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Havana, July 24 (RHC)-- Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel pointed to the validity of Bolivarian ideals on the 239th anniversary of the birth of Simon Bolivar.

In a message on his Twitter account, the Cuban president said: "To Simón Bolívar, Liberator of Our America, the homage of Cuba -- a people of deep Bolivarian ideals -- on the 239th anniversary of his birth."

Simón José Antonio de la Santísima Trinidad Bolívar Palacios Ponte y Blanco was born on July 24, 1783 in Caracas, Venezuela, son of Juan Vicente Bolívar and María Concepción Palacios.

His intelligence, will and selflessness were qualities that stood out in his personality and together with his ideals of independence from the Spanish colonial yoke led him to give 20 years of his life to the liberation of what today are Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

That is why history distinguishes him as the "liberator of America" whose ideas, in the case of Cuba, found the greatest expression in the thought and work of the National Hero José Martí, who assured that "Bolívar did not defend with so much fire the right of men to govern themselves as the right of America to be free".

And on the validity of his thought he pointed out:

"Where will Bolívar go? To the arm of men to defend from the new greed, and from the stubborn old spirit, the land where humanity will be more happy and beautiful! (...) so that, to the bonfire that was that existence, they see the indispensable brotherhood to the continent and the dangers and the greatness of the American future!".

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