

*Cuban president reiterates call
for march to end blockade*

**MARCHA
CONTRA EL BLOQUEO**
Y LA PERMANENCIA DE CUBA EN LA LISTA DE PAÍSES
SUPUESTAMENTE PATROCINADORES DEL TERRORISMO

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A large crowd of people is gathered for a protest. Many are holding Cuban flags and signs. Visible signs include "BLOQUEO NO" and "ABAJO EL BLOQUEO". There are also portraits of Che Guevara and other figures. The crowd is dense and appears to be in a public square or promenade.

Havana, December 17 (RHC)-- Miguel Díaz-Canel, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC) and President of the Republic, reiterated this Tuesday the call for a combative march next Friday, December 20th, for the cessation of the United States' hostility against the island.

"As we have accompanied #Fidel so many times, we will see you in the streets," said the president, who made the call during the recent IX Plenary Session of the Central Committee of the PCC.

In his message in X, Díaz-Canel stressed that the mobilization will demand the end of the blockade and the permanence of Cuba on the illegitimate list of countries supposedly sponsoring terrorism.

At the end of the session of the National Assembly of People's Power on Friday, the meeting will take place on the Havana Malecón, where the U.S. Embassy is located.

According to an editorial in the Granma newspaper, the official organ of the PCC Central Committee, the policy of maximum pressure applied by Washington against Havana, the cornerstone of which is the reinforcement of the blockade, has had markedly harmful effects on the quality of life of the Cuban people, their access to food, health services, medicines, decent housing and numerous essential goods, and has caused the migration of thousands of people, sometimes in extremely risky conditions.

The strategy has consisted, since the triumph of the Cuban Revolution, not only in bringing hunger and misery to the people, but also and, above all, in trying to make it seem that the cause of such misfortunes is the inefficient management of the Cuban Government, and not in the so-called sanctions of Washington, the text continues.

He assures that the Cuban people will continue to fight against unjust aggression, against the genocidal blockade, against manipulation and lies, against spurious and coercive lists, against the millionaire funds to subvert internal order and feed disinformation operations, and will demand with all its strength justice and peace for Cuba and the world. (ACN)

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