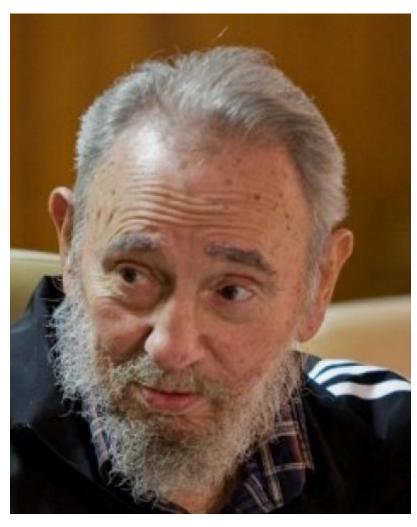
Fidel Castro Blasts Downing of Malaysian Plane and Expresses Solidarity with Palestine



Havana, July 18 (RHC) — The historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro, expressed his rejection for the downing of a Malaysian airliner on Ukrainian territory and reiterated his solidarity of the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip amidst the current Israeli aggression.

Fidel wrote an article on Thursday evening, which was published by Cuban media under the title "Unusual Provocation," explaining that news wires on Thursday morning extensively talked about the surprising story that a Malaysian airliner was attacked 10,100 meters in the air, as it covered a route under the control of the warmongering government headed by Petro Poroshenko, the King of Chocolate.

In his article, Fidel Castro recalls that Cuba always supported the Ukrainian people and in the difficult days of the Chernobyl tragedy, the island medically assisted many children affected by the harmful radiation of that accident and will always be willing to keep doing so, but Cuba cannot avoid expressing its repudiation for the action by such anti-Russian, anti-Ukrainian and pro-

imperialistic government.

Fidel says that parallel to the crime against the Malaysian airliner, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, ordered a ground invasion of the Gaza Strip, where some two hundred Palestinians, mostly children, had been killed over the past few days. U.S. President Barack Obama supported the Israeli action by saying that it was an act of legitimate defense, Fidel notes, describing Obama's position as support of Goliath against David and not David against Goliath.

And the Cuban Revolution leader adds that young women and men from Israel, well prepared for productive work, will now be exposed to death without honor or glory. He said that although he does not

know the Palestinian military doctrine, he does know that a combatant who is determined to die can defend even the ruins of a building while he holds his rifle, as it was proven by the heroic people who defended Stalingrad.

And finally, Fidel said he only wanted to express his solidarity with the heroic people who are defending the last shred of what their homeland used to be for thousands of years.

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