

Situation of Human Rights in Nicaragua

Repression data

Information updated to May 10th, 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

IACHR denounces fifth stage of state repression

Two years since the start of the human rights crisis in Nicaragua, the Commission denounced the consolidation of a **fifth stage of state repression in the country**. Likewise, the IACHR reiterates its permanent commitment to the victims of human rights violations and to the Nicaraguan people.

Through the MESENI, the IACHR has identified new patterns of human rights violations consisting of intensified surveillance, harassment, and selective repression of social and political leaders; human rights defenders; journalists and press workers; as well as against any person identified with the opposition; systematic attacks against indigenous communities; as well as allegations of extrajudicial executions of opponents to the government and peasants.

In this new stage, the Commission confirms the maintenance of a de facto state of exception, through a police state that maintains suspended or severely limited fundamental rights such as freedom of expression and association, where no form of dissent is allowed, the right to assembly, to the defense of human rights, to social protest and to participate in public affairs, thus consolidating the most intense and systematic attack on public liberties that has occurred in the country since the beginning of the crisis.

Furthermore, in view of the effects of COVID-19, the Commission reiterates its concern about the absence of measures to contain the pandemic in the country, according to the recommendations of specialized international organizations.

Additionally, in the context of the serious deterioration of democratic institutions, the IACHR expresses concern about the lack of measures to provide public, trustworthy, transparent, and detailed information on essential aspects of crisis management, particularly to protect the rights of persons deprived of liberty.

The IACHR reiterates its call to the Nicaraguan State to comply with the recommendations made in its [Resolution 01/2020](#) Pandemic and Human Rights in the Americas.

MESENI in numbers

Press releases published	77
Testimonies received by the IACHR	1,616
Trainings provided	29
Persons trained	604
Precautionary measures granted to date	83

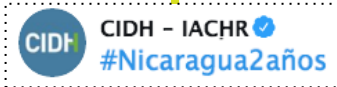
Main events elevated in social media

APRIL 16

#IACHR #Nicaragua @CIDH and @RELE_CIDH condemn the attack on the father of independent journalist Winston Potosme (@nicaperiodista), assaulted and seriously injured by a group of people who entered his house this morning #MESENI #FreedomofExpression

APRIL 18

#IACHR #Nicaragua Two years since the start of the protests and the #HumanRights crisis in the country, the @CIDH and its #MESENI reaffirm their commitment to the victims and accompany their families on this new anniversary <https://bit.ly/3bkU4eh> #Nicaragua2years



Message from the President of the IACHR - Commissioner Joel Hernández for the Nicaraguan people



Commissioner Antonia Urrejola sends a message to Madres de Abril and maintains the compromise of the #IACHR



The IACHR receives testimonies that describe a 5th stage of state repression in #Nicaragua

APRIL 21

The @CIDH condemns the acts of violence in Esquipulas, Ometepe Island, which left at least two protesters wounded by bullets, another with blows; three police officers injured; nine people arrested, including a 3-month-pregnant woman #Nicaragua2Years #MESENI.

APRIL 22

The @CIDH receives with concern complaints about Nicaraguans who cannot enter the country from El Salvador and the Cayman Islands. The impediment violates their rights and could violate international obligations of the State #MESENI.

APRIL 28

#Nicaragua @CIDH, through #MESENI, @DESCA_CIDH and @RELE_CIDH, expresses concern about the arbitrary dismissals of medical and health personnel for providing information and/or criticizing the Government's response to the #COVID19 #pandemic

MAY 8

#Nicaragua The @CIDH and its @DESCA_CIDH receive with concern complaints about infections and deaths due to #COVID in a context characterized by the absence of reliable official information and state measures that promote social distancing. #MESENI

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Latest press releases on Nicaragua

[80/20 - Two Years into Nicaragua's Human Rights Crisis, the IACHR Stresses its Permanent Commitment to Victims and Confirms the Consolidation of a Fifth Phase of Repression.](#) Washington, D.C., April 18, 2020.

[72/20 - MESENI and REDESCA express concern about the human rights situation in the context of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Nicaragua.](#) Washington, D.C., April 8, 2020.



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