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Nicaragua launches National Voluntary Covid-19 Booster Vaccination Campaign

Monday, 19 September 2022

Today, aiming to continue protecting the lives of Nicaraguan families, the National Voluntary Booster Vaccination Campaign against Covid-19 was launched in the city of Matagalpa.

The campaign began with a community walk accompanied by health workers, which started at the Darío Park and concluded with a central event at the Morazán Park, where vaccination posts were set up.

Dr. Leonardo Peralta addressed the public that participated in this campaign and stated that the goal is to apply boosters or initiate vaccination schemes to all those who need it.

"As part of this new campaign we will visit neighborhoods and communities throughout Matagalpa. The importance of this campaign is that we all protect ourselves to avoid getting sick with Covid-19 and by being vaccinated, we protect our family," said Peralta, Director of Disease Prevention of Matagalpa.

He added that all health posts and centers throughout the Department of Matagalpa will be offering vaccinations, so that the population will have (easy) access to the vaccines.

"We will also be implementing a strategy of house-to-house vaccination visits throughout the territory. We will be mobilizing brigadistas and health workers," added Peralta.

The [Covid] vaccination rate in Matagalpa last year was 100 percent and in 2022 there is a high percentage of vaccinated people.

"We have to get vaccinated because doing so is good for the community and the entire people of Nicaragua. It is important that we get vaccinated, and I hope that no one is left without a vaccine that could save their life," said Geronimo Castro from the community of Las Flores.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:132394-nicaragua-inicia-jornada-nacional-de-vacunacion-voluntaria-de-refuerzo-contra-la-covid-19>



China reaffirms support to Nicaraguan efforts to defend its sovereignty

Tuesday, 20 September 2022

The People's Republic of China reaffirmed its commitment to support Nicaragua's efforts to defend its sovereignty, independence, and national dignity. He stated that the independent decision taken by our country on its development path has the full support of the Asian giant.

During a meeting with Foreign Minister Denis Moncada Colindres, held on Monday on the sidelines of the current 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), China's State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi stated that China will continue to defend justice on issues concerning Nicaragua.

The two sides agreed to seize the opportunity presented by the first anniversary of the renewal of diplomatic relations between the two countries and bring their bilateral relations to a new level.

At the meeting with his Nicaraguan counterpart, Wang Yi reaffirmed that Presidents Xi Jinping and Daniel Ortega have drawn a blueprint for bilateral relations since the two sides resumed diplomatic ties in December last year, which has led to the rapid development of bilateral relations with fruitful early harvests.

It is a proven fact that restoring diplomatic ties is fully in line with the fundamental interests of our two countries and two peoples, Wang Yi said.

He thanked Nicaragua for its unwavering support for the one-China principle and expressed the conviction that our nation will continue to support the just stance on issues relating to China's fundamental interests.

Wang assured [Moncada] that China is willing to strengthen cooperation with Nicaragua in connection with the joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative and the creation of synergies between the two countries' respective development strategies. "We hope that the mutual political trust between our two nations can be translated into momentum for comprehensive cooperation, he added.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/generales/china-reafirma-apoyo-a-nicaragua-en-esfuerzo-por-defender-soberania/>



Swearing in of members of the Municipal Electoral Councils

Wednesday, 21 September 2022

On 21 September, the authorities of the Departmental Electoral Councils (CED) and Regional Electoral Councils (CER), swore in the members of the Municipal Electoral Councils (CEM), in compliance with activity number 17 of the Electoral Calendar.

Starting from that date, in accordance with the provisions of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua and Law No. 331, the Electoral Law, the [newly] sworn-in members assumed their duties for the upcoming 6 November Municipal Elections.

It is worth noting that the Electoral Branch, in compliance with the concept of alternation and gender equity, guarantees that 50% of the Municipal Electoral Councils will be made up of women and the other half by men, and if the number of municipalities [in a given] Department is uneven, in accordance with the Law, half plus one will be presided by women, ensuring equity both in terms of holding public office [cargos propietarios] and as alternates.

As a result, 79 female presidents and 74 male presidents of the Municipal Electoral Councils were sworn-in, representing 153 municipalities throughout all the Departments of the country and the two regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua.

The citizens representing Political Parties and Political Party Alliances, pledged before the Nation to comply with their main duties established in Law No. 331, the Electoral Law.

The Supreme Electoral Council commended the organization and transparency of the CEDs and CERs upon verifying the process for the proposal, appointment and swearing in of the Municipal Electoral Councils in compliance with the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://diariobarricada.com/2022/09/07/nicaragua-juramenta-a-consejos-electorales-departamentales-y-regionales/>



Nicaraguan Foreign Minister continues round of bilateral meetings to promote multilateralism

Thursday, 22 September 2022

On the second day of the General Debate of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Delegation of the Government of National Reconciliation and Unity, led by Denis Moncada Colindres, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, attended a meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and held bilateral meetings with Comrade Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Foreign Ministers of Somalia, Armenia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Zimbabwe.

