

Honduras coup opens rift

Following Central America's first military coup since 1993, a deep rift has opened between the outside world — which is calling for the return of democratically elected, but largely unpopular President *Manuel Zelaya* — and Congress-designated successor *Roberto Micheletti*



Manuel Zelaya:

Overthrown by army on June 28 and flown into exile after seeking referendum to allow re-election of sitting presidents

Roberto Micheletti:

Leader of Congress, sworn in to serve until Zelaya's term due to expire on January 27. Presidential election due November 29

Population: 7.2 million

Life expectancy: 67 (m), 74 (w)

Main exports: Coffee, shellfish, bananas, gold, palm oil, fruit, timber

GDP per capita: \$4,400 (2008)

Money from Hondurans living in U.S. accounts for more than 25% of gross domestic product