

HAPPIER TIMES



Edwin is a hero with the children in La Esparenza, home of Berta Cacores. He worked closely with her before her murder in 2016. Berta was assassinated due to her human rights and environmental advocacy.



Edwin, Karen Spring, Mary Spring, Janet Spring, stop for lunch en route to Copan. Edwin invites a child working on the roadside to lunch with us.

POLITICAL PERSECUTION



Edwin has been targeted since 2009 for his work supporting his community. In 2013, his house was raided.



Arrested over a dozen times, tortured, and house and property vandalized, Edwin was arrested on January 19, 2018 and paraded by military through the parking lot for the press.

BILLBOARD STORY



Datamax donates this billboard located on Highway 90, Barrie.



Canadian company selling property illegally on the north coast.



SUPPORT
FOR EDWIN

ACROSS
CANADA

Janet Spring + Christine Nugent
speak to members of Peaceworks,
Midland.



Janet and Christine speak at
an event in Midland ON with
Kathy Price from Amnesty Canada



Supporters in Nelson, B.C. hold a
video conference to advocate for
Edwin and other political prisoners'
release.

PROTESTS AFTER HERNANDEZ' ILLEGAL ELECTION. NOV. 2017

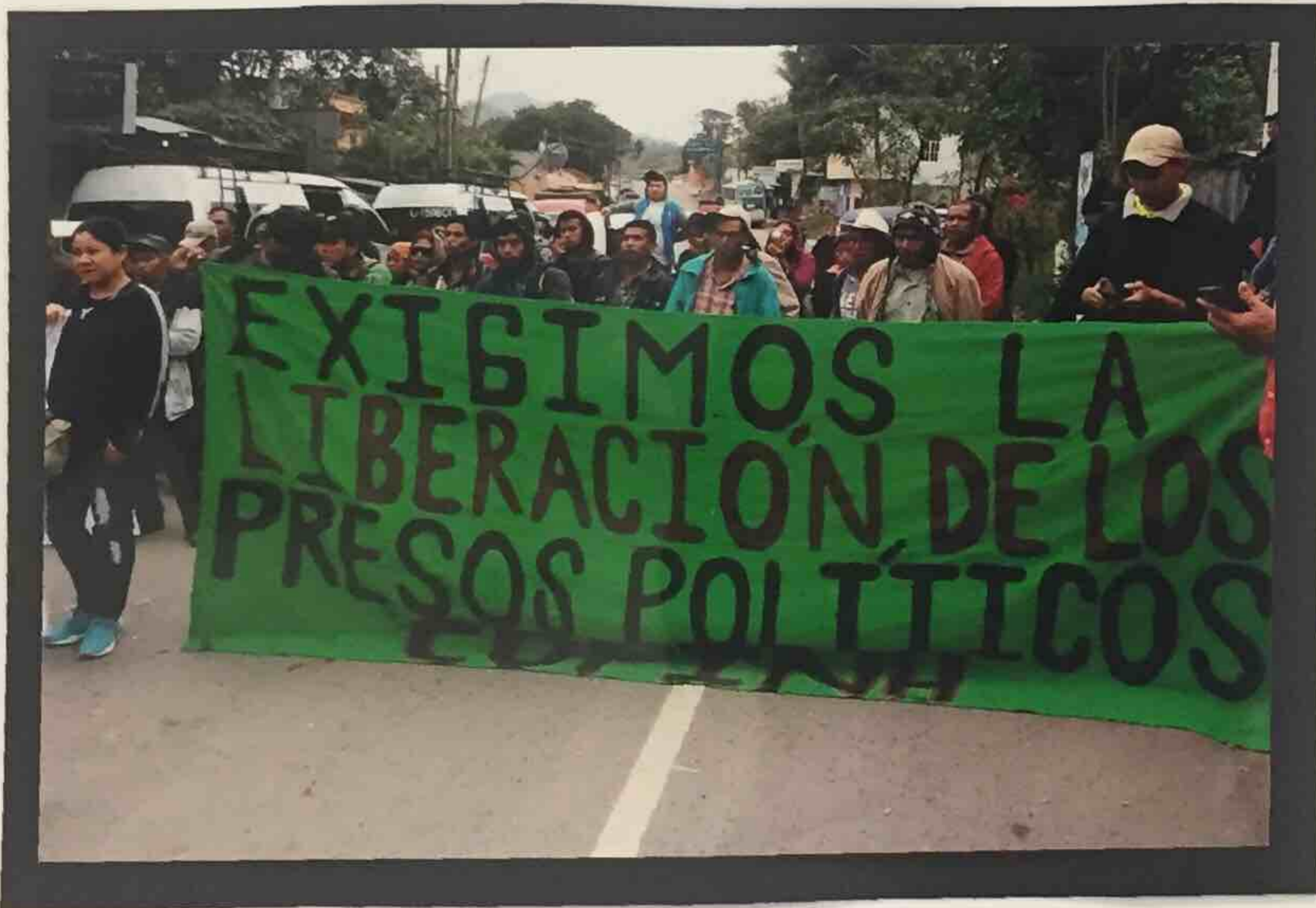


People protest the illegal election of Juan Orlando Hernandez in Tegucigalpa, 2018.



Hondurans protest the hundreds of murders that occurred after the election. People were teargassed and gunned down in the streets.

PROTESTS in TEGUCIGALPA
and RURAL AREAS



Hondurans take to the streets to protest the violence, repression, murders and disappearances, despite huge military presence. Protesters often met with teargas and bullets.

Protests demanding release of political prisoners occur throughout cities and small towns.



FUERA JOH



The people demand that JOH step down as President. They demand all political prisoners' release.

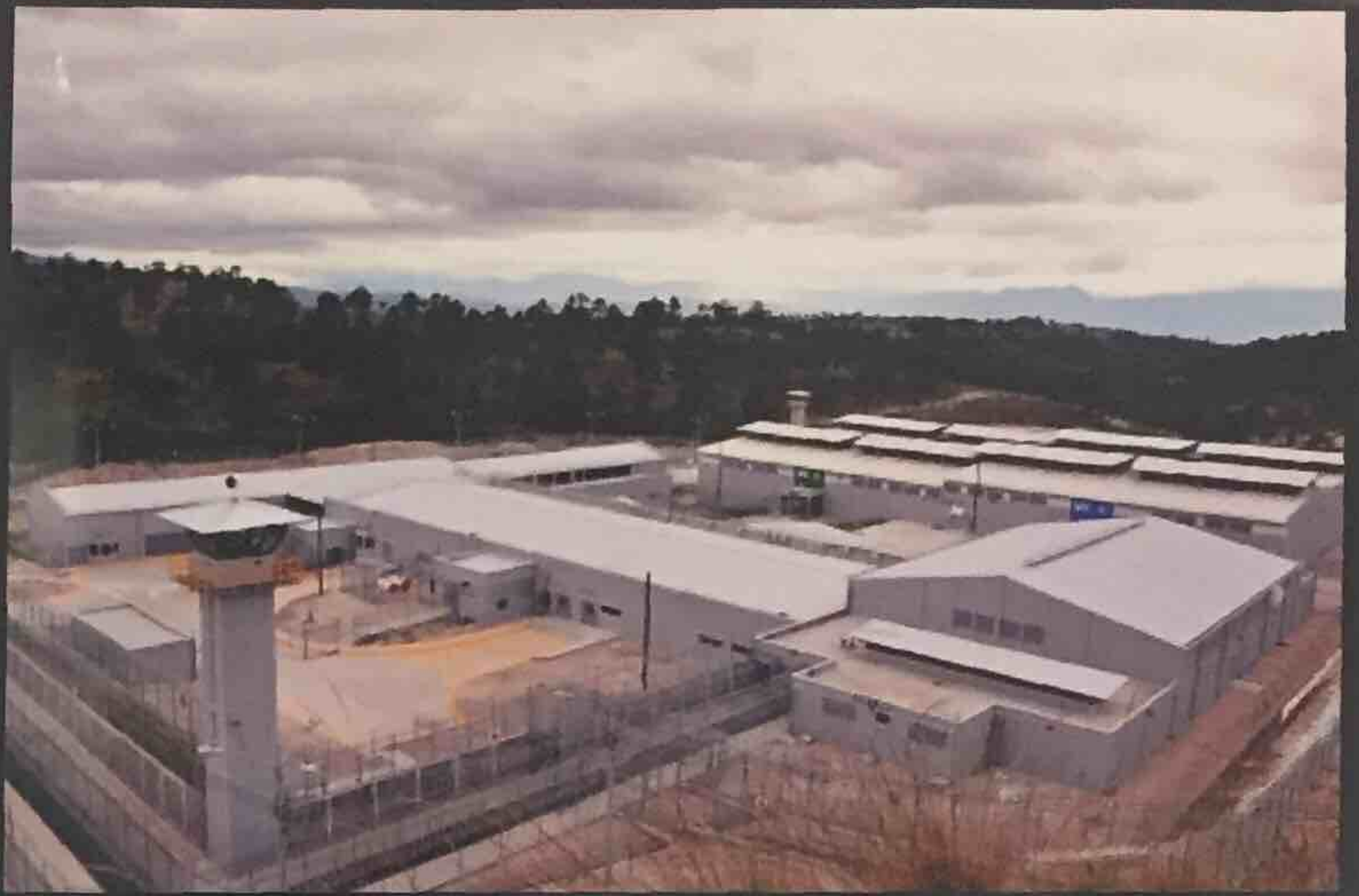


The need for freedom is written on the walls throughout the cities and in the rural areas.

U.S. BUILT

LA TOLVA PRISON

This is a maximum security prison located in a remote area. Prisons are hot beds of gang activity in Honduras. Edwin & Raul are here.



Canadian delegation visits La Tolva in May 2018 - first international delegation allowed entry into a max-security facility.

Family members form a long line on Dec. 23, 2018 to visit loved ones - only day of the year visitors are allowed without a permit. Over 60% still awaiting trial, including Edwin and Raul.



DELEGATIONS DEMAND RELEASE of POLITICAL PRISONERS



Nov 2018: Small delegation visits U.S., CDN, France, Germany, Spain, EU Embassies. Pictured outside EU Embassy, Prisila Alvarado (lawyer) Karen Spring, Olivia Caceres (NCFPPH), Janet Spring, Kanna Flores (human rights worker)



May 2018: Canadian delegation stops for lunch between meetings with U.S. Embassy and United Nations.
Meg Jordan, Karen Spring, Janet Spring, Ben Powless, Jesse Freeston, Graham Russell



LA TOLVA PRISON

Women denied entry with personal items. They must hang them on the fence. No lockers provided.

Karen and Edwin marry in La Tolva, OCTOBER 18, 2018. No family members were allowed.



Lawyers, human rights workers Graham Russell and fellow prisoner Raul Alvarez attend.

ACTION on
PARLIAMENT HILL

MAY 1, 2018



MP Bruce Stanton hosts a press conference in Center Block. Participants: Cheryl Hardcastle NDP, MP Nuttal, Felix Molina, Karen Spring, Janet Spring, MP Bruce Stanton.



Ottawa human rights organizers join us in solidarity on Parliament Hill.

