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blatant and has been so almost from the outset. It is an unpleasant reminder that Nicaragua is indeed becoming another Cuba and, while many things can be said about that, we question whether one of them is that we attach no particular significance to manifestations of that unhappy fact.

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