

# *Cuban President denounces destabilization attempts*

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## **President Miguel Diaz-Canel addresses the nation after returning**

Havana, July 11 (RHC) Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel on Sunday denounced destabilization attempts amid the complex economic situation, the effects of the U.S. blockade, and the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Head of State spoke on national television, after returning to the Palace of the Revolution in Havana, from a visit to the locality of San Antonio de los Baños, in the neighboring western province of Artemisa, the scenario of a demonstration this Sunday.

In his special appearance, Diaz-Canel reviewed the difficulties that the Caribbean nation has been going through since 2019 with the measures of the Trump administration.

He pointed out that the hostility against the island reflects a policy of viciousness. After reinforcing the economic siege, now the U.S. administration takes advantage of the adverse situations generated by the pandemic to promote campaigns to destabilize the government.

The President contrasted the attention given to countries where the pandemic peak has generated thousands of cases and deaths with the treatment given to Cuba by western media. He said no humanitarian intervention has been requested for those states, or discredit campaigns have been orchestrated against them.

"Life, history, and facts demonstrate that what the organizers of these actions want is to strangle and end the Revolution," he stressed.

In his T.V. appearance, Diaz-Canel referred to events in San Antonio de Los Baños where he went with other authorities to exchange with the population on their dissatisfaction.

"When people are faced with such severe circumstances, events as those reported in San Antonio de Los Baños are likely to occur," the head of state said.

Diaz-Canel said that the people who gathered to protest were common people in need, living with shortages and difficulties, revolutionary people with dissatisfaction. Still, he noted that they respectfully asked for explanations.

However, he explained that the organizers of the demonstration were a group of manipulators at the service of the anti-Cuba campaign, who for the last several days have been calling for social disturbances islandwide.

"A very cruel and criminal act at a time when people should be isolated at home protecting them from the pandemic," he said.

Those who encourage these demonstrations do not want the welfare of the people, but the privatization of health and education, neoliberalism, said Díaz.

Together with national and local authorities, Diaz-Canel went to San Antonio to learn about the situation and the inhabitants' concerns and to march through the streets of the locality.

We will not allow any sold-out counterrevolutionary, who receives money from U.S. agencies, to provoke destabilization in the country, the President emphasized.

At the same time, he called revolutionary Cubans to take to the streets in defense of the Revolution wherever there is a destabilization attempt and to confront them with decision, firmness, and courage.

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