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I. Introduction

The Salvadoran president will complete three years of government on June 1 of 2022. In 36 months of management Nayib Bukele has disrupted the political system repeatedly violating the principles of democracy.

First, on February 9th, 2020, he militarized the Legislative Assembly under the argument that the opposition deputies did not approve a loan for his security. Bukele entered the legislative chamber guarded by the Armed Forces, National Civil Police and occupied the seat of the president of that Organism. From there he said that "God asked him for patience" and threatened to repeat the episode if the deputies did not react in the next two weeks.

A month after confirming his penchant for a style of government clearly authoritarian, the Salvadoran ruler ordered the closure of the country's borders before the confirmation made by the WHO about the first cases of COVID-19 in the region. With that decision, which left hundreds of Salvadorans stranded in different regions of the world due to the impossibility of returning due to the closure of the airport and land borders, Bukele once again attacked the democratic Institutions.

Bukele ordered the confinement of citizens who did not comply with the quarantine and his detention in containment centers where dozens of people were infected; he failed to comply with rulings of the Constitutional Chamber

that declared contrary to the Magna Carta a series of executive decrees that suspended fundamental rights of the population; and he suspended the application of the Public Administration Procurement and Contracting Law (LACAP) opening the door to embezzlement of public funds.

On May 1st, 2021, with legislative arithmetic in his favor, the group of Bukele's parliamentarian, Nuevas Ideas, dismissed the magistrates of the Constitutional Chamber and the Attorney General of the Republic and appointed their substitutes applying procedures contrary to the Constitution of the Republic.

As of the inauguration of the magistrates and the Attorney General, adopted a series of resolutions in open contradiction to the Constitution of the Republic. One of the most worrying provisions is the one that allows the re-election of the President of the Republic, consecutively, however, the express prohibition established in the Constitution and that the jurisprudence constitutional requires waiting 10 years before the person who has held the position as president to run again for re-election.

On the other hand, the Supreme Court of Justice, in which the Plenary is made up of the magistrates imposed with a majority in favor of the ruling party, has dismissed Chamber magistrates and judges appointing officials related to their political project.

Simultaneously with the constitutional violations mentioned in the previous paragraphs, Nayib Bukele has limited the freedom of the press, has influenced to that the Prosecutor's Office and the judges prosecute political opponents, has prevented the public demonstrations against his government installing police checkpoints so that the means of transportation of citizens cannot reach San Salvador and threatens civil society organizations, intellectuals, columnists and international aid workers to prosecute them criminally in the face of any criticism they do against him, his officials (in the Executive and Legislative) and his administration of it.

On March 27th, 2022, fulfilling an express request from Bukele, Nuevas Ideas, accompanied by the GANA, PCN and PDC parties, decreed the regime of exception for 30 days. It is about the suspension of the guarantees of free

association, to the legal defense, to be presented before a judge within 72 hours after being detained and to the inviolability of communications. After the first term, without any debate and without verifying that the circumstances that motivated the suspension of guarantees, again at the request of the president, the Assembly extended the emergency regime for 30 more days. In both cases the government's justification was to fight the gangs.

On March 26th, one day before authorizing the first term of the emergency regime, homicides spilled over to 62 murders. Although there was an apparent cause to take extreme measures, experts believe he may have faced the situation with the ordinary legal system which the Bukele's government already had.

However, the president chose to suspend the constitutional guarantees of Salvadorans. As of May 10th, with 46 days of validity of the exception regime, Bukele confirmed the capture of 27,831 people whom he describes as terrorists. The president asked the deputies to approve the special law for the construction of penitentiary centers and suspended again the application of the LACAP law, hindering transparency in the use of public funds.

Within the framework of the emergency regime, the ruling party approved reforms to the criminal laws. Among other changes, a criminal type was introduced against the journalists who publish “messages about the gangs” in clear violation of the freedom of the press.

This document summarizes the main facts that confirm Nayib Bukele's authoritarian tendency. His abuses and arbitrariness and of his officials have no limits and move faster than in other cases of authoritarianism in the region towards the total concentration of political power.

II. Violations to the democratic Institutions

The situation of democracy in El Salvador is worrying because there is a true trend of actions that show a clear pattern against democracy. Here is a sequence of events illustrating the above:

- Imposition of the state of exception. Four constitutional guarantees are limited: limitation on freedom of assembly, possibility of intercepting

communications, limitations on the right of defense, extension of the term of administrative detention.

