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Supreme Electoral Council officializes FSLN's resounding victory in municipal elections

MONDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2022

The Supreme Electoral Council in use of the attributions referred to in article 173 of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Nicaragua made official in La Gaceta, the provisional results of the elections held on Sunday, 6 November in the 153 municipalities throughout the country.

The total votes were 2,108,003, of which 2,028,035 were valid and 79,968 were invalid.

In the municipality of Managua 392,489 votes were cast to elect mayors and deputy mayors, of which 376,201 were valid. A total of 274,537 people voted for the United Nicaragua Triumphs Alliance headed by the FSLN.

In the department of Managua, the Alliance achieved resounding victories in the capital, Tipitapa, San Francisco Libre, Mateare, Villa El Carmen, Ticuantepe, San Rafael del Sur, El Crucero and Ciudad Sandino.

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MUNICIPIO	ALCALDE Y VICE ALCALDE						
	VOTOS DEPOSITADOS	VOTOS VALIDOS	PLC	AFSLN	YATAMA	ALN	APRE
CIUDAD SANDINO	34,968	33,539	4,706	23,322	NP	1,940	1,822
EL CRUCERO	7,538	7,087	1,013	5,084	NP	335	335
MANAGUA	392,489	376,201	43,678	274,537	NP	19,654	19,595
MATEARE	16,899	16,227	2,074	11,850	NP	830	757
SAN FRANCISCO LIBRE	3,908	3,789	145	3,386	NP	122	67
SAN RAFAEL DEL SUR	19,985	19,185	3,581	13,070	NP	869	851
TICUANTEPE	14,773	14,090	1,469	10,457	NP	747	719
TIPITAPA	52,411	50,306	4,497	38,842	NP	2,318	2,165
VILLA EL CARMEN	14,139	13,543	1,276	10,621	NP	532	604

DEPARTAMENTO: MANAGUA							
MUNICIPIO	CONCEJALES MUNICIPALES						
	VOTOS DEPOSITADOS	VOTOS VALIDOS	PLC	AFSLN	YATAMA	ALN	APRE
CIUDAD SANDINO	34,968	33,539	3,324	26,596	NP	1,478	1,275
EL CRUCERO	7,538	7,087	771	5,675	NP	256	233
MANAGUA	392,489	376,162	21,554	325,077	NP	12,960	9,017
MATEARE	16,899	16,227	1,483	13,231	NP	633	530
SAN FRANCISCO LIBRE	3,908	3,789	113	3,485	NP	106	48
SAN RAFAEL DEL SUR	19,985	19,185	2,656	14,843	NP	663	607
TICUANTEPE	14,773	14,090	1,057	11,606	NP	568	509
TIPITAPA	52,411	50,311	3,239	42,546	NP	1,761	1,514
VILLA EL CARMEN	14,139	13,543	954	11,490	NP	409	428

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<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/cse-oficializa-contundente-triunfo-del-fsln-en-elecciones-municipales/>



Nicaragua's Message at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 27)

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022

Mr. Mohamed Farrar Lashtar
Minister Advisor and Delegate of the President
of the Republic for Africa, the Middle East,
and Arab Countries.

Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, November 15, 2022.

Mr. President of the COP 27,

Dear Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Heads of
Delegation and Delegates.

Good afternoon,

1. Our delegation has the honor to convey the fraternal greetings of the President of the Republic of Nicaragua, Comandante Daniel Ortega Saavedra and Comrade Vice President Rosario Murillo Zambrana, to all the Peoples and Governments represented here, in particular the Government and People of Egypt, for their hospitality and organization of such an important event.

2. Climate change is an issue that concerns the whole world, which is why we are meeting. Developed countries generate emissions of around 50 billion tons of carbon dioxide, which are already causing concentrations of 420 parts per million and anomalies of temperatures of 1.1 degrees Celsius.

3. Nicaragua is the country that has the highest frequency of hydro meteorological phenomena, which have economic consequences that exceed our financial capacity to restore the damage and the economy, as was the case with the most recent Hurricane Julia, in October 2022, which left us with economic losses of \$367 million.

