

# *Nicaragua rejects statements by Spain's foreign minister*

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**Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Denis Moncada rejected the "daring ignorance" of his Spanish counterpart when she referred to Nicaragua and its president Daniel Ortega. | Photo: diario libre**

Managua, June 28 (RHC)-- Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Denis Moncada has sent a letter to his Spanish counterpart, Arancha González, in which he rejects the "offensive statements about Nicaragua" and its president.

Earlier, in the framework of his speech at the summit of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-People's Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP), Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega denounced that the

Spanish diplomatic missions in Managua, as well as that of the United States and other European countries, host meetings of the political opposition. According to Ortega, the meetings are to look for a suitable candidate for the general elections of next November 7th and he accused both diplomatic representations of interfering in the internal affairs of his country.

The following day, the Spanish minister said during a press conference with his Iraqi counterpart, Fraud Hussein, that "all Spanish diplomats scrupulously comply with their obligations" under the Vienna Convention and international rules.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Moncada responded forcefully on Saturday by reminding Madrid of "the cynicism and shamelessness of so many outrages and atrocious crimes committed by the Spanish crown during the brutal conquest of the sacred lands of Our America."

Likewise, he added that, when referring to the president of a free and sovereign people, Gonzalez did it "with the voice of a bailiff, without realizing it in his delirious peroration of an old-fashioned mandarin" and showed "a daring ignorance and a ferocity unfit for diplomacy."

The Nicaraguan diplomat emphasized that his country had never been subjects of the Spanish kingdom; on the contrary, they were subjected to slave rule by "the brutal force of the sword and the cross", he said.

Likewise, the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister called on his Spanish counterpart to apply in the territory of the Iberian kingdom "a pinch of that democracy they demand from others, freeing their political prisoners, opening channels to the struggles and demands for independence, and applying civilized norms to those who have the right to fight for their beliefs."

In this sense, Denis Moncada mentioned the "absurd persecutions, exiles, or unjust imprisonment, such as that suffered by Catalan leaders recently pardoned, with strict conditions of non-repetition."

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