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Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández Kicks Off Re-election Campaign

SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS (August 30) -- *At the start of his national re-election campaign on August 28, Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández issued the following statement:*

"Today, we mark the beginning of my campaign for re-election. My administration has listened to the nation and prioritized the safety of every citizen. We fought to reduce crime and strengthen national security. And while there is still more work to do, we have made great strides toward a peaceful Honduras.

"By investing in police integrity and anti-corruption initiatives, my administration has fostered growth and economic opportunities previously thought impossible. This campaign is about building on our gains and paving the way for future success.

"During my run for re-election, I will continue working tirelessly for the Honduran people. My priority is to keep advocating on their behalf.

"Elections are a bedrock for responsible democracies, and this election will be fair and free. Many currently criticizing our country's electoral process are closely aligned with Venezuela's regime. We will employ national and international electoral observers to guarantee transparency and make sure that the will of the Honduran people prevails in this election.

"I would ask that all citizens pay particular attention to the proposals brought up during the campaign process and the characters of the candidates seeking to represent Honduras.

"I'm running for re-election because I love my country and its people. I will do everything it takes to protect them."

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