<https://elpais.com/international/2022-03-28/buckle-answer-back-withmilitary-Y-the-condition-from-exception-to-the-pulse-from-the-gangs.html>

- Approval of the “gag law”. The congress men from Nuevas Ideas and their allies reformed the Penal Code and the Law for the Prohibition of Maras and Gangs so that no media can spread any message allegedly created by the gangs.

https://www.elfaro.net/es/202204/el_salvador/26117/Asambleacontrolled-for-Bukele-approves-law-jaw-under-the-excuse-from-combat-agangs.htm

- Violation of fundamental rights: civil society activists and former FMLN government officials.
- New Ideas deputies who express their disagreement with the party leadership are also persecuted.
- Bukele cancels the acts related to the commemoration of the signing of the 1992 peace agreements.
 - [Arbitrary arrest of activist against Bitcoin](#)
 - https://elfaro.net/es/202107/el_salvador/25621/Fiscal%C3%ADa-order-the-arrest-from-ten-former-officials-of-the-Government-from-Funesfor-bonuses.htm
 - <https://www.bbc.com/world/news-America-Latin-59992510>
 - <https://www.laprensagrafica.com/elsalvador/NI-outside-adeputies-what-I-know-gathered-with-Roy-Garcia-20220209-0086.html>
- Instrumentalization of the power of the Executive Office for political purposes and disrespect for right process.
- Presented the law on foreign agents to limit the work of OSCs and criminally prosecute their representatives.
 - [Ataques al carácter de utilidad pública de OSC](#)

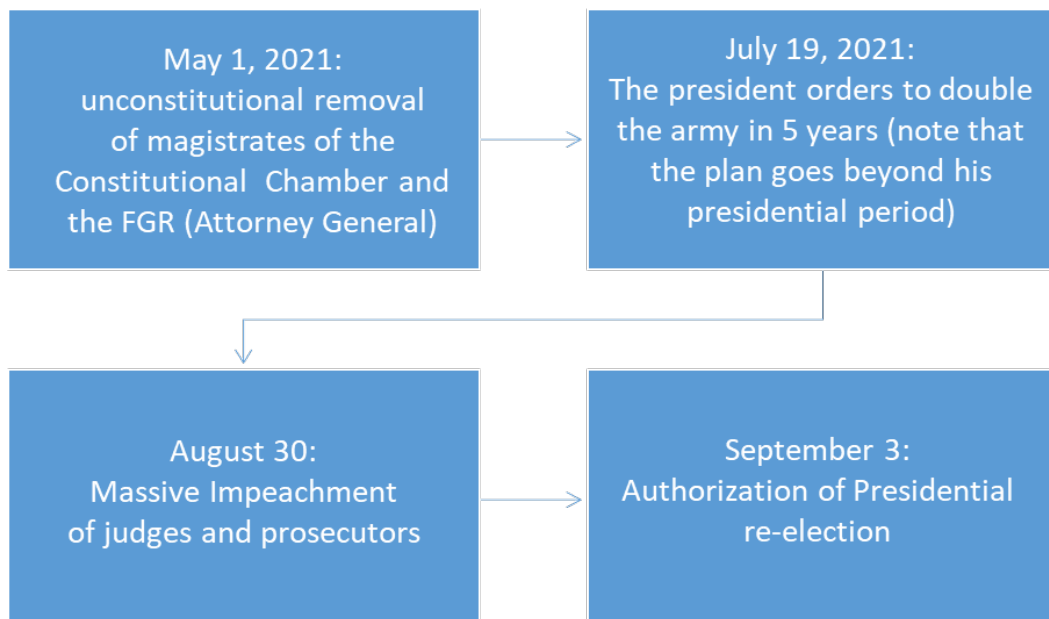
- https://elfaro.net/es/202111/el_salvador/25838/La-Ley-deAgentes-Extranjeros-est%C3%A1-dise%C3%B1ada-para-perseguirvoces-cr%C3%ADticas-al-Gobierno.htm
- Hate speech and political violence.
 - [Discurso de odio especialmente contra organizaciones de la sociedad civil](#)
- Locks, attacks and politicization of control institutions and the mechanisms of separation of powers.
- In response to these actions, the Biden administration withdrew financial support to Salvadoran government institutions.
 - [Destitución inconstitucional de todos los magistrados de la Sala de lo Constitucional](#)
 - [Destitución inconstitucional del Fiscal General de la República](#) ○ [Separación de sus cargos de un tercio de los jueces y magistrados del país \(criterios de edad y años de carrera, con discrecionalidades\)](#)
 - [Separación masiva de fiscales \(criterios de edad y años de carrera, con discrecionalidades\)](#)
 - [Autorización de la reelección presidencial utilizando los magistrados ilegítimos de la Sala de lo Constitucional, en contra de disposiciones reiteradas en la Constitución.](#)
 - <https://www.latimes.com/espanol/internacional/articulo/2021-05-22/usaid-retira-apoyo-a-instituciones-del-gobierno-salvadoreno>
- Removal of commissioner of the Institute for Access to Public Information.
 - <https://www.laprensagrafica.com/elsalvador/Bukele-pidedestitucion-de-la-comisionada-del-IAIP-Liduvina-Escobar20210423-0030.html>
- Reelection of Rodolfo Delgado as Attorney General. The same official who replaced former Attorney General Melara on May 1 with an unconstitutional dismissal.

