

Cuba Condemns U.S. Senate Hearing on 'Acoustic Attacks'



Havana, January 10 (RHC)--Cuba has said a US Senate hearing on alleged "acoustic attacks" on American diplomats in the island nation was "unacceptable and only served to impose an accusation without evidence".

The Senate hearing was criticized in remarks to the press by Josefina Vidal, General Director of the US Desk of the Cuban Foreign Ministry as an "accusation that Washington has been unable to prove".

Vidal told the media that the "biggest victim" of Tuesday's hearing was the truth.

"It's clear this is an unfounded accusation against Cuba. The U.S. State Department has no evidence that allows them to claim there have been attacks against its diplomats in Havana or that Cuba could be responsible or have knowledge of third-party actions against foreign envoys," she added.

The Cuban official strongly rejected the term "attack" used during the hearing by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Western Hemispheric Affairs, Francisco Palmieri.

Despite the fact that he acknowledged that there was a lot of missing information, including the presumed authors of the incident, "Palmieri did not refrain from using the term "attack", Vidal said.

A recent report of the FBI says it has found no evidence pointing to the occurrence of “sonic” attacks against US diplomats based in Cuba, following months of investigation and four trips to Havana, according to Associated Press.

Vidal reiterated that the Cuban government has no responsibility for the health incidents reported by U.S. diplomats and stressed that the issue has been "politicized" in order to justify Washington's roll back of thawing ties between Cuba and the U.S.

Vidal recalled that the sponsors of the hearing, Senator from Florida, Marcos Rubio, and Senator Bob Menendez, from New Jersey, are well known for their promotion of all kind of measures that oppose the best interests of the Cuban and US peoples.

“Their total lack of credibility and of principles is well recognized”, the Foreign Ministry official note, and added that the political agenda of these two anti-Cuban congressmen has been to bring the two countries towards a confrontation, without considering the consequences.”

In concluding, Vidal said that "Cuba is a safe, peaceful and healthy country for Cubans, for foreigners, for accredited diplomats and for the millions of people who visit us every year, including the Americans."

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