

# *Venezuelan president recalls Fidel Castro's arrival in Venezuela in January, 1959*

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Hace 61 años, llegó por primera vez a la tierra de Bolívar, aquel joven victorioso de la Sierra Maestra, el eterno Cmdte. Fidel Castro. Durante aquella visita, cargada de amor y admiración, nos llamó a consolidar la unidad que hoy es un hecho entre nuestros pueblos. ¡Viva Cuba!



Caracas, January 24 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro recalled Fidel Castro's first visit to this nation, after the Triumph of the Cuban Revolution on January 1, 1959.

On his Twitter account, Maduro recalled the arrival 61 years ago to Bolivar's homeland of the victorious young man of the Sierra Maestra, Comandante Fidel Castro.

"During that visit, filled with love and admiration, he called us to consolidate unity between our peoples, which is today a fact. Long live Cuba!," he tweeted.

On January 23, 1959, Fidel traveled abroad for the first time after overthrowing Fulgencio Batista's dictatorship, due to an official invitation to participate in the celebrations for the first anniversary of the overthrow of the dictatorship in Venezuela.

Upon landing at Maiquetia Airport, the Cuban leader was received by thousands of Venezuelans raising signs with the slogans: 'Long live Cuba! Long live Venezuela! Long live Fidel!'

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