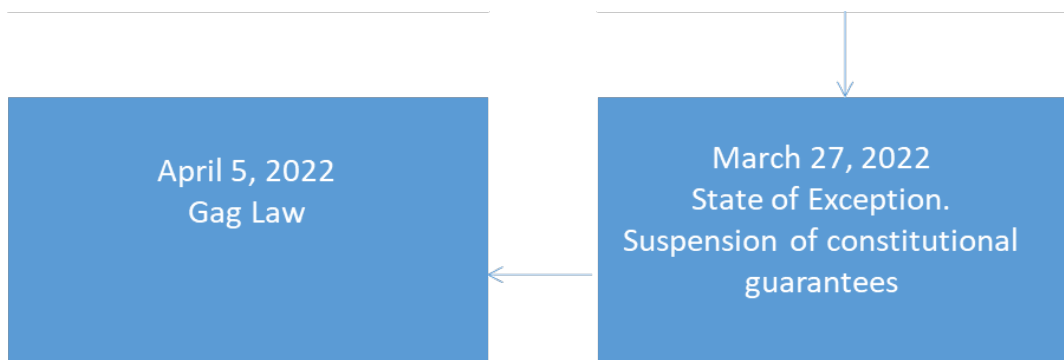
- <https://gatoencerrado.news/2021/12/22/reeligen-a-rodolfo-delgadocomo-fiscal-a-pesar-de-los-cuestionamientos-por-falta-deindependencia/>
- Disobedience to judicial resolutions.
 - [Desobediencia a resolución que ordenaba medidas alternativas a la prisión preventiva a ex alcalde de San Salvador](#)
- Actions against transparency and access to information.
- El Salvador falls in index of perception against corruption.
 - In July of this year it was presented an [anteproyecto de reforma a la Ley de Acceso a la información pública relacionada con la imposición de multas para conocer las declaraciones patrimoniales de los funcionarios públicos](#), although it has not been approved.
 - [Inmunidad por defectos en productos y tratamiento médicos en la pandemia](#)
 - [Expulsión de la CICIES](#)
 - Inclusion of some government officials on the Engels List for allegations of corruption.
<https://www.france24.com/es/am%C3%A9rica-latina/20210702eeuu-corrupcion-lista-triangulo-norte>
 - El Salvador 34 points out of a possible 100, down 2 points compared to 2020.
 - <https://www.eleconomista.net/actualidad/El-Salvador-retrocede-en-el-indice-de-percepcion-de-la-corrupcion--20220126-0001.html>
 - <https://www.eleconomista.net/actualidad/El-Salvador-retrocede-en-el-indice-de-percepcion-de-la-corrupcion--20220126-0001.html>
- Attacks to the press.
- Discovery of government espionage to journalists (most of them from EL FARO), members of OSCs, academics, columnists, union leaders and businessmen.
 - [Fiscal y jueces censuran reportaje sobre fosa con cuerpos en Chalchuapa](#)

- [Asesor de CAPRES exige revelación de fuentes a periodistas](#) ○ [Policía golpea a periodista](#)
- https://elfaro.net/es/202201/el_salvador/25935/Veintid%C3%B3s-miembros-de-El-Faro-fueron-intervenidos-con-Pegasus-226veces-entre-2020-y-2021.htm
- Proposal to amend the Constitution.
 - A [project](#) ordered by the Presidential House is presented. [Multiple concerns](#)
- Investigations on possible negotiation with gangs, outside the law.
- Sanctions to the Head of the Salvadoran Penal System and to the President of the Unit for the Reconstruction of the Social Tissue under the Magnitsky Law.
 - [Nuevo fiscal desmantela grupo de investigación, según medios.](#)
 - [Opacidad sobre caso desaparecidos Chalchuapa](#)
 - <https://www.france24.com/es/am%C3%A9rica-latina/20211209estados-unidos-sanciona-a-funcionarios-de-el-salvador-pornegociaciones-con-pandilleros>
- Denaturalization of the Armed Forces and the PNC
 - [Regreso al discurso del enemigo interno que se debe combatir con la Fuerza Armada](#)
 - [Anuncio para duplicar FUERZA Armada bajo excusa de seguridad pública, a pesar que no es su tarea natural.](#)
- Persecution of civil society organizations.
- The Constitutional Chamber in line with the regime, eliminated the administrative filter that the Ministry of Finance had to follow before asking the Attorney General to criminally prosecute a taxpayer for alleged tax evasion.
- Renowned personnel from universities, different thinking groups and civil society are summoned to question them based on defamation and lies.
 - [Creación de Comisión Legislativa para investigar ONG.](#)
 - [Primeros casos de persecución penal contra organizaciones](#)

- [Amenazas de cancelación a OSC](#)
- <https://www.elsalvador.com/noticias/nacional/andreu-olivaasamblea-ongs-comision-especial/923669/2022/>
- <https://www.vozdeamerica.com/a/bukele-critica-fmi-organizacionessociales-el-salvador/6263569.html>
- <https://diario.elmundo.sv/politica/agotar-va-administrativa-en-casosde-evasion-fiscal-no-es-obligacion-dice-zelaya>
- Relations with the United States deteriorate and are strengthened with authoritarian systems such as Erdogan's in Turkey.
 - <https://www.laprensagrafica.com/elsalvador/Jean-Manes-relacionescon-Gobierno-de-El-Salvador--no-estan-solidas-20211108-0083.html>
 - <https://diario.elmundo.sv/politica/presidente-turco-da-granimportancia-a-visita-de-bukele>