PUBLIC MEETING MAY 2 - OTTAWA



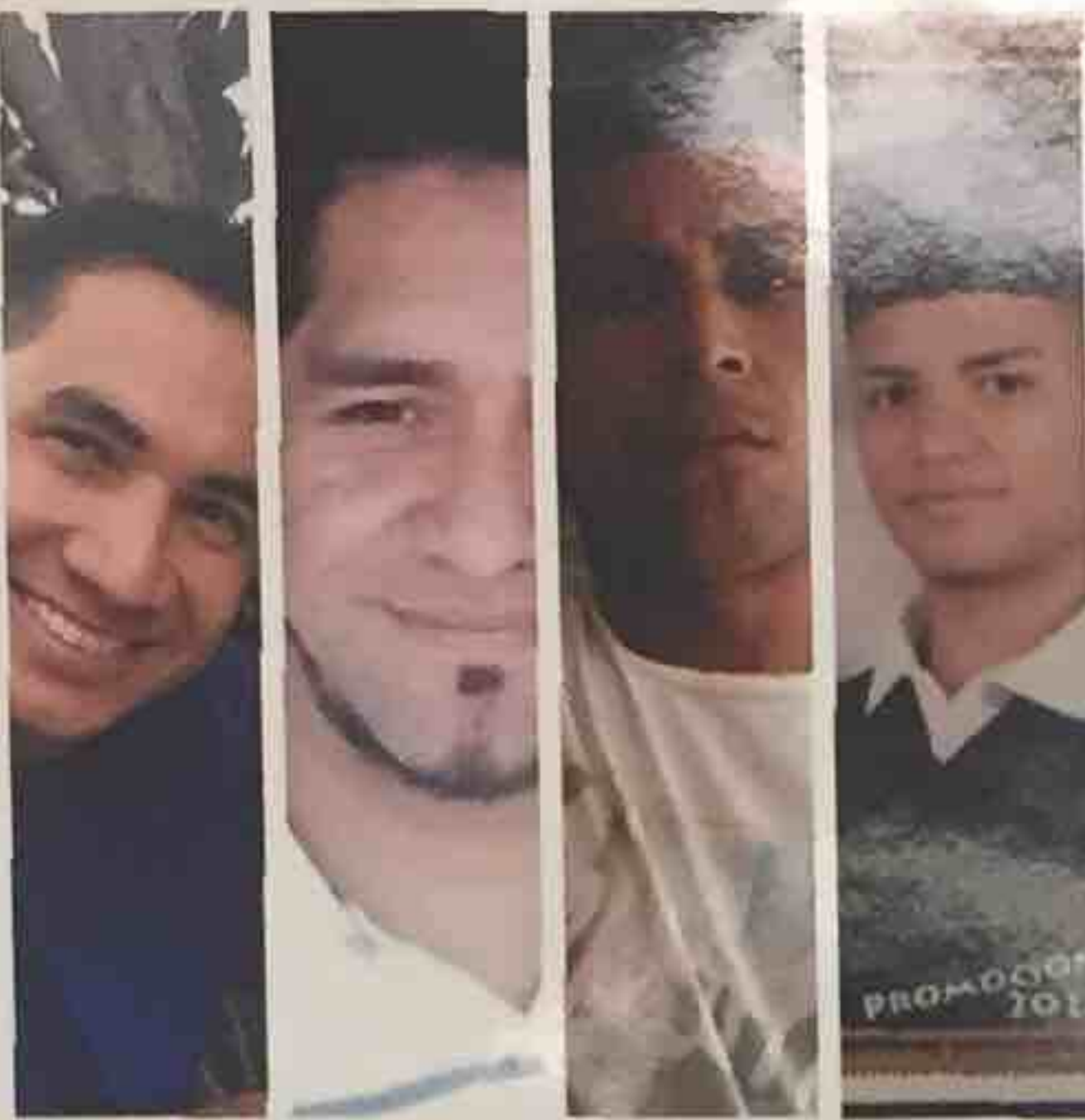
Public Servants ALLIANCE of Canada sponsors a forum regarding the political situation in Honduras and human rights violations that occurred after the illegal election of Nov 2017



Karen Spring addresses a large crowd at this event, bringing attention to the violation of rights of political prisoners.

1 AÑO EN PRISIÓN 1 AÑO DE RESISTENCIA

En la crisis desencadenada por el fraude y la represión electoral de noviembre de 2017, más de 1000 personas fueron detenidas en relación con las protestas nacionales contra Juan Orlando Hernández. En este momento, EDWIN ESPINAL, RAÚL ÁLVAREZ, GUSTAVO CACERES y EDY VALLE permanecen en prisión. Más de 200 personas enfrentan cargos relacionados con protestas contra el fraude electoral. El régimen de Juan Orlando Hernández, apoyado por los gobiernos de Estados Unidos y Canadá, está utilizando la criminalización para tratar de asustar a la gente para que acepte la dictadura, pero las protestas continúan mientras las personas exigen #FueraJOH



¡Libertad Ya!

SOLIDARIDAD CON LOS PRESOS POLÍTICOS HONDUREÑOS

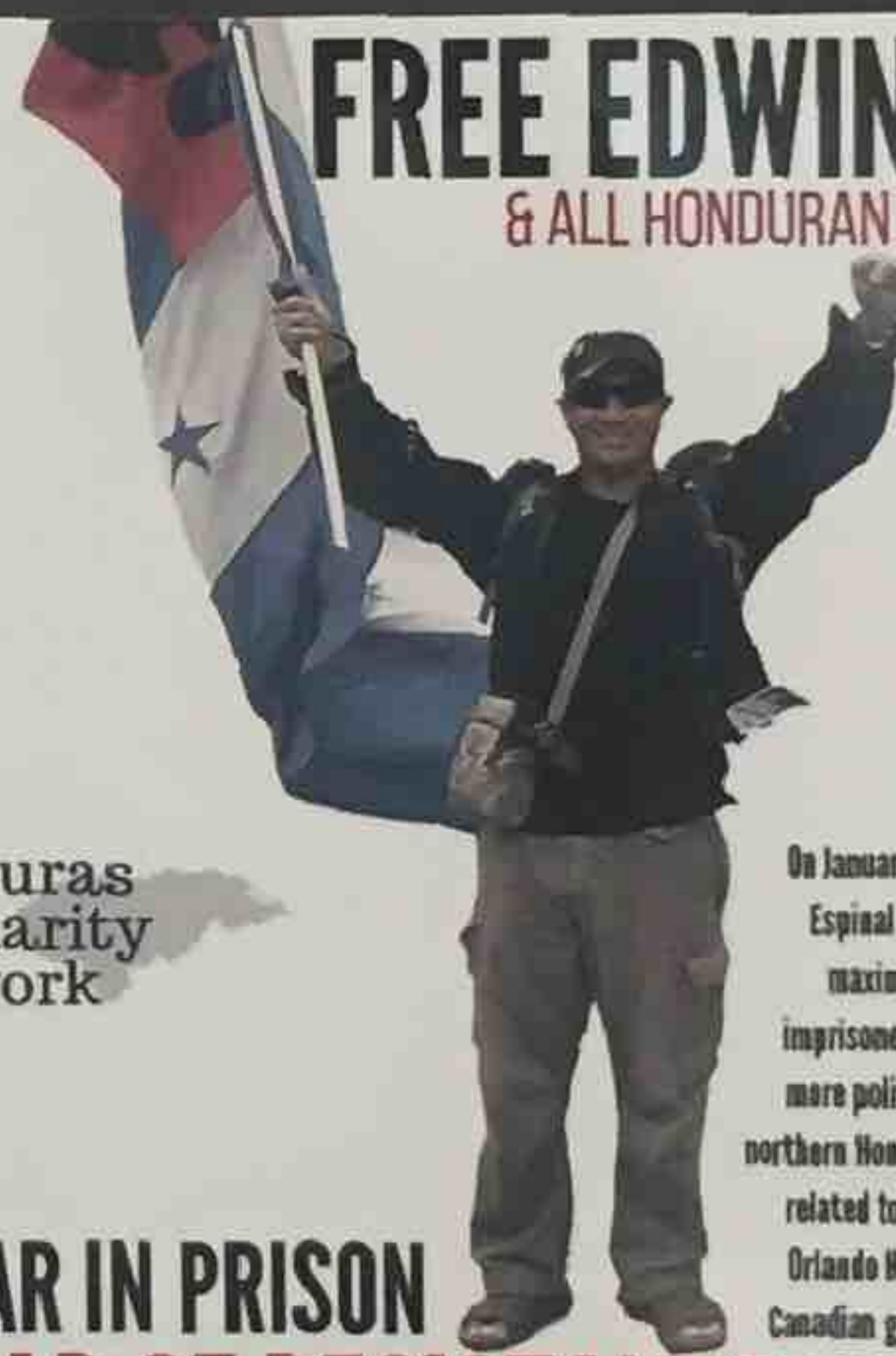
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ONE YEAR MAX-SECURITY
PRISON - NO TRIAL

Edwin Espinal, Raul Alvarez,
Gustavo Caceres, Edy Gonzalo.
All others out on bail.

Solidarity for Edwin and
others. 200 others facing
charges out on bail.

FREE EDWIN ESPINAL & ALL HONDURAN POLITICAL PRISONERS



Honduras
Solidarity
Network

On January 20th, Honduran anti-coup activist Edwin Espinal completes one full year awaiting trial in a maximum-security, military-run prison. Edwin is imprisoned with political prisoner Raul Alvarez. Two more political prisoners are being held in prisons in northern Honduras. Over 200 people are facing charges related to protests against the electoral fraud. Juan Orlando Hernández regime, supported by the US and Canadian governments, is using criminalization to try to frighten people into accepting dictatorship, but protests continue as people demand #FueraJOH

1 YEAR IN PRISON 1 YEAR OF RESISTANCE

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HONDURAS RESISTS!



In opposition to the imposition of Hernandez one year ago, 3 political parties: Liberal Party, former Presidential candidate, Salvador Nasralla's new party & LIBRE party plus the Honduran social movement and community based groups and others are all calling for & joining protests from January 20-27th to demand JOH's resignation; a return to the rule of law & freedom for political prisoners in #Honduras, and an end to US interference and support for the illegitimate government.

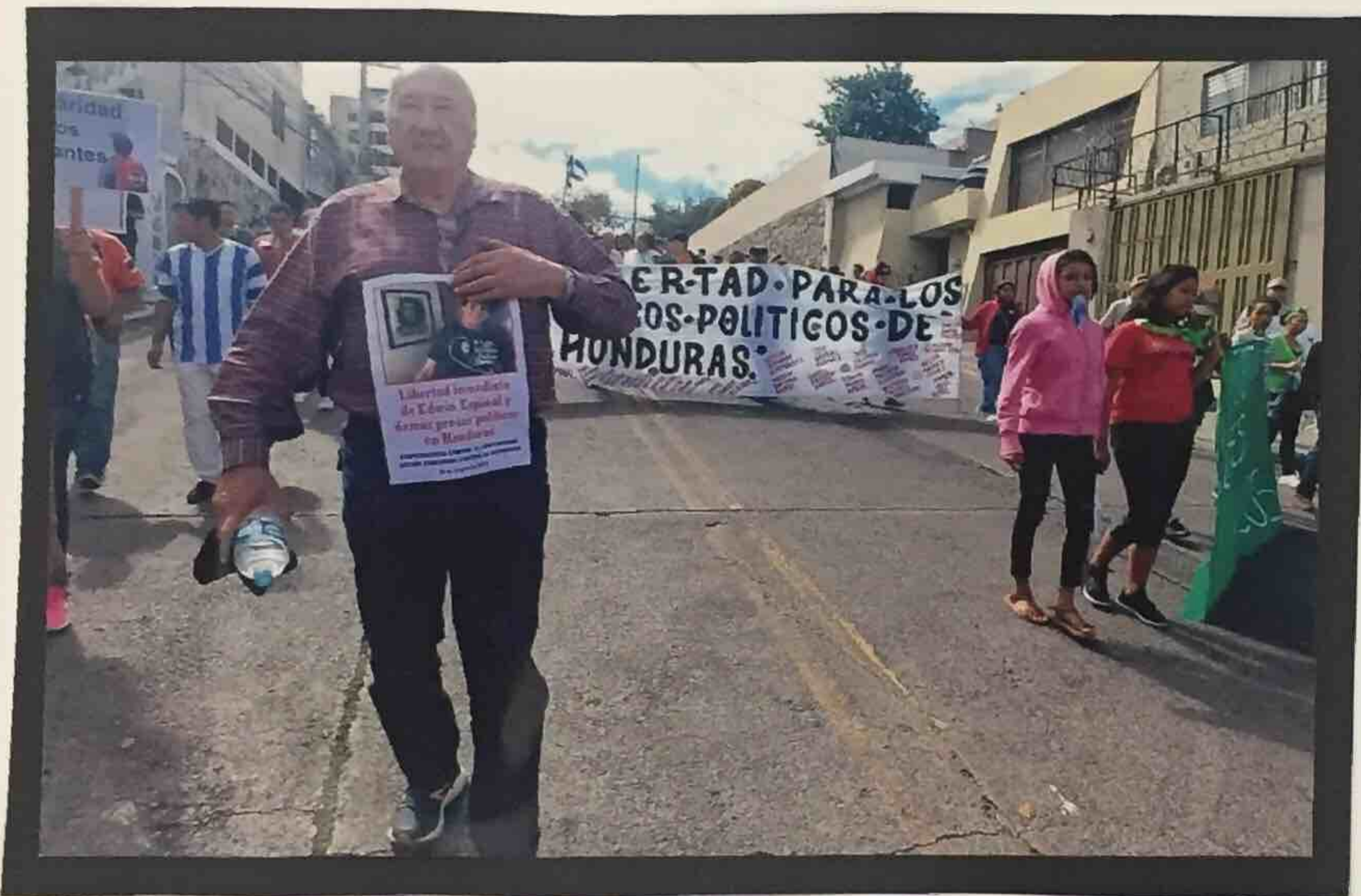
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January 20-27, 2018: All political
parties join together in protest to
mark the unjust incarcerations and
murder of Berta Caceres.

JANUARY 20 and 21
PROTESTS in Tegucigalpa



All Hondurans support the release of political prisoners they demand that all charges are dropped and JOH steps down.



Carlos S. Reyes - President of Bottlers Union in Central America and ex-presidential candidate marches to demand Edwin's and all political prisoners' release.



Edwin Espinal is a symbol of solidarity with the Honduran people who come out, despite the risks, to support his release.

