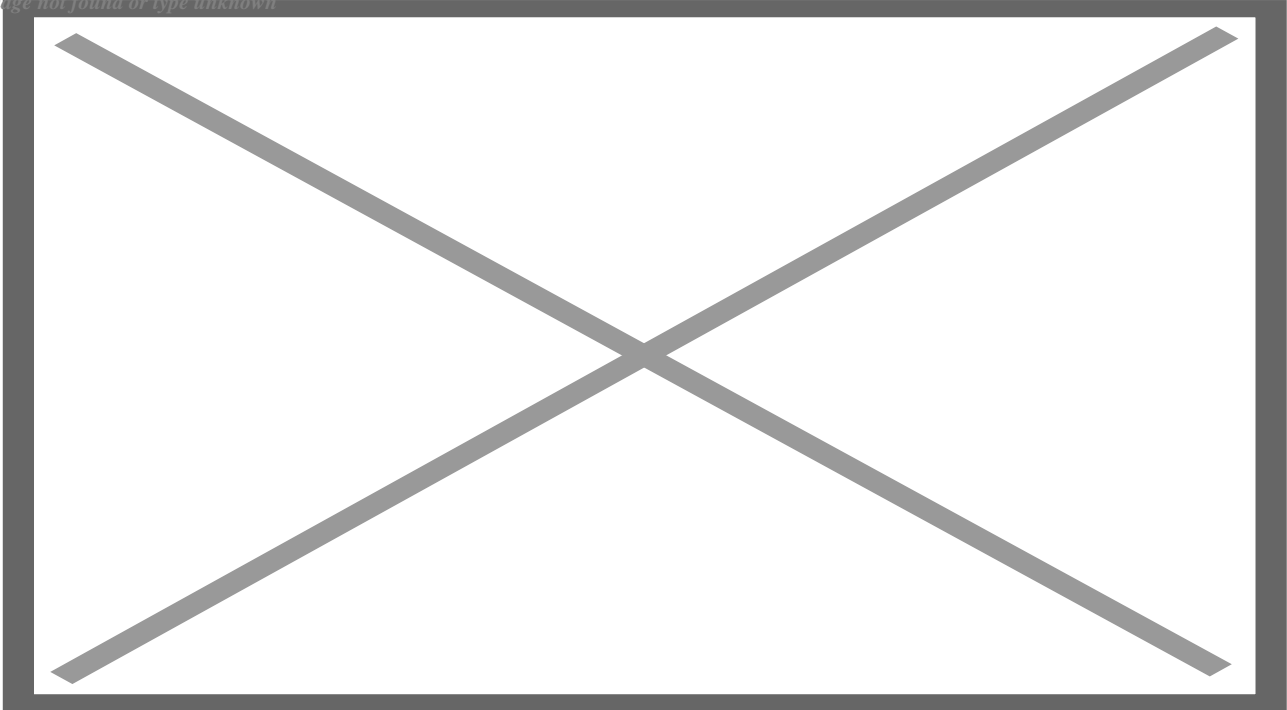


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Havana, July 25 (RHC)-- Voices of solidarity with Cuba were heard this weekend from all continents on the eve of the celebration of the 69th anniversary of the attack on the Moncada and Carlos Manuel de Céspedes barracks.

On July 26, 1953, young people led by the then young lawyer Fidel Castro tried to take those two fortresses in the east of the island, actions that failed militarily but represented the beginning of the revolutionary struggle against the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista (1952-1958).

The Moncada was the starting point of the heroic deed that would continue years later with the armed struggle in the Sierra Maestra until culminating in the revolutionary victory of January 1, 1959.

During these days, Cubans living or working abroad and friends of the island and its emancipation process deployed numerous actions to remember the date and at the same time demand the lifting of the

economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States almost from the very moment of the victory.

This Sunday, voices of solidarity were heard in places as distant as Lebanon, where dozens of Cubans, Lebanese and Palestinians accompanied the Antillean diplomatic mission in the celebration of the National Rebellion Day on July 26.

Meanwhile, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, the Organization for Peace and Solidarity of that Indian Ocean nation qualified July 26 as an affirmation of the independence and sovereignty of the Cuban people after centuries of domination, occupation, repression and subjugation, said in a letter Bimal Rathnayake, president of that organization.

In Nairobi, Cubans and Kenyans joined together to celebrate the date and on the occasion Kenyan professionals graduated in the island, together with Cuban residents and diplomats highlighted the anti-imperialist vocation of the people of the Caribbean nation.

Likewise, the Group of Solidarity with Cuba in Malaysia held its general assembly in honor of the 69th anniversary of the assaults on the Moncada and Carlos Manuel de Céspedes barracks, diplomatic sources said today.

The Malaysian Association of Friendship with Cuba (FOCA) held the meeting the day before with the presence of the ambassador of the Caribbean country, Florentino Batista, and young medical graduates on the island, and at the meeting, actions and cultural activities and friendship with Cuba were carried out.

In many countries, the events in remembrance of the anniversary began on Saturday, as in Mexico, where nationals and Cubans held a march called by the Mexican Solidarity Movement and supported by many organizations, among them the José Martí of Cuban residents.

Participants demanded U.S. President Joe Biden to abandon the policy of his predecessor Donald Trump, who reinforced that economic war, and as promised in his election campaign, they called on him to resume the negotiations initiated by former President Barack Obama precisely when he was vice president of that country.

In Chile, the Coordinating Committee for Solidarity with Cuba in Santiago also expressed its repudiation of Washington's hostile policy by placing a large cloth along one of the bridges over the Mapocho river, demanding the elimination of the blockade.

Meanwhile, in Lima, Peruvian political analyst Gustavo Espinoza, president of the SoliCuba cultural solidarity collective, stressed that the attack on the Moncada Barracks was a milestone in the liberation process in Latin America.

Espinoza told Prensa Latina that the revolutionary action also brought about a new stage in the life of America and restarted the struggle of the people of the island for their true independence.

In France, voices of solidarity were also raised and the emblematic Republic Square welcomed dozens of French and Cuban residents in a mobilization to denounce the U.S. blockade against the island and demand its immediate lifting.

The Cuba Si France association launched at the beginning of the month the call for the mobilization, joined by France Cuba and Cuba Linda, the French Communist Party, the Europe for Cuba channel and unions of the General Confederation of Labor.

Support for the Caribbean island has also been present in social networks, where admirers of the Revolution have expressed their solidarity, counteracting the media campaigns that the detractors of the Cuban social process try to impose.

Other friends of Cuba in the world are on Cuban soil, as is the case of the Caravan of Pastors for Peace, a U.S. solidarity movement that is now in its 30th year and which, with close to one hundred caravanistas, arrived on the island with aid to alleviate the blockade.

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