP IN HONDURAS

STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE HONDURAN PEOPLE

On Sunday, June 28, a military coup took place in Honduras. The democratically elected President Zelaya was forcefully removed and expelled from the country. The coup was led by **School Of the Americas (SOA) graduates Gen. Romeo Vasquez Velasquez**, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and **Gen. Luis Javier Prince Suazo**, commanding officer of the Air Force.

Call the State Department,
the White House and
Congress.

White House: 202-456-1111

Cheryl Mills in
the State Department: 202-647-5548

Foreign Relations Committee Chair
Senator John Kerry : 202-224-2742



**DEMAND THE
UNCONDITIONAL
REINSTATEMENT
OF PRESIDENT
ZELAYA**

CLOSE THE SOA

The military coup in Honduras was orchestrated and carried out by graduates of the SOA/WHINSEC. They are Latin American soldiers who were trained in America and have yet to be held accountable for their actions. They disgrace both the United States and Honduras.

The School of the Americas (SOA), renamed the "Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation" in 2001, is a combat training school for Latin American soldiers, located in Fort Benning, GA.

Initially established in Panama in 1946, it was kicked out of that country in 1984 under the terms of the Panama Canal Treaty. Former Panamanian President, Jorge Illueca, stated that the School of the Americas was the "biggest base for destabilization in Latin America." The SOA, frequently dubbed the "School of Assassins," has left a trail of blood and suffering in every country where its graduates have returned.

Over its 60 years, the SOA has trained over 60,000 Latin American soldiers in counterinsurgency techniques, sniper training, commando and psychological warfare, military intelligence and interrogation tactics. These graduates have consistently used their skills to wage a war against their own people. Among those targeted by SOA graduates are educators, union organizers, religious workers, student leaders, and others who work for the rights of the poor. Hundreds of thousands of Latin Americans have been tortured, raped, assassinated, "disappeared," massacred, and displaced by those trained at the *School of Assassins*.

Contact your member of Congress (202-224-3121) and ask them to cosponsor HR 2567, the legislation that would suspend operations at the School of the Americas (SOA/WHINSEC) and install a task force to investigate the connection between US military training and human rights abuses in Latin America.

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