

CODEH estimates that cases of "extrajudicial execution", torture and disappearance nearly doubled from 1987 to 1988, and have since remained roughly stable in number. CODEH also claims the existence of evidence implicating the security forces in over 100 killings in 1989. According to CODEH, many killings are not politically motivated, but comprise the summary execution of common criminals. These allegations are strongly contested by the Honduran government.

Canadian Position:

While the Government of Canada does not believe that the elected Government of Honduras is systematically violating the human rights of its citizens, it is greatly concerned by the apparent inability or unwillingness of the Honduran government to curb human rights abuses. The Government of Canada frequently communicates its concerns about the persistent violations of human rights to the Government of Honduras, both bilaterally and in multilateral forums. The Canadian Ambassador to Honduras, who is resident in San Jose, Costa Rica, continually monitors the state of human rights in that country. Officials at the Canadian Embassy have firmly expressed the Canadian government's concern following the issuance of death threats to human rights workers.