Mr. President,

- To face the effects of climate change, it is urgent that developed countries reduce their emissions by 50% by 2030, with a financial mobilization of US\$100 billion per year; and setting Losses and Damages at the same level as adaptation and mitigation.

- It is urgent to strengthen Climate Justice with an indispensable policy of reparations in this COP-27, which must be based on the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capacities.

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134432-mensaje-de-nicaragua-en-la-convencion-marco-de-las-naciones-unidas-sobre-cambio-climatico>



Nicaragua shares human rights achievements in Eurasia

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2022

The Government of Nicaragua participated in the VI International Conference "Defense of Human Rights in Eurasia", where it shared Nicaragua's model, based on the values of Christianity, socialism and solidarity, and which has allowed the country to move forward towards a more just, equitable and inclusive society.

The Attorney General of the Republic, Wendy Morales, representing Nicaragua, conveyed to Tatiana Moskalkova, High Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation, the greetings of President Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo.

She indicated that our model for development stands out due to the leading role of the Nicaraguan people in the implementation of a National Plan for Human Development that guarantees the exercise of Human Rights in the economic, social, civic, cultural, political and environmental fields, adjusted to the reality, history and culture of the Nicaraguan people, as a project for the nation, without discrimination and with the participation of all the major sectors of our society, in which youth and women play a fundamental role.

At present, our Fourth (Phase) of the National Human Development Plan (2022-2026), aims at fighting poverty and promoting human development. The Plan is implemented through policies, programs and transformative actions to achieve sustained economic growth, poverty reduction, employment generation, investment promotion and facilitation, reduction of social inequality, improvement of well-being, health, education and protection of natural resources, among others," explained Morales.

She stressed that Nicaragua was among the first Latin American countries to reach the Millennium Development Goal (MDG1) of reducing poverty and hunger by half; similarly, Nicaragua also achieved the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of reducing by two-thirds by 2015 the mortality rate of children under 1 and 5 years of age per 1,000 live births.

On the economic and social level, overall poverty was reduced at the national level, from 42.5% in 2009 to 24.9% in 2016; extreme poverty was reduced from 14.6% in 2009 to 6.9% in 2016, garnering the recognition of the Inter-American Development Bank,

which emphasized that Nicaragua has managed to reduce poverty rates in a sustained manner.

Between 2007 and 2014, Nicaragua managed to reduce the rate of undernourishment of its population from 50.5% to 16%. Through the implementation of the National Plan for Production, Consumption and Trade, Nicaragua now produces 95% of the food consumed by Nicaraguans, thus achieving food sovereignty for the entire population.

In 2007, Nicaragua ranked 90th in the gender gap index of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, while in 2020, Nicaragua ranked 5th in the same index. We are in 3rd place in the world ranking of women's participation in ministerial positions at 58.8%, which includes the portfolios of health, education, family, defense, government, natural resources, telecommunications, labor, among others; and in participation of women in parliament, Nicaragua is in 6th place with 47.3% of that ranking.

The youth of Nicaragua are protagonists of all rights. They have opportunities and conditions that allow them to develop their talents, skills and abilities; in line with their dreams and aspirations, through free education at all levels, free healthcare, sports, recreation, culture and leisure, access to technology, right to work and the right to live free from all kinds of violence.

This model of human rights and country has been defended with love and tenacity by the people of Nicaragua, which continue to stand firm in the face of multiple attacks it suffers from countries and organizations aligned to the imperial interests of the United States which imposes, unilaterally and coercively, sanctions and blockades, contrary to human rights principles, international law and (its duty) to maintain respectful relations between States.

Despite this, the political will of the Government of Nicaragua and the very essence of dignity and sense of nationhood of the Nicaraguan people remain steadfast and fundamental pillars to continue guaranteeing our sovereignty, self-determination, peace, and human rights.

Rights that all of us, united, from every corner of planet Earth, must promote and defend, characterized by absolute respect for the sovereign right of countries and peoples to follow their own paths (towards development), in order to achieve equality, solidarity and further the common good of the whole of (human) society.

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Parliaments of the People's Republic of China and Nicaragua hold virtual meeting

WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2022

The President of the Nicaragua's National Assembly, Dr. Gustavo Porras, held a virtual meeting on 15 November with the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, Mr. Li Zhanshu, to strengthen the ties of friendship and cooperation between the two Parliaments.

