

A REVIEW OF THE LEADING NEWS ON NICARAGUA  
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AND PEACE**



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**PRESIDENT OF INE PRESENTS 2022  
MANAGEMENT REPORT OF THE ENERGY  
CABINET**



## Nicaragua projected to become a platform for Chinese investment in the region

In the coming years Nicaragua will develop into a Latin American country with [some of] the most modern infrastructure to become a regional platform for trade with the People's Republic of China.

Since the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between Nicaragua and the People's Republic of China in 2021, the small Central American country is making important advances in its political, commercial and cooperation ties with the Asian giant.

The presidential advisor for investments, trade and international cooperation, Laureano Ortega Murillo, presented an x-ray of what Nicaragua has negotiated and finalized with the support of China, from the signing of a Free Trade Agreement to the signing of agreements for the execution of 5 mega-projects that will bring the country to a new level of development in the Latin American region.

In statements to the TV program En Vivo, Laureano recalled that two countries reestablished diplomatic relations on 10 December 2021. "Since then, we have received extraordinary signs of solidarity and cooperation from China. Let's remember that in the same plane returning [from our first trip], we already brought with us the first batch of vaccines to face the Covid pandemic. Afterwards, we continued to receive 3 million vaccines, totally free of charge, donated to us from the People's Republic of China. We also received materials and equipment for the Ministry of Health to strengthen our capabilities to confront this pandemic and to strengthen our health system in general".

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## House of Sovereignty holds the 8th meeting of the Permanent Forum for Sovereignty and Peace

"Political, economic and military aggressions of U.S. imperialism against Nicaragua, 1979-present" was the title of a lecture delivered by Freddy Franco, historian and secretary general of FEPDES, at the eighth meeting of the Permanent Forum for Sovereignty and Peace, organized by the Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann House of Sovereignty of the UNAN-Managua.

The event was held in a hybrid format with the participation of students and teachers of the UNAN-Managua and special guests, where participants shared reflections on the historical struggle that Nicaragua has waged in defense of its sovereignty and dignity.

During his remarks, Dr. Luis Alfredo Lobato Blanco, Vice Rector General of the University and Director of the House of Sovereignty, emphasized that through these forums, we seek to promote patriotism, sovereignty and self-determination. He also expressed solidarity with suffering people of Palestine during the current crisis.

As part of his speech, the Secretary of the Federation of Teachers of Higher Education of Nicaragua (FEPDES) gave a historical account from the mid-nineteenth century with the [burgeoning] interest in an inter-oceanic route in 1849, followed by the arrival of the filibusters in 1855, at a time when imperialist, expansionist and colonization policies were the order of the day.

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<https://www.unan.edu.ni/index.php/notas-informativas/foro-permanente-de-la-soberania-celebra-su-octavo-encuentro.odp>



## Learn about the projects to be implemented in Nicaragua with cooperation from the People's Republic of China

The Government of National Reconciliation and Unity presented the cooperation projects signed with the People's Republic of China, as part of the results obtained by the Nicaraguan delegation during its participation in the Third Forum of the Belt and Road, in Beijing last 17th and 18th of October.

The presentation was attended by government officials including Foreign Minister Denis Moncada; Presidential Advisor for the Promotion of Investment, Trade and International Cooperation Laureano Ortega Murillo; Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, retired General Óscar Mojica; ENEL's Executive President, Ernesto Tiffer and; the vice-ministers of Transport and Infrastructure, Tania Díaz and Amaru Ramírez.

The following projects will be developed in Nicaragua: railways, energy, roads, airport, as well as improvements in the country's transportation system:

-Contract for the Reconstruction, Expansion, and Improvement of the International Airport "Punta Huete" PANCHITO, with the Chinese state-owned company CAMCE Engineering.

-Memorandum of Understanding with the Chinese state-owned company CCECC for the Studies, Designs and Construction of the Managua - Masaya - Granada Railroad and the formulation of the Managua - Corinto - Bluefields Railroad Master Plan.

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## Caribbean Coast Autonomy Law celebrates 36 years since its promulgation

This Thursday during the opening of its plenary session, the National Assembly, through Sandinista representative Shaira Downs, made a Special Mention in tribute to the 36th Anniversary of the passage of Law No. 28, Statute of Autonomy of the Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua.

This historic law was approved on 30 October 1987 thanks to the determination of the Sandinista Government led by President Daniel Ortega Saavedra.

"Thirty-six years ago Nicaragua took the lead among countries the world over by recognizing the historical rights of the native and Afro-descendant peoples that inhabit the Caribbean, when the National Assembly approved Law 28, the Statute of Autonomy of the Caribbean Regions of Nicaragua," Downs said.

She indicated that, as we reach this 36th anniversary of the passage of the Autonomy Law, it is important to remember the origins of this political initiative, which has allowed the country to make progress in developing the multi-ethnic and pluricultural regions.

"We cannot forget that this approval has its origin in the historical program of the Sandinista National Liberation Front, which since 1969 has clearly outlined how the inclusion of the Atlantic Coast, today the Caribbean Coast, is vital for the construction of our new revolutionary homeland," Downs emphasized.

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## President of INE presents 2022 Management Report of the Energy Cabinet

The President of the Nicaraguan Energy Institute (INE), José Antonio Castañeda, presented to the plenary of the National Assembly the 2022 Management Report of the Energy Cabinet, in which he highlighted that from 2006 to 2022 the growth in the number of electricity consumers increased by 111.67 percent.

Sixteen years ago, the number of consumers was 624,000 in 2006 and by the end of the year 2022 there are up to 1,320,500 consumers.

The State institutions of the electricity sub-sector have made a great effort to achieve the total interconnectivity of the country and, in this way, achieve a higher rate of electrification. It has now reached a national coverage rate of 99.255% at the end of the year 2022. This figure is significantly higher than that inherited from the neoliberal governments, which was only 54 percent.

This means that now more than 6,610,000 Nicaraguans have energy, and more than 1,270,497 homes now have electricity coverage.

Castañeda emphasized that the subsidy for residential consumers under 150 KWh-month in 2022 amounted to \$50.84 million dollars, cushioning the economic impact between the real value of the tariff and the value applied. The subsidy granted to retirees was US\$ 4.75 million.

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