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# Roberto López is in serious trouble for his Spanish nationality after US sanctions


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Analysts warn that Roberto López could lose his Spanish nationality due to sanctions imposed by the United States. Photo: Courtesy






After the United States Department of the Treasury rectified the information and it became known that Roberto José López Gómez, president of the Social Security Institute (INSS), also has Spanish nationality, political analysts warn of the consequences that could be generated for the Ortega official before the European Union (EU) after being sanctioned by the Trump administration.



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Political analyst Roger Arteaga told **Article 66** that López's dual nationality (Spanish and Nicaraguan) does not change the measure imposed by the White House "because the accusation is not based on where he was born but rather on the acts he has committed. Knowing that he has that nationality and being sanctioned, it is not remote that Spain, through an act of solidarity with Nicaragua, can take away the nationality that he (Roberto López) has, because he has that power as a government and obviously by taking away this documentation he becomes an outcast."




Political analyst Roger Arteaga. Photo Courtesy

Arteaga also warned about the actions that the US government could carry out against this Ortega token, accused of corruption and violation of human rights. "If he has assets or properties in Spain, the Donald Trump government could require Spain to freeze his properties and his financial status."

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On October 16, the dictator Daniel Ortega attacked the European Union, after the approval of a legal framework to apply sanctions to regime officials. According to Ortega, the EU joined the "interventionist and imperial" international policies of the United States against his administration.

These statements by the dictator, in the presence of the European Union ambassador in Managua, Pelayo Castro, could be the trigger for the EU to consider that the INSS official lead the list of those next sanctioned by the international organization. "Have no doubt that this gentleman is going to head the list because Ortega offended the EU and Ambassador Pelayo Castro."

For his part, former Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Francisco Aguirre Sacasa remarked that this sanction represents a "civil death" only in the United States. However, he affirmed that the operator of the petty cash of the regime could be harmed if the countries that make up the European Union join the sanctions that the United States and Canada have imposed on 14 tokens of tyranny.

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«The EU could well do what Canada did, which was to synchronize its sanctions with those imposed by the US government, at that moment Roberto López, also a Spanish citizen, could be harmed, but I do not think that the US government is going to persecute through the Magnitsky (law) to this official."



Roberto López, president of the INSS. Photo: Courtesy

López is accused by the Treasury Department of participating through the INSS "in deceptive practices or corruption of the Nicaraguan government, on behalf of the latter or with some other type of relationship with said government or of a current or former official, such as the approval misappropriation of public property or the expropriation of private property for personal gain or political purposes, corruption related to public contracts or bribery".

The US government reports that the official through the public institution "has been affected by corruption scandals and money laundering maneuvers, which include financing the construction of a skyscraper valued at several million dollars on land owned by López, even favoring contracts with construction companies and pharmaceutical suppliers linked to the government or making illegitimate payments to officials through shell companies.

Meanwhile, the former diplomat Bosco Matamoros agreed with the former Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Aguirre Sacasa on the coordination that the European Union could have with the United States in the application of these measures. "It would be necessary to see the appeals that the government of the United States presents before the Spanish jurisdiction and the authorities of the European Union, although there are two jurisdictions because he is a Nicaraguan and a European citizen," concluded the former Nicaraguan ambassador to Spain.

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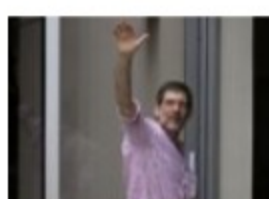
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