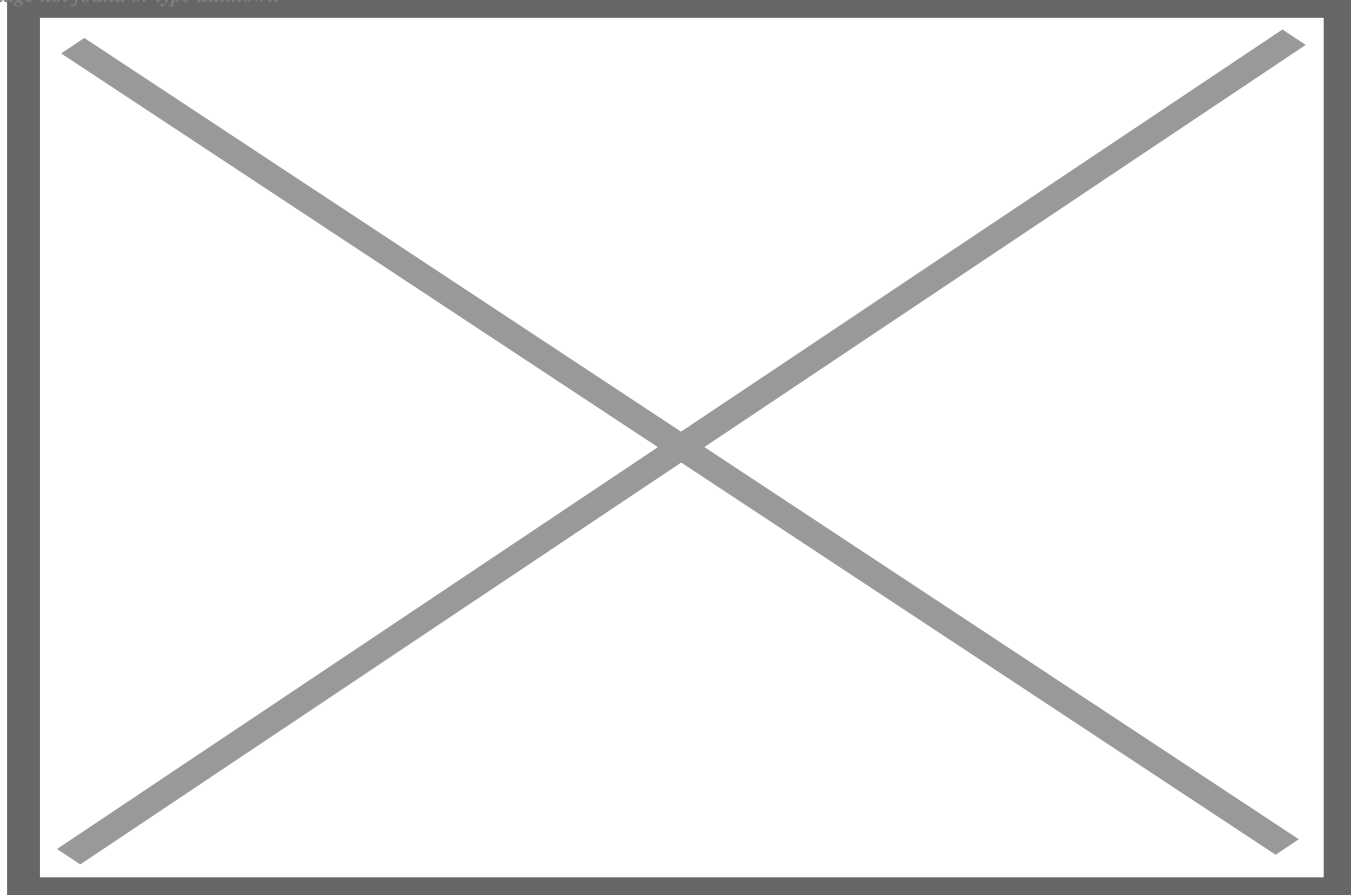


Cuba expresses condolences on the death of Kenneth Kaunda

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Zambia's first President, Kenneth Kaunda.

Havana, June 17 (RHC)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez conveyed on Thursday condolences to the people and government of Zambia on the death of Kenneth Kaunda, the first president of that southern African country after its independence in 1964, until 1991.

On Twitter, the top Cuban diplomat extended his condolences to Kaunda's relatives and loved ones, whom he described as a historical friend of Cuba.

The professor, politician, and renowned African anti-colonialist leader died Thursday at the age of 97, after being hospitalized last Monday for pneumonia in a military hospital, the Maina Soko Medical Center, in the Zambian capital Lusaka.

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