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Protecting the lives of families is the priority of Nicaragua's National Road Emergency Plan

MONDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2022

A few days ago, the National Police through the National Transit Directorate re-launched the National Highway Emergency Plan with the objective of protecting the lives of Nicaraguan families by reducing deaths and injuries resulting from traffic accidents.

Commissioner General Vilma Reyes, head of the National Transit Directorate, during an interview in En Vivo Magazine, mentioned that the relaunching of this plan obeys the guidelines of President Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo.

"We continue to intensify, the purpose is to protect the lives of families and all Nicaraguans and the main objective is to reduce fatalities and traffic accidents, our Compañera Rosario said textually we do not know how to drive properly, and now that the holidays are upon us, we will have the Purisima, and all the upcoming festivities, so our concern is to reduce the fatalities from traffic accidents, which during this period and throughout this year have increased in such a way that we were instructed to establish surveillance systems at all the most dangerous sites", she said.

She explained that "the plan has [produced] results, with more than 400 thousand people trained, the whole State has been trained, all the different sectors, yet we had not been able to

reduce the danger which is what we are [now] being instructed to do, to reduce the number of fatalities in traffic accidents".

Commissioner Reyes quoted the words of Compañera Rosario Murillo, where she indicated that " our concern is that traffic accidents are increasing and this is a season in which we travel a lot, in a festive manner, sometimes with drinking and we do not know how to drive responsibly and that is why we are reestablishing the entire Highway Safety Plan that had been prepared, [re]evaluating and relaunching it so that we take into account the accidents, how they have increased in number and where they have increased the most".

"We are very concerned about it and we are addressing it from the National Police, the General Directorate of Transit.... And you are going to see us on the road, the bridges, the road crossings, safeguarding life, also making the call to drivers, to be responsible for the lives, not only of those who are in their vehicle, but also those who circulate nearby or in another vehicle", she added.

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National Assembly approves air transport agreement between Nicaragua-Mexico

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2022

During its Tuesday, 6 December session, the National Assembly approved the air transport agreement between Nicaragua and the United Mexican States, which will strengthen and develop civil aviation and promote tourism in both countries.

According to Congresswoman Iris Montenegro, this new agreement will facilitate the authorization of airlines between both nations, which in turn will offer greater flight connections for passengers, as well as everything related to moving cargo.

"This will allow us to continue strengthening cooperation relations between Nicaragua and Mexico. This agreement was signed by representatives of both nations in Mexico in August of this year, and this is part of Nicaragua's efforts to develop our air transportation system," said Montenegro, current president of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly.

She stressed that the agreement would help guarantee the highest degree of safety and protection for international air travel by promoting an aviation system based on competition among airlines with minimum interference, government regulation and equal opportunities.

"This agreement strengthens Nicaragua's Civil Aeronautics because it creates a series of conditions that are based on our laws, but also on the treaties established by the International Aviation Organization. This agreement provides in detail the guidelines to guarantee safety in the transport of citizens, the transport of goods and other aspects that may be useful and necessary in international air traffic," Montenegro pointed out.

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UNESCO representative meets with Ministry of Education authorities

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2022

Mr. Alexander Leicht, the new officer in charge of the UNESCO's Costa Rica Cluster Office and Representative for Nicaragua met with authorities of the Ministry of Education (MINED), where they discussed Nicaragua's progress in education over the past 15 years, as well as the challenges they have faced and the goals to be achieved.

Mrs. Lilliam Herrera, Minister of Education, expressed that on behalf of President Daniel Ortega and Compañera Rosario Murillo, they received Mr. Alexander Leicht, with whom they discussed the fundamental topic of how Education in Nicaragua has been developing from an integral point of view.

"Today Mr. Leicht got a good sense of the challenges and issues that we have faced over the past 15 years of this new Education Revolution. And we consider that the topics are aligned with the objectives that UNESCO and the Cluster Office have within its purview of science, education, and culture," she said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Alexander Leicht said that this is his first visit to Nicaragua and was very grateful for the welcome he received from the Sandinista Government and the Ministry of Education.

