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MANDATE OF NAYIB BUKELE IN THE
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OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

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There is nothing higher than loving and being loved.
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Psalm 13 5:5-6

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ANALYSIS OF EL SALVADOR'S SECURITY POLICY DURING NAYIB BUKELE'S FIRST PRESIDENTIAL TERM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

This research identifies the key components of El Salvador's security policy, "Plan de Control Territorial" (PCT). It analyzes them through the lens of the core human rights and security standards established by the Inter-American Human Rights System (IAHRS). The study evaluated the relationship between the two according to the main jurisprudential and doctrinal lines found after review, systematization, and content analysis of the Inter-American legislation, jurisprudence, and doctrine. The research determined the main inter-American guidelines related to Salvadoran conditions: the restriction of human rights, the suspension of freedoms, due process of law, public order, the use of force, and the deprivation of liberty. In this way, the paper provided a precise categorization of human rights standards in punitive security approaches, which made it possible to assess whether the Salvadoran policy is viable and compatible with its inter-American commitments. Finally, given the found dissonance resulting from the comparison between the IAHRS and the PCT, and therefore, the impossibility of exporting it as a model, alternatives in the region were explored that do safeguard the IAHRS standards and can serve as practical guides in the formulation of public policies.

Keywords

Territorial Control Plan (PCT), inter-American human rights system, public policy, national security, jurisprudential lines, inter-American doctrine

ANÁLISIS DE LA POLÍTICA DE SEGURIDAD DE EL SALVADOR DURANTE EL PRIMER PERÍODO PRESIDENCIAL DE NAYIB BUKELE EN EL MARCO DEL SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS

RESUMEN

Esta investigación identifica los componentes clave de la política de seguridad de El Salvador "Plan de Control Territorial" (PCT) y los analiza a la luz de los principales estándares internacionales de derechos humanos y seguridad del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos (SIDH). El estudio evalúa la relación entre ambos de acuerdo a las principales líneas jurisprudenciales y doctrinarias encontradas tras la consulta, sistematización y análisis de contenido de los cuerpos normativos, jurisprudencia y doctrina interamericanos. La investigación determina como principales lineamientos interamericanos relativos a las condiciones salvadoreñas: la restricción de derechos humanos, la suspensión de libertades, el debido proceso legal, el orden público y uso de la fuerza y la privación de la libertad. De este modo, el trabajo proporciona una categorización precisa de estándares de derechos humanos en enfoques de seguridad punitivos, lo que permite valorar si la experiencia salvadoreña es viable y compatible con sus compromisos interamericanos. Finalmente, ante la disonancia resultante de la comparación entre el SIDH y el PCT y la imposibilidad de la exportación del modelo Bukele, se exploran las alternativas en la región que sí precautelan lo establecido por el SIDH y pueden servir de guías prácticas en la formulación de políticas públicas.

Palabras clave

Plan de Control Territorial (PCT), sistema interamericano de derechos humanos, política pública, seguridad nacional, líneas jurisprudenciales, doctrina interamericana