

Cuban president concludes visit to Iran



Tehran, December 5 (RHC) -- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel concluded in Tehran today his official visit after a busy agenda of meetings at the highest governmental level, with businessmen, solidarity groups and tours of centers of interest.

Before his departure, the president attended the Sadabad Historical Cultural Complex, where he held a meeting with Cubans living in Iran and solidarity groups, whom he thanked for their affection and support for the island.

A few hours earlier, Díaz-Canel described as profitable an exchange with Persian businessmen to whom he highlighted the business opportunities in the Caribbean nation and its exportable offer, focused on expanding economic and trade ties between the two countries.

On the previous day, the visitor from the Pasteur Institute urged the scientists to continue developing joint projects and highlighted the experience of collaboration during Covid-19, between that center and the Finlay Vaccine Institute of Cuba.

The Cuban president ratified that he will continue to strengthen parliamentary relations with the head of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of Iran, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, and extended the invitation to visit Havana extended by the president of the island's parliament, Esteban Lazo.

The agenda included a dialogue with the Persian leader, Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei, who recalled that he received Díaz-Canel as he did 22 years ago when he met with the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro, in an atmosphere of sincerity.

The visit gave continuity to all the issues discussed during the Persian leader's stay in Havana the previous June and to other bilateral discussions held in other global forums, said the president at the end of the official dialogue with his host counterpart.

In a joint press conference, Iranian President Seyed Ebrahim Raisi confirmed close collaboration with Cuba in several areas as the way to neutralize Washington's sanctions against both countries.

This visit, according to Díaz-Canel, allowed to strengthen, diversify and expand the interests and activities of collaboration and solidarity between governments and peoples, based on respect and cordiality dating back more than four decades.

During the visit, six collaboration instruments were signed in various areas, including agriculture, livestock, fishing, mining and energy.

In addition to a contract for the transfer of knowledge on vaccines and a memorandum of understanding for strategic cooperation between the Pasteur Institute of Iran and the Finlay Institute of Cuba for the clinical and preclinical development of immunizers.

The Cuban president led a high-level Cuban delegation composed of Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla and other ministers, government advisors, experts in various fields and renowned scientists.

Iran was the third and last stop for the Cuban president in a tour of Middle East countries which included Qatar and which began earlier in the United Arab Emirates, where he also participated in two global forums. (Source: Prensa Latina).

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