"We had a very constructive meeting, sharing the priorities of the Government and the priorities of UNESCO. We concluded that there is a lot of affinity between the work being done here in Nicaragua, the great commitment to human development through Education and UNESCO's vision of Education, which is very much in line with this view of mobilizing Education for human development, seeing Education from an integral perspective, one which advances the cognitive, socioemotional and [taking] actions in our world," he said.

Mr. Leicht mentioned that his office at UNESCO will analyze the country's achievements, some concrete school projects, analyze what has been done, why they worked well, and that other countries can learn from these achievements in Nicaraguan education.

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Nicaragua and China celebrate first anniversary of the reestablishment of diplomatic relations

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2022

The Ruben Dario National Theater, in Managua, was the center stage where the Government of Nicaragua and the People's Republic of China celebrated the first anniversary of the reestablishment of diplomatic relations with a spectacular concert in which they enjoyed melodies that are part of the folklore of China and the traditional folklore and Christmas music of Nicaragua.

This cultural event was attended by representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in the country, authorities of state institutions and special guests.

Laureano Ortega Murillo, presidential advisor for Investment Promotion, Trade, and International Cooperation, said that they will continue to work hand-in-hand with China in the field of cooperation and brotherhood.

"We are kicking off these celebrations for the first anniversary of the reestablishment of full [diplomatic] relations between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Nicaragua with a beautiful concert dedicated to us by Maestro Ramón Rodríguez, the children's choir that has been working with the student choir projects of the Ministry of Education, the Rubén Darío Youth Symphony Orchestra, which has

providing [musical] instruments for these young people," said Laureano.

The presidential advisor added that "Today we bring the fraternal greetings, the embrace of our President Daniel, our Vice President Compañera Rosario to brother President Xi Jinping, the Communist Party of China, its people and its government reiterating the close friendship, fraternity, brotherhood, between our peoples and governments and that will continue for many more years of triumphs, victories reached hand-in-hand between China and Nicaragua".

Likewise, His Excellency Chen Xi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Nicaragua, expressed his gratitude for [tonight's] performance that enables both cultures to come together.



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"Tomorrow will be the first anniversary of our diplomatic relations. We have every reason to celebrate thanks to the personal attention of the top leaders, joint efforts of all sectors of our two countries. Political trust has been consolidated day by day, mutually beneficial partnerships have developed fruitfully, and cultural and humanistic exchanges have developed dynamically," said the ambassador.

The head of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Iván Acosta, on this first anniversary, affirmed that it is a date that is marked in the history of Nicaragua.

"The best relations have begun between two peoples, two countries, two parties such as the Sandinista National Liberation Front and the Chinese Communist Party with which we are working on a cooperation program in all fields, where we have prioritized the early harvest agreement and the negotiation of the Free Trade Agreement, which we hope to conclude next semester," said finance minister Acosta.

Acosta added that all the above opens great opportunities for Nicaragua.



Finally, the president of the National Assembly, Gustavo Porras, said: "We really feel that it has been a lifelong brotherhood and rapprochement. It is a strengthening of ties between two revolutions that seek prosperity, peace, and solidarity".

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National Assembly increases budget for social investment

FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2022

On Friday, with 90 votes in favor, the members of the National Assembly approved a reform to the 2023 General Budget Law of the Republic, at the request presented by President Daniel Ortega and based on the positive evolution of revenues this year.

According to estimates, by the end of 2022, revenues will amount to C\$112,790.9 million, which means an increase of C\$21,248.4 million (23.2%) with respect to the initial goal of the Budget and of C\$10,151.2 million (9.9%) with respect to the revenues collected in 2021.

With this amendment, important adjustments are incorporated to the expenditure in relation to the approved budget, mainly aimed at: Subsidies to final consumers of diesel and gasoline fuels (C\$3,942.7 million) as of March to support price stability in all economic activities in the country, in view of the increase in oil prices due to the crisis; subsidies to final consumers of electricity (C\$3.0 million); subsidies to drinking water (C\$362.7 million); subsidies to transportation at the national level (C\$5178.3 million); and subsidies to the import of wheat for bread flour (C\$281.4 million).

These subsidies, which together amount to C\$6,588.1 million, or 42.0% of the increase in spending from domestic sources and 44.7% of the net increase in spending under this bill, are aimed at protecting the disposable income of low-income consumers, while maintaining stable prices and tariffs for end consumers.



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