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## **Amnesty International Criticized For Lack Of Objectivity In Study Of Nicaraguan Human Rights Situation**

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A spokesperson for the Scottish Medical Aid Organization told reporters in London Jan. 9 that Amnesty International's recent report on human rights in Nicaragua lacks objectivity. The London-based organization, he said, prepared its report on the basis of perspectives from persons opposed to the Sandinista revolution. The medical assistance organization provides medicine, foodstuffs and technical assistance to Nicaragua. Amnesty International, self-proclaimed defender of human rights throughout the world, said the spokesperson, did not send even one specialist to Nicaragua in the 18 months prior to releasing the report. Moreover, he added, the report does not mention the United States, a country sponsoring brutal aggression against the Nicaraguan civilian population via its support for the contras. The medical assistance group obtains information on the Nicaraguan human rights situation from direct and continuous contact with Nicaraguans as well as data from the US-based Americas Watch. The latter organization, he said, in contrast to Amnesty International obtains information through direct research methods, i.e., visits to Nicaraguan cities, towns, villages, prisons, and the like. Finally, the medical aid group called on Amnesty International to publish the extensive human rights violations committed by the contras.

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