

# *U.S. solidarity network calls for lifting of blockade against Cuba*

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Washington, July 26 (Prensa Latina)-- The National Network in Solidarity with Cuba (NNOC) today reiterated its call to U.S. President Joe Biden to end the blockade and remove Cuba from the arbitrary list of countries sponsoring terrorism.

Cuba is our friend, not our enemy, NNOC co-chair Cheryl LaBash told Prensa Latina in a message on the 70th anniversary of the assaults on the Moncada and Carlos Manuel de Céspedes barracks.

The heroic assault on those military fortresses on July 26, 1953 consolidated the Cuban national resistance movement against the U.S.-backed dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista (1952-1958), the activist stressed.

She said that the young leader Fidel Castro and the other revolutionaries were imprisoned, "and some tortured and killed with U.S. weapons."

She stressed that since "the triumph of the Cuban Revolution, a little less than six years after July 26, the United States has relentlessly attacked Cuba's sovereignty and security." To try to achieve their objective they have used the "suffocating blockade, media warfare, covert destabilization programs, military aggression and the illegal occupation of a portion of Cuban territory in Guantanamo Bay."

LaBash recalled that "from Eisenhower and Kennedy, to Obama, Trump and Biden, every U.S. president has maintained these cruel policies opposed by the majority of the American people and in violation of international law."

This July 26, National Rebellion Day, NNOC celebrates this anniversary with you in Santiago de Cuba, he said.

Our members and friends of Cuba throughout the United States - from California to Texas, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Maine, and major cities like Seattle, Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Miami - and around the world mark this day and this week with actions of love.

We feel respect for the vision of a better world that is not only possible but necessary, he emphasized.

"The Cuban people, its Party and its mass organizations have persisted against imperialist intervention despite all odds, for decades and now for generations. Our solidarity is growing and cannot be blocked", he concluded.

The group of young Cubans, led by Fidel Castro, who assaulted the Moncada Barracks in Santiago de Cuba and Carlos Manuel de Céspedes (Bayamo), both in the eastern part of the country, at dawn on July 26, went down in history as the Centennial Generation.

The NNOC is a coalition of more than 50 organizations committed to lifting the unilateral siege of more than six decades imposed by the White House and normalizing relations between the two countries.

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