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Here in the words of the Sandinistas government are the rights that have been suspended -- the right to circulate freely in Nicaragua, to choose a place of residence and to leave and enter the country, freedom of expression and freedom of the press, the right to assemble peacefully and to hold public demonstrations, the right to strike, the right to seek legal redress for violation of civil liberties.

These are the rights that were suspended last week, supposedly. But, then, there are other rights which were suspended a long time ago and which are still suspended -- guarantees of freedom from arbitrary arrest and from detention without charges, and the right to a judicial hearing within 24 hours of arrest and to humanitarian treatment while being detained, the right of habeas corpus, the right to be considered innocent until proven guilty, the right of a public trial with adequate defense and other judicial rights, freedom from search without warrant, the right to privacy of correspondence and freedom from unwanted interference in private and family matters, the right to create and promote organizations.