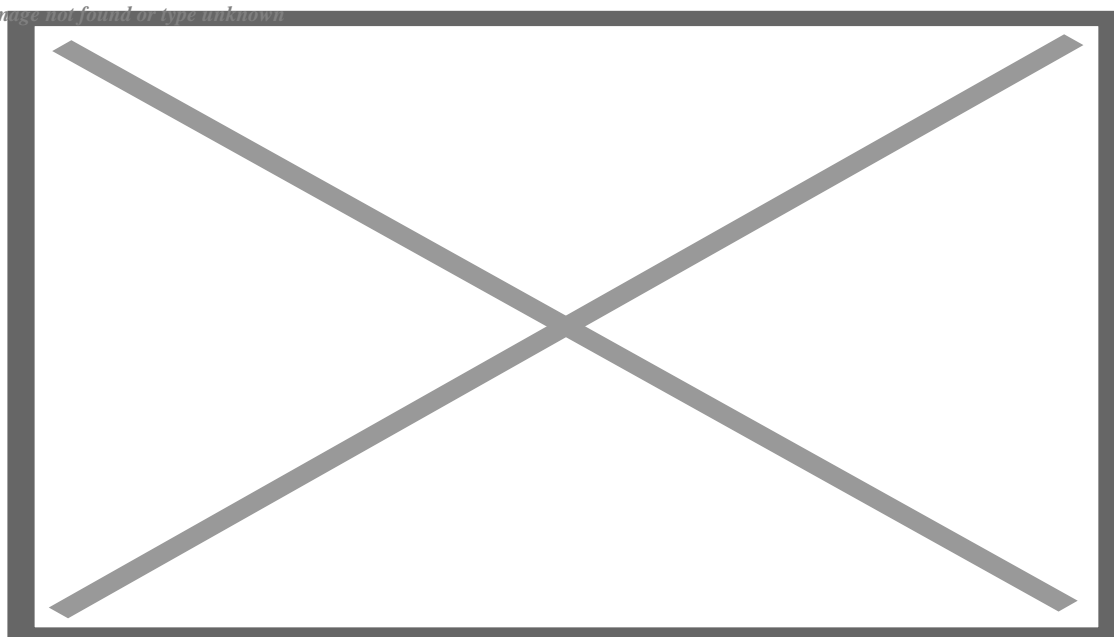


President of Mexico rejects inclusion of Cuba on the U.S. unilateral list

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Mexico City, May 28 (RHC)-- The president of Mexico, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, reiterated this Tuesday his rejection of the blockade imposed by the United States on Cuba and the inclusion of the island on the unilateral list of countries supposedly sponsoring terrorism.

When answering a journalist's question in his usual press conference, the president considered it a progress that U.S. authorities reported on the elimination of Cuba from among the nations that "do not fully cooperate" in the fight against this scourge.

"But they have it on another list. (...) Only two countries in the world [the United States and Israel] are in favor of the blockade of Cuba. And terrorism of what? Pure excuses! A great ideological burden and there is also a group in the United States that makes a lot of profit at the expense of the suffering of the Cuban people," he denounced.

"People have the right to be independent, and there is no nation, no matter how powerful, that is above other peoples. I do not believe in hegemonies," he said.

The president wondered what the Cuban people's fault is for suffering with a blockade that prevents them from having food, medicine and basic services.

“It does not deserve it, that is a flagrant violation of human rights, due to a decision above and, even more questionable, to make a blockade as a strategy to ensure that those blocked people, desperate in need, rebel against their own government.” . That is a perversity, that is not politics,” he stated.

In recent days, the U.S. State Department reported that Cuba was eliminated from among the countries that, according to Washington, "do not fully cooperate" in the fight against terrorism.

The Government of the Caribbean nation described the provision as insufficient, which is not equivalent to the elimination of the list of countries sponsoring terrorism, which implies serious limitations for the economic and commercial exchange for Cuba. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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