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MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2022

On Monday afternoon, the Supreme Electoral Council (CSE) gave a second report of the results of the 2022 Sovereign Municipal Elections, where it announced that the Alliance reached a total percentage of 73.70%, which is equivalent to 1 million 494 thousand 688 votes.

The President Magistrate of the CSE, Judge Brenda Rocha, read the 48 municipalities that received 100%, which would complement the 153 municipalities.

In this sense, she also shared the national total where 7 thousand 931 total polling stations were registered, 7 thousand 862 polling stations counted with 99.13%, and 69 polling stations still pending with 0.87%. There were a total votes 2 million 108 thousand 003, valid votes 2 million 28 thousand 035, null votes 79 thousand 968.

Regarding parties and alliances, she indicated that the PLC received 256 thousand 429 votes representing 12.64%, Alianza Frente Sandinista 1 million 494 thousand 688 for 73.70%, ALN 93 thousand 203 for 4.60%, APRE 79 thousand

993 for 3.94%, Alianza PLI 84 thousand 345 for 4.16%, YATAMA: 19 thousand 377 for 0.96%.

She reminded that in Monday morning the results of the mayoral, mayoress, vice-mayor and vice-mayor positions in a little more than 100 municipalities in the departmental capitals were read out.

Magistrate Brenda Rocha, thanked once again the sovereign people who yesterday carried out their civic exercise in these 2022 Municipal Sovereign Elections, at the 3 thousand 106 Voting Centers. She highlighted the participation of the Nicaraguan people as the protagonists of these elections.



She also thanked all the alliances and political parties, their poll watchers, the CNU, the Ombudsman for Human Rights Defense, the Nicaraguan Army and the National Police who accompanied and continue to accompany with the transfer of all the material back to Nicaragua.

In addition, Judge Brenda Rocha, President of the Supreme Electoral Council, Judge Cairo Melvin Amador, Vice President of the Supreme Electoral Council, and Commander Lumberto Campbell, Judge of the Supreme Electoral Council, were also present.

For this electoral process, 7 thousand 931 Voting stations (JRV) were set up in the 3 thousand 106 Voting Centers throughout the country, with an Electoral Roll of 3 million 722 thousand 884 Nicaraguan citizens, summoned to exercise their right to vote.

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134188-victoria-del-fsln-con-el-7370-en-elecciones-municipales-2022-en-nicaragua>





MINED: Record 1,788,074 students enrolled for the 2023 school year

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022

Vice President Compañera Rosario Murillo announced that the Ministry of Education reports that 1,788,074 students have enrolled for the 2023 school year, which means that Nicaragua exceeded its target goal.

"The Ministry of Education celebrates reaching and having exceeded projections. We have 1,788,074 students enrolled, surpassing by 8,074 enrollments our projected target and new enrollments are continuing," she said.

Also, work is being done to turn over new refurbished schools such as Gabriela Mistral School Center in El Viejo. INATEC is working on the expansion of Wi-Fi zones in 31 technical centers across the country, departmental technical education festivals and the new entrepreneurial and artisans program in Monimbó has an enrollment of more than 350 entrepreneurs and craftspeople.

Some 450 property titles were delivered to families in Diriamba, Dolores, Managua, Río Blanco, Matiguás, Rancho Grande, Muy Muy, Ocotal, San Fernando, La Concepción, Masaya, Masatepe, Rosita and Suina.

The Ministry of Community, Cooperative and Associative Family Economy (MEFCCA) capitalizes entrepreneurial families with inputs and tools to produce vegetables. As part of the healthy backyards program, through an investment of 2 million córdobas, some 1,000 families received fruit, medicinal and vegetable plants.

Through its program of Zero Usury, 1,000 credits were delivered to protagonists of 250 solidarity groups in 35 municipalities in the country.

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134179-mined-1-millon-788-mil-074-estudiantes-matriculados-para-el-ano-lectivo-2023>



Daniel Ortega: Municipal Elections clearly show us that it is possible to win Peace

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022

The President of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega, during his participation at the Congress of the Sandinista Youth July 19th giving tribute to Comandante Carlos Fonseca Amador, referred to the (recent) municipal elections and highlighted the order, tranquility and peace that prevailed during these elections.

"In these Municipal Elections, I would say that it was an election for Peace. There were no altercations, there were no stones thrown, there were no quarrels, there were no bullets, there were no injuries, there were no deaths. What does this mean? It means that all Nicaraguans, across the board, from different political preferences, with different ideologies and who before easily resorted to confrontation during elections, even to killing, to murder, to destruction of the ballot boxes, all Nicaraguans, regardless of their political stance, their religious beliefs, have seen the results during these years, the fruits of peace", said Daniel.

He also pointed out that all Nicaraguans understand that when there is peace and a government willing to work for the people and with the people, then the fruits multiply.

"The people have been seeing this since 2007 when we were able to govern in a time of peace. But what kind of peace is it if they are continuously waging war against us, applying sanctions, aggressions. Yet even so, we have managed to grow and build, grow and build including extraordinary sports centers such as this Alexis Argüello Center, or like the National Stadium, a world-class stadium", he said.



