



**PUBLIC CHARTER BY KIDNAPPING OF JOURNALIST ANIBAL BARROW IN HONDURAS**  
**\* unofficial translation.**

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Ladies and Gentlemen  
Secretaría de Estado en el Despacho de Seguridad  
Republic of Honduras

Dear Ladies and Gentleman

We issue this public notice to request immediate action by the security forces and security troops in the country, in search of the journalist Anibal Barrow, who was kidnapped on Monday June 24.

People with guns intercepted the vehicle of journalist in San Pedro Sula. The kidnapers released his family but the journalist was taken hostage.

It is urgent and necessary to establish a climate of safety and security for journalists and human rights activists in Honduras. Clear threats against the deepening of democracy and respect for human rights overhanging the persistent climate of insecurity prevailing in the country. Recall that in Honduras there have been several cases of attacks, kidnappings and projects for the murder of journalists in the hands of organized crime. We also request the effective prosecution of the kidnapers of reporter Barrow.

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has argued in this regard that "A cycle of violence and intimidation against the press is weakening the ability of journalists to do their job and as a result the country is uninformed about matters of public interest".

We know the complications of security policy development in situations where it has increased the presence of organized crime and the important efforts being made by the government of Honduras to solve the scourge of insecurity. So we expect a prompt action in the case while providing greater protection to journalists.

The Redlad, platform defense of democracy and human rights comprising more than 520 organizations, Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of OAS and Regional Chapter of World Movement for Democracy (WMD), reiterates its commitment to support the efforts seek redress these violations and consolidate schemes of respect for freedom of press and expression in the country.

It was and is our will, to support the government and people of Honduras to move towards full democracy, where social development is achieved, safety and respect for all human rights.

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