

Situation of Human Rights in Nicaragua

Repression data

Information updated to May 31, 2020



328 deaths | 24 children and adolescents | 21 police officers



+86 political prisoners remain detained



+ 405 health professionals have been dismissed and **150** students have been expelled



+ 90 journalists and media workers have been forced into exile



+ 103, 600 Nicaraguans have fled to neighboring countries

Two Years After Visit to Nicaragua, IACHR Condemns Lack of Compliance with its Recommendations

Two years after its working visit to Nicaragua—which took place on May 17–21, 2018, in the context of the human rights crisis that started on April 18 that year— the IACHR condemned the lack of compliance with the recommendations it made in its [Preliminary Observations](#) and its [Country Report: Gross Human Rights Violations in the Context of Social Protests in Nicaragua](#).

In the current scenario, the Commission stressed the recommendations it issued following its visit, in May 2018, which remain valid to this day. They include the need to immediately end repression against demonstrators and arbitrary arrests of anyone taking part in protests; to respect and enforce the rights of Nicaraguans to protest and to be involved in politics and freedom of expression and peaceful assembly; to protect the lives, integrity, and safety of individuals who are demonstrating and exercising their civil rights and liberties and suffering the consequences of a repressive environment; and ensuring that security operations involving protests follow protocols that are in line with international standards on the use of force by law enforcement officers.

The IACHR urged the State of Nicaragua to take action to implement Commission recommendations—in compliance with the international obligations the country voluntarily accepted—as an appropriate way to restore democratic safeguards in Nicaragua. The IACHR further stressed its constant willingness to provide technical assistance to that end. The Commission stresses how urgent these measures are in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation of human rights in Nicaragua—which involves among others a lack of access to public information and a lack of trust in the authorities in a scenario where impunity and repression are rife—seriously affects the State’s ability to address the health problems caused by the pandemic.

The IACHR noted once again that openness to international scrutiny helps safeguard democracy and the rule of law. It urged the state to facilitate visits from the IACHR and MESENI and other international bodies, such as the OHCHR.

MESENI in numbers

Press releases published	80
Testimonies received by the IACHR	1,621
Trainings provided	30
Persons trained	639
Precautionary measures granted to date	85

Main events elevated in social media

MAY 13

#IACHR calls on the State to order the immediate release of all detainees in the context of the #DDHH crisis, following the recommendations published in Resolution 01/2020 <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/decisions/pdf/Resolution-1-20-en.pdf>

MAY 17

#IACHR 2 years after the IACHR visited #Nicaragua, human rights violations persist and are manifested today in a systematic attack on public liberties amid the pandemic #COVID-19 #Nicaragua2años #MESENI

MAY 19

#IACHR Impunity in #Nicaragua is possible due to the lack of independence in the powers and due to laws contrary to international law. The IACHR urges the application of recommendations on justice, truth, reparation, and non-repetition #MESENI #Nicaragua2años

MAY 20

The #IACHR reminds the State that it included Nicaragua in Chapter IV. B of its annual reports 2018 and 2019 for the systematic violation of #DDHH. The situation persists in 2020 and #IACHR demands effective measures to restore guarantees and rights #MESENI #Nicaragua2años

MAY 21

Given the situation of # COVID-19 in #Nicaragua, it is urgent to apply the recommendations that the #IACHR made 2 years ago. Restoring confidence in the authorities and accessing public information is crucial to face the pandemic #Nicaragua2años

#Nicaragua "Although there was massive release of 2,815 people who were detained, political prisoners were not included, so we understand that the release was discriminatory," said Commissioner Antonia Urrejola interviewed by @despacho505

MAY 28

#Nicaragua The #IACHR #MESENI reported the stigmatization by the authorities, towards those who offer analysis and information on #COVID-19 as alternatives to official data, using terms such as "deformed brains", "vende patrias" and "toxics" #IACHR #DDHH

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Human Rights

Últimos comunicados

123/20 - [The IACHR welcomes the memory of the victims of the March of the April Mothers and their families in Nicaragua \(Spanish version\)](#) June 1, 2020

113/20 - [Two Years After Visit to Nicaragua, IACHR Condemns Lack of Compliance with its Recommendations and Calls on the State to Urgently Implement Them.](#) , May 16, 2020

108/20 - [IACHR Decides to Extend Precautionary Measures in Favor of Human Rights Lawyer and Family of Beneficiary Ruth Matute in Nicaragua.](#) , May 13, 2020

SACROI-COVID19

— Sala de Coordinación y —
Respuesta Oportuna e Integrada

The IACHR and its Special Rapporteurships (RELE and REDESCA) expressed serious concern about the lack of reliable information on the scope of the COVID-19 pandemic in Nicaragua, which violates the right of the population to access information at a crucial moment for the population health. population and prevents evaluating the responsibility of the authorities for the health emergency. [You can check the press release here.](#)

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