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Honduras and Nicaragua agree on comprehensive protection for children, adolescents and families

Monday, 29 august 2022

The Ministry of the Family (MIFAM) of Nicaragua and the Directorate of Children, Adolescents and Family (DINAF) of Honduras signed a bi-national memorandum of understanding, the objective of which is to establish a strategic alliance aimed at the planning and development of programs, projects and actions based on social justice, reciprocity, and complementarity.

To achieve these objectives, the parties will be able to exchange non-confidential information on programs and projects, as well as best practices; develop joint activities; hold technical meetings; organize seminars, conferences and visits to learn about each other's experiences, among other actions.

Through this memorandum of understanding, the parties express their joint desire to develop and structure their cooperation in areas of common interest, such as:

- Comprehensive protection of children, adolescents and families.
- Attention to populations in border municipalities and departments.
- Prevention of domestic and sexual violence.
- Attention to vulnerable population, children and adolescents with disabilities.
- Special protection measures and procedures for children and families.

- Assistance and care when the rights of children and adolescents in a situation of irregular migration are violated.
- Best practices in the application of international agreements on children and adolescents.
- Mechanisms for monitoring, referral and attention of cases involving children and adolescents.

Sister nations uniting visions

The Minister of Family, Adolescence and Childhood of Nicaragua, Ms. Johana Flores, during the signing of the binational memorandum of understanding with Dr. Dulce María Villanueva, head of the Directorate of Children, Adolescents and Family of Honduras, extended the fraternal greetings of President Daniel Ortega and Vice President Rosario Murillo.

"We are two institutions of sister republics, Central American countries, we are united by common visions, missions, goals, challenges that we must address together because we are committed to guaranteeing the restitution of rights to our children in both countries," said Minister Johana Flores.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://diariobarricada.com/2022/08/29/honduras-y-nicaragua-acuerdan-proteccion-integral-de-ninez-adolescencia-y-familia/>



China will begin construction of more than 900 housing units in Nicaragua

Tuesday, 30 august 2022

On Tuesday, it was announced that China will begin the first phase of construction of its housing program in Nicaragua, thus strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

The project involves the construction of 920 two-bedroom, one-story houses in the capital city, for which a memorandum of understanding was signed to initiate the implementation of work.

In a virtual meeting attended by senior government officials from both countries, the vice president of China's International Development Cooperation Agency, Zhao Fengtao, referred to the signing as a new impetus in our bilateral collaboration.

"Beyond the signing of the memorandum on this first phase of the social housing project, we are also meeting today to address the future development our bilateral relations, with a view to creating a better future for both countries," he stressed.

For his part, Nicaragua's presidential advisor for investment issues, Laureano Ortega, said that since the reestablishment of diplomatic relations, under the principle of one China, Beijing has shown a deep social commitment and affection for the Nicaraguan people.

In this regard, he mentioned the agreements on four important projects, including social housing, donations of sanitary supplies, vaccines against Covid-19 and training programs.

The government of Nicaragua supports all the initiatives of President Xi Jinping and we especially want to refer at this meeting to the initiative for global development, which can only be achieved when there is social justice, he said.

The meeting was also attended by the Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Iván Acosta, the Chinese Ambassador to Nicaragua, Chen Xi, and the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Óscar Mojica, among other participants.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/china-empezara-a-construir-mas-de-900-viviendas-en-el-pais/>



Everything set for registration of candidates for municipal elections

Wednesday, 31 august 2022

On Wednesday, the authorities of the Supreme Electoral Council announced that between the 3rd and 6th of September, parties and alliances will register and provisionally present their candidates for each municipality in the elections to be held on the 6th of November.

Magistrate Brenda Rocha, president of this Government Branch announced the progress of the electoral calendar and the activities to be carried out in preparation for the municipal elections.

Rocha recalled that the Electoral Calendar was published last August 18th; the registration of alliances of political parties took place on August 19th; and the United Alliance Nicaragua Triumphs, of the FSLN with 9 political parties, and the PLI, with two political parties, were authorized on August 23rd.

She noted that the order and location of the political parties and alliances on the electoral ballot was also confirmed on August 23rd.

