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URGENT ACTION ALERT – JASS (Just Associates)

SOLIDARITY WITH HONDURAN TEACHERS

JASS (Just Associates) joins regional and international human rights allies in solidarity with the teachers' union movements of Honduras whose members were attacked by Honduran military and police forces in the latest round of violence in Tegucigalpa, August 27-8 . According to eye-witness reports, teachers and their supporters were shot at, hit with batons, tear-gassed, and placed under arrest. Four teachers were seriously hurt and all of the injured were denied medical attention at the main public hospital, according to Honduran Feminists in Resistance and The Honduran Solidarity Network.



The teachers' movement , whose membership is approximately 80% women, has been protesting a series of state-sponsored attacks on public education in Honduras, including the privatization of a teachers' pension fund from which millions of lempira have been raided. The teachers' unions are demanding the return of these funds and explanation of how they have been spent. In addition, the teachers' movement is protesting the Administration's proposed General Law of Education, which would privatize pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and high school education.



Members of the Honduran press were also targeted in the attacks. Two reporters for the independent Honduran radio station, Radio Globo, were injured, one of whom was repeatedly detained despite presenting his media credentials. Security forces also destroyed some of their recording equipment. Violent attacks on journalists and political opponents are not uncommon in Honduras, where a total of nine journalists have been murdered so far this year. None of the murders have been thoroughly investigated by authorities. An overall climate of fear and impunity has prevailed since the [2009 coup d'etat](#).

JASS, a global community of justice activists, scholars and popular educators in more than 30 countries worldwide, is committed to strengthening women's voice, visibility and collective organizing power to influence, resist, question and transform ideologies of exploitation and oppression. JASS calls for an end to Honduran state repression of teachers and other peaceful protesters. We stand in solidarity with these women and men and call for an investigation into the post-coup violations of human rights in Honduras.

For more information about the Honduran struggle, please visit our regional and international allies and networks:

[Feminists in Resistance in solidarity with teachers](#) – *Feministas En Resistencia*
[Honduras Solidarity Network denounces repression against striking teachers](#) -
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