Timeline of main violations of democratic institutions





Points on some authoritarian actions since the beginning of the mandate:

- The Bukele administration has shown a clear authoritarian tendency. As detailed in this document, the conduct of the president outside the Constitution has been accentuated during his first 14 months as head of the Executive Office. Bukele is intolerant of criticism. Some of his opponents have been targeted to judicial proceedings of dubious credibility. The government apparatus deploys smear campaigns against anyone who dares to point out objections to its initiatives or projects.
- The president wants to neutralize the control institutions. His legal secretary has promoted reforms to limit the independence of the Institute for Access to Public Information. Bukele maintains a campaign against the Constitutional Chamber and the Legislative Congress, he does not promote social harmony and on the contrary, his hate speech is increasingly pronounced.
- As a result of the military takeover of the Legislative Congress, the Minister of Defense was questioned. His answers showed a clear disrespect for the institutions and the role that the Armed Forces must play in times of peace. His intention is to be loyal to the figure of President Bukele and not to the Constitution. A "Special Commission to investigate all the events that occurred before, during and after the failed coup against the Legislative Congress on February 9" remains open in the Congress.
- Transparency and the fight against corruption have met strong resistance in the current government. The controlling entity denounces the lack of

collaboration of the ministries to deliver information, particularly the Ministry of Agriculture, through which the project for the purchase and delivery of food packages has been carried out. In other ministry offices, different journalistic investigations have pointed out irregular purchases. (Look at annex 1).

- The alleged negotiation with the gangs to reduce homicides shows a clear disrespect for the rule of law by the president. The digital newspaper El Faro published an extensive investigation in which it relates, based on official documents, the participation of the Director of Penal Centers in meetings held in different high-security prisons, which were also attended by "men with their heads covered" who did not they identified themselves at the prison security booth by order of the Director.
- The negotiation with the gangs allowed the reduction of homicides since the beginning of the current presidential administration. Bukele attributed that success to his "Territorial Control" plan. The Attorney General's Office ordered the search of the Direction of Penal Centers and two maximum security prisons to search for documentation that proves what was reported in the El Faro investigation.
- Bukele pursues his opponents by instrumentalizing the institutions of the State. His clear authoritarian tendency includes fiscal harassment of companies, individuals, civil society organizations and different thinking people. His Minister of Finance is a member of Nuevas Ideas, he is being investigated for alleged corruption and takes advantage of his position to manipulate information against government opponents. The communications apparatus of the government and the ministers display extensive coverage of the alleged cases of tax evasion that the head of the Treasury presents every Thursday.
- US Democratic Congressmen/Senators express to Bukele their "deep concern about the government's hostility to independent investigative media. A free press is a central pillar of democracy." They mention attacks by the government, harassment of El Faro by the IRS Office and robberies of journalists. They emphasize that El Faro is one of the best media outlets in Central America with international prestige. They claim that attacks on

their credibility come from anonymous media managed by GoES (El Salvador Government). They demand investigations for robberies in the homes of journalists from Disruptiva Gato Encerrado.

- The possibility of a legislative majority of Nuevas Ideas, alone or in alliance with GANA and the CD, could affect the political stability of the country. The authoritarian conduct shown by President Bukele during his term to date, whose most worrying expression occurred on February 9, when he militarized the Legislative Congress, and during the pandemic, by failing to comply with the rulings of the Constitutional Chamber, makes provide for arbitrary use of the legislative power, approving regulations that could limit fundamental rights or even change the Constitution to seek re-election.
- It is very likely that official advantage will be present in the next elections. The use of State resources to favor the candidacies of the ruling party is beginning to materialize with government programs that emerged in the framework of the pandemic to help citizens who do not have the income to buy food. The Nuevas Ideas party promotes this program on its social networks stating that it is an initiative of its and the Executive.
- Bukele appointed the vice president, Félix Ulloa, as the person in charge of executing the constitutional reform process. The president's intention to modify the Constitution has generated deep concern among different sectors. His authoritarian behavior, the abuses committed during the pandemic, the militarization of the Legislative Congress, the non-compliance with the rulings of the Constitutional Chamber and his efforts to neutralize the control institutions, confirm his desire to concentrate more political power through of a new Constitution.

Authoritarian actions during the pandemic

- President Bukele has maintained last month his position of regulating the pandemic through executive decrees. This effort was stopped by a historic resolution of the Constitutional Chamber. On June 5, the president vetoed a new emergency bill for the COVID-19 pandemic, comprehensive care for

life, health, and economic reopening,” which was approved by the Legislative Congress on May 30. The veto was sent to the Assembly on June 11. The decree is under study in the Constitutional Chamber.

