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# Nicaragua commemorates the 42nd anniversary of the founding of the Navy

Monday, 15 august 2022

The President of the Republic, Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo presided over the ceremony marking the 42nd anniversary of the founding of the Nicaraguan Army Naval Force.

The ceremony was held at the Olof Palme Convention Center in Managua and in attendance were Army General Julio César Avilés Castillo; Major General Bayardo Ramón Rodríguez Ruiz, Chief of the General Staff of the Nicaraguan Army; Major General Marvin Elías Corrales Rodríguez, Inspector General of the Nicaraguan Army.

Also present were Mrs. Rosa Adelina Barahona Castro, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Nicaragua; First Commissioner Francisco Javier Díaz Madriz, Director General of the National Police; Chief of the Nicaraguan Army Naval Force, Rear Admiral Ángel Fonseca Donaire.

The President of Nicaragua, Commander Daniel Ortega, in his message referred to the growth of the Naval Force, "we are here exchanging with our brother Commander in Chief of the Army, Julio César Avilés and other commanders, remembering how the Naval Force has grown since 1979 with the triumph of the Revolution. This is a country with a very small economy and therefore, we do not have large resources to buy huge, gigantic ships, like those that developed countries have".

Commander Ortega also recalled the small boats recovered and operated by Miskitos, who took over as Coast Guardsmen.

"We remembered that what we found, which was what was left from the [National] Guard that the United States installed, armed and trained here in Nicaragua after the assassination of Sandino; What we found were two small coastal watch boats, the Dabur, and I remember that I met the Dabur on the trip we made to the [Atlantic] Coast in 1979, in September 1979, just after the triumph of the Revolution. We traveled by land and arrived at Bilwi and in Bilwi we went to the dock and asked about the coastal watch boats and there they were, Dabur, small, compact, very strong coast watch vessels, which have nothing to do with the ships that developed countries have", he recalled.

He recalled that it was on a day like this, the 15th of August, but in 1912, when Yankee troops landed in Nicaragua.

"The army of the United States of America. It had already suffered the first defeat in San Jacinto by Nicaraguan forces, the national army led by General José Dolores Estrada in the year 1856, but already, in the year 1912, the Yankee troops disembarked [again]. And it was a Nicaraguan, with dignity, who fought and confronted and even created a provisional government, with General Mena and Zeledón, but when the Yankee troops landed, Mena did not resist. It was Zeledón who [resisted and] continued fighting, from 15 August 1912 to 4 October 1912. In other words, he fought from August, September, to

to October and two months later he gave his life for freedom, for the dignity of Nicaragua", he said. He also referred to the role played [recently] by the President of Argentina in the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

"We are living painful moments, because whoever holds the presidency of CELAC, precisely Argentina, is betraying the principles of CELAC, becoming an instrument of the Yankee empire", said President Ortega.

"Since when did Argentina, since when did they stop being independent? and now [Argentina] responds to US laws, and to US judges and to the persecutions of the United States, since when?", said President Daniel Ortega.

The President, Commander Daniel Ortega in his speech continued saying, "we have known an independent Argentina, and the most painful thing (...) the President of CELAC acting (...), I would not say the very same, because [as president] he has a greater responsibility, because he represents that people, and because he was elected by a people, the brave people of Argentina; he is playing a more shameful role, sorrier than the one played openly by Almagro with the gringos".

"He has 11, 12 Venezuelan brothers kidnapped there... simply because that is what the Yankees ordered, from Washington; and they wash their hands of it saying, that is a matter of justice. I did not know that Argentina submits to the dictates of the Yankee empire, and it has hijacked an airplane, following in the same steps as the British empire", said President Daniel Ortega.

He expressed his solidarity with the families of the Venezuelan victims, as well as with the President of the Bolivarian Republic, Nicolás Maduro, for these acts.

He also greeted ministers, members of the Government Cabinet, directors of autonomous entities, generals and senior officers, municipal mayors, former chiefs of the Navy, members of the diplomatic corps, defense attachés, officers of the Navy, relatives of General Augusto C. Sandino, Commander Hilario Sánchez, among others.

He also greeted on behalf of the [Nicaraguan] people the representatives of 22 nations who were present, among them the ambassadors of Abkhazia, Bolivia, Chile, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Iran, Libya, Mexico, Peru, Russia and Venezuela and the chargés d'affaires of Argentina, Colombia, Honduras, Panama, Palestine, the Saharawi Arab Republic, as well as the consul of Japan, the Minister Counselor of the Dominican Republic.

