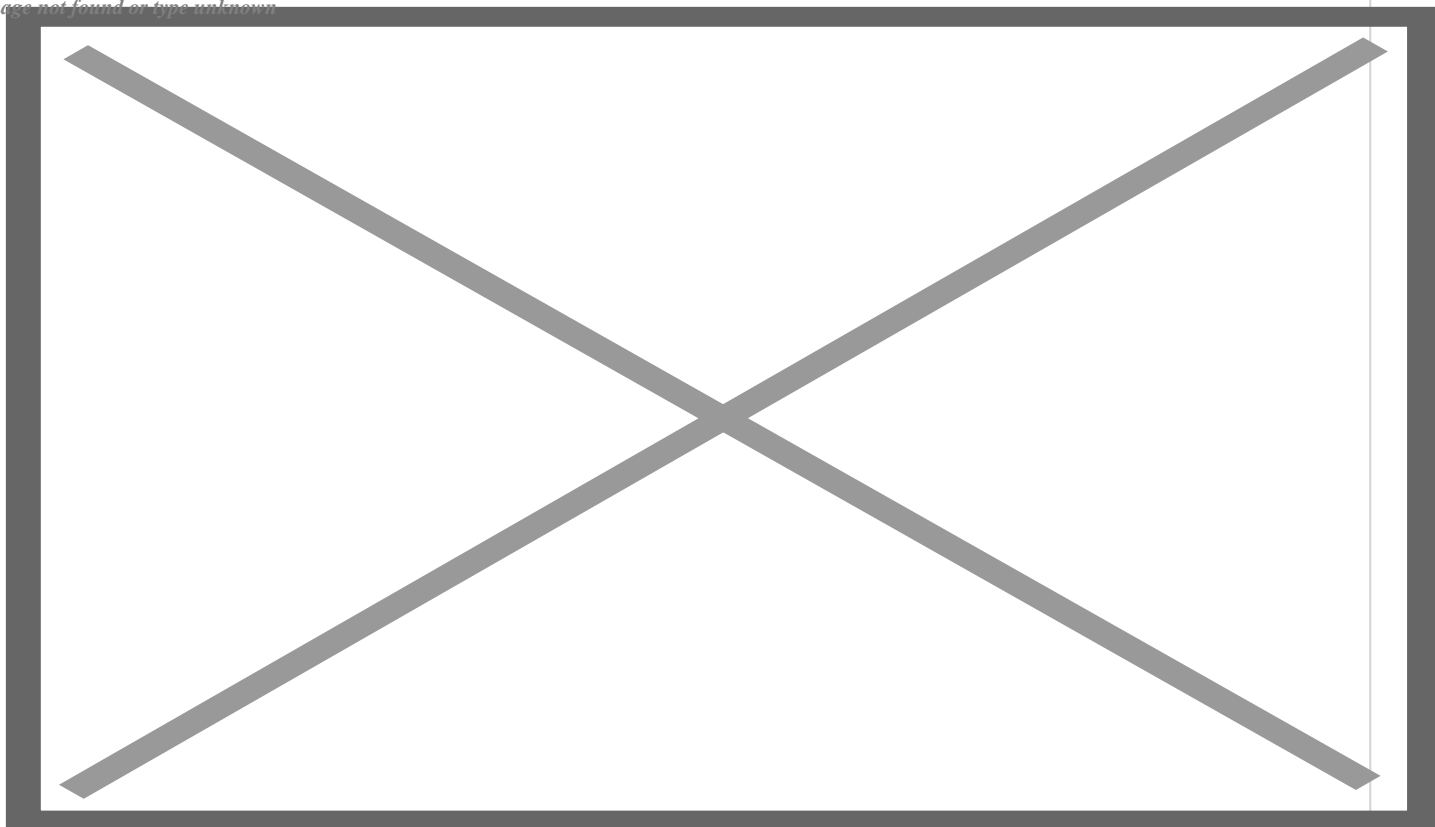


Cuban president praises dedication of health workers

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The work of Cuban health professionals is internationally recognized. (Photo: PL)

Havana, October 4 (RHC)-- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel has acknowledged the dedication of the island's health workers, whom he described as "the pride of the nation."

On his Twitter account, the president highlighted the humanistic training of these professionals, and their willingness to go to other countries in need of their services.

"Our dedicated health workers, the pride of a nation formed in Martí's ideology that Homeland is Humanity, have been recognized for years for their health work," he wrote.

Since the 1960s, tens of thousands of Cuban professionals have left to offer help to nations of all latitudes in the face of natural disasters, epidemics, or as part of intergovernmental agreements to care for people with limited resources.

Following the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic, 52 brigades of the Henry Reeve Internationalist Medical Contingent have collaborated with the efforts of 39 countries to contain the virus and save lives, and 43 of them are currently active in 33 nations.

To date, 2,523 Cuban collaborators, 1,435 of whom treat positive cases to Covid-19, assisted 615,165 patients, and saved 13,590 lives in nations that required their presence, according to data from the Ministry of Public Health.

These brigades are added to another 28 thousand specialists who collaborate in 59 countries where they were already when COVID-19 appeared and joined the efforts of these nations to face the epidemiological situation with the expansion of the new coronavirus.

It is a work internationally recognized, and especially by the benefited populations, for which numerous organizations and personalities from all over the world promote the nomination of the Cuban medical brigade for the Nobel Peace Prize.

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