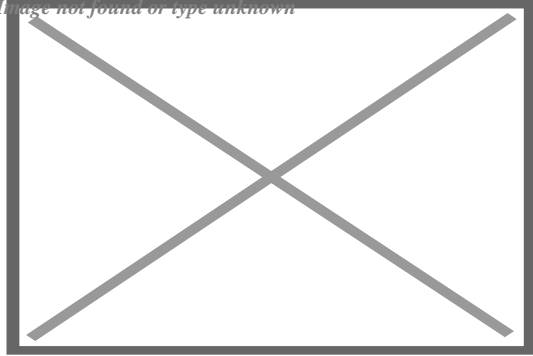


Gaetz is playing with fire

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Republican Congressman Matt Gaetz, one of the most fervent followers of the ultra-conservative former U.S. President Donald Trump, joined the list of extremists in Florida who call for an armed intervention of the United States in Cuba.

Momentarily challenging Robert Menendez, Maria Elvira Salazar, or Marco Rubio, at the head of the

promoters of diatribes against the island nation, Matt Gaetz used for his anti-Cuban speech a hearing of the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives to which he belongs.

Gaetz, who was investigated for the alleged crime of child trafficking although, not charged, demanded that President Joseph Biden order an attack on Cuba.

The argument put forward is fragile, nothing less than publications of The Wall Street Journal, with no evidence, about what the newspaper called Chinese military assets in Cuba.

This hypothesis was initially described as inaccurate by government sources in Washington, still, it was

later taken up by Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, actually Blinken and Gaetz allude to unidentified sources.

But they take for granted the rumor of what they present as Chinese military bases in Cuba, one devoted to intelligence services and the other one to training.

Blinken and Gaetz ignore the categorical denials of the alleged enclaves made by the Cuban and Chinese governments.

Cuban Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Carlos Fernandez de Cossio warned that the Antillean nation, besides being sovereign, is a signatory of international agreements and rejects foreign military presence in Latin America and the Caribbean, including that of the United States in Guantanamo.

As the Network in Defense of Humanity recalls, the U.S. threat against Cuba constitutes a danger for all people.

That is why Cubans take note and so should other countries when a legislator, in this case Republican Matt Gaetz, publicly demands the White House to attack Cuba.

Gaetz, a member of the ultra-conservative Freedom Caucus who a few months ago refused to support Republican candidate Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House, seems to have a very precarious idea about Cuba's right to sovereignty and independence.

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