

**President Comandante Daniel Ortega  
and Comrade Rosario  
Vice-President of Nicaragua  
commemorate the 85th Birthday Anniversary  
of the Comandante Carlos Fonseca Amador  
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Nicaraguan Sisters and Brothers, Families of  
this Heroic People, of Diriangén, of Rubén, of  
Sandino, of Zeledón, of our Hero Andrés Castro...

Nicaragua, Land of Heroes, of Patriots, like Carlos. Today Carlos is celebrating 85 Years of Birth, 85 years! Tomás was a little older than Carlos, both born in Matagalpa, a Land that as in all the Municipalities and Communities of Nicaragua, have provided Men and Women willing to defend their Homes, their Families first of all. That's what we defend!

When we defend the Motherland, we are defending our Home, we are defending the Small Producer's little piece of land that works with great effort, we are defending the Right to Work, the Right to Education, the Right to Health. That is why the Patriots are

multiplying so much, throughout the World, and in our Country.

Precisely in Cuba, a People of Patriots, who gave their Fraternal Embrace to our Brother Carlos. A Heroic People the Cubans whom have been able to defend their Basic Rights, and continue to defend them, despite a brutal blockade. This is the blockade that has lasted longer than any other blockade, longer than anywhere else, in the history of mankind.

There have been blockades, sieges, that have lasted for a long time and where a lot of blood has been spilled. This blockade

however has been one in which Imperialism has combined military aggression and terrorism, with economic blockade. I mean, to deny the Right of the People of Cuba to work, to deny the Right of the People of Cuba to have Education, to have Health, they have wanted to deny those Rights to the People of Cuba, and they have not been able to take them away!

A brutal blockade that has caused immense economic losses, and also loss of Human Lives due to lack of access to medicines that were blocked. Even though Cuba has the money to buy it, even though the drug is being bought in a country other than the

United States, the claws of the Empire simply extend to that country and prohibit it from selling that medicine to Cuba, or prohibit it from selling machines and equipment, and prohibit it from selling anything to them.

There has been a vote in the United Nations and the vast majority of the countries of the world have voted against the blockade; 183 votes have said: we are against the blockade! They have said it so clearly at the United Nations, where the Foreign Minister of Cuba, our Brother Bruno, gave a whole presentation of the damage that the embargo has caused to the People of Cuba.

Only two countries voted against, the United States and Israel... two countries are voting against! Three Latin American countries subject to the Empire that previously voted against the blockade, even though they have always been subject to the Empire, but had the decency, still had the minimum of Dignity to vote against along with all the Countries of the World, now they abstained, they did not dare to vote together with the United States and together with Israel, but they abstained. Well, thank goodness they abstained.

And on this day when we commemorate the Anniversary of Carlos' Birthday, our Comandante Carlos Fonseca, with him, we express our Solidarity, once again, with the People of Cuba. Cuba knew the tyranny, the Dictatorship imposed by the Yankee Empire for centuries, until it was finally liberated. And that is what empires do not admit. They do not accept that a Nation, that a People that has been colonized by them, that has been occupied by them, that has been exploited by them, where they have always placed governments; that suddenly that People decides to be independent, ceases to be a Colony, ceases to be subjugated.

And that is what irritates the Empire, that a small nation like Cuba, being one of the small countries, of small territory, its territorial extension is even smaller than that of Nicaragua, although it has a larger population, which had been liberating itself in 59, breaking the chains of the Yankee Empire, just a few miles from the coasts of the United States. A real challenge!

For the Empire it was a very great irritation, they felt irritated, rabid, that a small country, with Fidel at the head, and Raul, determined to declare itself a Free State, and



later a Socialist State. It is the right of Cuba to declare itself a Free State, a Socialist State, just as it is the right of any country to declare itself a State of any kind, each with its own Model, according to its characteristics, according to its history. And that's where the battle against Cuba began, the isolation against Cuba.

These were times when that Organization, which has been and is an instrument of imperialist policy, the OAS, received the order. That is to say, the Latin American countries represented there in their great majority received the order of the Yankee Government, of the Empire.

