

# *The United States broke off relations with Cuba 62 years ago*

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Havana, Jan 3 (RHC) On January 3, 1961, Republican president Dwight Eisenhower, unilaterally broke off diplomatic relations with Cuba, beginning a period of hostilities of more than half a century.

This event took place 17 days before the Democrat John F. Kennedy assumed the presidency of the North American nation, after his victory in the November 1960 elections, thus he would have to begin his mandate facing the consummated facts.

After the triumph of the Cuban Revolution, Eisenhower began an escalation of systematic economic aggressions, sabotage, and slander campaigns, trying to submerge the archipelago in total isolation. In addition, its government organized and financed a mercenary invasion that was executed by his replacement Kennedy in April 1961, constituting a shameful defeat for the empire.

On December 17, 2014, with the administration of Barack Obama, the two nations decided to activate their diplomatic ties, which were officially reestablished on July 20, 2015.

John Kerry was the first U.S. Secretary of State to visit Cuba in 70 years when he attended the flag-raising ceremony at the U.S. Embassy in Havana.

Thirty months after Obama initiated the historic thaw with Cuba, new President Donald Trump reverses the process and implements new hostile actions against the archipelago. Since he was on the campaign trail, Trump warned that he would reverse the rapprochement made by the Obama administration.

In 2017, the U.S. president withdrew 60 percent of diplomatic personnel in Havana and ordered the departure of 15 diplomats from the Cuban embassy in Washington.

During his first participation in the UN General Assembly, Trump stated that "we will not lift sanctions on the Cuban government until it makes fundamental reforms."

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez recently stated that the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden in 2022 maintained the maximum pressure policy of his predecessor Donald Trump, aimed at collapsing the island's economy.

In his Twitter account, the foreign minister stressed that Washington stimulated destabilizing actions, accompanied by disinformation operations to try to blame the island for the impact of inhumane policies of abuse by the United States.

During the first 14 months of President Joe Biden's administration, the damages amounted to six thousand 364 million dollars, which means more than 15 million dollars a day in damages, he added.

The head of Cuban diplomacy pointed out that the resistance of the Caribbean nation and the growing international call to remove Cuba from the unilateral list of countries sponsoring terrorism, "evidence the isolation of that genocidal policy of the United States that makes the Cuban population suffer".



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