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IDHAE Observatoire sans frontières des violations des droits de la défense et des droits de l'homme des avocats dans le monde

Les grands barreaux d'Europe pour la défense des droits de l'Homme

Dear Hans, Dear friend,

We have received your list and I thank you.

First of all, congratulations for the work you have done.

It is with pleasure that we address the expected observations of the **Observatory** for the defense of lawyers by IDHAE.

Obviously as you rightly observe, it is not possible to have a single list and none coincides due to the specificity of the exercise of the legal profession in Honduras and in Latin American countries.

In addition, the requirements of the National Commission on Human Rights of Honduras, the Bar Association or other NGOs are totally different.

The list that was provided was settled in regard of lawyers killed in violent death.

This included victims of insecurity, and that is why our Observatory meanwhile does not retain lawyers killed to steal their phone or their car (or passion murders) because the insecurity suffered by a lawyer in Honduras is not different from that that can be experienced in other countries, even unfortunately in European countries.

Another discrepancy arises because often Bar Associations are no longer considering as lawyers those lawyers exercising as prosecutors or that have become judges, while in other cases it does not take them into account.

In that purpose, if you are considering, for example in 2015, as concerned lawyers José Eduardo Gauggel Rivas (who was a judge at the Supreme

Court) and Jorge Roberto Pérez Alemán (who was since 16 years a judge in Valladolid) , it does not seem that one can in the same times exclude Rosa Cobo Roman, (a lawyer practicing in Granada, killed on September 20, 2012, while the Colegio de Abogados de Granada has protested against her killing) or Jose Armando Martinez Motiño, (who had been in the past, a Tránsito judge in Tegucigalpa, but practiced at the time of his death as a liberal lawyer in the Miramontes suburb where he treated cases of civil and labor law) etc. etc..

That is why a list can never be in line with each other.

As for our *Observatory*, it has identified 100 lawyers assassinated in Honduras since 1st January 2010.

However, in the aim to be useful, or to try to be, we believe that we should point out that it seems that there could be some inaccuracy in the recorded dates given by the Bar Association.

- The assassinations dates :

- Olga Marina Laguna was killed on : 3 March 2010
- Marco Antonio Vargas Reyes : 27 August 2010
- Armando Palma Reina : 27 February 2011
- Óscar Orlando Cruz Colindres : 15 May 2011
- José Efraín Aguilar Cárcamo : 27 August 2011
- Ana Mélida Hernández Laínez : 8 October 2011
- Mario Francisco Pérez : 14 November de.2012
- Héctor David Quezada : 24 February 2013
- Dinia Mercedes Acosta : 17 September 2013
- Dilmer Eusebio Reyes Torres : 16 September 2014

As for the year 2015 :

- Jorge Roberto Pérez Alemán was killed on : 23 April 2015 (not 25)
- Pompilio Coto Torres : 20 June 2015
- Eduardo Montes Manzano : 15 September 2015
- Regarding Sara Lorena Zepeda Turcios, she was murdered by her granddaughter with a knife on **March 22**, 2015 and not on April 22.

The others are right.

Kind regards

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