Who received the order? The Somoza government, ah, because Somoza was "democratic," because he subordinated himself to the Yankees, had been put in place by the Yankees after killing Sandino. So, Somoza voting there at the OAS for the expulsion of Cuba... imagine! And so, all the Latin American Dictatorships, because America was then full of Dictatorships, all those Dictatorships, daughters of the curse of the Yankee Empire.

The Yankee Empire is a curse for Humanity, the Yankee Empire is a child of the devil, of the caves, of evil. In other words, it rages against the Peoples of the World, against its own

People, even against its white population, not only the black population, not only the immigrants, enraged against Central Americans, Latin Americans, Caribbeans, Africans, who arrive in the United States, but also the white population, born right there in the United States, which is subjected to economic discrimination.

Because there is economic discrimination, there is economic tyranny in the United States, there is economic dictatorship in the United States, there is dictatorship and tyranny in the field of health, in the field of education, none of this is free, everything

must be paid for; in such a way that not all young people can graduate there in the United States, and those who graduate, when they graduate, are already carrying an enormous debt that they then have to begin to pay.

And where, then, is the great wealth that this country accumulates, if it is the country with the greatest accumulated wealth in the world? Where is that wealth? It is in the hands of the large capitalists, of the big companies, military companies, commercial companies, transport companies, companies of all kinds.

The large companies that exercise monopoly at the Regional Level and seek how to exercise monopoly at the Global Level, and that do not allow other Countries to try to compete with them in what they call the Free Market. Because the Free Market does not exist, it is a lie... there is no Free Market! For them, yes Free Market, to do what they want.

But if another country appears to be developing, then you have to go against that country... And they go against Russia, and they go against China, and they go against Iran, and they go against Turkey, and they go against any country that is growing

economically; Countries that want to develop atomic energy for peaceful purposes, they are going against them as well. Oh, and they developed Atomic Energy for military purposes. The Yankees haven't stopped doing it, they still do.

On the other hand, they want to demand that small countries, such as the Democratic Republic of Korea, disarm the nuclear weapons they have; in other words, for them only the powerful can have nuclear weapons, but if a developing country wants to have nuclear weapons, they pounce on it, because it is the right and just thing to do.

It is true that we have declared this entire Region as a Zone of Peace, which implies to not develop atomic weaponry, but if we are going to refer to Justice, with what right and on what account can only the Developed Countries or the rich countries have the right to arm themselves with atomic weapons that gives them the power to threaten any other country that does not have atomic weapons?

Then laws have been imposed in the international arena, where in fact this situation is recognized as totally asymmetric, because if we are going to act with justice; as much right has a developed country to seek

atomic energy for peaceful purposes or for military purposes, as has a developing country to seek and develop atomic energy for peaceful purposes or military purposes.

Of course, they do not want developing countries to have atomic weapons, because they know that if the developing country has atomic weapons, then it is no longer easy to touch it. If the developing country does not have atomic weapons, then they can go and invade it; even though it means a few thousand dead for them, they go and invade it and occupy it. But if you know that the country has atomic weapons, then you have to



think about it, more so if that country has atomic weapons that can hit the United States, then even less can they touch it. They say all kinds of lies against that country.

They feel that they are the only ones that can have atomic weapons and they deny that right to other nations, and they threaten them simply because they are developing Atomic Energy for peaceful purposes, which is the case with Iran. So they say no, Iran is then going to make atomic weapons. And if they want to make them, what? Is it not Iran's right to make atomic weapons?

Who says, where in the 10 commandments does it say that only the rich can develop atomic weapons, and that we must respect that for the rich, for the big capital, for the Economic Powers, and that the poor are forbidden to develop atomic weapons? So it is the law of the strongest that is imposed, because if I have an atomic weapon at any time, I can move against a country that does not want to listen to me, and I can place economic sanctions that are aggressions, and I can impose a blockade on it, as in the case of Cuba.

In other words, that is the reality of the world, a world where democracy does not reign. That is not Democracy. That only some have the right to atomic weapons and others do not, that is not democracy! That is tyranny, a dictatorship of the powerful.