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<https://diariobarricada.com/2022/08/15/desde-cuando-argentina-dejo-de-ser-independiente/>



## INTERVIEW: Minister says China collaborates as strategic partner to overcome poverty in Nicaragua

Tuesday, 16 august 2022

Eight months after the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between China and Nicaragua, the Central American nation sees the Asian country as a strategic partner that can contribute, together with the Nicaraguan government, to overcome poverty, said the Minister of Development, Industry and Trade of Nicaragua, José de Jesús Bermúdez.

In an interview with Xinhua [News], Bermudez considered that cooperation and trade between the two countries can be beneficial in several sectors to also increase the standard of living of the population of the Central American country and make its economy "one of the most prosperous in Central America, Latin America and the Caribbean".

"We see China as a great support in increasing our exports, investments, industrialization and growth in the supply of services aimed at production, as well as tourism," said the senior official.

The head of the Ministry of Development, Industry and Commerce of Nicaragua stressed that since reestablishing diplomatic relations between Beijing and Managua in December 2021, "the ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries have been strengthened".

He mentioned, by way of example, the continued signing of bilateral cooperation agreements in different spheres, which "are generating a new era in our bilateral relationship", while highlighting the launching of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two parties.

the Minister celebrated, while anticipating that the signing of this instrument represents "a historic opportunity to increase bilateral trade, the flow of investments and the transfer of technologies and knowledge".

Bermúdez said that the main products that his country intends to export to China are clothing and automotive harnesses, as well as agricultural and fishing goods, including shrimp, beef and bovine offal.

And, in turn, from China it seeks to import, among other things, agricultural inputs such as fertilizers, communication devices, telephony, household appliances, computers and spare parts.

The Nicaraguan official stressed that China was the fourth largest supplier of imported goods to Nicaragua in 2021, so the Central American country expects that the Early Harvest Agreement signed by both countries last July, as well as the FTA being negotiated, will enhance trade and complementarity between the respective economies.

Bermúdez also noted that China and Nicaragua could collaborate in various types of international forums to foster common policies that promote a greater balance and equity in international trade relations, contributing to the fulfillment of the objectives of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://spanish.news.cn/20220816/a6d6bc36950a4ae2b3b9d9ab0c043f92/c.html>





# Government of Nicaragua presents "Adelante" Program

Wednesday, 17 august 2022

The Government of Reconciliation and National Unity presented the "Adelante" Program, which will allow financing with fair credit for production, entrepreneurship and small businesses in urban and rural areas.

Its objectives are to promote the fight against poverty by accompanying men and women in developing their business plans, contributing to the enhancement of productive capacities for better and greater output and productivity, as well as to provide financing with fair interest rates and agile mechanisms.

This program will be implemented by a Board of Directors through the Ministry of Family Economy in the Zero Usury offices located in each municipality.

It is aimed at the primary sectors (agriculture, livestock, forestry, fishing, aquaculture and others), and secondary (industry, manufacturing, agribusiness, etc.) and tertiary sectors (commerce, hotels, restaurants, transportation, communication, services, among others). In order to do so, the protagonists will be asked about their business plan, project or investment plan.

The Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Ivan Acosta, indicated that this program will have an impact on more than 60% of the protagonists or agents that guarantee the functioning of the economy in all sectors and contribute with approximately 40% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It will have a financing during its first stage of \$80 million US dollars.

"This Adelante Program comes to be a synthesis, an improvement in production and financing, in the provision of loans, in technical assistance, in the formulation of business plans to have a greater impact in the economy," Acosta said.

"The objectives are ambitious, to achieve a production chain, finance production, satisfy the domestic market, satisfy the increase in consumption, but also, contribute to expanding exports to international markets and, above all, to maximize the new Free Trade Agreement with the People's Republic of China and the early harvest agreement that is already in force. The agreement will begin in the coming days with exports to that major market," he added.

The President of the [Adelante] Program, Ms. Leonor Corea, said that our Government throughout these 17 years has been accompanying Nicaraguans with different products, with different programs and now we are taking another step forward, through which President Daniel and [Vice President] Rosario will be accompanying medium and small producers. "The three-year program will have a portfolio of approximately 2,725 million córdobas and is expected to serve 181,500 protagonists. We are starting this year with 5,000 between now and December," said Corea.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:131375-gobierno-de-nicaragua-presenta-programa-adelante>



## PRESS RELEASE: Supreme Electoral Council publishes official Electoral Calendar

Thursday ,18 august 2022

[On Thursday], the Supreme Electoral Council (known by its Spanish acronym, CSE) of Nicaragua, published the official Electoral Calendar for the celebration of the 2022 Municipal Elections, which will be held on 6 November 2022.

It should be noted that this Electoral Calendar was prepared based upon a Previous Process of Analysis and Consultations, in which the observations of all the legally constituted Political Parties and Organizations that will participate in these municipal elections were taken into account.

