

Tribute paid to eight medical students executed by Spanish colonial authorities 152 years ago



Havana, November 27 (ACN) -- Students from different faculties of Medical Sciences in Havana reaffirmed today their commitment to the historical memory of the youth and the Revolution during the commemoration of the 152nd anniversary of the execution of the eight medical students.

From the corner of Prado and Malecon, where the mausoleum in homage to these victims of Spanish colonialism is located, Ricardo Rodriguez Gonzalez, vice president of the University Student Federation (FEU), acknowledged that despite the time the pain for the injustice committed against these innocent

lives continues.

Rodriguez Gonzalez said that in homage to them, the Cuban youth resists every day the onslaught of imperialism that seeks to put an end to the Revolution.

On behalf of Cuba, the FEU vice president reaffirmed its commitment to defend its identity as a country and not to give in to the imperialist monopoly.

Jorge Luis Guzmán Camps, secretary general of the Union of Young Communists (UJC) of the University of Medical Sciences of Havana, told the Cuban News Agency that traditionally every November 27 the largest of the Antilles pays tribute to these young people vilely murdered.

Guzmán Camps catalogued the events of 1871 as a heinous crime that to this day impacts students of all educational backgrounds, and even more, those committed to the noble profession of saving lives.

Samantha Morero Castillo, a second year student of the Victoria de Girón School of Medical Sciences, said that the greatest tribute that can be paid to the memory of these young people is to continue the struggle and never give up in the face of injustice.

Presiding over the tribute were Roberto Morales Ojeda, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Cuba and Secretary of Organization; Jorge Luis Perdomo Di-Lella, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Cuba; Aylín Álvarez García, First Secretary of the National Committee of the UJC, and José Ángel Portal Miranda, Minister of Public Health, as well as the main authorities of the capital.

On November 27, 1871, eight medical students were condemned to death for the crime of desecrating the tomb of the Spanish writer and journalist Gonzalo de Castañón, a fact that his own son denied years later.

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