Of course, the ideal thing would be for atomic weapons to disappear, then the world would be calmer, since the countries would no longer feel threatened by those who have atomic weapons, who can disrupt them, that threat would no longer be there; they would no longer be easily subjected to blackmail by the developed countries. So, that would be ideal.

But the Empire, its spokesmen, boasts about talking in the name of Democracy... which Democracy? What Democracy have you practiced in the Western World? The "Democracy" of the occupation of Territories of other Continents that did not belong to them, and they killed one another, among themselves, the Powers, to see who ran first to occupy a Territory in Africa, in Asia, and then in America.

With what right? Who says that the Democratic Principles speak of the fact that the most powerful can seize the lands that they find along the way, no matter that they are

inhabited, that there is a population there, that they have owners? That because they are in poverty it entitles them to evict them, even murder them. That's what they call "Democracy." That's their history.

It is the history of having turned the trafficking of human beings, the slave trade, into a business! Ah, the "democrats" of the time, very holy in their presentation, very blessed in their presentation, organizing the caravans of ships to go to Africa and there the slave merchants gathered men, women, children of all ages in dungeons, all chained and awaiting for the buyers to arrive.

Who were the buyers? The buyers were not, of course, Africans, the buyers were those from "Civilized Europe", the ones who came to buy that merchandise. They would come in, the buyers would come in and they would examine these Human Beings, as if they were examining an animal to buy it, they would undress them, they would look at their physical conditions, they would open their mouths, they would look at how they had their teeth- that is, like someone who is buying an animal. Well, and then they bought them, they embarked again and the ships were leaving for Europe.

In other words, the 'Civilised' Europe of the time, the 'Democratic' Europe of the time, the Europe which already had a Parliament in many of its countries and it could be said that because they had a Parliament they were the most democratic thing in the world, in that Parliament they had approved the slave trade, and from Europe slaves also passed to these Regions and to the United States, where the European population that had occupied the United States had already wiped out the Original Population and needed labor to exploit those lands which they, as good 'democrats', had taken over.

The current owners of the United States, and it is not their fault logically, we are not blaming them, they are descendants of those who murdered and stole North American territory, when they arrived in the first boats from England to the United States, and said "these lands are mine, and it is over", in the name of the King, in the name of the Queen. As they came here to America, with the cross and with the sword, and said "these Lands are mine, and that's that."

Those Lands are neither theirs, nor have they ever been theirs, and the wealth that these Lands have produced is wealth that has been



stolen from the true owners of those Lands. But the day will come when the peoples who are facing difficulty in rich countries and in developing countries, are going to be able to recover their lands, they are going to be able to recover the wealth, they are going to be able to distribute that wealth, they are going to be able to really install democracy. Democracy is really going to be installed in these countries.

That day is going to come--why? They talk a lot, and that has now become a recurrent theme for these countries... "We have to change the regime," they say, in Venezuela," "we have to

change the regime in Cuba," "we have to change the regime in Nicaragua," where they do not like something, "we have to change the regime," they say. Changing the Regime means removing the Authorities, taking power away from the People, and installing their "Governors" to exploit those People.

In the world we have to change the regime, of course we do, we agree that we have to change the regime, but we have to change the capitalist regime, because it is the Savage Capitalism, the one that reigns in those countries, the one that has destroyed humanity, it is responsible for poverty, for

the hunger suffered by developing countries, it is responsible for not contributing as they should in situations of crisis, as now with the pandemic, we see that they offer here, they offer there, but that is not the solution.

Let them change the regime! The United States has to change its regime, the European countries have to change their regime, because there are the dictatorships enthroned from centuries before. We could be told here, but we succeeded in putting an end to slavery back in Europe a few years ago, but what was the reason for it? It was a result of the

contradictions that the Empires, France, England faced.

There was the slave trade, there were the Companies in France; France benefited greatly from this slave trade because of the position it occupied in Europe; but the slave trade also went to England, and from England it was moving to America, and there were people there, conscious, fighting, in the parliaments, who were fighting for the slave trade to be suspended.