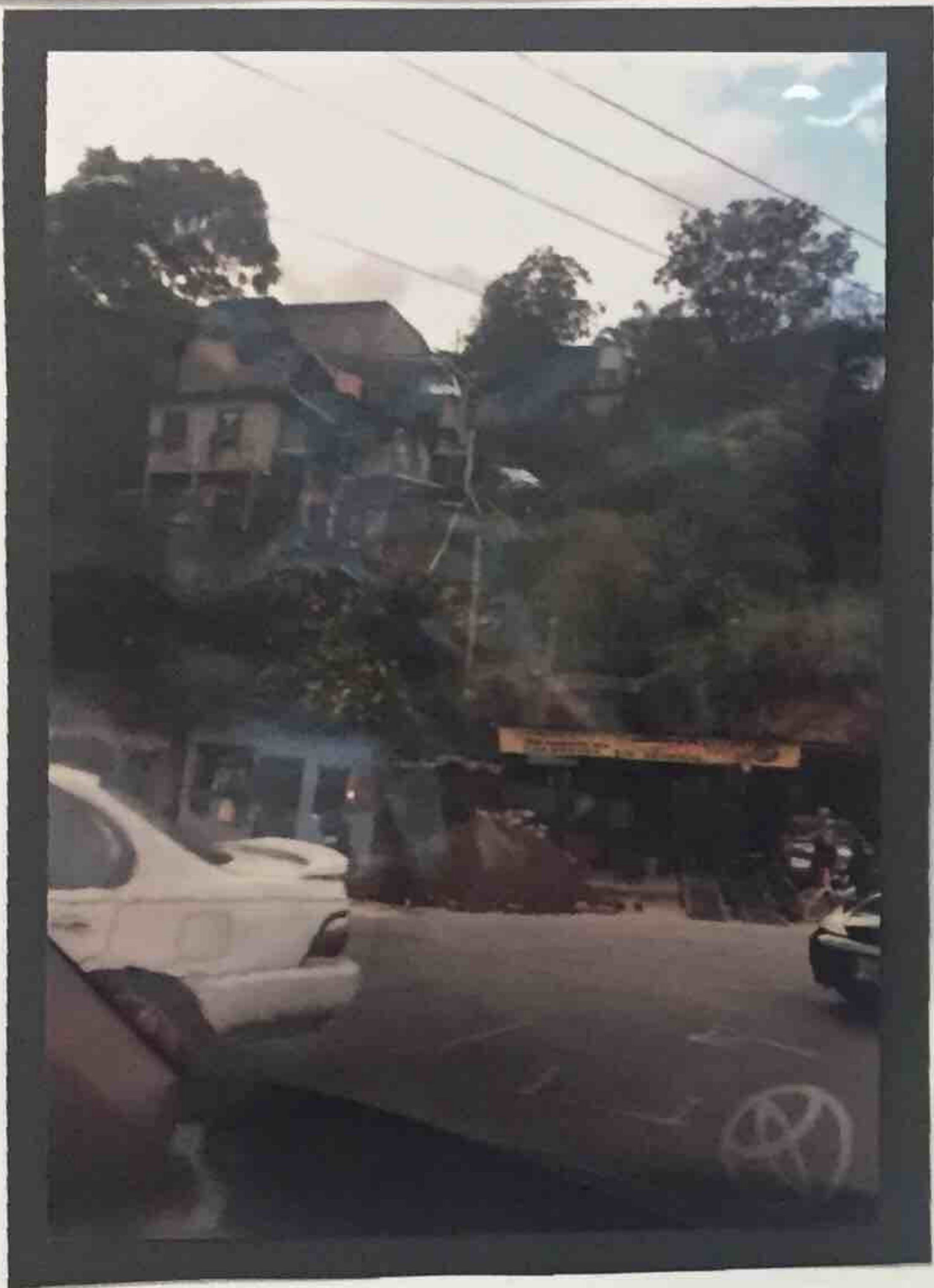
POLITICAL PARTIES

UNITE

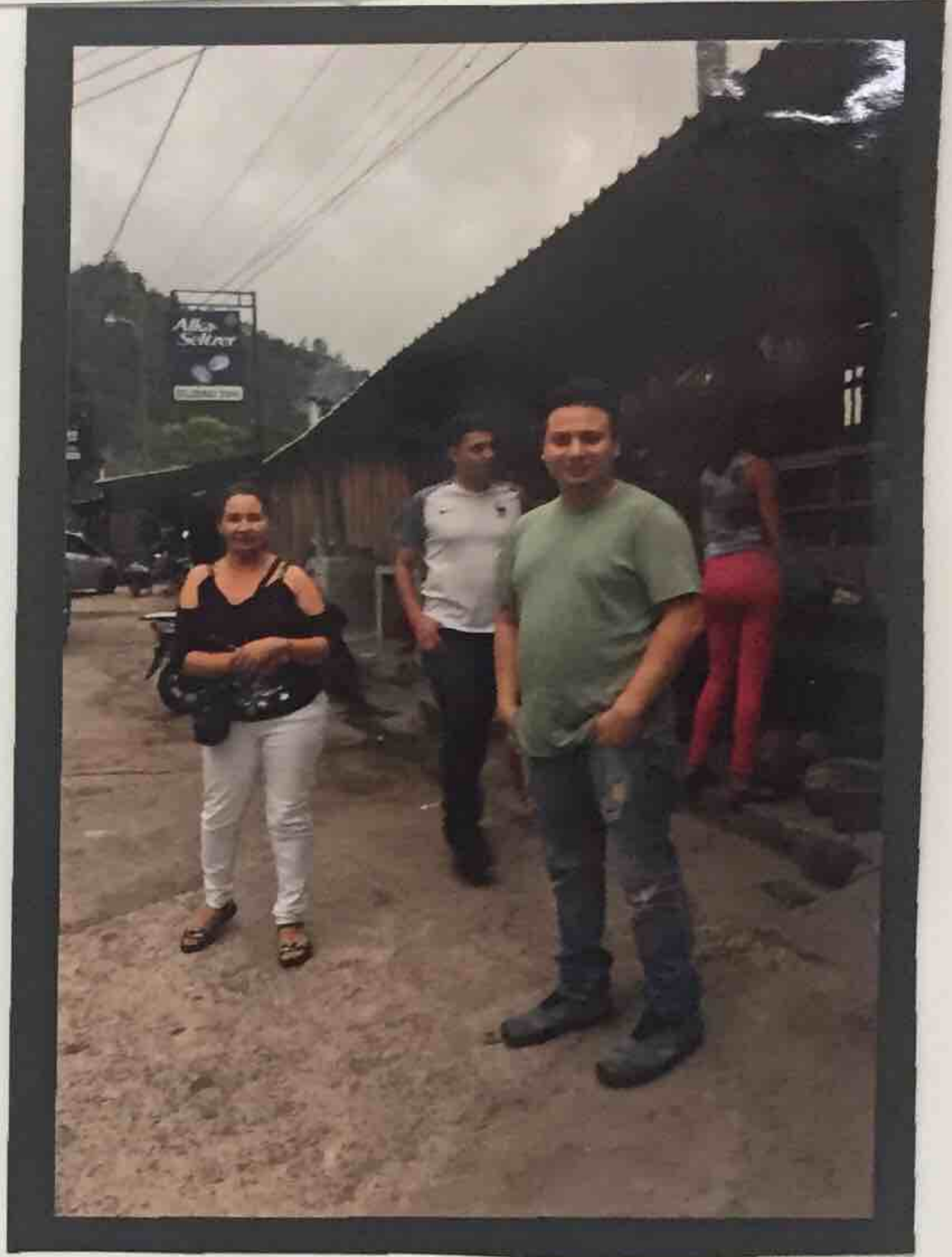


Convergence of all political parties on January 20, 2018 to demand release of political prisoners & resignation of Hernandez - Liberal, Libre, Nasralla, and Independents

My LAST TRIP TO LA TOLVA Jan. 20/19



Extreme poverty is prevalent everywhere. Small roadside vendors must pay a war tax to stay in business. Extortion is very common in cities & rural areas.

