

Organization: Los Olanchanos

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A. When the organization was formed + brief history
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Los Olanchanos is local drug gang based in the San Pedro Sula area. Los Olanchanos has been competing with rival gangs for control over the local drug trade since at least 2008. These rival gangs include Los Tercerenos, Mara 18, and MS 13. Los Olanchanos first emerged in the news during a territorial dispute with MS 13 in 2008. Los Olanchanos appeared once again in 2010 when one of its members was targeted by rival gangs. Since 2010, there have been no other reports of Los Olanchanos activity.
B. Types of illegal activities engaged in,
a. In general
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Selling drugs
b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found
C. Scope and Size
a. Estimated size of network and membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Size of network and membership unknown.Operates in San Pedro Sula, Honduras
b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group's operating area)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Operates in Honduras, with influence in the San Pedro Sula's Felipe Zelaya neighborhood¹ and San Pedro de Lula/Sula area.²
D. Leader Characteristics
a. Who is/are the leader(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">In October 2010, there was an attack directed against an individual called "Froylán."³ It is unknown the role or threat Froylán posed to the group but the attack was large and directed. It is possible that this individual could have a leading role in the organization.
b. Leadership timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found
c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found
E. Organizational Structure
a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found
b. Membership – is there formal or informal membership in the organization or network? What role do informal or nonmembers play in trafficking and other criminal activities?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found
c. Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found
F. Resources
a. Financial

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
b.	Human <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
c.	Logistical <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Forgery, safe-houses, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found Key routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
d.	Transportation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found Air <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found Intermodal container <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities	
a.	Corruption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
b.	Concealment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
c.	Deception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
d.	Circumvention (avoiding border entry points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
H. Prior / Existing Relationships	
a.	Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In March 2008, there was a territorial dispute between Los Olanchanos and Mara Salvatrucha gang (MS 13).⁴ In October 2010 “Froylan” was attacked by two rival gangs “La 18” / “Mara 18” and “Los Tercereros”.⁵
b.	Corrupt politicians, law enforcement , political parties and other state entities, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
c.	<i>Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
J. Technical Sophistication	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
K. Penchant for Innovation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found
L. Activities in United States	
a.	Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities

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b.	<i>Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found
c.	Linkages with US groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Market/transaction links <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found Stable supplier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found Franchise arrangement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found HQ and Branch office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found
M. Evaluations	
a.	Strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the territorial dispute in 2008 with MS-13, a well-established transnational organization, Los Olanchanos managed to maintain control of its local area in San Pedro Sula which shows its strength in the region.
b.	Weaknesses and vulnerabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">
c.	Additional insights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very little information is available on Los Olanchanos. Los Olanchanos appears to be a relatively small gang with influence in Honduras. In all instances where Los Olanchanos is cited, it is clear that there are rival gangs competing for its territory. Throughout these turf wars, Los Olanchanos has managed to stay together from at least 2008 to 2010 suggesting that it is one of the more dominant groups in the San Pedro Sula area. This group appears to be local to the San Pedro Sula area and insignificant in terms of transnational capabilities and scope.
Other Notes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

¹ "Gangs Blamed For Killing 14 Spectators At Soccer Game," *La Tribuna Online*, October 30, 2010, OSC: LAP20101101026002

² "Crime Fears Heightened in Honduras in Wake of Killings," *Global Insight, Lexis Nexis Academic*, March 4, 2008

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