In other words, they did not dare, there were no conditions to say that slavery should

disappear, they did not have the strength to do so, so they said that the slave trade should be suspended, at least that they should not pass through England. And there was a whole battle in the British Parliament, and of course, the approach did not happen, why? Because the slave traders, the slave merchants, the ones who had the links to the ships that trafficked the slaves, received money, and they didn't approve of ending it.

What was it that ultimately led to the suspension of operations? What occurred to one of the friends of those who opposed the slave trade, it occurred to him to argue something

that was true, and that is that France was doing the best business. France was an enemy of England, and they started saying: Well, if France gets stronger, it will threaten England, because they had wars, and France is getting stronger with the slave trade; therefore, if we want to deal a blow to the French economy, we have to cut off the slave trade, and it's going to affect French companies.

I mean, they didn't do it for Humanism, they didn't do it to recognize Human Beings in slaves, they just did it for an economic calculation, for a political calculation, for a commercial calculation.

And that System that describes itself as "democratic" and that is still imposed on the Planet, that System that Regime, it is the same Medieval Regime reconverted, modernized in these Times, but it is the same Regime. That is why the world demands a change of regime, a change of the Economic-Social System, and for that change to occur, we will have to disappear, once and for all, the Savage Capitalism, and by disappearing Savage Capitalism, there will be the conditions so that the World may live in Peace, and build Peace.

Carlos fought for those Ideals, and for those Ideals we continue to fight, and we continue to fight in all fields. And we are fighting the battles that we have to fight. If the police find someone stealing a bicycle, or stealing a cell phone, the police have to stop them, even if it is a very poor family; because on the other hand, the young people who walk with cell phones, walk with the terror of being assaulted, because sometimes they not only threaten them, but they kill them to steal their cell phone.

It is a crime, according to the Law it is a crime, there is no other way. A



sociological, psychological explanation can be found of what causes this boy, or many other young people to fall into crime, but that does not impede the Police from capturing, sending them to the Prosecutor's Office, and then sending them to face a Judge. That is a Principle, and that Principle applies to all of us.

Here it is not a question that, because one has more, then he cannot be touched by the Prosecutor's Office, cannot be touched by the Police, cannot go to the Courts, cannot go to prison, why? Because he belongs to high society, and because in addition to belonging

to high society, he is an agent, willingly employed by the Yankee Empire and conspires against the country, he conspires against Nicaragua, for what? To overthrow the government.

And that's not new, we already saw them in action in 2018, there we saw them in action! Who is going to forget how they came together and how they destroyed a Policy of Understanding, of Agreements, that had been advancing well, simply to listen to the Yankee that we had to bring about a change of regime in Nicaragua and that we had to bring "Democracy" to Nicaragua, that is, bring to

Nicaragua the Somocistas, the pro-capitalists, the servants of the Yankees, the "lackeys".

So, what simply causes astonishment, say some, is that suddenly the Police, the Prosecutor's Office, have found a network, that network that had been denounced for some time, that had been conspiring already on the issue of Social Security, that conspired when the fire occurred there on the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua, that conspired and launched to commit the most brutal crimes that have been committed in recent times here in Nicaragua, in April 2018. We saw that, we lived it.

But they also demanded that the Police stay in their barracks, allowing them to go around killing, destroying, burning, destroying schools, because these are symbols of this Good Government, they destroyed Health Posts because they are a symbol of good government. They had to destroy every symbol of The Good Government that provides recognition to the People of the work we had been doing.

So the Investigators had to continue to investigate how those funds came in, where those funds came from, how those funds were transferred. And Nicaragua is part of International Organizations

that deal with money laundering, and we are obliged to prosecute it.

Well, and the network has been found, and the network has a first and last name, names of non-governmental organizations, names of well-known people who serve as cover to allocate the resources, and if it was difficult for them to place the resources here in Nicaragua, then open other Offices in another country, nearby countries here in Central America, in Costa Rica, in other countries.

In other words, there the evidence is coming out, the evidence, and there the enemies of

the Revolution are shouting, the enemies of the People ... those poor little people, how is it possible that they are being detained, how is it possible that they are imprisoned, how is it possible that they are being prosecuted. And they launch campaigns against Nicaragua, campaign after campaign. And some countries daring to attack Nicaragua, when their roofs are entirely made of glass, but not only the roof, but also the floor is made of glass, countries that reflect the greatest level of decomposition that we can know.