At the beginning of his remarks, (Daniel) mentioned that "these Municipal Elections clearly show us that it is possible to win Peace, that it is possible to ensure peace.

These were elections where no bullets were fired; no students, policemen, young people were burnt; no medical centers or schools were set on fire; people were not confronted with blockades, or subjected to blood baths like those of the terrorists financed by the Yankee empire that bathed Nicaragua in blood. It was a Nicaragua that was at peace, that they bathed it in blood. And they thought that with the bloodbath our people would surrender. They thought that with the bloodbath our people were going to flee, and how much patience our people have shown, how much patience our police have. They [the terrorists] already felt that they were the masters of Nicaragua and some bishops already felt that they too were also governing Nicaragua. They failed to take into account that here in this country, throughout its history, our people have had to confront time and again the imperialists of the world".

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134226-elecciones-municipales-nos-indican-con-toda-claridad-que-es-posible-ganar-la-paz>





National Assembly approves important reforms

WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2022

The National Assembly unanimously approved the Law of Reform to the General Law of Education, which aims to strengthen the state organic structure that contributes to the promotion, sustainability and growth of science and technology, seeking an efficient coordination between the different instances of the Nicaraguan state.

"Article 80 of Law 582 of the General Law of Education, consolidated text and contained in Law number 1092, Law of the Nicaraguan Legal Digest on the subject of education published in the Official Gazette number 72 of April 21, which will read as follows, the Nicaraguan Council of Science and Technology (CONICYT) will be attached to the Presidency of the Republic," said Deputy Loria Raquel Dixon, first secretary of the National Assembly.

Likewise, the parliamentarians approved the Reform to the Law on Free Export Zones, with the purpose of strengthening its organic structure to contribute to the promotion, sustainability and growth of private investment and commercial exchange.

The Free Zone Corporation will be administered by a Board of Directors that acting as a collegiate body, will have the faculties of a general agent in accordance with the law and its regulations. This Board will be made up of the Minister of Finance and Public Credit or his/her duly accredited vice-minister, the Minister of Industry and Commerce or his/her duly accredited vice-ministers, the Executive Director of the Corporation who will be appointed by the President of the Republic", explained Representative Alejandro Mejía, third secretary of the board of directors of the National Assembly.

He remarked that the Executive Director of the Corporation will have the legal representation of the Free Zone Corporation with the administrative faculties conferred by the Board of Directors and will execute the mandates issued by the same.

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134248-asamblea-nacional-aprueba-importantes-reformas-en-beneficio-de-los-nicaraguenses>



Nicaragua participates as panelist in COP 27 Summit

THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2022

Mr. Javier Gutierrez, (Secretary of Climate Change of the Presidency and Deputy Minister of MARENA), and a member of the Nicaragua's delegation to the COP27, participated as a panelist in sessions organized by FAO and EUROCLIMA+, on "The restoration of Ecosystems in the SICA Region" and "Capacity building to meet the Climate Change targets in the agriculture and land use sector".

Delegates from Bangladesh, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Zimbabwe, and Nicaragua participated in the event.

Nicaragua in its interventions highlighted the main results that the Government of National Reconciliation and Unity has achieved in terms of climate actions and national policies to reduce the impacts of the climate crisis.

The Nicaraguan Delegation to COP 27 is made up of Mr. Mohamed Lashtar, Minister of the President for Africa, Middle East and Arab Countries; Mr. Javier Gutiérrez, Secretary of Climate Change of the Presidency and Deputy Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources (MARENA); Ms. Ivania León Rivas, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Ms. Xochilt Cortés, Co-Director of SINAPRED; Ms. Vanessa Molina, MARENA; and Cros. Humberto Rodríguez, Alberto Cabezón and Julio Cárcamo from the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit.

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<https://www.el19digital.com/articulos/ver/titulo:134274-delegacion-de-nicaragua-participa-como-panelista-en-cumbre-del-clima-cop-27>



MINSA receives equipment to strengthen Family and Community Health Care Model

FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2022

On Friday, the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health received a donation of technological equipment from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), which constitutes an important contribution to the strengthening of the Family and Community Health Care Model. Ana Treasure, PAHO-WHO representative in Nicaragua explained that the equipment will be used for a digital transformation project led by the Ministry of Health, which has an enormous scope in improving the health care provided to Nicaraguans.

"PAHO is very proud to be able to accompany this digital transformation process, which has an enormous scope in improving care for Nicaraguans," she said.

She stressed that this is intended to improve efficiency using digital tools, in addition to the training of human resources.

"We are very pleased to see the great progress that Nicaragua has made in a very short period on this digital development. We congratulate you Minister, we congratulate you and your entire team, first for the political will to move forward in this process, but also for putting the outboard engine at full speed, great engines to accelerate its implementation that will strengthen the healthcare model and contribute much greater benefit for Nicaraguans," she said.

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