

Honduras' Zelaya calls for “decisive offensive”

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In Honduras, deposed Honduran president Manuel Zelaya has called on his followers to march on the capital Tegucigalpa on Monday, in what he called a “decisive offensive” against the country’s de-facto government.

On Saturday, three months after Mr Zelaya was deposed in a coup and forced to leave the country, thousands of Hondurans took to the streets to demonstrate against the current leaders.

Mr Zelaya, who returned unexpectedly to Honduras just under a week ago, has now taken refuge in the Brazilian embassy. The embassy has since been surrounded by government forces and its supplies of gas, water and electricity cut off.

The government has warned Brazil that action will be taken if, within the next ten days, it does not prevent Mr Zelaya from continuing his protest from within the embassy. The United Nations Security Council has warned the Honduran government not to use violence to remove Mr Zelaya from the building.

The Red Cross says the situation in the Brazilian embassy is indeed poor, but not serious. It added that it could neither confirm nor deny reports that the Honduran army had released a toxic gas into the building.

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