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On Oct. 27, the Agence France-Presse reported that 100 Nicaraguan curanderos, witches, voodoo practitioners, and fortune tellers plan to participate in a national meeting on Oct. 31 in Diriomo, Masaya department. Diriomo is known as the "pueblo de brujos." Agenda items include stigmatization of alternative healing practices, and excessive government tax levies on such services. A Nicaraguan witches' association was recently established, and has been represented in international meetings, including a recent conclave in Recife, Brazil.

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