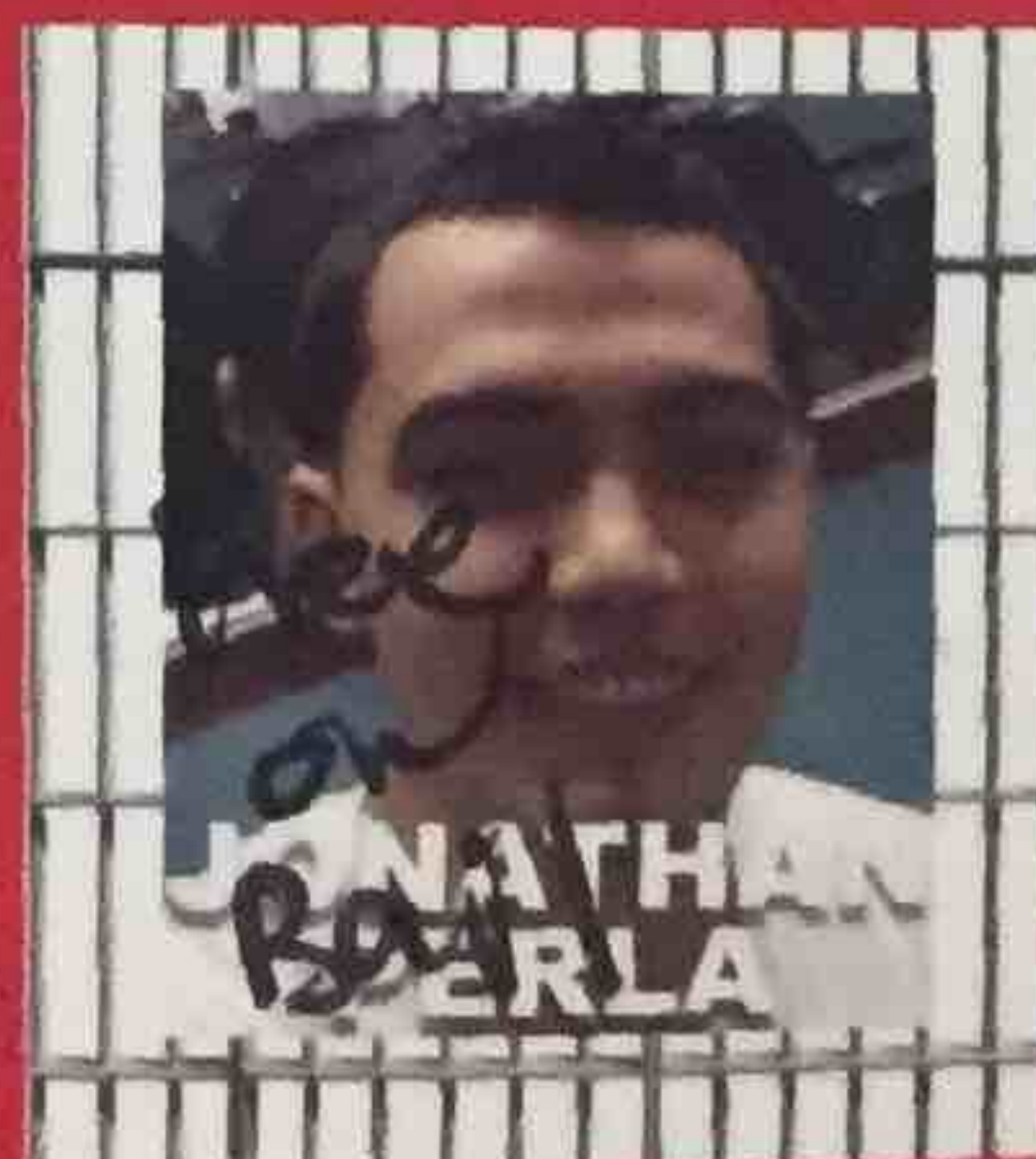
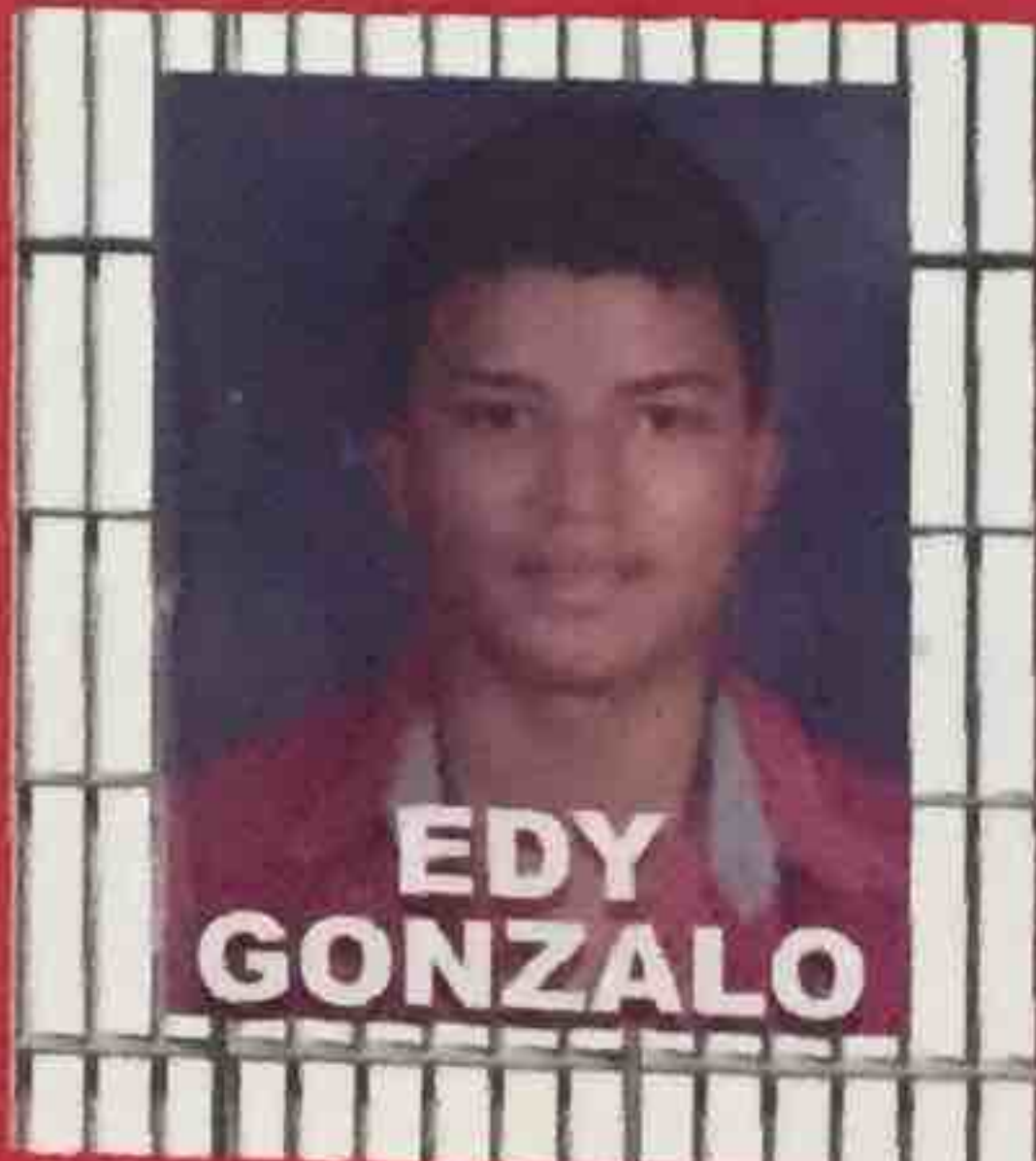
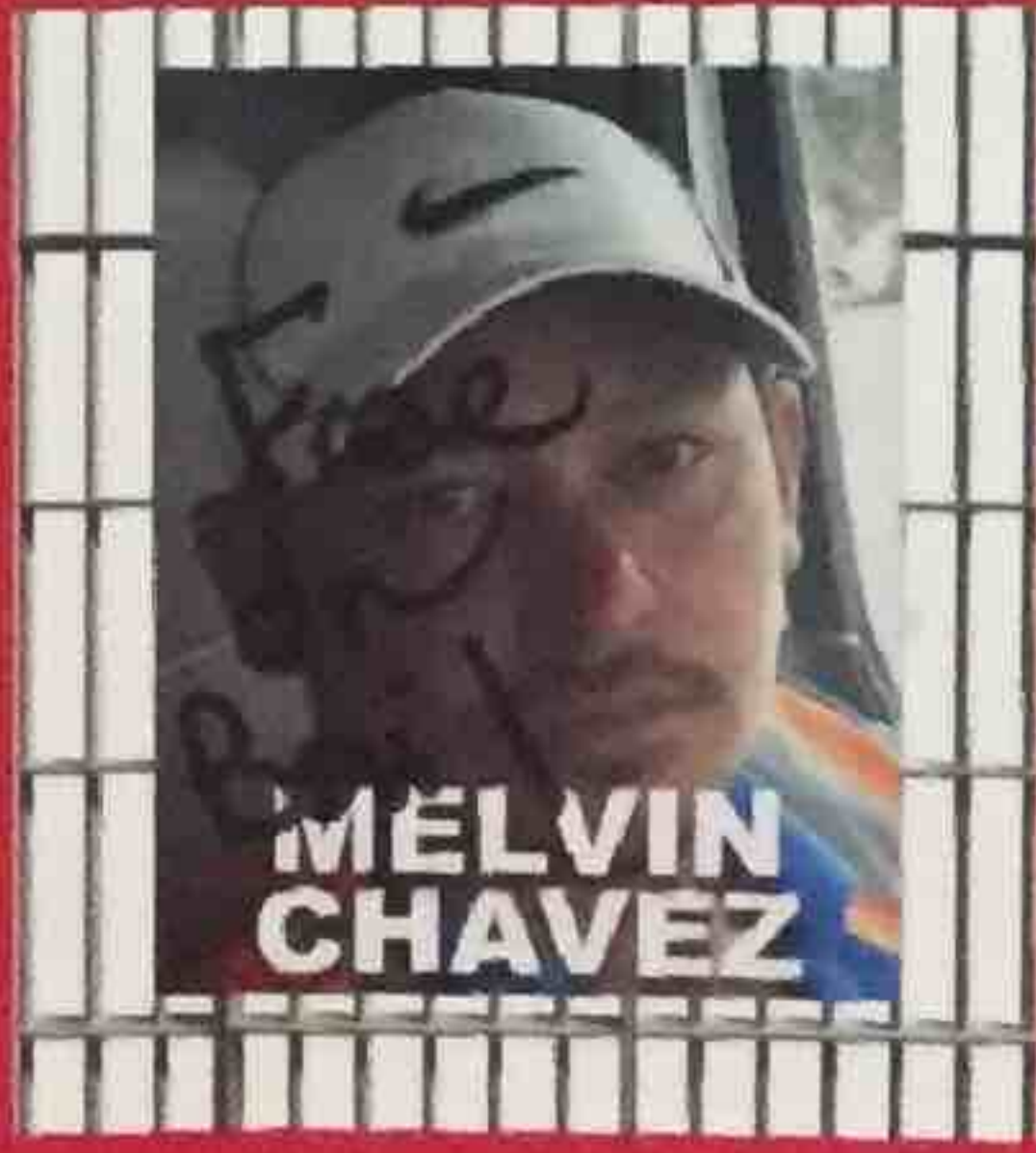
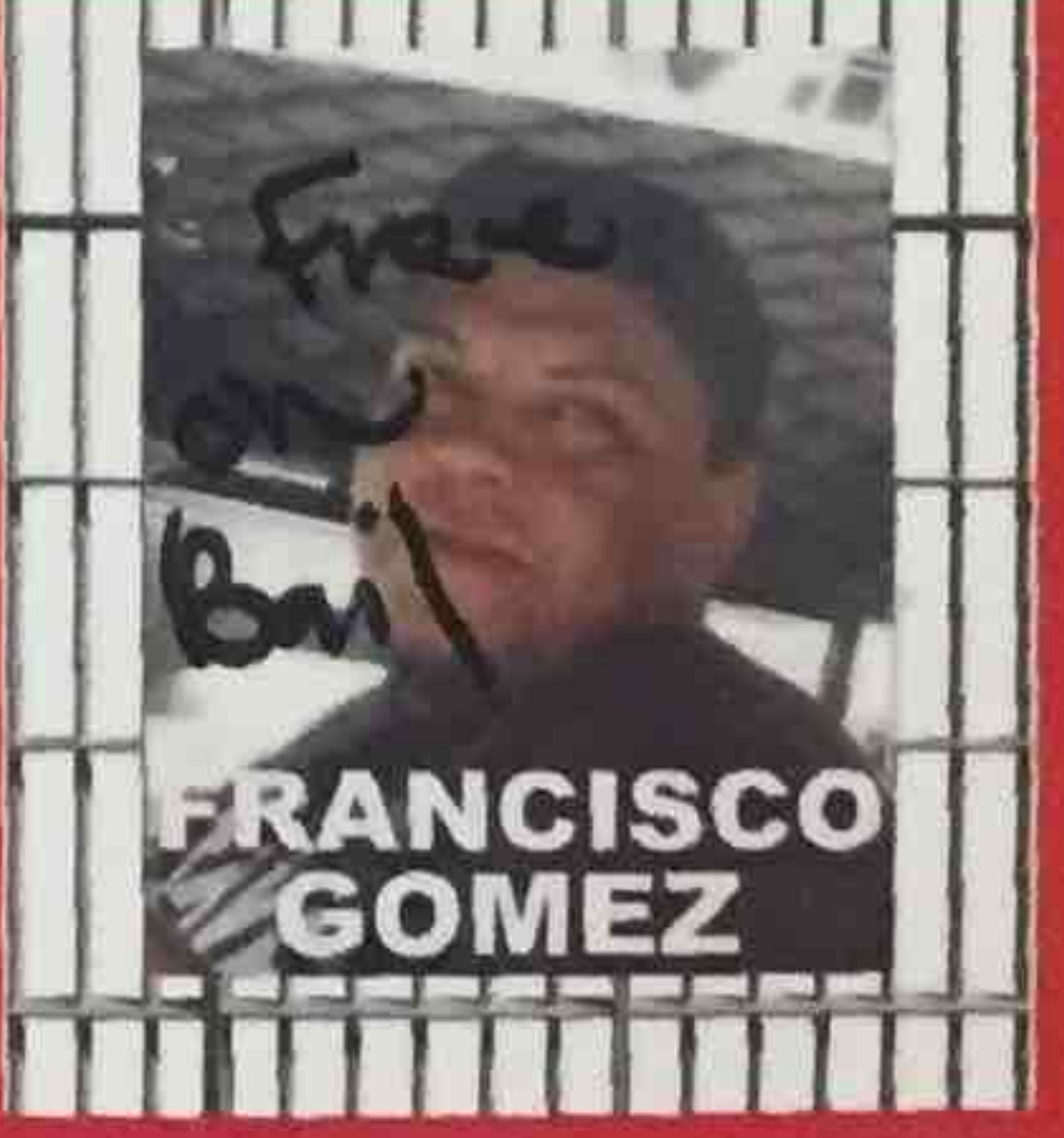
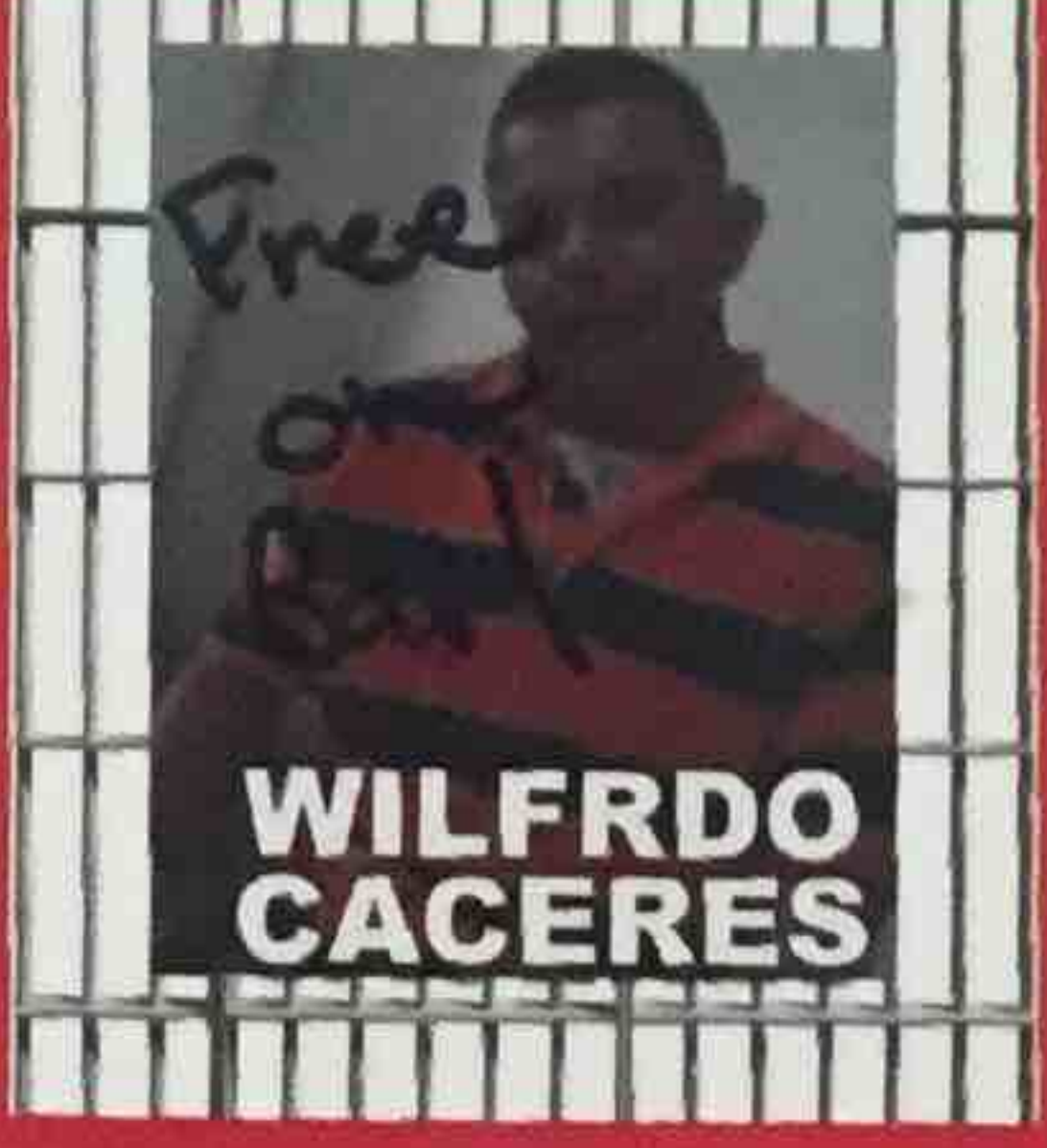
