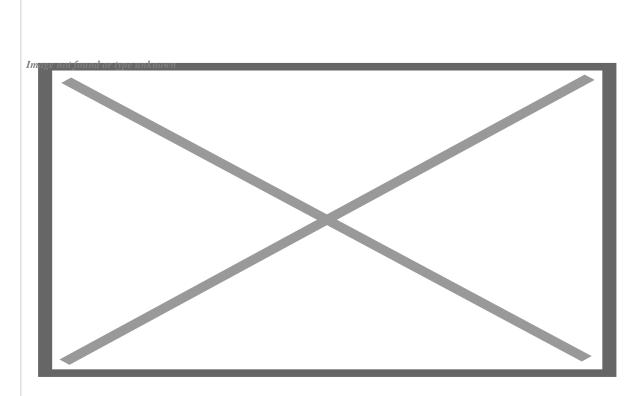
## China will not allow third parties to slander relations with Cuba



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Beijing, July 3 (RHC) Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ming said today at a press conference in Beijing, in response to a Wall Street Journal publication, that China will not allow third parties to slander her country's relations with Cuba.

According to the publication on the island there are listening stations in Chinese military bases, she commented that "we have taken note of the report and also of the fact that the Cuban Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Carlos Fernandez de Cossio, has pointed out that the report has no basis. The alleged Chinese military bases have never existed, nor have they ever been seen by anyone."

Mao pointed out that not even the U.S. embassy on the island believes in friendship, camaraderie and brotherhood between the two peoples.

She stressed that China and Cuba's cooperation is solemn and above all. It is open and direct, it is not directed against a third party and will never be accepted, nor will slander be allowed as the report maliciously discredits.

The spokeswoman urged Washington to stop interfering in the internal affairs of the Caribbean nation and denounced the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed on Cuba from the White House for more than half a century.

"The report mentions Guantanamo, which is clear evidence of more than a century of illegal U.S. occupation of Cuba. The United States has imposed the blockade and sanctions against Cuba for more than 60 years, which has brought great disasters to the Cuban people," he said.

She also condemned the U.S. for keeping the island on its list of so-called state sponsors of terrorism.

"Throwing mud at others will not alleviate their own crimes. The United States must do the opposite. Stop interfering in Cuba's internal affairs.

Remove Cuba immediately from the list of so-called state sponsors of terrorism. Lift the blockade and sanctions against Cuba". (Source:PL)

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