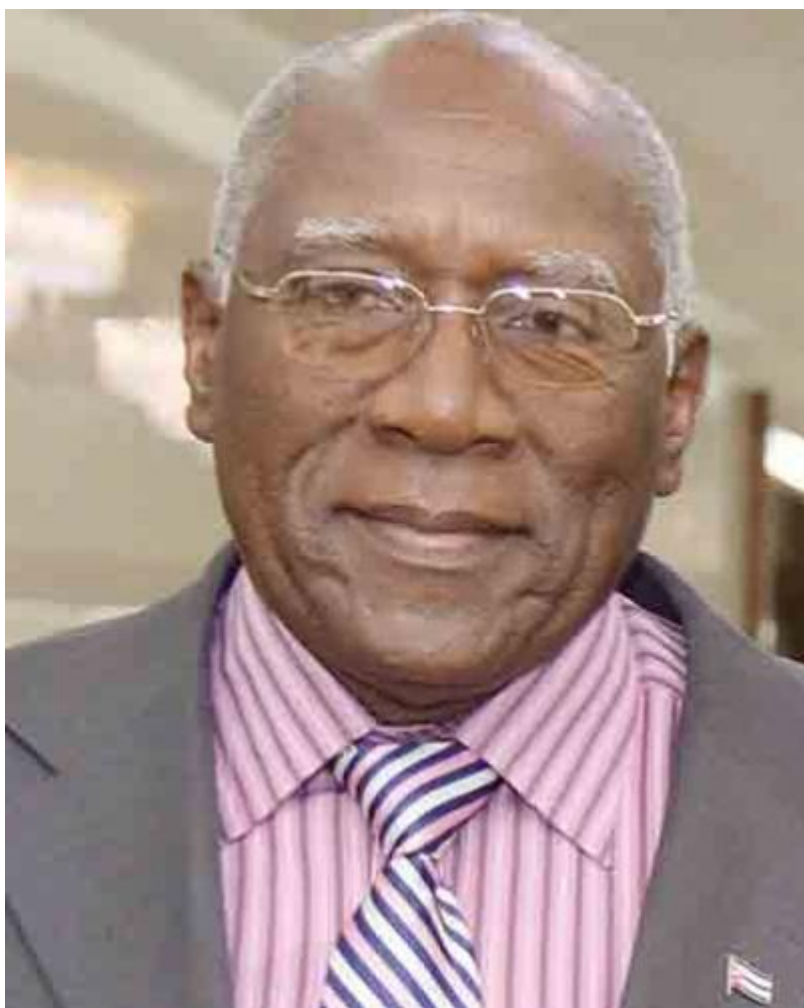


# *Cuban vice president visits People's Democratic Republic of Korea*

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Havana, September 8 (RHC)-- Cuba's First Vice President Salvador Valdés Mesa arrived Saturday to Pyongyang on an official visit, invited on the occasion of celebrations on the 70th anniversary of the creation of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea.

Valdés Mesa was received by the vice president of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea Ri Su Yong.

The Cuban vice president arrived in the People's Democratic Republic of Korea from China, where he paid a brief visit during which he held talks with top officials, among them Wang Qishan, vice president of the People's Republic of China, and with officials from the Politburo of the country's Communist Party.

Next Tuesday, the Cuban vice president will travel to Hanoi, Vietnam, where he will attend a ceremony on the 45th anniversary of the first visit to Vietnam of Cuban Revolution leader Fidel Castro.

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