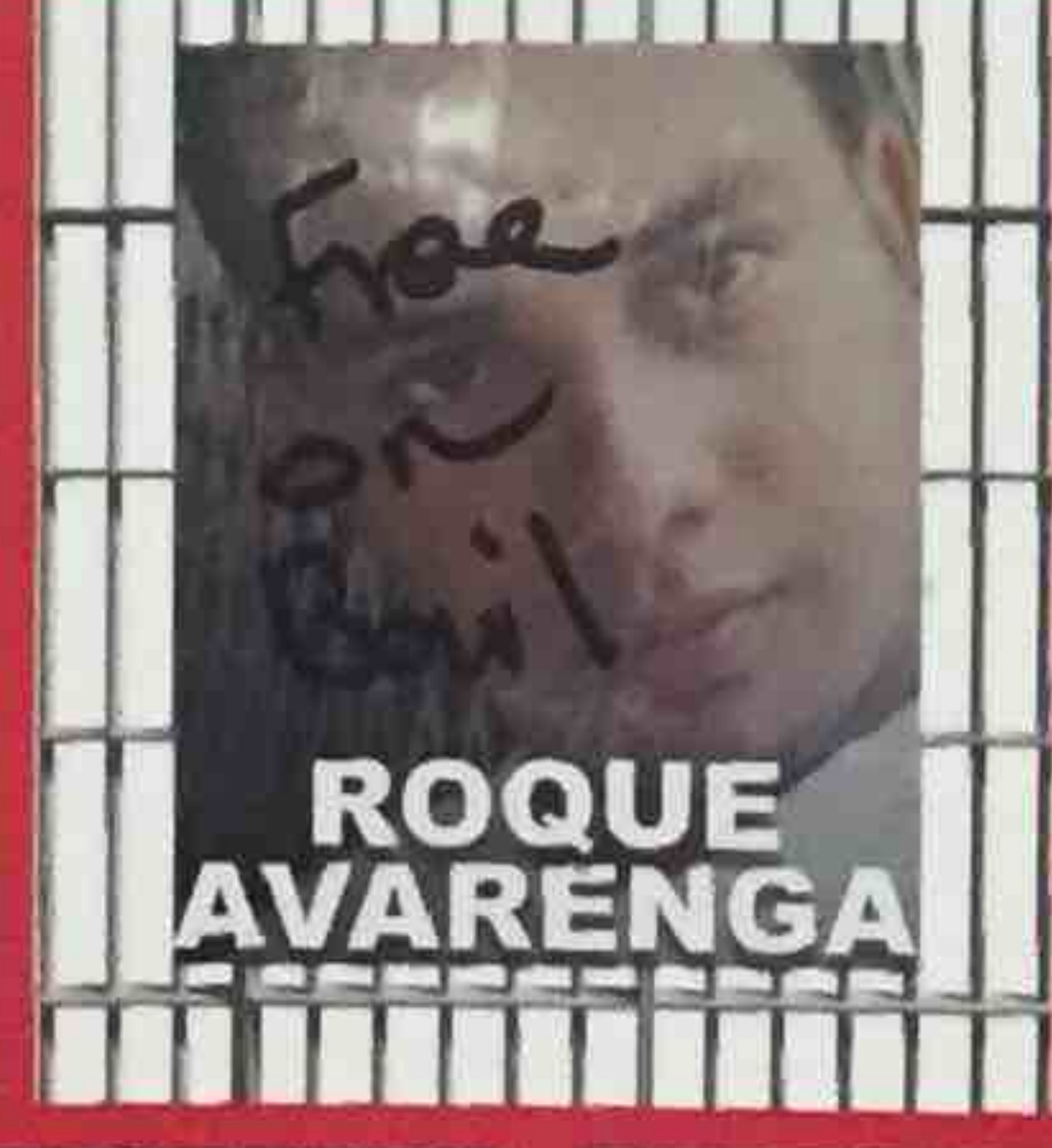
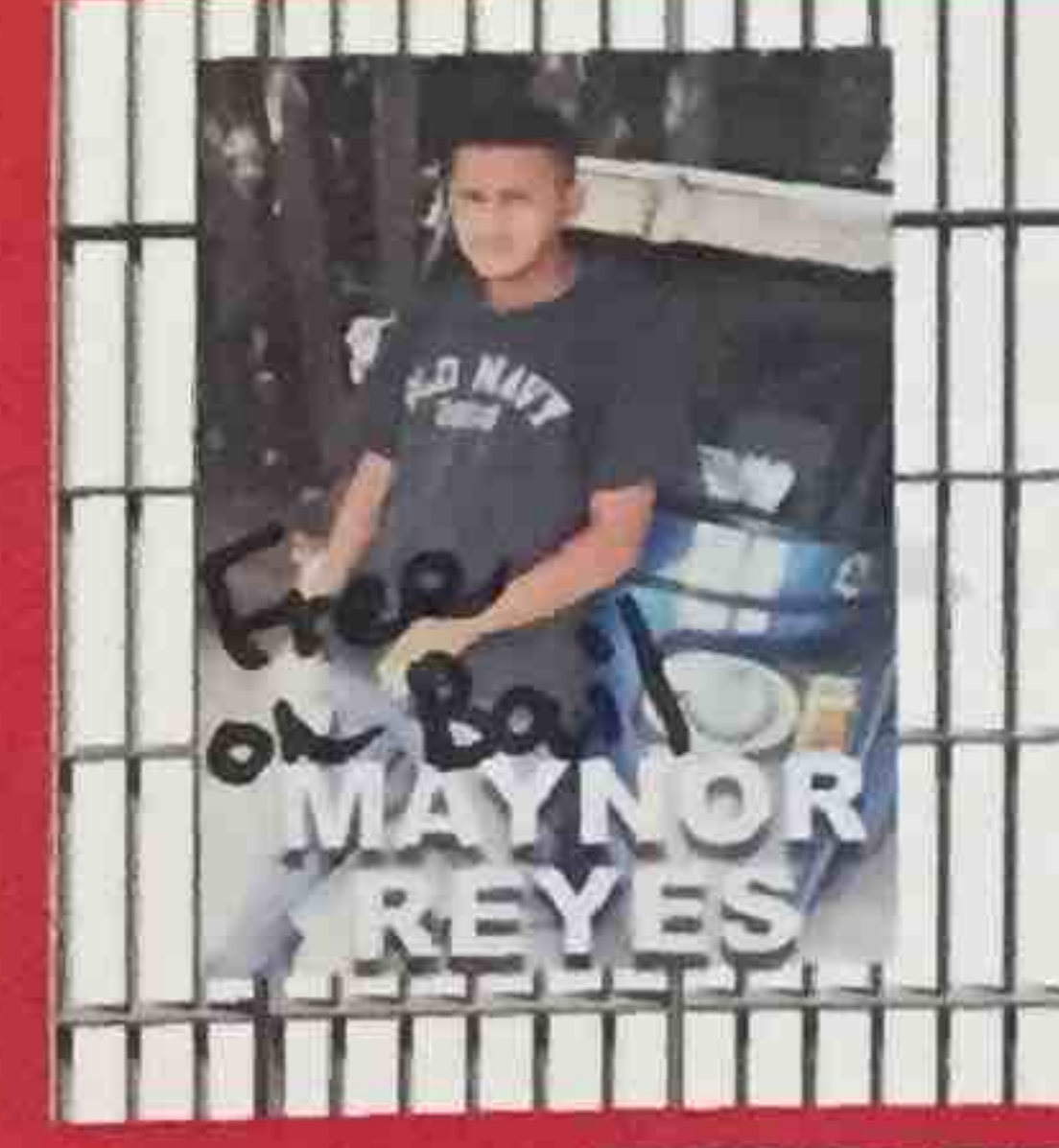
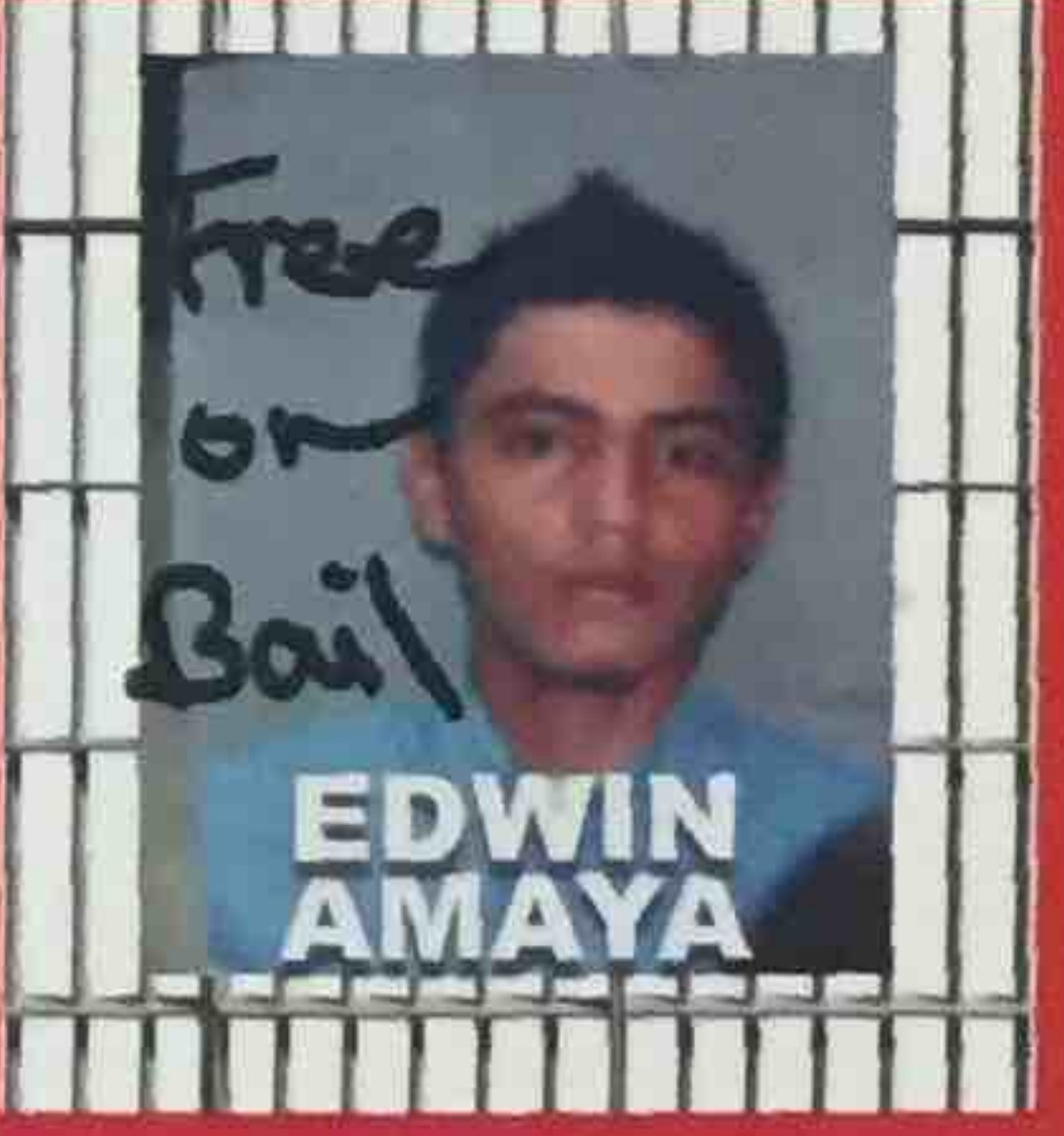
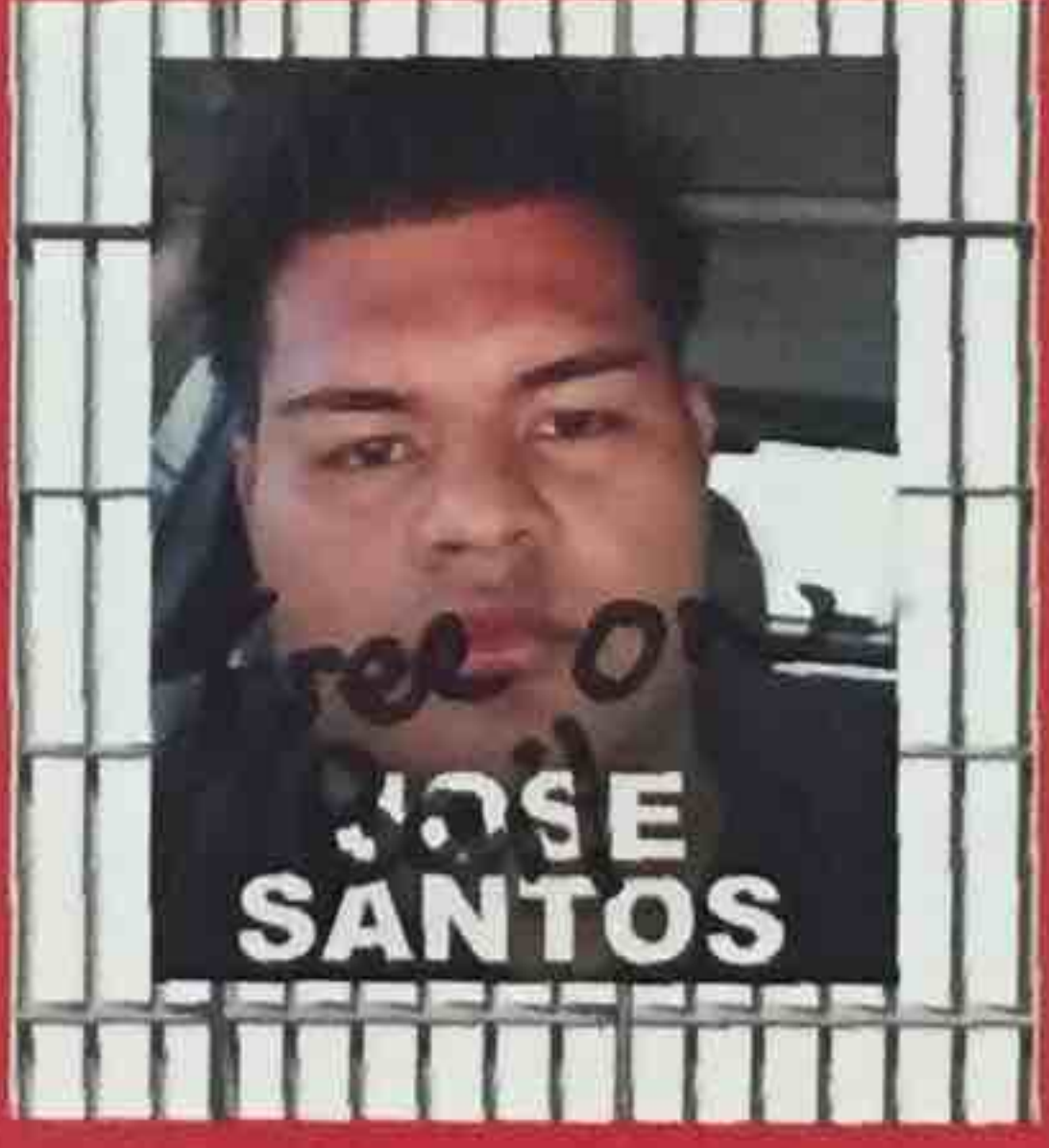
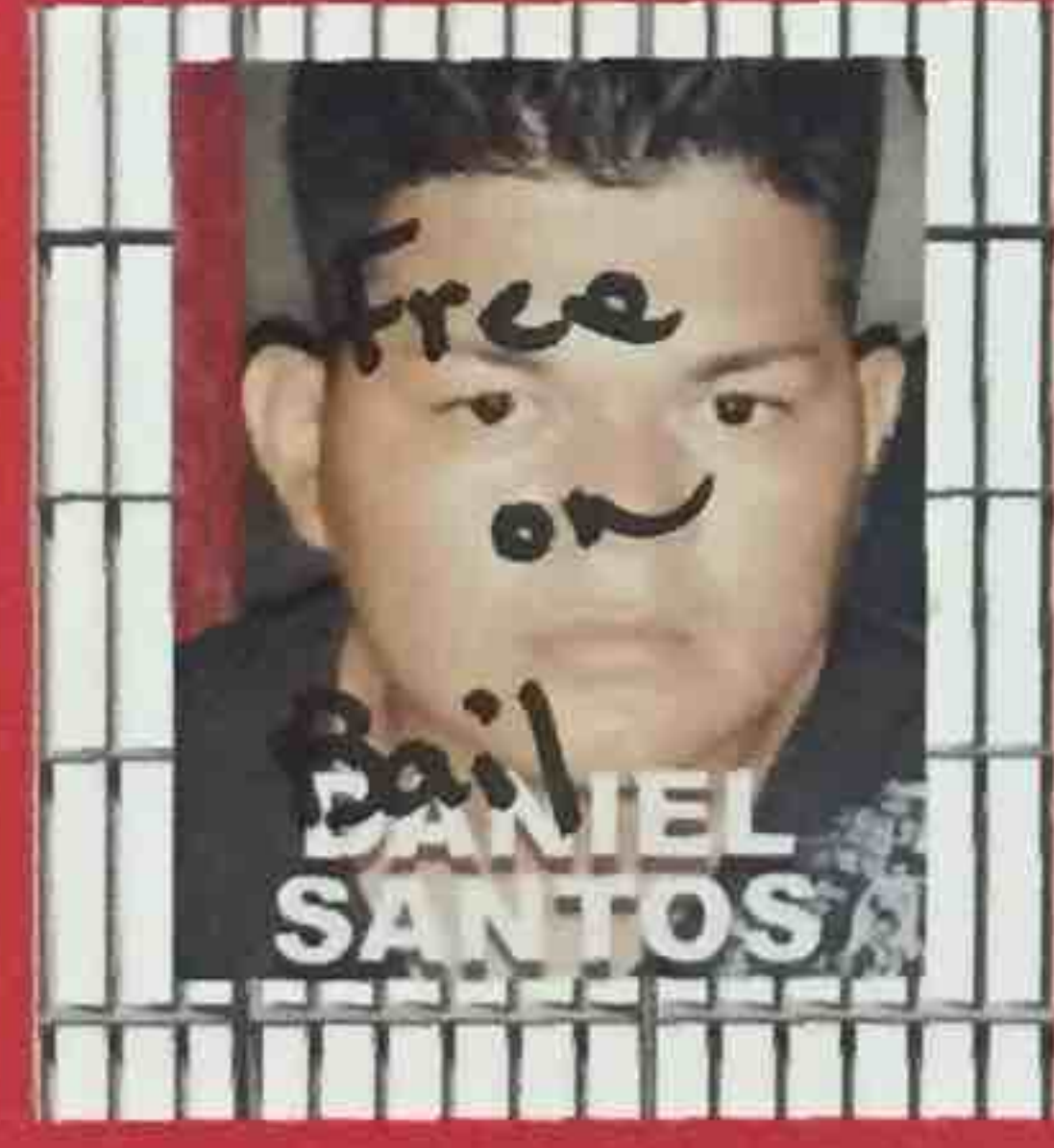
