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Nicaragua begins campaign to administer 124,000 doses of vaccines against Polio

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2022

In the framework of World Day against Poliomyelitis or Polio, the Sandinista Good Governance through its Ministry of Health (MINSA) began this Monday, 24 October, the National Campaign to reinforce polio immunization to protect children from 2 years of age.

The vaccine will be available in all health units of the country until 28 October, and house-to-house visits will be carried out to ensure [full] coverage for children within this age group.

Dr. Leonardo Peralta, Director of Disease Planning of MINSA, indicated that polio is a highly contagious disease that affects millions worldwide and this campaign is to ensure immunity against this disease in children over two years of age.

"We have a goal to administer 124,000 doses of vaccine to these children, which is the [estimated] number of children in this age group, and we intend to provide 100 percent coverage," said Peralta.

No cases have been reported in Nicaragua for 38 years, thanks to the efforts made by our Buen Gobierno to vaccinate children on a national level.

"We are going to provide coverage as Silais** Managua to 23,000 girls and boys in the age group of 2 years and I want to mention that we are also going to provide vitamin A and deworming to children in this age group," said Dr. Peralta.

Furthermore, he said, we will be providing deworming to children from 1 to 12 years of age and vitamin A to children from 6 months to 5 years of age during our house-to-house and school visits.

**Note: SILAIS is the Spanish acronym for Local Systems of Integral Health Care.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133684-nicaragua-inicia-aplicacion-de-124-mil-dosis-de-vacunas-en-jornada-contra-la-polio>



2023 Budget of Nicaragua aims to fight poverty and extreme poverty

TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2022

The Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Iván Acosta, addressed the National Assembly to explain to the representatives the details and main aspects of the 2023 General Budget of the Republic, the largest percentage of which is directed at combating poverty and extreme poverty, with emphasis placed on education, health, the construction of road infrastructure and socio-productive programs.

An important aspect of this budget is that for the first time in [Nicaragua's] history there is a surplus between revenues and expenditures. After the budget was presented, the initiative was forwarded to the Production, Economy, and Budget Committee for its members to consider [proposed] budget and issue a final opinion before submitting it for approval in plenary before the National Assembly concludes its 2022 legislative period.

"We hope and project that our economy will continue to grow, that it will have one of the best performances in Central America and that the basis for this performance is the great work capacity of the country's productive sectors. If we reach 7.5 billion in 2022 (in exports) we hope to get closer to 8 billion in

2023 and that foreign investment will continue to flow into our country to make the most of the competitive advantages that the public private sector is building, investing in better quality energy, investing in better roads, ensuring that all municipalities can attract investments and that have the roads, electrical energy and improvements in potable water and sanitation, guarantee telecommunications and have a large hospital network to serve our population and a strategic investment and the productive sector remains a high priority," Acosta said in his presentation.

He indicated that the main driver of the economy is the productive sector. [It is important] to continue increasing production levels in rice, beans, and the livestock sector which has already reached six million head.

Acosta emphasized that one of the priorities is to maintain macroeconomic stability and promote the recovery of economic growth, sustainability of public finances, increase public investment incorporating disaster risk reduction criteria and adaptation to climate change.

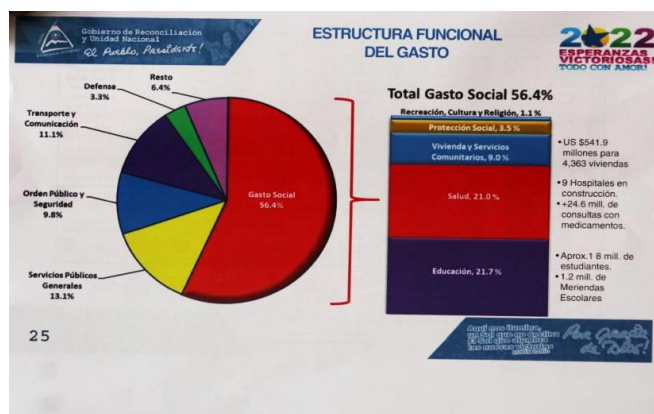
The General Budget of the Republic in its income is 109 thousand 989.5 million córdobas and the Expenditure Budget is 105 thousand 263.1 million córdobas.

