

# Nicaragua and Russia Break Up Drug Trafficking Ring

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MANAGUA — The Nicaraguan government says Russia and Nicaragua have broken up a drug trafficking ring that supplied cocaine to Europe and was headed by a member of Mexico's brutal Zetas cartel.

Police Commissioner Fernando Borge says that Nicaraguan police, with help from Russian authorities, detained 26 alleged ring members who have links to Nicaraguan businessman Henry Farinas, who was sentenced last year to 30 years in prison for drug trafficking and money laundering.

Nicaragua said in a statement Monday that Martin Flores, a Mexican citizen who led the ring, was among those detained in early March.

Russia and Nicaragua last year signed a cooperation agreement to fight drug trafficking that includes an exchange of technical assistance, training and information.

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