We are respectful, we do not get into any country to be criticizing, lecturing, if it

is right, or if it is wrong what they are doing. Ah, but they use them for what? To launch attacks against Nicaragua, and to ask for more Sanctions, there they are on their knees asking for Sanctions against the Yankee Empire, begging for Sanctions against the Yankee Empire. They think that with sanctions they are going to bring Nicaragua to a fold.

Nicaragua has gone through much more difficult, much harder times, such as those that Sandino went through, like the ones we went through with Carlos at the head during the period of struggle against the Somoza Dictatorship. Those were hard, difficult times, they were times

of pain, of death, but fighting for Life logically. And difficult times after the Triumph of the Revolution, where what I was telling them was laid bare there, that the Yankees wanted to keep Somoza.

So as we arrived, we said, here we are going to do what the Nicaraguans command, what the Nicaraguans decide, then they did not like it, they felt better about the Somoza Regime, which for them was a "Democratic" Regime, the same Regime that called the vote for Cuba to leave the OAS, the same Regime that the Yankees occupied to train mercenaries here in Nicaragua, on the Caribbean Coast,



to invade Cuba in that famous onslaught that they made, which was quickly defeated by the Cuban People, led by Fidel.

So, the Revolution triumphed, that was unacceptable to them, and the other war came, a painful war, with thousands of dead, thousands of wounded, thousands of mutilated, a lot of destruction of the economy. How much pain! And the People fighting in that condition. And the People did not give up. And the People never give up.

So we moved forward until we met the goals we had, and the goals went through two elections,

the elections of '84 and then the elections of '90, respecting the results, yes, respecting the results, but, having already conquered the right to continue fighting to regain power, to return to government.

They thought that they had already liquidated us, that the change of regime in Nicaragua had already been achieved, with the departure of the Government of the Sandinista Front in 1990. That is, they were happy, elated, the Yankee officials went in and out of the government offices, giving orders to the Ministers; they had special entrances to enter and leave the Government Offices,

looking for how to recover properties, steal properties that the Revolutionary Government had given to the Small Producers, to the Families, houses, lands, etc.

Well, there they felt that they were already in "Democracy", and so they said, "we are in Democracy" And what did "we are in Democracy" mean? That the Health Service that we had managed to maintain in the midst of the war was sinking. Health, Education, development were privatized to cover the country with stagnated electrical power, and they began to set their traps, to privatize in exchange for large bribes, millions of millions in

bribes to privatize the basic services of the Country, of the People. Well, they did everything they wanted during those years, since 1990.

Then came the other Neoliberal Government that continued to do the same, and more; then came the other Neoliberal Government that continued to do, and more, and illiteracy growing in our country, and hunger, misery reproducing. What Housing Programs were there in those periods? What Health Programs, what Education Programs, to bring them to the people of the Rural Areas, to the poor people? No, everything was for the rich!

Then, with the Strength of the People, with the Faith placed in God, in our Heroes and Martyrs, we returned to the Government in 2007, when they believed that we were already extinct, we returned to the Government. And that's when the campaign against our government began again, immediately the campaign began... What an affront that we had managed to win the elections and that we were not democrats...

And the campaign began and the so-called Sanctions began, since then, look, and paramilitary groups began to organize, murdering small producers in the mountains. Then this was exacerbated with all the funds

that they started to put in to Nicaragua. They put in millions, millions of millions!

There we are going to see, when the authorities, the Prosecutor and the Judiciary present the results of these investigations, how many millions came in for death, to sow death and also so that these people would keep a good part of those millions. That's where it goes.

Therefore, do not come to us with the story that they are "Candidates", when here there are still no candidates registered, there is no Candidate, the time has not come for

the Registration of the Candidates to begin. They didn't have a single Candidate, let's remember well, even though they met at the Embassy to force them to join... Yes, the Embassies here dipped in, the U.S. Embassy in the first place, and other Embassies dipping in, bringing them together, to come together. It was impossible for them to come together, and time went on, still it was impossible for them to come together.