- The president has vetoed 24 laws so far in his term. If he continues at this rate, he will surpass the last five former presidents. In the framework of the pandemic, Bukele vetoed 6 projects related to the emergency, rights of the stranded, economic reopening and protection for health personnel in public hospitals.
- On June 8, the Constitutional Chamber declared the exception regime and also the executive office and legislative office decrees due to the quarantine as both decrees were contrary to the Constitution. This is an unprecedented resolution that was well received by the citizen organizations that had been denouncing the abuse in the interpretation of the Constitution and the law by the president and his advisers.
- Among other aspects, the ruling of the Constitutional Chamber on June 8, warned the Executive Office that the Health Code does not give the Government powers to use confinement "as a punishment or sanctioning measure." The court noted that the pandemic must be faced responsibly, but without violating the Constitution, human rights and the law. The Constitutional Chamber added that it is necessary to guarantee access to public information during the emergency and made it clear that the suspension of rights does not interrupt the rule of law or the responsibility of officials if they break the law.
- On the other hand, the Chamber admitted the habeas corpus filed against the sanitary fences imposed in several municipalities and is analyzing ordered by President Bukele in the municipality of La Libertad.
- On June 12, the Legislative Congress approved Legislative Decree 661, which contains a new "Emergency Law for the COVID-19 pandemic, complete care for human life and the reopening of the economy," which was also vetoed by Bukele, considering it "unconstitutional". The veto was overcome by the Legislative Congress and the Constitutional Chamber will have to resolve the controversy that arose between the State Organs.

- The president accused the Constitutional Chamber of having accepted, in a meeting held at the Presidential House, to be part of a working group for the preparation of an emergency law. Before the resolution of the Chamber that declared the decrees of the Executive unconstitutional, the president denounced on national television a "conspiracy" of the Chamber, with the Attorney General, the private sector and the Congress against him. The aforementioned institutions published notes addressed to the president rejecting his accusations and reminding him that he must respect the principle of separation of powers.
- Bukele approved a new executive decree (No 31) to regulate the economic reopening. The decree established the phases in which the different economic activities had to restart. This instrument has the same vices of unconstitutionality as the rest of the instruments that were annulled by the Chamber. The decree restricts economic freedom and contracting. You simply cannot allow what is not prohibited. Again it limits rights without an express law that regulates it.
- On June 24, the Executive Office presented a draft decree to the Legislative Congress requesting a new 15-day quarantine and the suspension of the constitutional guarantees of free transit, assembly, and no change of address. Various constitutionalists point out that, despite overcoming some of the unconstitutionality warned by the Constitutional Chamber in several of its sentences, Bukele's project contains vices similar to those of previous initiatives. One of the main ones is that it leaves the reopening of the different economic sectors under the power of the Minister of Health. It also prevents the movement of employees of the Institute for Access to Public Information.
- Several members of the government team have been denounced for acts of nepotism and corruption. Some have provided the State with medical supplies to deal with the pandemic at overpriced prices or violating the restrictions of the Public Administration Procurement and Contracting Law that points out the conflict of interest that exists when a government official intends to sell products to state institutions. The Attorney General's Office announced an investigation into these cases.

- Likewise, the Chief of Staff, Carolina Recinos, was denounced before the Court of Government Ethics for the hiring of two of her brothers in public positions and also for the credit obtained by her sister in a State Bank.

Category	Update 3 (June 26)	Update 2 (May 27)	Update 1 (May 7)
Processes received by the Constitutional Chamber			
Unconstitutionality	n.d.	60	20
Habeas corpus	n.d.	330	194
Amparos	n.d.	61	36
Complaints received by the PDDH as of June 10			
Total	1,638	1,637	928
Complaints of arbitrary arrests	1	622	-
Salvadorans stranded abroad as of June 15			
Repatriation requests	2,890	2,890	-
Returnees	675	-	-
number of stranded	4,000	4,000	4,000
Information on COVID-19 as of June 26			
confirmed cases	5,517	2,705	695
Men	2,013	1,828	402
Women	3,504	877	293
active cases	2,093	1,475	435
deceased cases	133	51	15
Recovered cases	3,291	1,179	245
suspected cases	5,388	1,557	n.d.
COVID tests performed to date	152,729	96,647	35,411
Number of quarantine centers	36	74	89
Total number of people in quarantine centers**	1,406	2,538	3,702
Total number of people who have ended up in quarantine	13,819	12,191	6,475
Total number of detainees for violating mandatory quarantine	n.a.	2,424	2,394

