Nicaragua takes complaint to UN over U.S. refusal to pay compensation for support of Contra terrorists

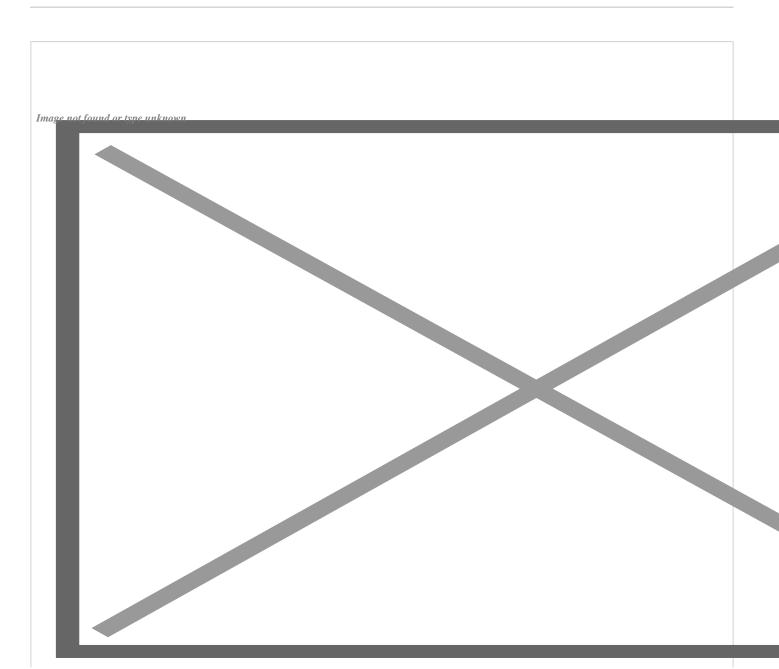


Photo by Nicaragua's Presidency showing Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega (2-L) and his wife, Vice-President Rosario Murillo (L), taking part in the commemoration the 37th anniversary of the anti-US ICJ ruling in Managua, on June 27, 2023. (Photo: AFP)

Managua, June 29 (RHC)-- Nicaragua has lodged a complaint with the UN against the US for its refusal to comply with a ruling by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordering it to compensate Managua for its support of Contra forces during the 1980s.

The announcement was made by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega at a ceremony in Managua commemorating the 37th anniversary of the ruling by the International Court of Justice, which condemned the U.S. for carrying out military and paramilitary activities in and against Nicaragua.

"We will go to court to accuse the United States so that they repair the damage they have done to Nicaragua as much as possible," said Ortega. The Nicaraguan leader said the decision was made despite friendly nations advising him that taking the matter to the UN will be an exercise in futility.

"When we talked about going to court to sue the United States, even brotherly nations, friendly nations, told us: that is a lost case, you will not even be able to make any progress there in court." "The Court has undoubtedly been a point of reference in the battle for independence, for the sovereignty of Nicaragua, in the face of the recourse of the powers, of the use of force, we have defended ourselves with the force of law."

The Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry has written a letter to UN chief Antonio Guterres, calling on the body to make the U.S. pay its long-overdue debt to Nicaragua.

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