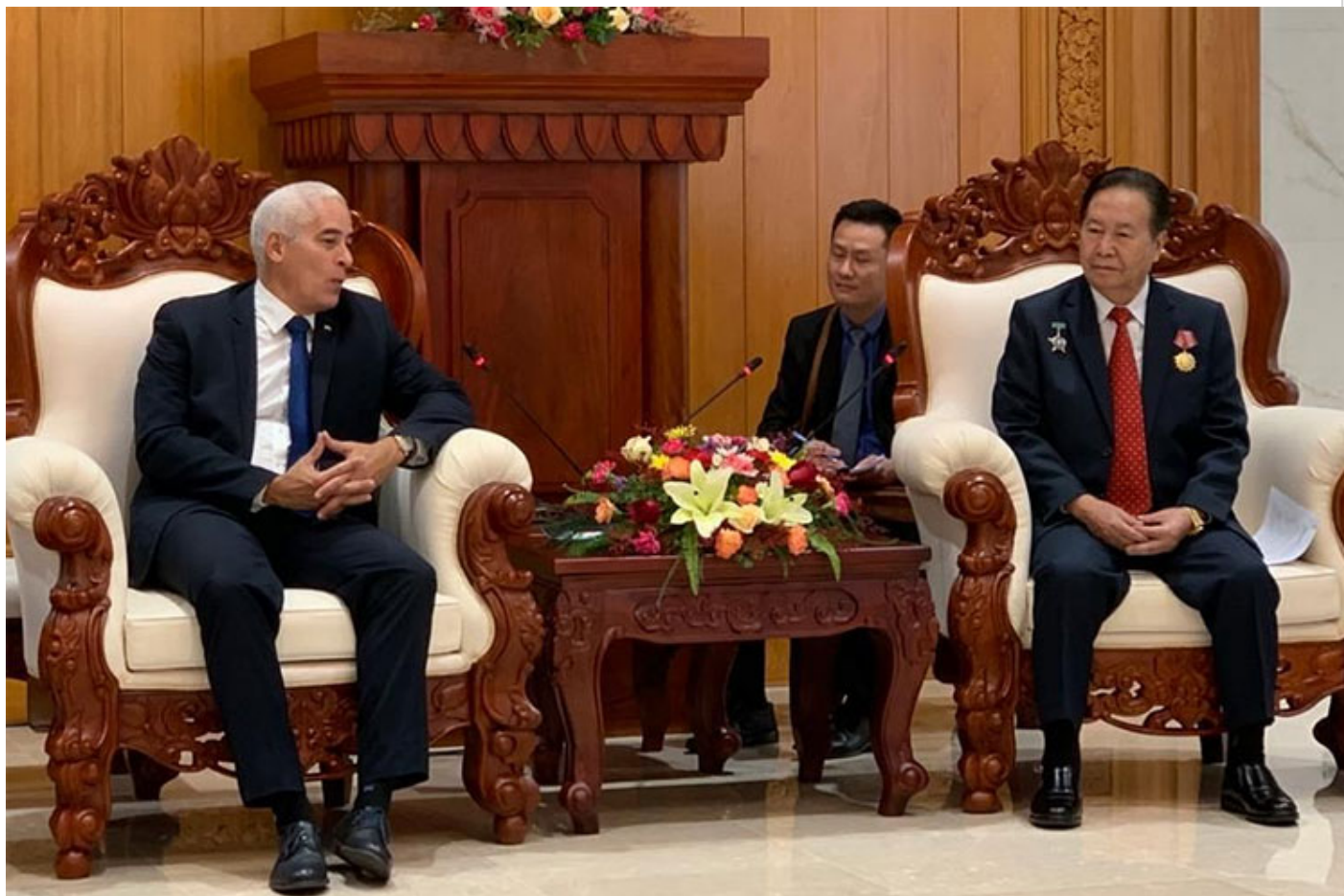


# *Vice Foreign Minister visits Laos to strengthen brotherly ties*

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Havana, September 4 (RHC)-- Cuban First Deputy Foreign Minister Gerardo Peñalver began a working visit to Vientiane on Sunday that will contribute to strengthening brotherly ties with Laos.

A meeting with the vice president of the National Assembly (Parliament) and head of the Association of Friendship with Cuba, Chaleun Yiapahoeur, marked the beginning of the program of the deputy foreign minister and the delegation accompanying him.

Peñalver will also meet with government authorities and leaders of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (PPRL).

Last June, the first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC) and president of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel, and the top leader of the PPRL, Thongloun Sisoulith, held a videoconference in which they highlighted the increasingly consistent relations of friendship and solidarity between the two countries.

Peñalver is on a tour of Indochina countries that previously took him to Cambodia and Vietnam.

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