Acosta indicated that social spending in the 2023 Budget will continue to be very strong with 56.4 percent, the education sector 21.7 percent, health 21 percent, social protection 3.5 percent, housing and community services 9 percent, defense 3.3 percent, transportation and communication 11.1 percent, public order and security 9.8 percent, public services 13.1 percent and other expenses 6.4 percent.

Among the main goals of this budget in relation to the Public Investment Program are the construction of 201.06 new kilometers of highways, the maintenance of 1,233.8 kilometers of highways, 290.44 linear meters of bridge construction and replacement, and 249.6 linear meters of bridge repair and maintenance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133722-presupuesto-de-la-republica-2023-esta-dirigido-a-combatir-la-pobreza-y-pobreza-extrema>





Nicaragua participates in the Thirty-ninth session of ECLAC

WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2022

The Government of National Reconciliation and Unity of the Republic of Nicaragua participated in the "Thirty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC, also known by its acronym in Spanish as CEPAL)", held from 24 to 26 October 2022, in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

It was inaugurated by the President of Argentina, Alberto Fernández, and his Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero. ECLAC's Executive Secretary, José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, presented the document "Towards the transformation of the development model in Latin America and the Caribbean: production, inclusion and sustainability", which outlines ECLAC's lines of work.

Similarly, in the various panels and seminars held during these three days, experts in economics and development debated issues such as the decline of globalization, the (world) food crisis, climate change, the future of work, trade relations and discussed proposals that can be significant in addressing these situations and global challenges.

During the "High-Level Dialogue", Ambassador Carlos Midence conveyed the fraternal greetings of Commander Daniel Ortega, President of the Republic, and of Rosario Murillo, Vice President, and on behalf of our People and Government expressed that: "it is important that institutions such as ECLAC provide tools that help to rethink the current challenges and that the opinions, proposals and studies that emerge from it, allow a better glimpse of that path". He also highlighted the efforts that Nicaragua has made to cement our Model of Inclusive Development, with incentives and social justice [components].

The Nicaraguan Delegation was comprised of Mr. Denis Moncada Colindres, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Carlos Midence, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Nicaragua to the Republic of Argentina, and Mr. Carlos Cerda, Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MINREX).

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133761-nicaragua-participa-en-el-trigesimo-noveno-periodo-de-sesiones-de-la-cepal>



Message from Nicaragua at the III CELAC Ministers' Meeting

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
RECONCILIATION AND NATIONAL UNITY AT
THE III MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF CELAC - EUROPEAN UNION

Minister of Foreign Affairs Denis Moncada
Colindres

Thursday, 27 October 2022

Buenos Aires, Republic of Argentina

Distinguished Foreign Ministers of the
Member Countries of CELAC and the
European Union,

A New World Order, Multipolar, Fair,
Equitable, Respectful of the Sovereignty and
Independence of States, is being born, leaving
behind the Unipolarity. Nicaragua supports
Multilateralism and the [emerging] New
Multipolar Order, superseding unilateralism.
This is the way to strengthen Peace, Security,
Stability and friendly relations, solidarity and
respect for the Independence and Sovereignty
of all States. I convey to you the cordial
greetings of President Daniel Ortega Saavedra
and Vice President Rosario Murillo.

The motto of this encounter between the
Foreign Ministers of Latin America and the
Caribbean and the European Union:

"Renewing the Bi-regional Association to
Strengthen Peace and Unity" for the purpose
of relaunching and recovering the
interchange and cooperation between our
regions must be based on principles and
values that are inherent among all Peoples.

