

## Iranian Students Greet Daniel Ortega

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TEHRAN, June 11, (IRNA)—Visiting Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said on Monday his visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran was a turning point in expansion of mutual ties between the two countries.

He told reporters prior to his departure that he leaves Iran for home with a powerful spirit and is quite confident that existing unity between the two nations are invincible. He said that both Iran and Nicaragua are determined to take advantage of unity to defend justice and peace in the world. Expressing satisfaction with his visit

to Iran and his meeting with Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and his Iranian counterpart President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, he said Iran and Nicaragua have common goal calling for solidarity of Latin American nations with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad who attended the departure ceremony, told



reporters that there is no obstacle to develop cooperation between the two

countries adding that the Iranian nation fully supports Nicaraguan independence, dignity and development. Iran and Nicaragua stand shoulder to shoulder and their enemies should know that they can do nothing against them. The

enemies should respect the will of nations and yield to them, he said.

President Ahmadinejad underscored that Iran is determined to expand all-out political, economic and cultural cooperation with Nicaragua and that there is no hurdle in broadening mutual ties. “We are now witnessing a modern and

revolutionary

breakthrough among the Latin American nations and their demands are the same as the liberated nations round the globe. “Latin American nations seek their human dignity and their rights to be respected and call for administration of justice, development and safeguarding their independence.”

Since the triumph of the Islamic Revolution in Iran was simultaneous with the Nicaraguan revolution and the



**Iranian students hold a posters as they listen to the speech of Nicaragua’s President Daniel Ortega at Tehran University at a reception in Iran, Sunday, June 10. This was President Ortega’s second visit this year. (AP Photo/Hasan Sarbakhshian)**

democratic nature of both revolutions, brought the two nations closer, he said. Benefiting from each other experience and capabilities could be at the service of progress, peace and security of the world, he pointed out. He said that formation of Iran-Nicaragua Joint Economic Commission would help expand economic cooperation between the two sides. The president of Iran said that through establishing thermal power plant, Iran would help remove Nicaraguan in electricity shortage. The Nicaraguan President said that the increase in the volume of trade between the two countries would help boost ties between the two sides.

The student run *ISNA* reported on Monday that Iran's President stated that there was no limitation or obstacle in the way of expanding ties between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Nicaragua. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in a joint news conference with Daniel Ortega and said none of the enemies of the two countries could stand in the way of their friendship. "We can aid each other in many fields and believe that our experiences can be valuable for one another's progress and development which can be directed towards world peace and security. We share many similar view points towards international issues," he said.

Also the Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega on his part, while noting that cooperation between the Iran and Nicaragua was very important and influential, counted some of the fields which both sides had agreed to cooperate in. "We welcome Iran's cooperation in fields such as energy and agriculture; we also want to expand our mutual ties in commercial and economic relations and

therefore will soon establish a shared chamber of commerce," President Ortega reportedly said.

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