In these meetings full of friendship and solidarity in favor of multilateralism, Denis Moncada Colindres, conveyed the greetings of our President-Comandante Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo.

The High Representatives at these meetings agreed on the importance of continuing to strengthen bilateral relations with Nicaragua in all areas, as well as the importance of the

Political-Diplomatic Dialogue and the fundamental role multilateralism plays in international fora.

The Chairman of the Ministerial Council of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), Mr. Mario Búcaro, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, opened the meeting by thanking the Member States present for their participation.

Minister Búcaro asked the Member States to strengthen economic and trade ties to move forward as a region by building upon the good experiences that have been implemented in our region. He highlighted Nicaragua's achievements under its policy of good governance, with great results in infrastructure and ports.

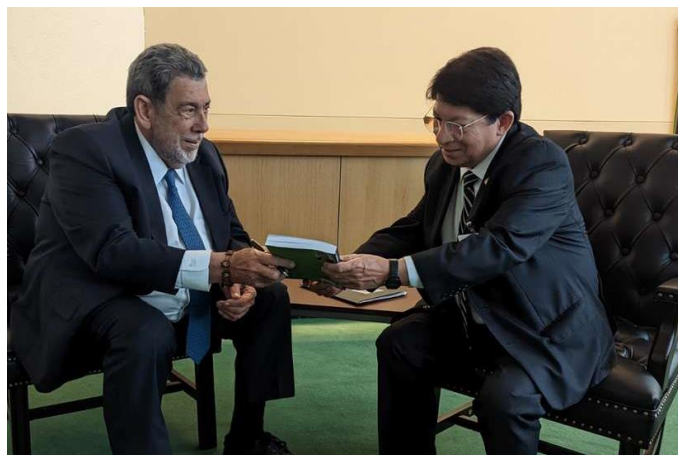
During a very cordial bilateral meeting, the Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Mr. Ralph Gonsalves, recalled with enthusiasm his recent trip to the Autonomous

Region of the South Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua, especially his meeting with the Garifuna and Afro-descendant populations. He expressed his interest in promoting exchanges of experiences among the youth of both countries.

Mr. Frederick Shava, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe, reaffirmed the historical relationship of friendship between Nicaragua and his country, which he said should be continued and deepened.

Minister Shava recalled that in the 80's he came as part of a delegation to Nicaragua and met with Commander Daniel and expressed his pleasure that Nicaragua is continuing on the path of Justice and Progress for its People.

During the bilateral meeting between Foreign Minister Denis Moncada and Mr. Ararat Mirzoyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, both Ministers exchanged observations and information on the situation in their respective countries and regions.



FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:132530-canciller-de-nicaragua-continua-ronda-de-reuniones-bilaterales-en-pro-del-multilateralismo>



TELCOR decision defends Nicaragua's national sovereignty

Friday, 23 September 2022

Vice President Rosario Murillo explained the objective and legal reasons why the regulating entity, TELCOR, ordered the suspension of the transmission in Nicaragua of the interventionist channel, CNN in Spanish.

"Today, from that unwavering perspective of national sovereignty, irrevocable national sovereignty, we want to comment on the decision that the regulating entity, TELCOR, conveyed a few days ago to all subscription television collaborators, ordering with the authority conferred by the Law and the Political Constitution of Nicaragua, to remove CNN en Español from the cable television grids", she said.

She pointed out that *"TELCOR's press release clearly explains how CNN en Español has violated the Political Constitution of Nicaragua, which in its first article establishes that the independence, sovereignty and national self-determination are inalienable rights of the Nicaraguan people and are fundamental to our nation".*

She added that the statement by *"TELCOR affirms that it is the duty of all Nicaraguans to preserve and defend these rights, and that articles 6 and 7 state that the right to broadcast information is a social responsibility and must be exercised with strict respect for the provisions of the Constitution".*

"Moreover, Law 919 on Sovereign Security of our Nicaragua, whose provisions relate to the [maintenance of] public order and are of supreme national interest, guarantees independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and self-determination as inalienable rights of the Nicaraguan people and the same law defines as a threat to sovereign security, any act of foreign interference in [our] national affairs, as well as any act or illicit activity that threatens the integral development of the individual, the family and the community," said the Vice President.

She also emphasized that it is the duty of the telecommunications regulator to ensure the

the protection, defense and preservation of the principles and guarantees set forth in the Political Constitution and other laws on the matter.

She explained that "TELCOR has verified that the content transmitted by the CNN channel in Spanish, through the subscription television network, violates and injures the aforementioned legal norms, and therefore, orders the withdrawal of that channel from the authorized channel grids".

"The resolution is based on the highest and supreme law of the Republic, our Political Constitution, and this communiqué from TELCOR makes clear before our people and the world, the objective reasons for [asserting] the inalienable defense of our national sovereignty, and also justifies the decision of the regulating entity to suspend transmissions in Nicaragua of this meddlesome channel", Murillo concluded.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://diariobarricada.com/2022/09/23/decision-de-telcor-defiende-la-soberania-nacional-de-nicaragua/>

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