Therefore, pursuant to the powers conferred by Article 173 of the Political Constitution of the Republic; Articles 4, 10 and 13 of the Electoral Law, Law 331, resolves:

The approval of the Electoral Calendar for the Municipal Elections 2022 to elect the offices of Mayors and Deputy Municipal Mayors [of alternate genders]; likewise, to elect the offices of the Members of the Municipal Councils, proprietors, with their respective alternates [with due attention to gender parity], by Municipal District, in the 153 municipalities of Nicaragua.

This document, published in La Gaceta, Official Gazette of the Republic of Nicaragua, establishes the development of the activities of the electoral process of the Municipal Elections of 2022, as established in Article 04 of Law 331, Electoral Law, which states that "the Supreme Electoral Council, in consultation with the political organizations that enjoy legal personality, shall elaborate an Electoral Calendar, with due notice, for each election, indicating, among other activities: the term, development, procedure of the Electoral Campaign and the day of the voting".

This electoral body continues reaffirming its commitment to strengthen Democracy, Peace and Stability; working to guarantee all Nicaraguans a Free, Fair and Transparent electoral process.

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## The “United Nicaragua Triumphs” Alliance registers with the Supreme Electoral Council (CSE)

Friday, 19 august 2022

This Friday, the “United Nicaragua Triumphs” Alliance registered before the Supreme Electoral Council (known by its Spanish acronym, CSE), in order to participate in the Municipal Elections 2022, to be held next 6 November in Nicaragua.

The director for Attention of Political Parties of the CSE, Julio Acuña, received from Edwin Castro, legal representative of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), the registration of the Alianza Unida Nicaragua Triunfa (United Nicaragua Triumphs Alliance).

Together with Castro, other members of the “United Nicaragua Triumphs” Alliance were also present, such as: personalities, parties, movements and representatives, members and movements that also form part of the “United Nicaragua Triumphs” Alliance.

"Today, in compliance with numeral 3 of the Electoral Calendar, we are here to request the registration of the Alianza Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional (FSLN) Unida Nicaragua Triunfa, an alliance formed by the FSLN, the Partido Liberal Nacionalista (PLN), the Partido Unidad Cristiana (PUC), the Partido Alternativa por el Cambio (AC), Partido Resistencia Nicaragüense (PRN), Partido Indígena Multiétnico (PIM), Yapti Tasba Masraka Raya Movement Party (Myatamaran), Autonomous Liberal Party (PAL),

Progressive Indigenous Movement Party of the Moskitia (Moskitia Pawanka), as well as the Nicaraguan Resistance Alliance (Arnic), the Evangelical Movement in Convergence, the Indigenous Movement of the Caribbean Coast, the Movement of Constitutionalist Liberals of Convergence and the Independent Constitutionalist Liberal Movement (MLCI)", Castro detailed.

The legal representative of the FSLN mentioned that in the “United Nicaragua Triumphs” Alliance they are also accompanied by the former Vice President of the Republic of Nicaragua, Jaime Morales Carazo; as well as the former Minister of State and former president of the Central American Parliament (Parlacen) and current deputy of that body, Dr. José Antonio Alvarado.

At the end of his intervention, the legal representative Edwin Castro delivered the constitutive act of the “United Nicaragua Triumphs” Alliance, to the director of Attention of Political Parties of the (CSE).

### ***Allies optimistic about the Revolutionary Project***

Engineer Jaime Morales Carazo was happy to accompany all the friends who are going to run, and who will surely win the highest number of posts in the Municipal Elections 2022.

"I have acted as an indication of this plurality, which is a unity within this diversity of tendencies, positions and ideologies and we have received, in the case of José Antonio and myself who do not belong to any party, the respect and the sincere, fraternal welcome of all the friends and comrades of the Sandinista Front", he commented.

For her part, Carla White, representative of the Nicaraguan Coast's women, assured that they are convinced that unity is the right thing to do for the future of the Caribbean regions, the peoples and the country.

We are thinking and we have already talked about moving forward with (President) Daniel and (Compañera) Rosario, and in this way, we hope, it is best [for us], to continue with the[se] projects, mega projects," she said.

Dr. José Antonio Alvarado stated that development and peace, equality and opportunities are built from the municipalities, that is why this is an opportunity for all Nicaraguans to participate in the 2022 Municipal Elections.

"I believe that through this alliance, together, we will truly transform, with the support of the Central Government, all the municipalities of the country; and that means reducing poverty and ensuring continuity for the development of our people", she expressed.

Elia María Galeano, known as Comandante Chaparra, said that they are accompanying the "United Nicaragua Triumphs" Alliance to continue with health, education and many other projects.

"The Comandante (Daniel Ortega) continues working for peace, for the freedom of Nicaragua, and all of us as allies," she said.



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