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The Progressive Alliance Denounces Transnational Repression and Crimes in the Prisons of the Ortega Murillo Dictatorship in Nicaragua

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The Progressive Alliance denounces before international public opinion that the Ortega Murillo dictatorship in Nicaragua has extended its repressive arm beyond national borders. The murder of retired Major Roberto Samcam on June 19 at his home in San José, Costa Rica, where he had been living in exile since 2018, is the most serious expression of the transnational repression being carried out.

There have been at least three previous attacks against Nicaraguan opposition figures, one of them fatal, against Rodolfo Rojas, who was also kidnapped in Costa Rica, where he had taken refuge, and whose body was later found in Honduras.

At the same time, repression within Nicaragua continues, now also targeting supporters of the regime. This is happening amid the crisis facing the dictatorship over the succession of Daniel Ortega.

The total number of political prisoners is more than seventy (70), and more than thirty (30) of them are registered as missing.

The state of emergency, in which all freedoms have been violated and the kidnapping of citizens is a daily occurrence, continues.

On August 25, it was reported that Mauricio Alonso Petrie had died in prison; he had been kidnapped on July 18 of this year. On the 29th of the same month, Carlos Cárdenas, who had been kidnapped on July 17, died under similar circumstances. With them, there are now seven political prisoners who have died in the regime's custody. In February 2022, Hugo Torres, vice president of UNAMOS, died under similar circumstances, and in May 2019, Eddy Montes was murdered in prison. Santos Flores in 2021 and José Modesto Solís in December 2023 also died as political prisoners. Humberto Ortega, former head of the army, died in September 2024, with the hospital serving as his prison.



The constitutional reforms that have recently taken place, following the general reform of February this year, only represent a greater concentration of power in the Ortega Murillo family, thus attempting to legitimize their dictatorship.

The Progressive Alliance once again denounces that the totalitarian and dynastic power of a single family is a serious setback for Nicaragua and a grave threat to stability and democracy in the region, as its consolidation is part of the authoritarian wave that is advancing in our countries.

The Progressive Alliance:

- Demands the release of all political prisoners in Nicaragua.
- Demands that the Nicaraguan regime cease repression, restore civil liberties and rights, and ensure the safe return of exiles and deportees.
- Calls on progressive governments to apply political, diplomatic, and financial measures aimed at pressuring the Ortega Murillo dictatorship to establish respect for human rights and a transition to democracy.
- Calls on all progressive forces around the world to strengthen their support for the democratic and progressive forces and the people of Nicaragua in their struggle for democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human dignity.