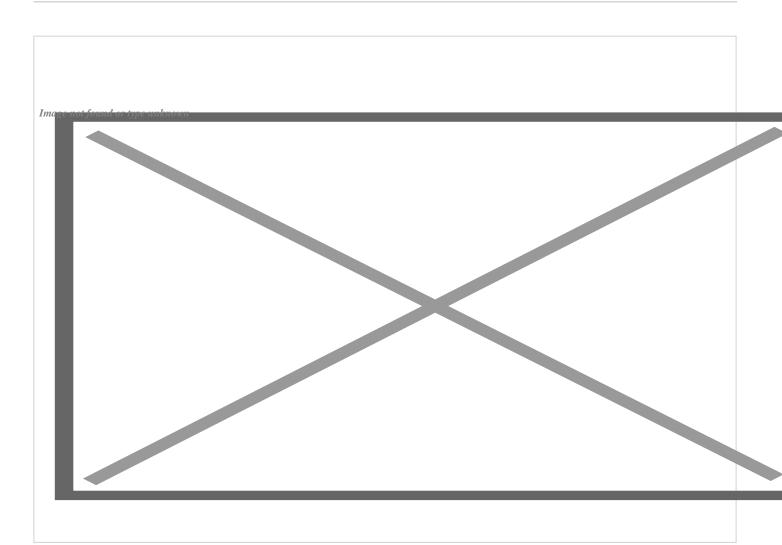
Belarusian president congratulates Cuba on National Rebellion Day



Minsk, July 26 (RHC)-- Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, on behalf of the people of his country, congratulated his Cuban counterpart, Miguel Diaz-Canel, on National Rebellion Day.

"It was from that historic moment that the Cuban people began their just struggle to build an independent state in which the rights and freedoms of all citizens are guaranteed," reads the message issued by the president's press service.

Lukashenko also referred to the importance of significantly expanding bilateral dialogue, including interaction on the platforms of international organizations and economic and trade cooperation.

The Belarusian head of state also wished Diaz-Canel good health and optimism, as well as joy and inexhaustible energy to solve numerous state tasks.

Every July 26 since 1953, Cubans remember the heroes who fell in combat for a free Cuba in the assaults on the Moncada Barracks, in the eastern province of Santiago de Cuba; and Carlos Manuel de Céspedes, in the city of Bayamo.

Led by the leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro, the actions of the young people were aimed at overthrowing the tyranny of Fulgenio Batista, in the year of the Centenary of the Apostle, José Martí. About those days Fidel expressed: "The Moncada taught us to turn setbacks into victories (...) Trenches of ideas were more powerful than trenches of stones (...) Our heroic dead did not fall in vain. They pointed out the duty to move forward".

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