

Nicaragua Candidate Dies

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MANAGUA, [Nicaragua](#), July 2 (Reuters) — A Nicaraguan presidential candidate who opposed the bid by former President Daniel Ortega to retake power died of a heart attack on Sunday, his party said.

Herty Lewites, a center-left former mayor of Managua, split from Mr. Ortega's Sandinista Party to form the Sandinista Renovation Movement. His breakaway group had been expected to hurt the prospects of Mr. Ortega in the Nov. 5 election. Mr. Lewites, who was 67, came in third in a recent opinion poll.

Mr. Ortega, whose government defied Washington throughout the 1980s, was leading the election race, according to an opinion poll published last week.

He was defeated by Violeta Chamorro, a candidate favored by the United States, in 1990.