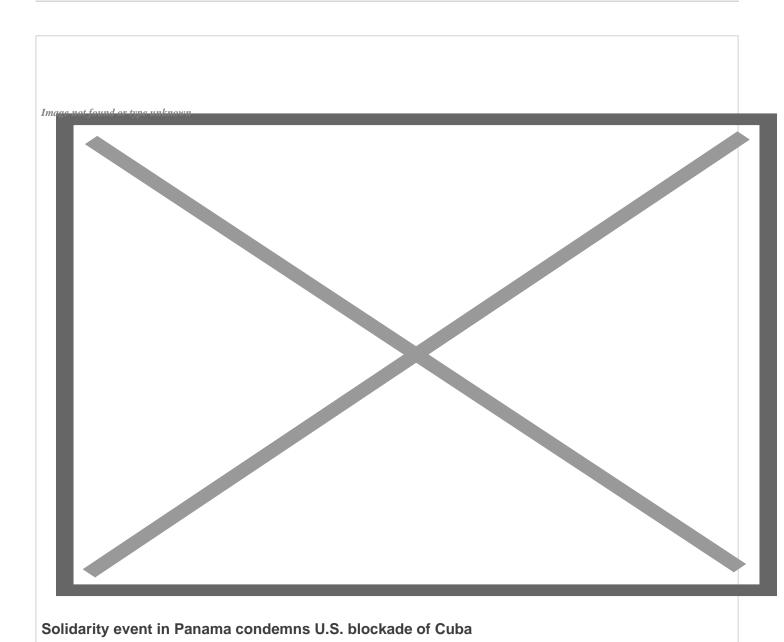
## Solidarity event in Panama condemns U.S. blockade of Cuba



Santiago de Veraguas, October 21 (RHC)-- The 23rd National Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba began Friday at the Regional University Center of Veraguas (CRUV) in Panama where the central theme is the condemnation of the U.S. blockade of Cuba.

Delegates from the various provincial chapters and several special guests will gather to reflect in two days on the initiatives to demand the end of the hostile policy.

The event takes place a few days before Cuba presents for the 30th time before the United Nations General Assembly the Resolution demanding an end to the economic, commercial and financial war unleashed by Washington for more than six decades.

On the opening day of the meeting with Panamanian solidarity, in which the Cuban ambassador to the isthmus, Lydia Margarita González, among other personalities, will intervene, the demand for the return to the Caribbean country of the territory illegally occupied by a US military base in the eastern province of Guantánamo will also be addressed.

According to what was reported, they will also highlight the growing contributions of donations in support of the island's recovery efforts after the devastating hurricane Ian, especially in the western province of Pinar del Río.

In declarations to Prensa Latina, the official of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), Idania Ramos, who has a busy agenda prior to the meeting, highlighted that in exchanges with provincial groups of Chiriqui, Cocle, Azuero region, Veraguas, and those planned in Colon and West Panama, there is an eagerness for information on the situation of the siege against her country.

We have received the love for Cuba and the firm disposition, in addition, to confront the most recent maneuvers orchestrated from the White House that promote hatred and civil disobedience.

These exchanges, he added, have been propitious to invite the collectives to participate in the I Latin American and Caribbean Youth Brigade of Solidarity with Cuba from November 1 to 10 organized by ICAP dedicated to the Honduran environmental fighter Berta Cáceres and the sixth anniversary of the physical disappearance of the leader of the Cuban Revolution Fidel Castro.

They also learned about the formation of the Latin American and Caribbean Brigade of Solidarity with Cuba, whose work in July of next year will be dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the assault on the Moncada and Carlos Manuel de Céspedes Barracks.

Tinged by a cultural gala, the opening of the forum will be attended by the governor of Veraguas, Manuel Castillo, and also by other guests who will appear as the director of the CRUV, Pedro Samaniego, and Dr. Anibal Lara, head of the National Coordinator of Solidarity with Cuba in Panama.

As a result of the reflections in Veraguas, the Final Declaration of the XXIII National Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba in Panama will be approved.

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