She also informed that the political parties presented their nominations for members of the Departmental Electoral Councils between the 26th and 31st of August.

Rocha stated that the appointment of the members of the Departmental Electoral Councils will take place on September 5th.

The president of the CSE, reminded that "we are still in the verification process, and reminded [the public] that the verification process is ongoing... This verification process is being carried out during this election period in order to ensure that before September 7th, [or rather] at the latest by September 7th, the voter registry is completely up to date. All those who are going to change their address, must do it before September 7th in order for us [the CSE] to be able to update our data. And all those who have not participated and exercised the right to vote during the last two general elections, must go and verify that they appear in the Electoral Roll".

She informed that all CSE offices will be open on September 3rd so that people who did not verify online or by phone, may go to the CSE to perform their verification in person. The CSE offices will be open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/destacado/todo-listo-para-inscripcion-de-candidatos-para-elecciones-municipales/>



UNAN-Managua awards honorary doctorate in humanities to peace activist Brian Willson

Thursday, 1 september 2022

Authorities of the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua, Managua (UNAN-Managua) awarded this Thursday afternoon, September 1st, an honorary doctorate in humanities to peace activist, Brian Willson, for his courageous struggle for the rights and sovereignty of the people.

The ceremony, held at the Fernando Gordillo Auditorium, was attended by members of the University Council, authorities of State institutions, teachers, students, friends and family of the honoree. During the event, the coordinator of the Guardabarranco Environmentalist Movement, Darling Hernández, presented the red and black scarf and the Medal of the July 19th Sandinista Youth, in recognition of his perseverance and sacrifice for the benefit of the peoples. Likewise, on behalf of the national UNEN, Carlos Eduardo Díaz presented the Order of Julio Buitrago Urroz, the highest distinction granted by the student movement.

President of the CNU and Rector of the UNAN-Managua, Master Ramona Rodríguez Pérez, bestowed the symbols and diploma. In her speech, she reaffirmed that higher education will continue to contribute to building a culture of peace, as well as respect for human rights and the self-determination of peoples.

"In the current context, university education has the responsibility to guarantee the integral formation of citizens committed to the homeland. We will continue to promote values such as respect, solidarity, peaceful coexistence and [social] justice," she added.

For his part, Mr. Willson expressed that this recognition took him by surprise, since he was visiting the University to deliver a donation of books to the university community. "I learned about revolution from the Vietnamese and that made me feel empathy with them, and I also felt the same way about the Nicaraguan revolution. I feel committed to just causes and I am against the injustices committed by the United States against our fellow countries," he added.



About the award recipient

Peace activist Brian Willson was born on July 4, 1941. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970, including several months as a combat security officer in Vietnam, where he had to evaluate the success or failure of [U.S. bombing] missions. He quickly realized that those who were being attacked were defenseless fishermen and their families, whose villages ended up destroyed, leaving all their inhabitants dead. [He reported his findings.] His report, submitted to his superiors, was ignored.

According to his testimony, after the triumph of the Sandinista Popular Revolution in 1979 and the democratic elections of 1984, the government headed by President Daniel Ortega Saavedra created new social services, such as free education and the introduction of reforms in the agricultural and health sectors. This provoked a covert war through the National Security Council, financed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan, who had his sights set on Central and South American countries for their resource wealth.



While in Nicaragua he witnessed the destruction of agricultural cooperatives and the murder of peasants, and in an act of solidarity with the [Nicaraguan] people, on September 1, 1987 he participated, along with other members of a [Veteran's] Peace Action Team, in a protest against the shipment of U.S. weapons to Central America, blocking the railroad tracks coming from the Concord Naval Weapons Depot located in California. As a result of his [peaceful] protest, he was run over by a train that refused to stop, causing him to lose his legs and suffer a severe skull fracture with loss of his right frontal lobe.