The meeting was attended by Compañero Laureano Ortega Murillo, Presidential Advisor for Investment, Trade, and International Cooperation; members of the Board of Directors of the National Assembly and members of the Nicaraguan Parliamentary Group of Friends with the People's Republic of China: Compañeras Arling Alonso, Gladys Báez, Loria Raquel Dixon, María Auxiliadora Martínez and Companeros Edwin Castro and Wilfredo Navarro.

Dr. Gustavo Porras, on behalf of the Government of Nicaragua and the National Assembly, greeted the People and Government of the People's Republic of China and highlighted the spirit of revolutionary struggle of both nations for the well-being and peace of the peoples of the world.

He also considered it an honor to initiate an exchange with the highest-ranking leader of the Legislative Branch of the People's Republic of China and expressed assurances that this meeting would be of great benefit in terms of communication between the Parliaments of both nations.

For his part, Mr. Li Zhanshu, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, expressed his gratitude for the willingness expressed by the People and Government of Nicaragua to continue strengthening diplomatic relations of solidarity and cooperation based on the principle of One China.

This virtual meeting took place on the eve of the first anniversary of the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134471-parlamentos-de-la-republica-popular-china-y-nicaragua-en-encuentro-virtual>



Electric power coverage in Nicaragua closed at 99.232% in October

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2022

Electric power coverage in Nicaragua closed October with 99.232%, according to an official report from the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

It indicates that between 2007 and 2022 the government, through ENATREL, has executed 9,720 projects; in addition, 685,757 homes were electrified, benefiting 3,607,82 Nicaraguans.

The report also states that it will conclude this year bringing electricity to an additional 7,273 homes, normalizing the service in 1,641 homes, with an investment of US\$ 20.6 million financed by CABI and the Government.

Between 1 January and 6 November of this year, 69.14% of the electricity generated in Nicaragua came from renewable resources.

Of this percentage 0.42% was from solar energy; 11.68% hydroelectric; 12.68% geothermal; 11.71% biomass; 10.95% wind; 21.70% imports from the regional market and thermal energy 30.86%, with a maximum demand of 765.8 megawatt and a total generation of 4,108.75 gigawatt-hours.

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Finance Minister highlights IMF recognition of Nicaragua's financial standing

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2022

The Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Iván Acosta, after finishing the weekly meeting of the Production, Consumption and Commerce System, mentioned the International Monetary Fund's recognition of Nicaragua in its recent evaluation of our economic financial situation.

"There is a significant recognition of the country, a very important recognition of the Government institutions involved such as the Central Bank, the Ministry of Finance, the Siboif, involved in this evaluation and, above all, certification of the data and statistics, of the country's figures", emphasized Acosta.

He pointed out that in IMF report they certify what the BCN has published earlier regarding in our 2022 forecast of 10.3% growth of the economy. Furthermore, IMF projections are close to the BCN's figures, where they have an expectation of 3% or a little more.

"We remain close to the 4% growth for 2022, in addition to the projections for 2023, 2024, and 2025 that we propose, that the numbers we can project are around 3%, at least in growth for 2023," he added.

Likewise, he mentioned that the mission makes a substantial recognition to the good articulation, to the prudence of the monetary and fiscal policies to

Guarantee stability in the medium term, which are necessary variables to continue attracting investments, motivating private investment and generating jobs, guaranteeing transfers and subsidies, health, education, housing, and others.

Among other issues, Acosta mentioned that through the Adelante Program to promote the production and productivity of cattle producers and their families, with components aimed at genetic improvement, food and nutrition, animal health and welfare, value addition, water supply system, solar panels, motor pump and fuel, which will provide credits of up to 10 thousand dollars.

"It is a 20-million-dollar program, which will fundamentally strengthen the strategy developed by the Adelante Program for financing (our) producers," said the Minister.

In addition, the (postrera) second or last harvest continues to evolve very well and the projections are that it may exceed 1.4 million quintals in the postrera. The first 100,000 quintals are already entering the markets and will have a (positive) impact on supply and prices will tend to fall.

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