Appendix with possible cases of corruption

APPENDIX 1			
POSSIBLE CASES OF CORRUPTION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT BUKELE			
	Case	Description	news link
1	Bukele's government without any record of the use of \$30 million donated by Mexico.	The government of President Nayib Bukele has no record of the use of \$30 million dollars that were donated by the Mexican government in 2019 to implement the Sembrando Vida program in El Salvador.	https://liberalsv.com/gobierno-de-bukele-sin-registro-deluso-de-30-millones-donados-por-mexico/ https://www.economista.net/economia/Sin-informacionsobre-los-fondos-que-dono-Mexico-a-El-Salvador20200626-0006.html
2	Trip of the Director of Penal Centers in a private plane to Mexico.	In November 2019, the director of Penal Centers and Vice Minister of Public Security, Osiris Luna made a private plane trip to Mexico, without knowing how it was financed until now, even though the Institute of Access to Public Information ordered that this be made public.	https://liberalsv.com/iaip-ordena-a-centros-penales-revelar-quien-financio-viajes-de-osiris-luna/ https://www.elsalvador.com/noticias/nacional/osiris-luna-iaip-proceso-sancionatorio-viajes-privados/726977/2020/
3	Investigation reveals that the IAIP shared confidential citizen information with the Presidential House.	According to a journalistic investigation, The Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP) delivered to the Presidency of the Republic, for at least two weeks, confidential information on citizens: reports that contained personal data of users who requested information through its portal.	https://liberalsv.com/investigacion-revela-que-iaip-compartio-a-casa-presidencial-informacion-confidencial-de-ciudadanos/ https://diario.elmundo.sv/presidente-del-iaip-renuncia-en-medio-de-criticas-por-filtracion-al-gobierno/
4	President of the Central Reserve Bank was prosecuted for fraud.	Carlos Federico Paredes, resigned from his position as president of the Central Reserve Bank (BCR), faces trial for alleged fraud in the sale of some lots	https://liberalsv.com/funcionario-de-gobierno-procesado-por-estafa-renuncia-a-su-cargo/
5	Director of the ISSS linked to the Bukele family drugstore.	After accepting the resignation of Herbert Rivera Aleman as director of the Salvadoran Social Security Institute (ISSS), the President of the Republic, Nayib Bukele appointed Delmy Cañas de Zacarías to the position, who had served as deputy director of the institution. Cañas de Zacarías previously served as commercial manager of the Siquimia Drugstore, owned by the president's family	https://www.laprensagrafica.com/elsalvador/Renunciadirectora-ISSS-con-solo-6-meses-de-gestion-202007310122.html

6	IAIP initiated sanctioning process against President Bukele for hiding information from the OIE.	According to a press release provided by the IAIP, the administrative procedure begins with the alleged commission of a very serious infraction consisting of "not providing the information whose delivery has been ordered by the institute."	https://www.revistafactum.com/bukele-devuelve-a-lassombras-el-presupuesto-del-oie/
7	Investigation reveals how ANDA's current administration benefited a contractor with more than \$200,000.	An audit by the Court of Accounts of the Republic revealed that the Administration National Aqueduct and Sewer System (ANDA), benefited well construction companies for an amount of 213,253 dollars.	https://www.elsalvador.com/eldiariodehoy/andademandas-corte-de-cuentas/689455/2020/
8	State resources are used during internal elections of the Nuevas Ideas party (the president's party).	Police and members of the Armed Forces were in charge of guarding the different headquarters of the Nuevas Ideas party during the day of internal elections.	https://liberalsv.com/recursos-del-estado-son-utilizadosdurante-elecciones-internas-del-partido-nuevas-ideas/ https://www.elsalvador.com/eldiariodehoy/nayib-bukelefusades-elecciones-legislativas-clientelismo-politicoayuda/747826/2020/
9	Legal Secretary of the Presidency confirms that he has a double position within the government.	Conan Castro confirmed that he has a double position within the government, one as legal secretary of the Presidency "ad honorem" and another that he did not specify but assured that he does receive a salary.	https://elfaro.net/es/202002/el_salvador/24059/Dosviceministros-tienen-doble-cargo-y-cobran-por-encimade-la-ley.htm
10	Two vice ministers have double positions and earn a salary, above the law.	A journalistic publication revealed that the Nayib Bukele government pays more than double the salary conferred by law to the Vice Ministers of Labor and Transportation through an irregular mechanism of contract remuneration.	https://elfaro.net/es/202002/el_salvador/24059/Dosviceministros-tienen-doble-cargo-y-cobran-por-encimade-la-ley.htm
11	Court of Accounts report reveals that Bukele's government distributed \$30 million to 100,000 people with unknown criteria.	The \$30 million dollars were distributed under unknown criteria to 100,000 beneficiaries of the \$300 dollar bond program for families affected during the quarantine, "There is a group of 100,000 beneficiaries who at the moment it is unknown how they were selected," says the report from presented on May 6 to the Assembly and to which El Faro had access.	https://elfaro.net/es/202005/el_salvador/24423/Corte-deCuentas-Gobierno-reparti%C3%B3-\$30-millones-a-100mil-personas-con-criterios-desconocidos.htm

