

Colombia-Nicaragua Territorial Dispute. Bogota Will Not Recognize International Court of Justice's Ruling

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Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos assured Friday that the decision of the International Court of Justice in The Hague "will not be applied" regarding the differences with Nicaragua.

"I might have a meeting with President Daniel Ortega tomorrow. And we will handle this as prudently as possible," said President Santos in this capital in the frame of the 4th Summit of the Union of South American Nations (Unasur) Friday.

Santos said he expects to talk to Ortega in a respectful and civilized way, and expects his government will use all possible channels for the right of Colombia "to be restored."

On November 19, the ICJ concluded that Colombia has sovereignty on the inlets and keys called Albuquerque, Bajo Nuevo, Este-Sudeste, Quitasueño, Roncador, Serrana and Serranilla, but gave Nicaragua the jurisdiction at the east of the Meridian 82, up to where Colombia exerts its sovereignty right now.

Because of this decision Santos announced Colombia will withdraw from the Pact of Bogota, which recognizes the ICJ.

The First Chapter of the Pact of Bogota talks about the general obligation to solve controversies by peaceful methods and reasserts the commitments of the signing parts.

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