

Lada Taxis in Managua

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MEXICO CITY — Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega presented 87 Managua taxi cooperatives with 450 Lada Kalina cars Saturday.

"Next year we expect another 1,000 Russian cars as part of the modernization of Managua's taxi fleet," under a contract between the Nicaraguan Coruna company and AvtoVAZ, Ortega said. In addition, he said, 200 more cars were expected from the Kurgan car plant within weeks.

Nicaraguan officials are counting on the new cars to alleviate the severe transportation shortage in Managua.

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