



Nicaragua Withdrawal from UNESCO

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Nicaragua has announced its withdrawal from the [UNESCO](#) in protest over the awarding of the **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize to Nicaraguan newspaper La Prensa** despite its opposition from the Nicaraguan government.

- **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize:** It was **established in 1997** and is the **UN's only journalism award**, presented every year **on 3rd May**, [World Press Freedom Day](#).
 - Named after **Colombian journalist Guillermo Cano**, it **honors individuals or organizations** for their **contributions to press freedom**.
 - Past recipients include Myanmar journalists **Kyaw Soe Oo and Wa Lone (2019)** and **Belarus' top independent journalists' group (2022)**.
- **UNESCO:** [UNESCO](#) is a [United Nations \(UN\)](#) agency, founded in **1945** and **headquartered in Paris**.
 - It aims to foster **peace and equality** by promoting **education, science, culture, and communication** through **global cooperation and standard-setting**.
- **Nicaragua:**
 - **Location:** **Largest country in Central America**, bordered by **Honduras (north)**, **Costa Rica (south)**, **Pacific Ocean (west)**, **Caribbean Sea (east)**.
 - **History:** Colonized by both **Spain and Britain**, gained independence in **1821**, became **fully independent in 1838** after briefly joining the **Central American Federation**.
 - **Population:** Predominantly **mestizo ethnic group** (mixed Indigenous and European ancestry).

