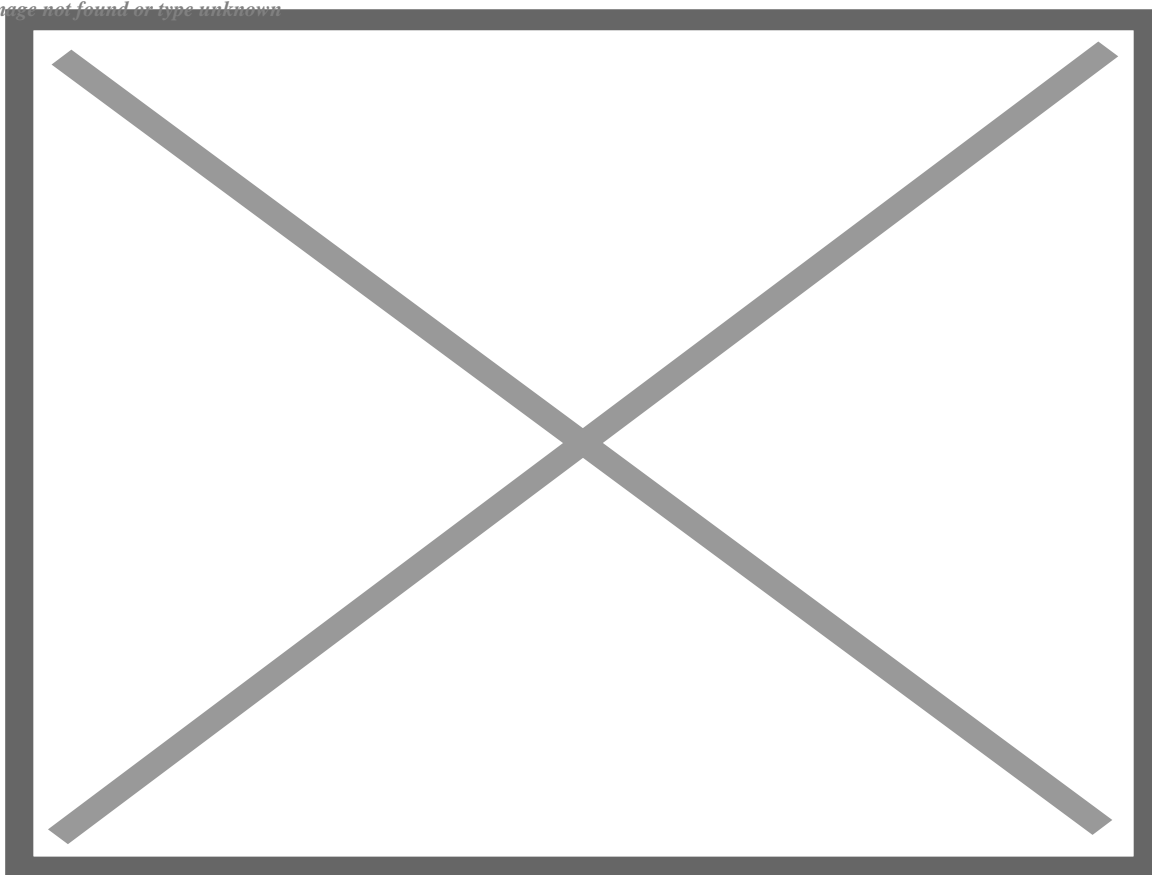


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Santo Domingo, 17 August (RHC) Members of the Máximo Gómez Association of Cubans living in the Dominican Republic met with Deputy Prime Minister Jorge Luis Tapia, who headed the Cuban delegation to the inauguration of President Luis Abinader.

During the meeting, which lasted a little over two hours, Tapia spoke with those present about the complex economic situation that the Caribbean island is experiencing, aggravated by the US blockade, its inclusion in the White House's unilateral list of countries that allegedly sponsor terrorism, and also internal

causes.

The Head of State referred in particular to the energy crisis and the difficulties in obtaining parts, the problems in agricultural production due to the lack of inputs and the shortage of medicines, stressing the need to recover financial capacity, achieve higher levels of investment and correct distortions.

He also responded to the concerns and worries of the Cubans who commented on his work in the Dominican Republic and relations with his country of origin.

On this occasion, Cuban historian and writer Eliades Acosta warned that as part of the brutal campaign against Cuba they are trying to change the concepts of the narrative of the Revolution, a situation that must be faced and addressed through hard study.

He referred to the campaigns against the island through images created with artificial intelligence that show a prosperous nation before the triumph of the Revolution in 1959.

Tapia was joined by the Minister of Agriculture, Ydael Pérez, Rafael Dausá, Director General for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Lizbet Díaz, Director of Foreign Capital Operations of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, to whom Acosta presented his book "Trujillo's Cuban Spider's Web."

In another moment, Nelson Valdés, coordinator of the association, read a statement in which the group declared that "in our hearts the patriotic thought of the national hero José Martí, for whom nothing was more important than unity, is alive and well... We reject the attempts to divide; we affirm that Cuba is one and that wherever there is a Cuban, there will be his patriotism and his love for the country, whose sovereignty and independence must be respected," it said.

After condemning in the document the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States, the participants signed a mural against terrorism located at the diplomatic headquarters. The meeting, which included a video showing moments of participation of Cuban residents in different activities related to their country, was attended by the Cuban ambassador here, Angel Arzuaga, and other members of the state mission.

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