

# *Nicaragua Strengthens Disaster Preparedness*

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Managua, February 6 (RHC-PL) -- Strengthening disaster preparedness remains today on the agenda of the Nicaraguan authorities, which will soon conduct evacuation practices in schools.

According to the coordinator of the Communication and Citizenship Council, Rosario Murillo, such exercises will take place from February 16th to the 21st.

According to the advisor to the President for Educational Affairs, Salvador Vanegas, drills will last about 11 minutes, while the training given to teachers will take several hours.

Recently Murillo said that such exercises should be repeated in the third week of each month, with the objective of maintaining teachers and students prepared for natural disasters.

'This helps us to evacuate quickly, to face any eventuality,' she said, recalling that Nicaragua is a country of high seismic risk.

The Central American nation is located in the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, an area of more than 40,000 kilometers that concentrates most active volcanoes in the world and where telluric events happen more frequently and magnitude.

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