

The Washington Post Extols Cuban Help to Fight Ebola in Africa



Washington, Oct 6, (RHC), -- An article published by The Washington Post highlights the significance of Cuba's medical assistance to African countries hit by the Ebola virus, upon the arrival of 165 Cuban professionals in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Titled "In the Medical Response to Ebola, Cuba is Punching Far Above its Weight," the article refers to Cuba's medical collaboration in West Africa at the request of the World Health Organization.

A text written by Adam Taylor and published Saturday, extols the response of the tiny Caribbean island of only 11 million inhabitants in the face of the catastrophic Ebola outbreak, accusing the international community of "dragging its feet" to provide a prompt and effective response to the spreading disease.

The Washington Post says that despite being a poor nation, with a GDP that is a sixth of that in the UK, gave a rapid, far more robust response than many countries far wealthier did.

The article also referred to Cuba's universal health care system, taking into account WHO assessments, recognizing the extraordinary medical achievements that are close or equal to those attained in developed

countries, like a reduction of infant mortality and a high life expectancy.

It also praised the systems of professional training of docs and health technicians in Cuba, as well as the assistance given in training hundreds of thousands of doctors and specialists from poor countries.

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