12	The Government bought \$11,927,050 in sanitary supplies from a company that sells auto parts in Spain.	According to records, there were 1,500,000 masks, 150,000 non-sterile medical coats and 300,000 non-sterile masks, which the Government acquired for an amount of \$5,085,000. However, the purchases amount to \$11,927,050, according to documentation delivered to the Legislative Assembly.	https://www.elsalvador.com/eldiariodehoy/empresaespanola-venta-insumos-covid19-gobierno-el-salvador-no-rinde-cuentas/732418/2020/
13	Vice Minister singled out for acts of corruption.	A journalistic investigation revealed that Rogelio Cabrera and Jorge Alberto Vasquez Turcios, partners of the company SYGM Asesores SA de CV, which negotiated the inputs with the government, hold high positions in the company SCI Audit Tax Advisory, a company that sells accounting and auditing services, which is owned by Vice Minister Zelaya Villalobos.	https://www.elsalvador.com/noticias/nacional/viceministroingresos-ernesto-zelaya-denunciado-tribunal-de-etica-venta-protectores-gobierno/726592/2020/
14	Venezuelan adviser to Bukele implicated in the theft of funds intended for humanitarian aid.	The opposition lawyer of the Venezuelan regime and adviser to President Bukele, Lester Toledo, has been accused of stealing funds intended for humanitarian aid in complicity with Leopoldo López.	https://www.laprensagrafica.com/elsalvador/Asesor-de-presidente-Bukele-es-denunciado-en-EUA-de-realizarestafa-a-venezolano-20200623-0048.html
15	Minister of Public Works authorized contracting an advertising company for \$186,450 to provide transportation services during emergencies.	The Minister of Public Works, Romeo Rodríguez, authorized a purchase for transportation services for an amount of \$186,450, from a company that according to the National Registry Center, is dedicated to the advertising category.	https://www.laprensagrafica.com/elsalvador/MOPcompro-servicios-de-transporte-a-empresa-de-publicidad20200627-0045.html
16	The Minister of Labor authorized the purchase of masks for \$48,000 with a 33% surcharge.	The Minister of Labor, Rolando Castro authorized a purchase of masks for an amount of \$48,000 dollars from the company INVERTIVA EL SALVADOR, SA DE CV paying a higher price than the market price.	https://liberalsv.com/ministro-de-trabajo-autorizo-comprade-mascarillas-por-48-000-con-sobreprecio-de-33/

17	The Ministry of Health bought \$3 million in masks from a porcelain and ceramic seller	The government paid millions of dollars to purchase 1.5 million KN95 masks from Lasca Design LLC, a Miami, Florida-based company specializing in ceramics and porcelain. The owner of the company and signer of the purchase orders is a 49-year-old Argentine who presents himself as an expert in construction, interior design and distribution of ceramics and porcelain.	https://elfaro.net/es/202006/el_salvador/24597/Ministeriode-Salud-compr%C3%B3-\$3-millones-en-mascarillas-aun-vendedor-de-porcelana-y-cer%C3%A1mica.htm
18	Bukele's government bought \$344,000 in masks from the company of deputy Gustavo Escalante and his family (Escalante is a dissident ARENA deputy and supports unconditionally the president's initiatives.	An investigation revealed that a company of which Deputy Gustavo Escalante is the founder and administrator together with members of his family received a contract for \$344,000 as part of the purchases made during the COVID19 emergency.	https://elfaro.net/es/202006/el_salvador/24578/Gobiernocompr%C3%B3-\$344-mil-en-mascarillas-a-empresa-deldiputado-Escalante-y-su-familia.htm
19	Credit in Bandedal for \$22,514 and places in different government institutions. The benefits obtained by the brothers of presidential commissioner.	An investigation revealed that the Development Bank of El Salvador, (Bandedal), benefited two brothers of the presidential commissioner, Carolina Recinos: one was hired as funding and cooperation manager; while another was approved for a loan of \$22,514.	https://elfaro.net/es/202006/el_salvador/24582/Bandesaldio-cr%C3%A9dito-a-hermana-de-comisionadapresidencial-pese-a-detectar-conflicto-deinter%C3%A9s.htm
20	Bukele's government bought supplies from solidarity packages from a company linked to the Maduro regime.	The government of President Bukele bought products included in the solidarity bags from a Mexican company investigated for having links with the regime of dictator Nicolás Maduro.	https://www.laprensagrafica.com/elsalvador/Gobiernosalvadoreno-compro-leche-de-paquetes-a-allegado-delregimen-de-Maduro-20200628-0060.html
21	Minister of the Interior uses resources from the State to promote his candidacy for mayor of San Salvador.	The Minister of the Interior, Mario Durán, used state resources to confirm his participation in the internal elections of the Nuevas Ideas party, to seek the candidacy for mayor of San Salvador in the next elections.	https://liberalsv.com/ministro-de-gobernacion-utilizarecursos-del-estado-para-promover-su-prencandidatura-la-alcaldia-de-san-salvador/

BRIEFING CHART OF THE EXCEPTION REGIME EL SALVADOR

(It is about a briefing of the abuses committed during the exception regime. The emblematic cases are exemplified and data up to this date because dozens of claims are still being investigated)

Abuses during the exception regime El Salvador First term: 30 days, from March 27 th to April 27 th Extension: 30 days, from April 27 th to May 27 th					
Suspended Rights	Arbitrary Detentions		Undercustody people death	International Condemnations	Legislation
	First 30 days	Emblematic cases			
Constitutional rights to free association, to legal defense, to be brought before a judge within 72 hours after being detained, and to	According to CRISTOSAL is have registered to minus 147 arrests arbitrary, also of "cruel treatment" and "inhuman". ²	Kevin Rivas Case, Graduated from the Monica Herrera School. ³ Workers from the Restaurant 1,200 Café ⁴	- Musician Elvis Josue Sanchez Rivera, 21 yrs old, who died on April 19 th after being detained 16 days before in Santa Maria Ostuma. ⁵ - Walter Vladimir Sandoval Peñate, an agricultural worker of 32 yrs old, who died on April 3 rd . The Police	International Amnesty. ⁸ Open letter AI ⁹ Human Rights Watch ¹⁰	-“Gag Law” (reform to the Penal Code and the Law of proscription of gangs) ¹⁷ -Reforms to the penal laws: Penal Code,

