

Situation of Human Rights in Nicaragua

JANUARY 2020

Repression data

Information updated to February 10TH, 2020



328 deaths | 24 children and adolescents | 21 police officers



+60 political prisoners remain detained



+ 405 health professionals have been dismissed and **144** students have been expelled



+ 90 journalists and media workers have been forced into exile



+ 96, 000 Nicaraguans have fled to neighboring countries

IACHR condemns attacks against Mayagna community in the context of the continuation of the human rights crisis in Nicaragua

The IACHR maintains a permanent monitoring of the situation of the indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples of the Caribbean Coast, particularly regarding historical demands on their ancestral territories and other acts of violence, repression and attacks that have been documented for several years.

In this context, in January, the IACHR condemned the attack on the Mayagna community, Bosawás, which would have resulted in the death of six people. On the other hand, according to official information, there were only four fatal victims. In this regard, the IACHR called on the State to adopt comprehensive policies to protect the right of indigenous communities to life and integrity. The IACHR reiterates to the State its obligation to guarantee the right to the territory as a first step to safeguard all the fundamental rights of indigenous peoples.

The IACHR warns of the continuation of the judicialization of the individuals critical to the Government in a context of complete lack of guarantees of impartiality and independence of the Nicaraguan judicial system. At the end of the month, at least 60 people would remain detained. The IACHR also regrets the situation of impunity caused by the prolonged weakening of the democratic institutions in the country, particularly in the face of the lack of investigation of the serious violations that occurred since April 18, 2018.



Recent press releases on the situation in Nicaragua

- [29/20 - IACHR decides to extend precautionary measures in favor of certain workers and journalists of Confidencial and La Costeñísima in Nicaragua.](#) February 7, 2020 (English translation pending)
- [15/20 - IACHR issues precautionary measures in favor of Elizabeth Velásquez of the Madres de Abril Association \(AMA\) in Nicaragua.](#) January 27, 2020 (English translation pending)
- [9/20 - IACHR conducts work visit to Costa Rica and presents its report on forced migration of Nicaraguan people.](#) Washington, D.C., January 14, 2020 (English translation pending)
- [6/20 - IACHR Expands Precautionary Measures in Favor of Ricardo Baltodano in Nicaragua.](#) Washington, D.C., January 13, 2020

Main events elevated in social media

DECEMBER 27

#IACHR welcomes the release at least 46 people deprived of liberty in the context of the #HumanRights crisis in #Nicaragua and recognizes in this measure progress towards overcoming the crisis #MESENI

JANUARY 14

The #IACHR makes a working visit to #CostaRica and presents its report on #forcedmigration of Nicaraguans



JANUARY 24

In the last hours, #MESENI and @RELE_CIDH observed attacks and siege on the press, relatives of political prisoners and the church in #Nicaragua

#MESENI and @RELE_CIDH learned that journalist @rojas_joseling was retained by police officers after her coverage in Nagarote. #MESENI and @RELE_CIDH also accessed a video that the National Police assaulted @wilihgonzalez, a journalist at @ canal10nica, in Managua

Father Harvin Padilla denounced that members of the National Police surrounded the church San Juan Bautista in Masaya and prevented a collection of school supplies hosted for the benefit of children of released and political prisoners of #Nicaragua

JANUARY 30

The #IACHR condemns the attack on the Mayagna community, Bosawás #Nicaragua. There are 6 community members killed and 10 missing. The State fails to comply with its international obligations to protect life and integrity if it does not investigate and punishes these incidents

The #IACHR notes that this pattern of attacks has been repeated in #Nicaragua for years. In this regard, the State must urgently adopt comprehensive policies to protect the right of indigenous peoples to life, integrity and territory

Precautionary measures granted

January 15, 2020. MC 1191/19 - Elizabeth Velásquez and her family nucleus, Nicaragua

December 24, 2019. Resolution 62/19. MC 1105-19 - Amaya Coppens and others, Nicaragua

December 24, 2019. Resolution 61/19. MC 1045-19 - Bayron José Corea Estrada and its family nucleus, Nicaragua

December 24, 2019. Resolution 60/19. MC 1067/18 - Sofia Isabel Montenegro Alarcón and sixteen other women human rights defenders, Nicaragua

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Watch the [visit's video](#)



MESENI in numbers

Press releases published	72
Testimonies received by the IACHR	1,585
Trainings provided	27
Persons trained	572
Precautionary measures granted to date	80

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