

Cuba remembers 127th anniversary of Maine sabotage explosion



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Havana, February 15 (RHC) -- In a context of revelations about covert operations by the Agency for International Development (USAID), Cuba remembers this Saturday the 127th anniversary of the explosion of the battleship Maine in Havana Bay.

The battleship of the United States Navy arrived in Havana on January 25, 1898 for a routine visit, and days later, on the night of February 15, a detonation took half of the ship out of the water, which ended up sinking and causing the death of more than half of the crew.

Historians agree that the explosion was the American pretext to interfere in the war of independence against Spain, which ended with a military intervention and the establishment of a Republic subject to the interests of the neighboring country.

Recently, Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs Bruno Rodríguez alleged that USAID has become a tool of destabilization against the Caribbean island.

Regarding the cost of illegal acts against the Cuban Revolution, the foreign minister detailed that between 1998 and 2006, USAID allocated more than 66 million dollars for 142 projects and activities against the Cuban Revolution.

The Caribbean island has repeatedly denounced the use of organizations presented as humanitarian or in defense of democracy, as facades to undermine societies and pretexts to intervene in their internal affairs.

This government agency, which was questioned today by the administration of Republican Donald Trump, reminds Cubans that in Washington there are always plots as sinister as that of the Maine.

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