² https://www.swissinfo.ch/spa/el-salvador-violencia_ong-registra-147-arrestos-arbitrarios-en-régimen-de-excepción-en-el-salvador/47550890 y <https://www.elsalvador.com/noticias/nacional/muere-cuarto-reo-penal-izalco-regimen-excepcion/947783/2022/>

³ <https://www.elsalvador.com/noticias/nacional/regimen-de-excepcion-redadas/946935/2022/>

⁴ <https://www.elsalvador.com/noticias/nacional/regimen-de-excepcion-capturas-1200-cafe-ciudad-credisa/945028/2022/>

⁵ <https://www.excelsior.com.mx/global/violencia-en-el-salvador-muertes-y-abusos-en-estado-de-emergencia/1513032>

⁸ <https://www.amnesty.org/es/latest/news/2022/04/el-salvador-state-of-emergency-human-rights-violations/>

⁹ <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/AMR4154332022SPANISH.pdf>

¹⁰ <https://www.hrw.org/es/news/2022/05/02/el-salvador-evidencias-de-graves-abusos-durante-el-regimen-de-excepcion>

¹⁷ <https://diario.elmundo.sv/politica/hasta-15-anos-de-prision-por-divulgar-mensajes-de-pandillas-o-hacer-grafitis>

<p>inviolability of communications.</p> <p>Criminalization of May 1 protests ¹</p>			<p>It was detained on March 30th in La Trinidad.</p> <p>Oscar Alfredo Gallegos, a person with a mental disability, was detained by the police and sent to the Penal Center of Mariona, where he died. ⁶</p> <p>Reports from CRISTOSAL state at least 5 deaths.</p>	<p>ONU ¹¹</p> <p>WOLA ¹²</p> <p>IM ¹³</p> <p>CIDH. ¹⁴</p> <p>Congressional Research Service ¹⁵</p>	<p>Criminal, Criminal Law Juvenile, Law of ban on maras and gangs, Regulatory Law of the activities Relating to Drugs. ¹⁸</p> <p>Reforms for “express” purchases: Law of Acquisitions and hirings of the</p>
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¹https://twitter.com/TrabajoSV/status/1519711293820833794?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1519711293820833794%7Ctwgr%5E%7Ctwcon%5Es1_&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fgatoencerrado.news%2F2022%2F03%2F28%2Fbitacora-del-regimen-6%2F

⁶ <https://www.elsalvador.com/noticias/nacional/sepultan-persona-discapacidad-mental-detenido-regimen-de-excepcion-sensuntepeque/949805/2022/>

¹¹ <https://www.europapress.es/internacional/noticia-onu-denuncia-abusos-salvador-estado-excepcion-contener-violencia-20220405131428.html>

¹² <https://www.wola.org/es/2022/03/el-salvador-estado-de-excepcion-y-ataques-contra-organizaciones-y-defensores-as-de-derechos-humanos-facilita-abusos-estatales/>

¹³ <https://im-defensoras.org/2022/03/alerta-urgente-el-salvador-regimen-de-excepcion-supone-grave-amenaza-para-la-labor-y-la-seguridad-de-las-defensoras-salvadorenas-de-derechos-humanos/>

¹⁴https://twitter.com/CIDH/status/1516763934837157890?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1516763934837157890%7Ctwgr%5E%7Ctwcon%5Es1_&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fgatoencerrado.news%2F2022%2F03%2F28%2Fbitacora-del-regimen-6%2F

¹⁵ <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R47083>

¹⁸ https://elfaro.net/es/202203/el_salvador/26105/Bukelismo-aumenta-penas-incluso-a-ni%C3%B1os-y-habilita-jueces-an%C3%B3nimos-contra-pandilleros.

			Unjustified during the exception regime. 7	Secretary of State. USA. ¹⁶	Public Administration. ¹⁹ New Laws: -Compensation Law and Elimination of Impunity of Acts of Terrorism. 20 -Special law for the construction of centers penitentiaries. 21.
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⁷ <https://www.vozdeamerica.com/a/el-salvador-denuncian-147-arrestos-arbitrarios-y-5-muertos-bajo-regimen-de-excepcion/6551035.html>

¹⁶ <https://www.laprensagrafica.com/elsalvador/Secretario-Blinken-reitera-llamado-a-que-GOES-respete-derechos-humanos-durante-regimen-de-excepcion- 20220420-0045.html>

¹⁹ <https://gatoencerrado.news/2022/04/25/asamblea-autoriza-compras-sin-controles-y-con-exencion-de-impuestos-en-regimen-de-excepcion/>

²⁰ <https://www.asamblea.gob.sv/sites/default/files/documents/correspondencia/2E65519F-C171-4D7C-941E-372F4F6FAFC4.pdf>

²¹ <https://www.asamblea.gob.sv/node/12097>