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## ***SITUATION REPORT No. 22***

### ***Honduras Task Force TFH01***

Monday, September 21, 2009  
 1730 EDT

#### **ZELAYA RETURNS TO HONDURAS AFTER THREE MONTHS IN EXILE**

(SBU) Brazilian FM Amorim confirms President Zelaya is at the Brazilian embassy, according to Embassy Tegucigalpa. Zelaya asked for an OAS official to come to Honduras and mediate the talks between the two parties so the San Jose Accord could be signed and implemented. In public remarks to pro-Zelaya Honduran radio and TV stations, Zelaya praised the San Jose Accord, saying it contained all of the elements to resolve the crisis and achieve reconciliation. He said he wants to sign the Accord, reiterating his support for its Verification Commission. *(TFH01/Embassy Tegucigalpa e-mails, Reuters)*

#### **OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL TO ISSUE STATEMENT**

(SBU) USOAS reports OAS Secretary General Insulza agreed to visit Honduras to serve as a mediator. OAS Council Chair Oyarce intends to issue a statement calling on all sectors to refrain from violence and demanding the de facto regime respect Zelaya's physical integrity. The statement also will urge Zelaya be restored to the presidency consistent with the San Jose Accord. *(TFH01/USOAS e-mail)*

#### **PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS IN TEGUCIGALPA**

- (SBU) Embassy Tegucigalpa urged de facto Minister of Security Rodas to take all possible measures to avoid violence. Former Honduran President Flores advised de facto Minister of Defense Sevilla to order the armed forces to show extreme restraint. *(TFH01/Embassy Tegucigalpa e-mail)*
- (SBU) Zelaya's daughter stated thousands of supporters from the interior of the country plan to congregate in the capital. *(TFH01/Embassy Tegucigalpa e-mail)*

#### **EMBASSY EAC MEETS TO DISCUSS SECURITY POSTURE**

- (SBU) Embassy Tegucigalpa confirms the crowds at the Brazilian embassy, two blocks away the U.S. chancery, are no larger than those that have gathered since the June 28 coup. *(TFH01/Embassy Tegucigalpa e-mail)*
- (SBU) Post issued a warden message advising Americans to avoid non-essential travel in the area. *(TFH01/CA-OCS e-mail)*

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