We will not tire in repeating until there is
understanding and awareness that we are no
longer colonies, but Free and Sovereign
Nations, we are free peoples, not slaves,
capable of developing our own Policies,
Strategies and Paths towards Peace,
Prosperity and Well-being, without
interference, aggression or intervention
from hegemonic powers. This is the basis for
a fruitful exchange between our regions.
Cooperation that is respectful of the Self-
Determination of the Peoples is the core for
building good relations based on friendship,
cooperation and solidarity between the
peoples and sovereign states of both regions.
Therefore, colonialist practices no longer
have a place, and we call upon the European
Union to put an end to the occupation of the
Argentinian territory of Las Malvinas, which
continues to be occupied by armed forces of
the British Empire.

The development and progress of our countries and peoples is hindered by poverty, the economic and environmental crisis, and by the energy crisis, inflation and the global food crisis, caused by the coercive, unilateral measures imposed against the Russian Federation; China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cuba, Venezuela, Iran, Syria, Nicaragua and other sister countries, measures that affect these States, hindering us from achieving our goals in the fight against poverty, obstructing our Peoples' Right to Development as well as the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.

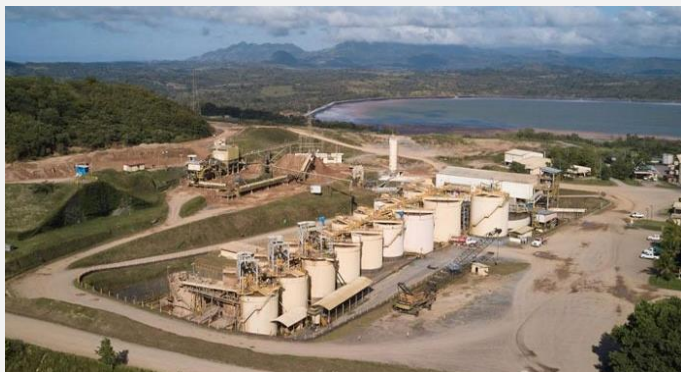
These arbitrary unilateral measures must stop, Latin America and the Caribbean is a Region highly vulnerable to the effects of Climate Change, particularly the Small Island Developing States and the low-lying coastal areas of the Caribbean and Central America, so it is urgent and necessary that the Developed Countries fulfill their commitments to address Climate Change at the next COP27, to be held from 6 to 18 November in Egypt.

[The previous Declarations] remain valid and Nicaragua maintains the four principles as we approach COP27 on: Climate Justice with Reparations, 2. The urgency of preserving Forests, 3. Loss and Damage as a compensation mechanism for highly vulnerable countries, and 4. The recognition of Central America and the Caribbean as a Region [highly] vulnerable to the impacts of Climate Change.

This is the great challenge facing Humanity, this is the great challenge we have if we are to achieve peace, to defeat hunger and poverty, to defend the principles of justice and freedom. To save life it is imperative that we save our Planet.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133784-mensaje-de-nicaragua-en-la-iii-reunion-de-ministros-de-la-celac>



Canadian mining company confirms that it will continue operations in Nicaragua

THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022

Representatives of the Canadian transnational Calibre Mining Corp gave assurances that they will continue with their activities, given that the sanctions imposed upon Nicaragua's General Directorate of Mines by the US Treasury Department do not have a material impact on their operations.

According to a statement, the Libertad and Limón facilities are operating as planned, and the company is on track to meet our consolidated annual production guidance for 2022 of 220,000 to 235,000 ounces of gold.

It also reiterated its commitment to its assets in Nicaragua, and particularly to its employees and host communities.

News Release

CALIBRE PROVIDES UPDATE AND CONFIRMS NO MATERIAL IMPACT ON OPERATIONS

Calibre Mining Corp. is pleased to announce that, further to its press release dated October 25, 2022, following discussions with its advisors relating to the sanctions imposed on the Nicaraguan General Directorate of Mines by the United States Treasury Department on October 24, 2022 (the "Sanctions") and an internal review of its current and future planned operations, the Company confirms

that the Sanctions do not have a material impact on its Nicaraguan operations. The Libertad and Limon complexes are operating to plan, and the Company is on track to meet our 2022 consolidated annual production guidance of 220,000 – 235,000 ounces gold. Calibre reiterates its commitment to its assets in Nicaragua, and particularly to its employees and host communities. Calibre operates these assets in a way that is protective of people, respectful of cultural heritage and that contributes to economic development, while acting as a steward of the natural environment. The Company will continue to strive to deliver sustainable value for all stakeholders through responsible operations and a disciplined approach to growth.

