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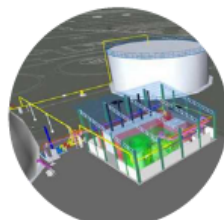
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President Daniel Ortega denounces the fact that fascism is reinstalling itself in the world

MONDAY, 9 JANUARY 2023

The President of the Republic Daniel Ortega Saavedra, during the opening ceremony of the XXXIX legislative period of the National Assembly, pointed out that fascism is being reinstalled throughout the world and therefore progressive peoples should not be complacent and should continue to fight to defend peace and the enforcement of justice against extremist criminal forces.

The Nicaraguan president reviewed recent events that have taken place in some Latin American and Caribbean nations where coup d'états have been carried out or have been attempted, as in the cases of Bolivia, Peru, the failed coup attempt in Nicaragua and what happened in Brazil a couple of days ago.

"This has to do with how fascism is reasserting itself in the world, reinstalling itself first of all in the United States, reestablishing itself in Europe where openly fascist parties are appearing, carrying out their campaigns (...) and we see it now in Brazil, we see it in Bolivia, because it is fascism that wants to disavow the electoral results that gave the victory to the president of Bolivia. We see the same thing in Peru.

In other words, we are witnessing a [pattern of] behavior that puts the stability of our peoples at risk and that is why there is a principle, found in Proverbs, that even if the waters are calm, "from calm waters deliver us Lord". Yes, we must not be [too] trusting, we cannot be complacent, because the terrorists are always out there conspiring and have the financing of the United States, of the US government, of the European governments. They continue to conspire, and we cannot be overconfident, and we are already seeing how they act with ever greater brazenness", reflected President Daniel when reviewing the violent events provoked by right-wing extremist forces which are nothing more than fascist forces.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:135856-presidente-daniel-ortega-denuncia-que-el-fascismo-se-esta-reinstalando-en-el-mundo>



Supreme Electoral Council (CSE) swears in elected municipal authorities

TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2023

On Tuesday, the judges of the Supreme Electoral Council (CSE) carried out the swearing in and oath of office of mayors, deputy mayors, and councilmen for the period 2023-2027.

During the ceremony, the presiding Judge of the electoral branch, Brenda Rocha, expressed that in compliance with the 36th activity of the 2022 electoral calendar, the 6,394 citizens who were elected to serve as mayors, deputy mayors, and members of the municipal councils by the express will of the citizens from their municipalities, will be installed.

"Nicaragua will continue marking historical milestones in Latin America, placing the strengthening of our democracy in the hands of the people, strengthening [in terms] of equity and gender alternation when, for the first time in the history of Nicaragua, a majority of women were elected obtaining: 77 female Mayors, 76 male Mayors, 77 male Deputy Mayors and 76 female Deputy Mayors, and of the 153 Municipal Councils, which will be confirmed, comprised of 50% women and 50% men", she said.

Rocha stated that, as of today, once the oath of office is taken, local authorities are committed to work in their municipality with the protagonism of its citizens, to continue advancing towards [greater] prosperity, progress and tranquility.

The head of the Supreme Electoral Council proceeded to administer the oath of office with the virtual presence of the elected local authorities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/cse-juramenta-a-las-autoridades-municipales-electas-para-periodo-2023-2027/>



Almost 77% of the population approves of President Daniel Ortega's performance

WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY 2023

President Daniel Ortega's performance in office has the approval of 76.9 % of the population according to the latest survey by M & R Consultores released this Wednesday.

The general manager of the company, Raúl Obregón, said that 74.4 % support the direction in which President Ortega is leading the country. In terms of political preferences, some 64.7 % favor the Sandinista Front.

Meanwhile, 80.8 % of those polled consider that the Sandinista Government gives them hope. Some 87.6 % are satisfied with the construction and maintenance of public highways.

Likewise, 87.5 % are satisfied with public education services and 85.4 % with the energy service; some 85.3 % are satisfied with public health services and 85.2 % with potable water service.

Some 71.2% expect the economic situation in Nicaragua will be much better in 2023 and 70.8% believe that this will also be the case for Nicaraguan families.

A total of 62.2% expect that their economic income will be higher.

The survey was conducted nationwide between 12 - 23 December 2022 to Nicaraguans over 16 years of age.



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<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/casi-77-de-la-poblacion-aprueba-gestion-de-daniel/>



Legislators highlight achievements during 16 years of Sandinista Government

THURSDAY, 12 JANUARY 2023

During the first ordinary session of the XXXIX Legislature of the National Assembly, delegates of the Sandinista bench took the floor during the preliminary session, where they highlighted the progress that Nicaragua has achieved during the 16 years of Sandinista Government, including the economic sector, education and public health system, access to credit for the self-employed sector and entrepreneurs across all economic areas.

The first to speak was Deputy Cristóbal Conrado Portobanco, who emphasized that since 2007 Nicaragua began a path of growth and transformation, which reversed the disasters inherited from [successive] neoliberal governments.

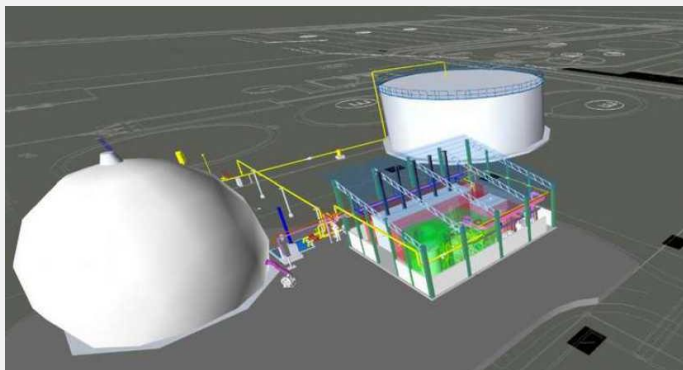
"Since 2007 Nicaragua began a path of reconciliation, reconstruction, growth and transformation, gradually and steadily reversing the disaster inherited in the country's social policies. Under the leadership of President Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo, the efforts made since then have generated transcendental transformations by producing a change in public policies, [re]directed at combating poverty and extreme poverty," said Portobanco.

He explained that, thanks to this change in social and economic policies, the number of producers increased from 250,000 in 2006 to more than 360,000 in 2022, which has generated new production units. Agricultural growth in the last 10 years has increased 124 % and livestock production has increased 74 percent.

Portobanco added that under the leadership of President Daniel Ortega, transcendental changes have been generated in the priorities of public policies, building an integral model that reduces poverty and inequalities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:135919-diputados-destacan-logros-alcanzados-en-16-anos-de-gobierno-sandinista>



Nicaraguan Government builds its first biogas power generation plant

FRIDAY, 13 JANUARY 2023

The Government of National Reconciliation and Unity, through ENACAL, is building the first Power Generation Plant in Nicaragua and the third in Central America based on Biogas, produced by wastewater.

The generator, with a nominal power of 1 megawatt, will be located at the Managua treatment plant and is estimated to be 75% complete.

It is expected to start operations in July, thus contributing to the financial self-sustainability of the plant and the transformation of Nicaragua's Electricity Generation Matrix.

Investment Amount: 88 million córdobas is financed by the Development Bank of the Federal Republic of Germany (KfW) and Nuestro Buen Gobierno [Our Good Governance].



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