

Biden imposes more sanctions against Cuba



Havana, July 30 (RHC)-- The United States announced on Friday more sanctions against Cuba.

This time, the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued new provisions against the National Revolutionary Police (PNR) and two of its directors, Oscar Callejas and Eddy Sierra, for alleged abuses in the July 11 riots.

Once again, Washington hides behind the Global Magnitsky Act to apply restrictions to officials and entities on the island for allegedly violating human rights during the protests. However, videos show acts of vandalism and attacks against law enforcement officers and state property.

The PNR, Callejas, and Sierra were included in the list of the so-called Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, which means that persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction will not be able to negotiate with those sanctioned.

Last week, OFAC issued similar measures against the Revolutionary Armed Forces (FAR) minister, Army Corps General Alvaro Lopez Miera, and the National Special Brigade of the Ministry of the Interior (MININT).

According to Cuban authorities, these restrictions are irrelevant from the practical point of view. Still, politically they do have implications since they are part of the aggressive escalation towards the Caribbean country promoted by Washington, which even pressures third countries to make pronouncements against Havana.

The United States does not have the least legal, political or moral authority to sanction people worldwide, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said a few days ago.

He added that they have reprehensible behavior in terms of repression, use of the armed forces in third countries, so-called collateral victims, and acts of torture recognized by the government itself.

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