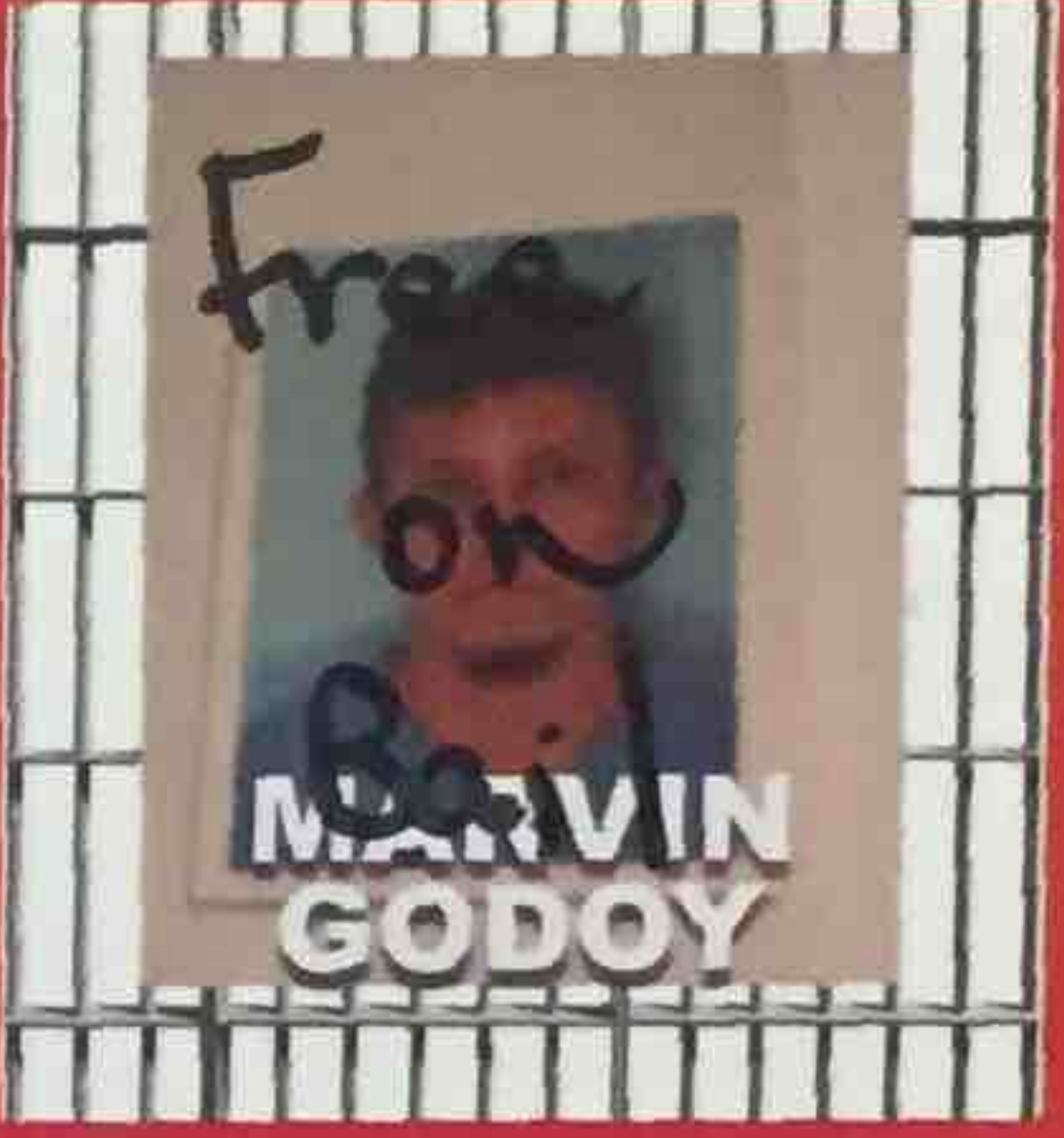
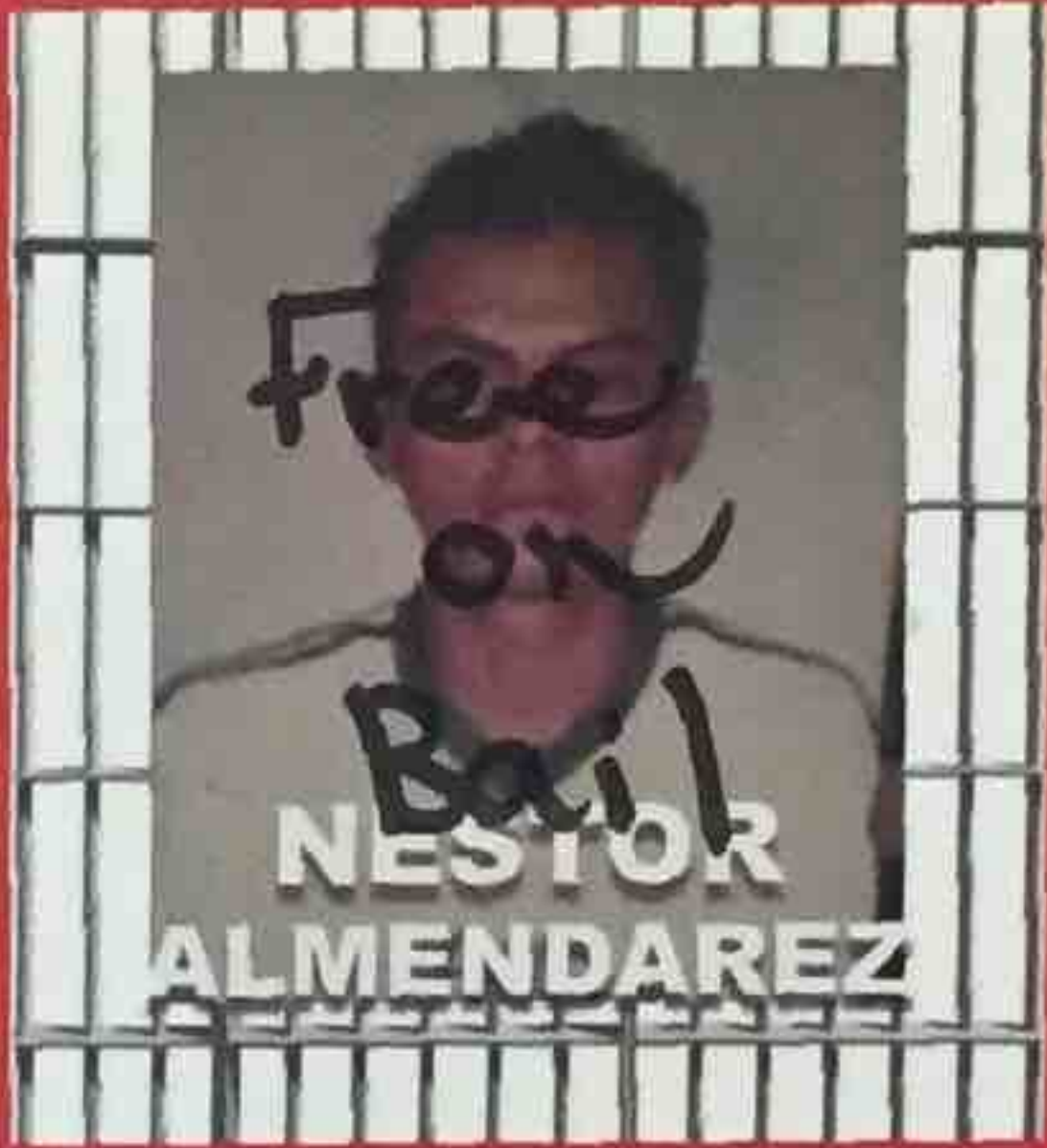
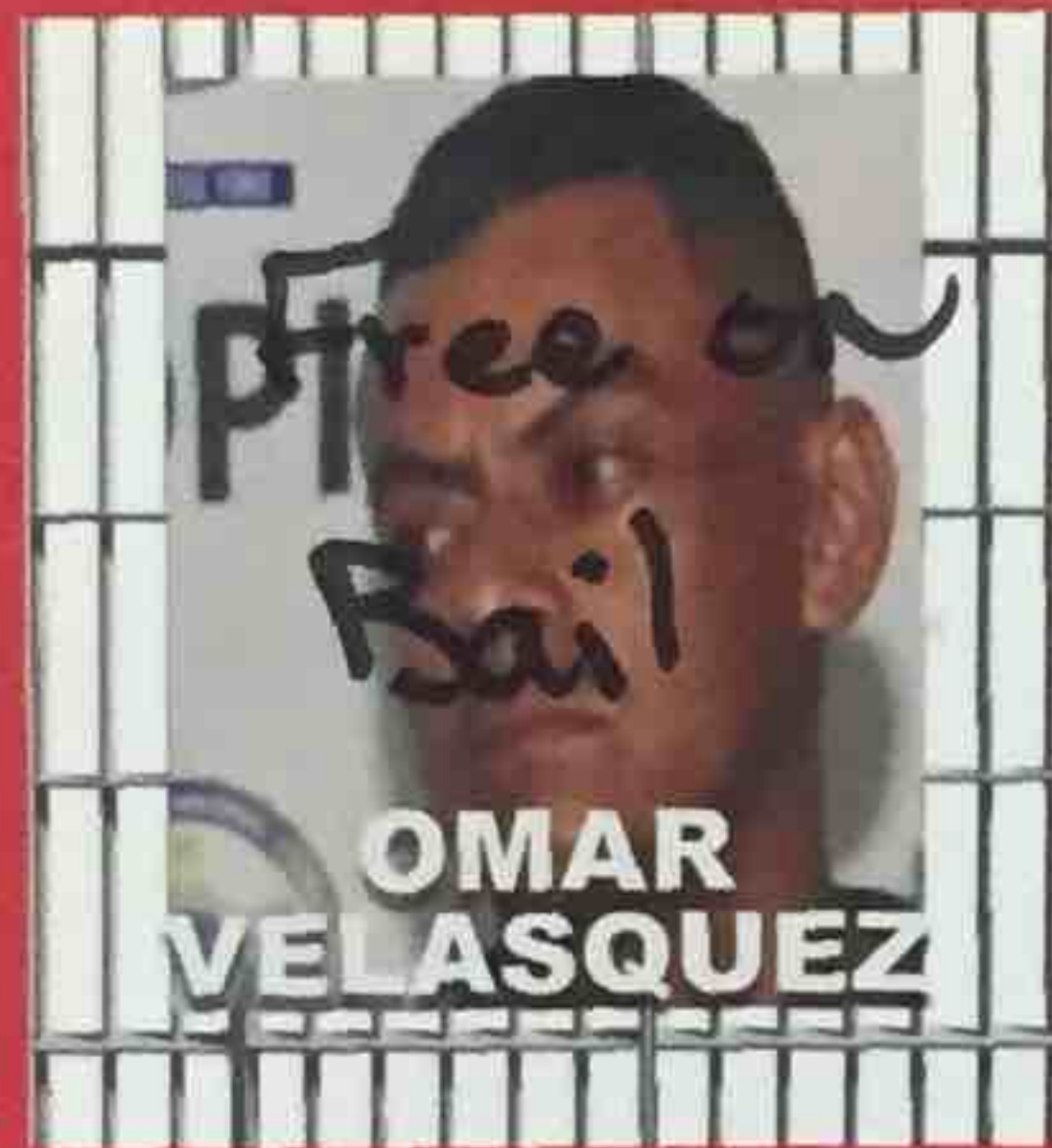
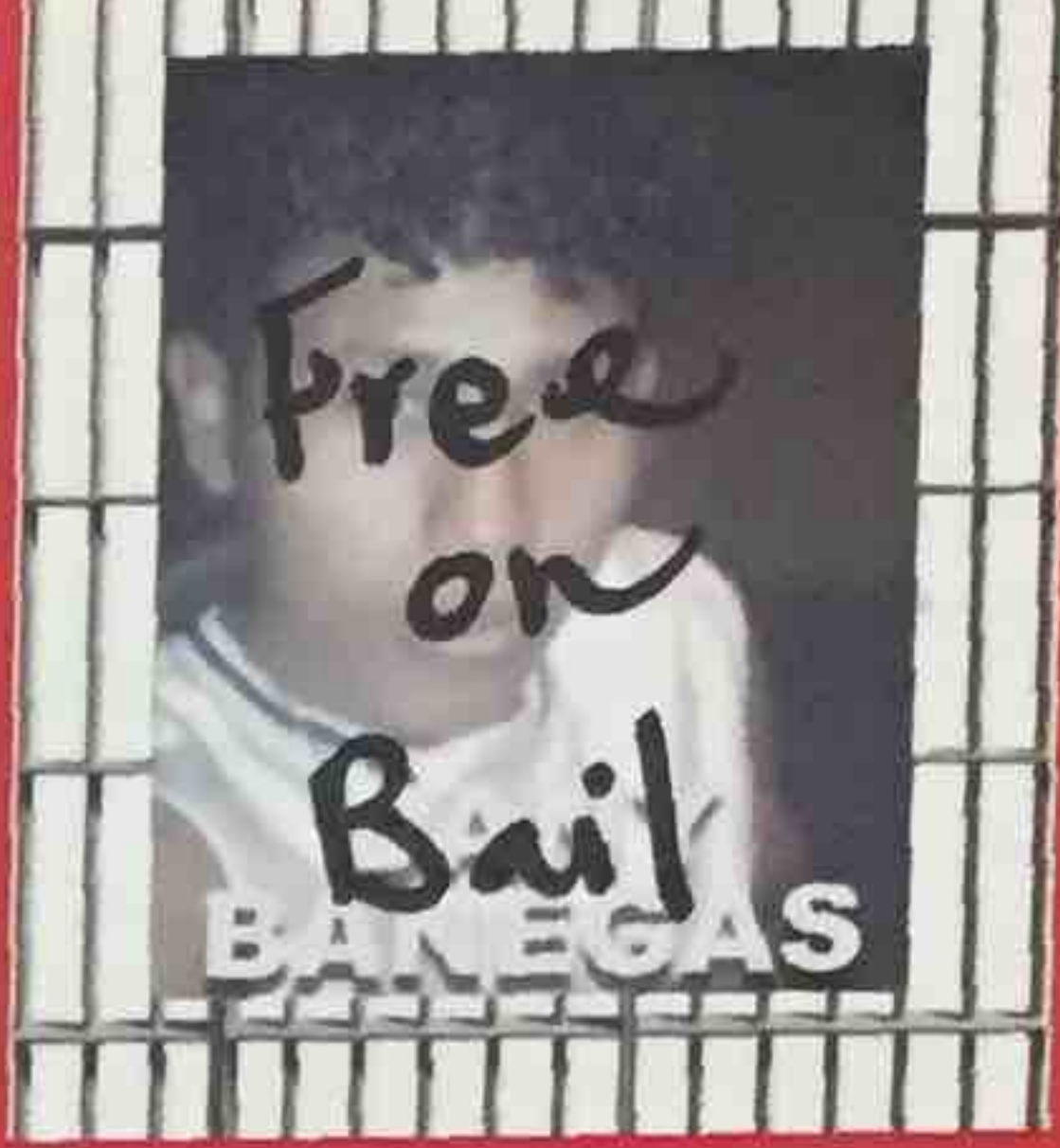
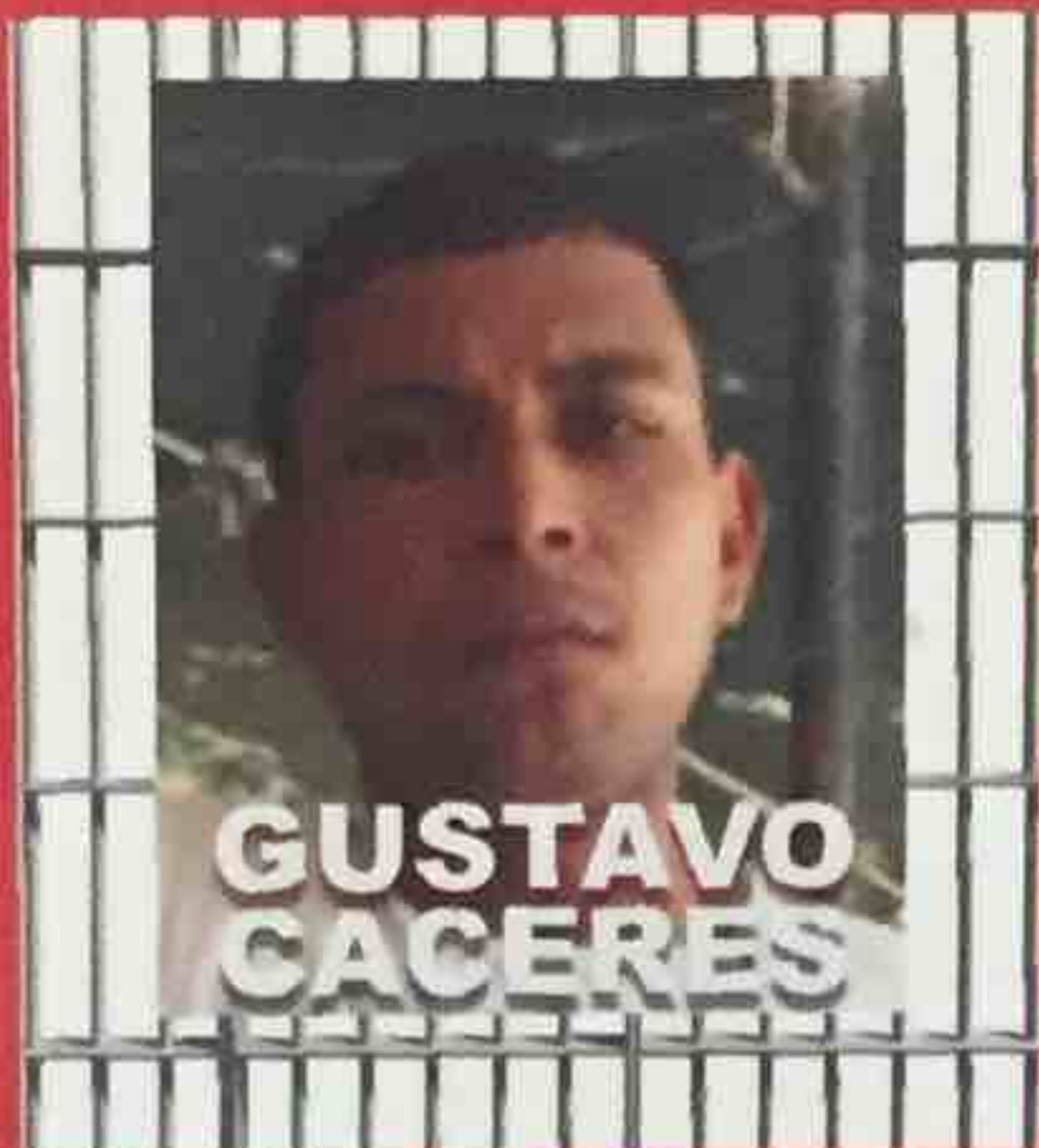
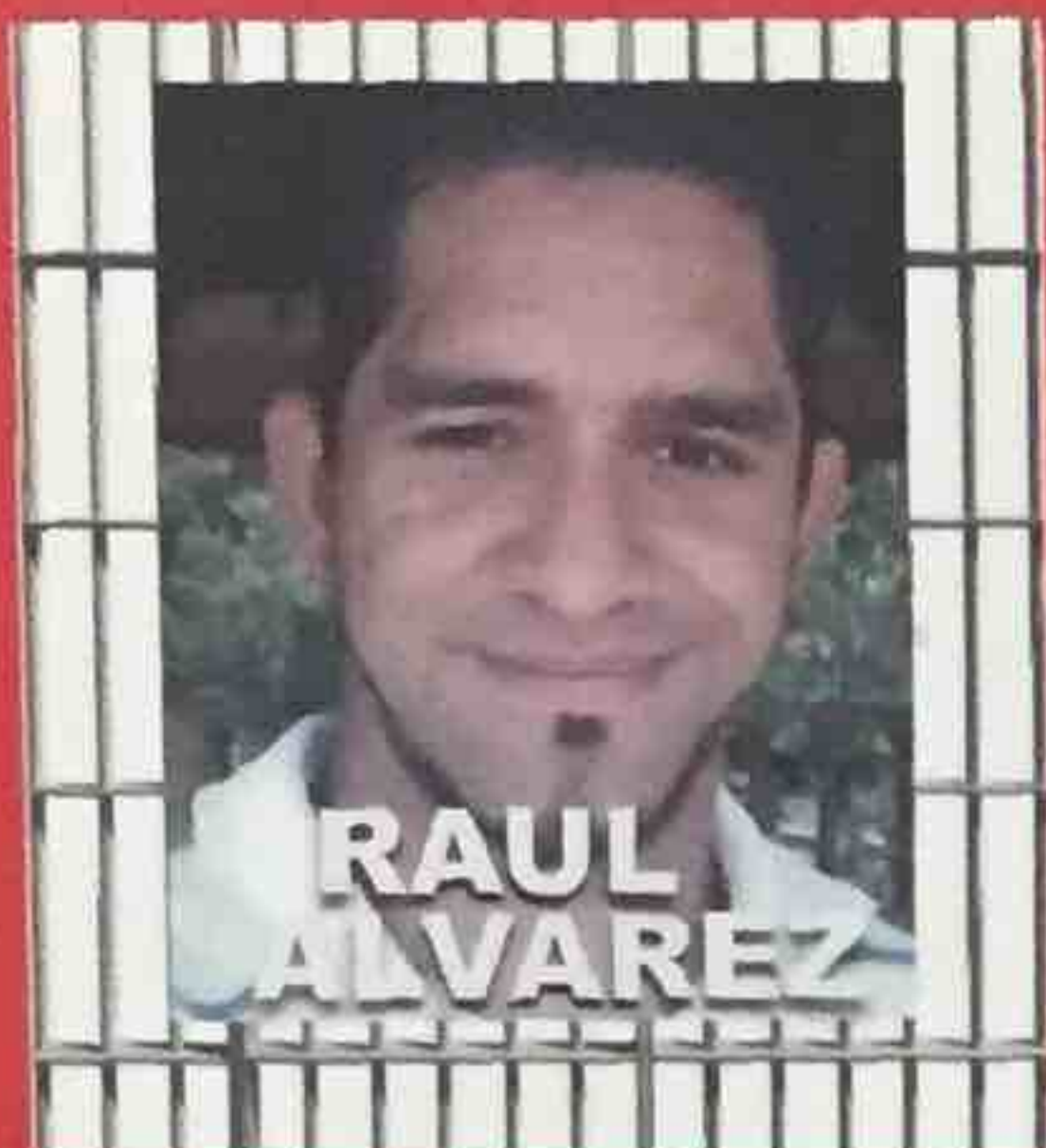
