

Nicaragua: Popular Victory

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Last Sunday, the Nicaraguan people electorally defeated the new imperialist attempt against a progressive government in Latin America, by re-electing President Daniel Ortega for the third time in a row and giving a strong victory to his Sandinist National Liberation Front.

Even though it was anticipated and polls gave Ortega a broad lead, his victory marked the revolutionary satisfaction of derailing the attempts of the enemies of our peoples to implement neoliberalism in that Central American nation.

The important thing is that the people of Nicaragua is the protagonist of its own transformations, under the leadership of President Daniel Ortega and the Coordinator of the Communication and Citizenship Council, Rosario Murillo, elected as vice president yesterday.

This is not the first time that Nicaragua's advances are published in the nine years of the second stage of Sandinist government, which marked a series of transformations.

The employment rate increases annually at an average of 7%, investments rose from 280 million dollars in 2006 to over 1500 million, power coverage rose from 54% in 2006 to over 85%.

Add to this a solid macroeconomic performance, a low and stable inflation, healthy public finances and a robust financial system, while the international reserves continue strengthening, backing the president when he made that some opposing forces but that still keep honest

stances, collaborate with the Sandinist project.

As part of its management the Executive also boosted programs like Zero Hunger, which promotes local food production, by providing beneficiaries with poultry and other animals; and Zero Usury, which grants loans with low interest rates mainly to single mothers and female household heads.

Overall poverty decreased from nearly 42% to 29%, mainly present in remote coastal and mountainous zones, while child care is one of the main achievements of that nation that eradicated illiteracy with Cuba's assistance.

But its best presentation card is free health and education, as well as good social security, but the nation continued to grow economically. In 2016, it achieved 4%, the second highest percentage in Latin America.

As we know, tens of thousands of Central American and Mexican children and teenagers face abuses that can cause their death, by travelling thousands of kilometers alone in order to reach U.S., apparently aimed at family reunification, but in fact it is to flee hunger and misery exalted even more by neoliberalism; none of them is Nicaraguan.

As in the first stage of the victory of the Sandinist Revolution, solidarity has remained to be basic to develop dreams, hopes and projects for the benefit of the entire Nicaraguan population.

Following Cuba's example, Nicaragua keeps its principles and fights against adversities plotting so its people leave their solid development.

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