So, on account is the Global Media of the Right irresponsibly talking about so many detained candidates or pre-candidates, if they were not even pre-candidates of their own

groups, much less that they were pre-candidates already of a unit that never existed?

So, here we are not investigating politicians, we are not investigating candidates, here we are investigating criminals who have attacked the country, the security of the country, the life of the citizens, by trying yet again to organize another April 18, another coup d'état, to provoke what they call "regime change". That is what we are pursuing, that is what is being sought, and that is what will be punished in due course, as mandated by the laws.



And let them stop coming with that absurd request let them go free. Ah, are we going to ask another country, are we going to ask the United States to release the 400 Americans it has in prison, those that were detained after the assault on the United States Congress? They have them in prison, they are being investigated, they are being tried. There are more than 400 there, and here they are shouting for 20... there they are 400! That's why I said to them: Well, let go of those 400, well! Let go the 400!

And we could say to the Europeans: Release the hundreds of prisoners they have there for

migratory reasons, those who have prisoners for political reasons, because there are political prisoners in Europe, because of the issue of nationalities.

Just today the High Authorities of the Catalan Region were being pardoned, they have been held as prisoners for a long time, and I have not seen anyone, any Authority, neither Political, nor Religious, nor of any Country, asking Spain to release those Authorities, who were imprisoned simply for having organized within their Territory, with their resources, a Referendum so that the People could decide whether Catalonia

declared itself an Independent State, yes or no.

So because of that fact, look, they weren't firing bullets, they weren't burning anyone, they weren't destroying health centers, or schools. But for that reason they were imprisoned, the High Authorities, the President; others had to go to Brussels to protect themselves; others were imprisoned, most were imprisoned and a long time has passed because of that, and how much has it cost to release a good part of them right now?, but there are more detainees there in Europe, a number of detainees.

We are not getting involved, or are we going to get in here in Latin America and go around saying to Latin American governments: Go, release those people who are being held in prison? What a barbarity! What a barbarity! All the people they captured in such a place, because there are thousands captured every day, and there are also thousands who die every day in Latin American countries... Thousands! Thousands!

And they die in Colombia, young people die, Health Promoters, Environmental Promoters, Defenders of Nature die... They are murdered Every day! Every day! And so we can go

through Latin America and we are going to find thousands of dead, thousands of thousands of dead. That is why we say very firmly, with all certainty, and this can be verified by anyone who visits our country, that Nicaragua is the safest country in this entire region, there is more security, there is more stability in this region. So, forget that in Nicaragua there is no justice. They however, can do what they want.

In how many countries here, at the last minute, Candidates for the Presidency who were rating very high, already registered as Candidates, I remember the Candidate for

the Presidency back in Guatemala, the running mate of President Álvaro Colom, who was a Candidate for the Presidency and was scoring very high, first of all, they were already about to start, they were already days away from the Polls, at that moment, down! What happened? nothing!

And other countries where they hold elections and the electricity goes out, for 3 days, 4 days or 5 days the fuss, and nothing happened; the OAS says that everything is very good. But when the OAS wants to do harm, it does what it did in Bolivia, provoking a coup d'état against our Brother Evo Morales;

or they give extend the presentation of results that are clear in Peru, and there it is clear who is the winner, it is the Teacher, the Comrade Teacher is the winner. But they do not admit it, they do not want to, and the right-wing governments, the Yankees, who do not want it, have said it very clearly, but hey, that is where the Teacher's Victory will have to end. A Teacher will be the President of Peru, God willingly.

These are the struggles that we are fighting, Dear Sisters and Brothers, and that we will continue to fight, and rest assured that all this we are doing, we are doing in

accordance with the Laws, in accordance with the Institutional Rules that we have established, the Codes that we have established, to investigate, prosecute and try those who have committed crimes against the Motherland, those who have laundered money, just as when a drug trafficker is tried, equal, the same, there is not a step back, there will never be a step back, only forward, forward and forward, with our Brother Carlos, Carlos Fonseca, Eternal Comandante!

Long live Comandante Carlos!

Long live Nicaragua Blessed and Always Free!

Sandino Lives, the Fight Goes On!

A Free Motherland or Death!