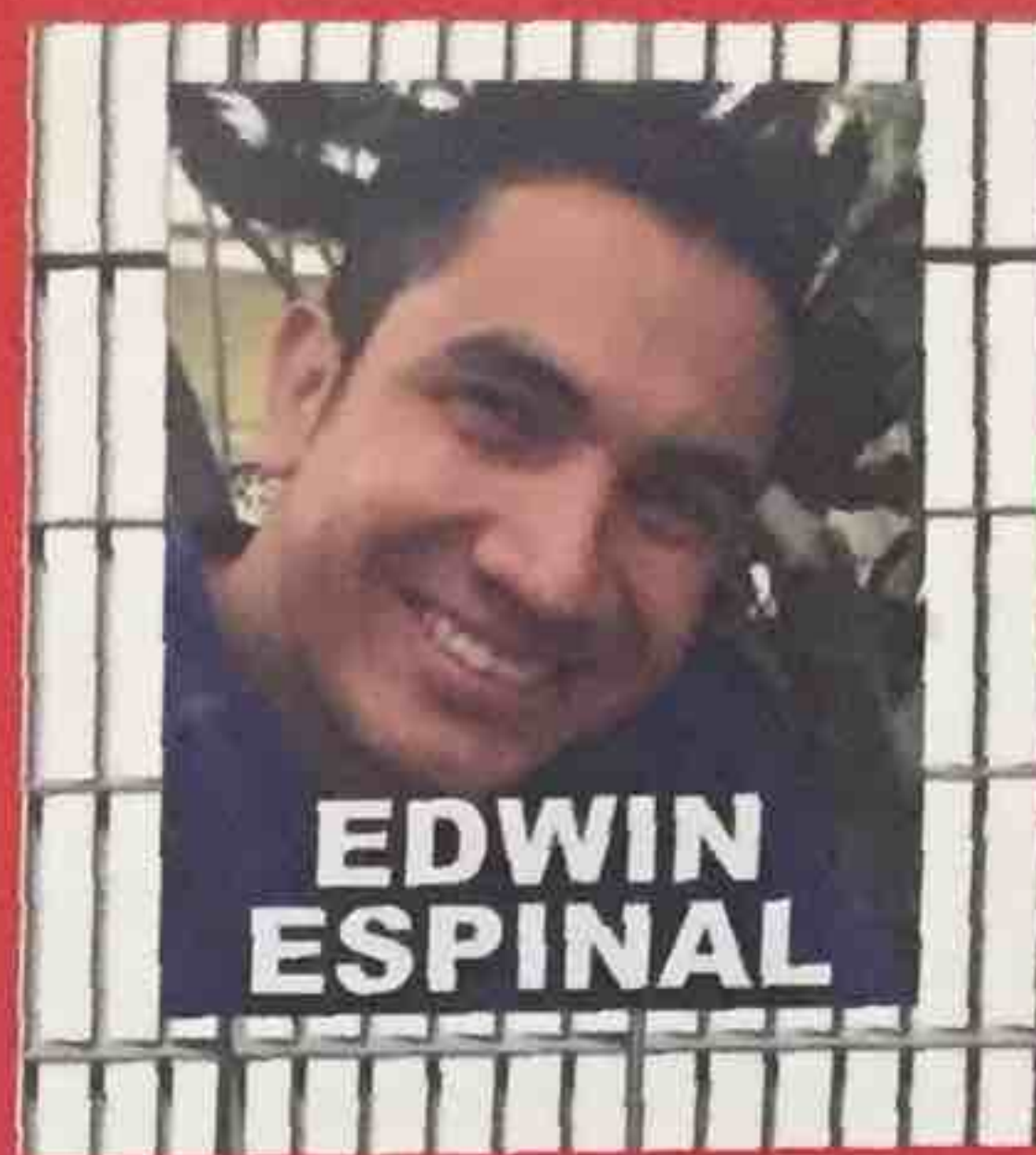
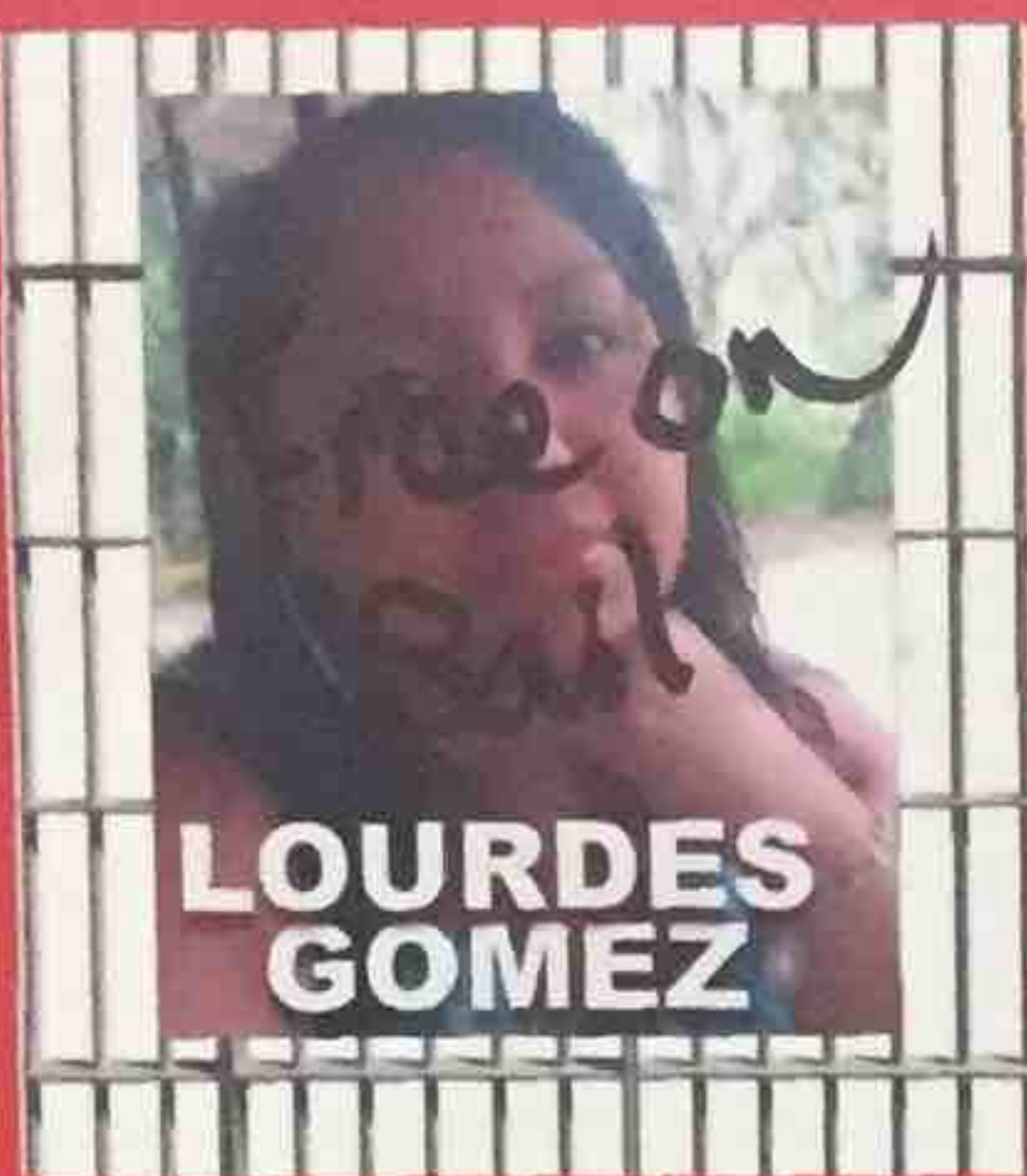


Delmi (Edwin's sister), Alex (Edwin's nephew) and I stop at a roadside stand.



Delmi treats us to homemade corn tortillas with mantequilla (butter) on our way back from La Tolva.

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Honduran Political
Prisoners
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#FreeEdwinEspinal