

Situation of Human Rights in Nicaragua

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Latest press releases about Nicaragua

[263/19 - IACHR Grants Precautionary Protection Measures in Favor of Student Leader Christopher Nahiroby Olivas Valdivia and His Family in Nicaragua.](#) Washington, D.C., October 18, 2019.

[297/19 - IACHR condemns the persecution of the victims of repression in Nicaragua and calls on the State to avoid revictimization and to promote truth, justice, reparation and non-repetition measures.](#) November 19, 2019

MESENI in numbers

Press releases published	66
Testimonies received by the IACHR	1,570
Trainings provided	22
Persons trained	506
Precautionary measures granted to date	76

IACHR condemns the persecution of victims of the repression in Nicaragua

In the context of the closure of democratic spaces in Nicaragua, the IACHR condemns the increasing focus of state persecution against the families of fatal victims and persons deprived of liberty in the context of the crisis.

The Commission is following with concern the development of the hunger strike initiated by family members and activists seeking the release of political prisoners in the Church of San Miguel in Masaya, as well as the detention and criminalization of 16 people who had traveled to the Church in support of the strikers' demands.

Since November 14, the temple where the strike begun has been surrounded by police to prevent the entry and exit of people. Moreover, the supply of drinking water and electricity, as well as access to medicines and supplies, have been interrupted, placing at risk the integrity and life of the persons striking as well as those who accompany them. Among those accompanying the strikers is the pastor of the church, Edwin Román Calderón, who suffers from diabetes and is a beneficiary of precautionary measures of the IACHR. The Commission was also informed about police blockades at the entrances of other temples and attacks on parishioners in various churches in the country that have been developing in support to the original protest.

In addition, the Commission has been informed about the intensification of the persecution of the families of the fatal victims of the crisis, through intimidation surveillance, with the purpose of preventing private and public actions in memory of their loved ones and in their demands for justice.

In particular, the Commission received information regarding the surveillance of the families of Matt Romero and Richard Pavón in order to prevent acts in their commemoration as well as the desecration of the graves of Jose Manuel Narváez and Josué Mojica. All of them fatal victims of the crisis for which their families continue to demand justice without results so far.

The IACHR has called on the State of Nicaragua to immediately cease the closure of democratic spaces, to refrain from persecuting and re-victimizing the victims of human rights violations and their families, and to free people who are still deprived of their liberty in the context of the crisis. The cessation of persecution of victims and their families and the promotion of

Main events

OCTOBER 9

The #MESENI and RELE alert on the situation of the newspaper “La Prensa”. With 93 years of existence, the newspaper runs the risk of interrupting its circulation due to pressure measures imposed by the State: customs have been importing imported paper and ink for 56 weeks.

OCTOBER 16

The #MESENI and rele are aware of the siege of Denis García's house, a correspondent for the Radio Coporación in Somoto. The #IACHR considers it urgent to respect freedom of expression and journalistic freedom in #Nicaragua

OCTOBER 30

The #MESENI learned that the Association Mothers of April denounced in a press conference the persecution and siege of the National Police of Nicaragua, as well as the desecration of the grave of José Manuel Narváez who died last year in the framework of the protests.

NOVEMBER 11

#IACHR Hearings #Nicaragua: Autonomy Judicial System, the applicants state that the lack of Independence and impartiality has contributed to the commission of serious human rights violations and political persecution of persons identified as opponents of the Government.

[#IACHRHearings](#) [#Nicaragua](#): Amnesty Law, Commissioner Urrejola [@totonia68](#), expressed that IACHR has stated that this law does not comply with inter-american human rights standards. This situation is not a stand-alone issue in the region and is of great concern for the Commission.



NOVEMBER 13

María Claudia Pulido, Deputy Executive Secretary of the @IACHR participates in the Forum on Human Rights Crisis in #Nicaragua: "The biggest challenge we have as human rights organizations is to inform that the repression in Nicaragua continues".

NOVEMBER 15

The #MESENI of the IACHR was informed of a hunger strike initiated in the San Miguel de Masaya church to demand the release of political prisoners in #Nicaragua. He also learned that 13 people who were going to support that measure were arrested last night by the National

Precautionary measures granted in October

MC 865 - 19-NI. Cristopher Nahiroby Olivas Valdivia and his family, October 4, 2019. In assessing the risk situation, the Commission takes into account the great visibility that the proposed beneficiary would have as leader of the student movement in Nicaragua, and his participation in demonstrations and interventions against certain policies and actions undertaken by the Nicaraguan government and the sectors it represents. The Commission also considered the particular situation faced by the student leader after having been deprived of his freedom in the framework of processes linked to the protests of April 18, 2018.

Repression data

Information updated to November 15th, 2019



328 deaths; 24 children and adolescents | 21 police officers



+150 political prisoners remain detained



+ 405 health professionals have been dismissed;
144 students have been expelled



+ 90 journalists and media workers have been forced into exile



+ 88, 100 Nicaraguans have fled to neighboring countries

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