Calibre will continue to monitor its operations with the assistance of its advisors to ensure that the Company continues to comply with all relevant laws and regulations, including any sanctions that may result from Executive Order 13851, as well as international standards and best practices.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://radiolaprimerisima.com/noticias-generales/generales/minera-canadiense-confirma-que-continuara-operaciones-en-el-pais/>



President Daniel Ortega: The world is turning towards multipolarity

FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2022

On Thursday, the President of the Republic Commander Daniel Ortega Saavedra during the main event of the 43rd anniversary of the constitution of the Ministry of Government (founded originally as the Ministry of the Interior) gave a speech on geopolitics, in which he stressed that the world is going through a process of change towards multipolarity and called on imperialist nations such as the United States and the European Union to change their attitudes of trying to dominate other nations that are pursuing their sovereignty and a multipolar world.

In his message, the Nicaraguan leader recalled that European nations and the United States became wealthy nations by exploiting the resources of countries on continents such as Africa and Latin America, as well as by murdering thousands of their citizens and turning them into slaves.

He pointed out that the European Union in recent years has lost dominance in the face of the United States to the point where it has become subordinate to and an instrument of the imperialist policies of the U.S. rulers.

"The European Union, which wanted to become a power that could even, I would say, compete with other powers in the world, has become so subordinate to the US that it has been losing authority, it has become so weak, so that the Yankees come, press a button, sanctions over there and the Europeans come, press a button and they apply more sanctions over there and they are not ashamed," Daniel pointed out.

And in their desire to control the world, the United States has also launched a campaign against the People's Republic of China, which has been growing towards becoming the world's main economy.

"They see that China is growing, that it is a power. They see that Russia continues to be a power, so they say, this is an opportunity to put an end to Russia and China, that is to say, they pursue a policy of hegemony, in other words, 'I am in charge here', and that is how they talk to the Europeans, just like they talk to countries in Latin America at the OAS and they simply dictate to them what they have to do", he pointed out.

Daniel stressed that this hegemonic and expansionist, pretentious policy of the United States and the European Union to use NATO and "the result is that they are destroying themselves; yes, they are destroying themselves, because they have been applying so many sanctions that now they even have problems guaranteeing their own energy. Imagine that the Garden [of Eden] is having problems guaranteeing its energy. Who would have imagined? And it is all their own doing; it is their fault that they have brought this disaster upon themselves by wanting to destroy the Russian Federation".

He warned that the irresponsibility of the United States and the European Union is so great that they are now speaking of atomic weapons.

"They know very well that the atomic weapon is a weapon that cannot be touched, cannot be taken out, it is better to have it in storage with all the security measures, because to take out the atomic weapon in order to blame Russia, that would simply mean the destruction of Europe, of the United States, of the world," Daniel said.

The Commander-in-Chief stressed that even when the United States wanted to turn countries into slaves, Nicaragua and its people became free on the 19th of July 1979.

"There are always those from the United States who would like to turn us [back] into slaves, but no matter how much they wish it, it cannot be. Nicaragua was liberated. The people of Nicaragua were liberated on the 19th of July 1979 and will never again become slaves; because we can see that this policy on the part of the US rulers is not new, it is a gangster practice, this practice of the US government. The US sends messengers out to all the countries of the world. There is not a country in the world that can escape the Yankee message, and the message of the Yankees is: 'Either you do what I say, or we are going to [apply] sanctions on you, we are going to attack you'. They say it quietly, calmly".

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:133825-comandante-daniel-ortega-el-mundo-esta-girando-hacia-la-multipolaridad>

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