In 1988, Mr. Willson received the highest award given by the Nicaraguan State, the Order of Augusto C. Sandino. He has received numerous awards for his peace and justice activities, including the Abbey Peace Award for Courage of Conscience at the Kennedy Library and Museum, and the Orden General José Dolores Estrada Batalla de San Jacinto en Grado Gran Cruz, awarded by the National Assembly of Nicaragua. In 2020, UNAN-Managua decorated him as Hero of Solidarity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

https://www.unan.edu.ni/index.php/relevantes/unan-managua-otorga-doctorado-honoris-causa-en-humanidades-a-brian-willson-activista-por-la-paz.odp?fbclid=IwAR0zF9EeV6BZJGgwqg7gMDxDjsgm52mkTq0XwME98h9Mg4GaHSTRQTt_m6gs://diariobarricada.com/2022/08/25/nicaragua-comprometida-con-la-educacion-especial-incluyente/



Government of National Reconciliation and Unity salutes 43 years of the Nicaraguan Army

Friday, 2 september 2022

Vice President, Compañera Rosario Murillo, greeted the 43rd anniversary of the founding of the Nicaraguan Army.

She mentioned that "this afternoon we will be in the Plaza de la Revolución with the comrades who represent the High Command, the Military Council, the Military Units and with compañeros and compañeras who represent this noble, brave, courageous, dignified people of Nicaragua through the State and the Government of the People President".

Below is the full text of the Communique from the Government of Nicaragua to the Nicaraguan Army:

Army General
Julio César Avilés Castillo
Commander in Chief
of the Nicaraguan Army

At 43 Years, in Patriotism and absolute Respect for our Constitution and Institutionality, the Nicaraguan Army is the Strength and Pride of the Nicaraguan Families.

At 43 Years and with the Force of Victories, this Sandinista Popular Army, today the Nicaraguan Army, Patriotic, Revolutionary, Rooted in Ideals and National Values, travels with our Heroes, Forefathers and Martyrs, upon Paths of Motherland, Peace and Freedom, in our Blessed Nicaragua... They are Paths that we continue to travel, Always Free, Dignified, Sovereign and Honorable.

After 43 Years of Fighting, the Victories continue to be Certain, because we created them, because we deserve them and because we defend them, as Inalienable Rights of our Working People, Undefeated and full of Hope.

After 43 Glorious, Brave, Battle-hardened Years, with a Noble Heart and Unwavering Love for the Motherland, for the Families, as The People in Uniform, the Nicaraguan Army is part of the Heroic Heritage of our History and has the esteem, appreciation and respect of the Nicaraguan Families.

We feel proud of that Army that cares for our National Sovereignty, that defends our Territorial Integrity and that is present at every moment of every

day, caring for, defending, working together with the People and as a People, for that Nicaragua that we all dream of, that we all want, that we are all creating, of Justice, Peace and Unity for Prosperity.

We embrace the Families of each Superior Officer, Subordinate Officer, Noncommissioned Officer, Class, Soldier and Auxiliary Personnel of our Army, acknowledging the Merit and Value of all, and the full support they receive with that Affection, typical of our Culture of Homes and Communities, where our Families are the Center and Heart of our Lives.

We celebrate ourselves with Confidence, Security and Certainty, that together we are that People of our Nicaragua that advances in New Times, New Days, contributing to the New World, that is already being born, because we believe in the Good of All, in Sisterhood/ Brotherhood, and in the Work of each of us, in each space, for our Nicaragua, that deserves the best.

Congratulations, Sisters and Brothers, Comrades, Soldiers, on this 43rd Anniversary of forging Peace and Just Development, from that inviolable, immutable and immovable National Dignity, which

in Sandino's Always and Beyond, manifests itself as Essential Value of our Idiosyncrasy, as Supreme and Foundational Ensign and Emblem of a People and a Country that has always known how to Fight and Win.

With the Conviction of the Future that in Light, Life and Truth we are creating, we say, loud and clear, Nicaraguans by Grace of God; Nicaragua will remain Free, Dignified, Sovereign, Christian and in Fraternal Solidarity, because it has sons and daughters that love her and that are inspired and enlightened, defending the Future.

Long live the Nicaraguan Army!
Long live the 43 Years of Glory and Victories!
Motherland and Freedom!

Daniel Ortega Saavedra Rosario Murillo

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:131882-gobierno-de-reconciliacion-y-unidad-nacional-saluda-los-43-anos-del-ejercito-de-nicaragua>

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