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## **Nicaragua: Managua Mayor Charges Former President With Terrorism & Sediton**

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On Dec. 5, Managua Mayor Arnaldo Aleman formally submitted a request to the Attorney General's Office to bring charges against former president Daniel Ortega for "terrorism, sedition, and exposing persons to physical harm." Aleman said that during a speech in October, Ortega incited followers to "make use of their weapons." Aleman argues that Ortega's statements caused street violence and looting on Nov. 9-10. The mayor, who is also president of the rightist Liberal Constitutionalist Party (PLC), told reporters that he has evidence implicating Ortega in the events of Nov. 9-10, including "a video clip which shows him [Ortega] driving a jeep" near the scene where some of the destruction took place. Upon learning of Aleman's latest actions, Ortega described the mayor as a "picturesque personality," dismissing the efforts to bring him to trial as "a clown's game." (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 12/05/91)

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