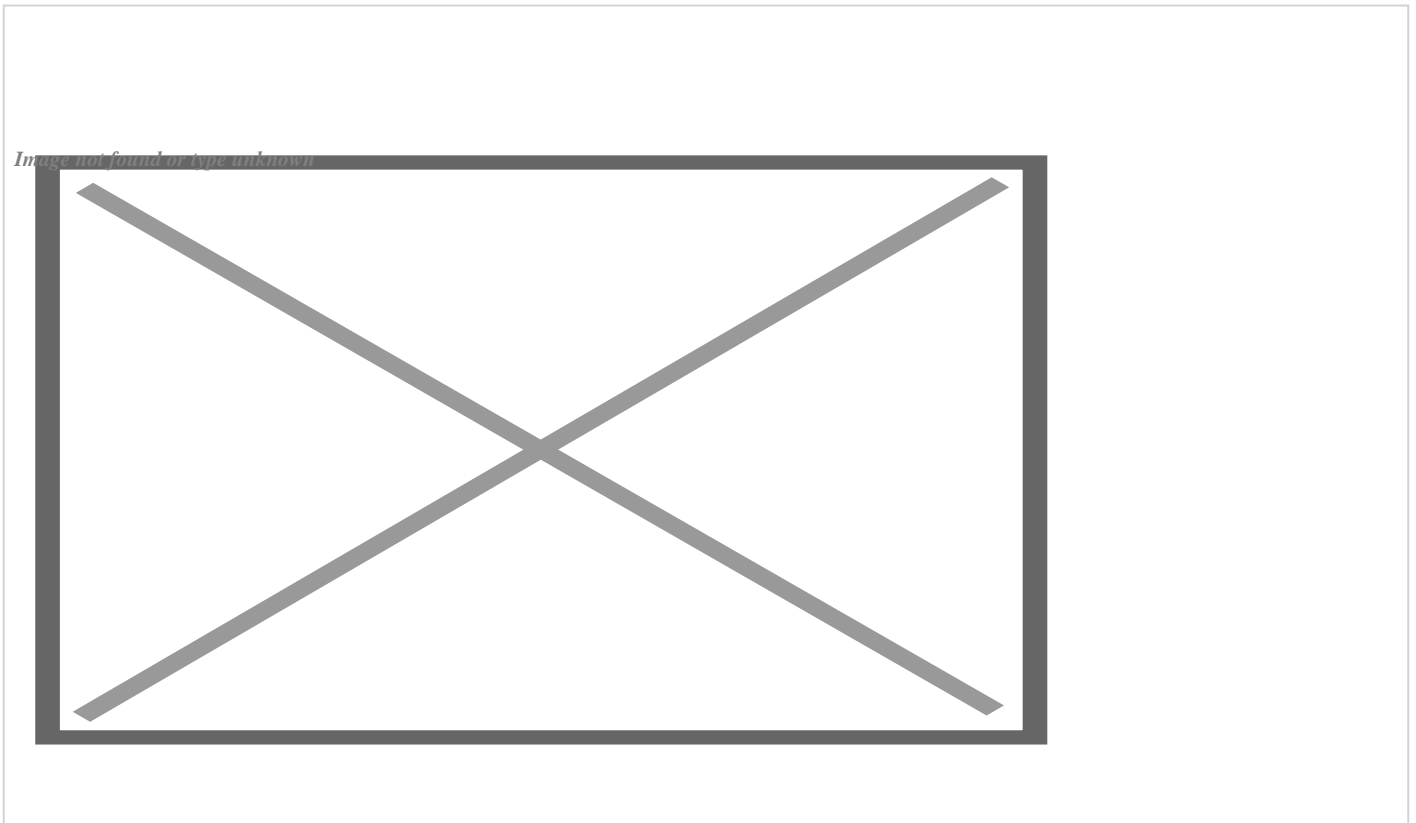


# *Cuban soccer team in Honduras to begin World Cup route*

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Tegucigalpa, June 3 (JIT).- The bulk of the Cuban soccer team arrived in Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital, on Sunday to take on their debut against the local team in the Qualifying Tournament for the Fifa World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada 2026.

Upon arrival, after a long trip with a stopover in Panama, the group was hosted at the comfortable Plaza San Martín hotel, where some key members of the team were already present, such as Yasnier Matos, Daniel Díaz and Eduardo Hernández, who moved to the headquarters after concluding the season with their respective clubs.

Carlos Vázquez, Maykel Reyes and Ismel Morgado joined that advance, gradually incorporated from their respective leagues.

Among the players who moved from Havana, Yuniel Pérez, Karel Espino and Romario Torres stand out, regulars in the senior squad, who were training under the orders of technical director Yunielys Castillo.

They were joined in the Panamanian capital by winger William Pozo, and later by forward Reydel Sánchez.

In the coming days the squad will be completed with the arrival of Raico Arozarena, Dairon Reyes and Luis Javier Paradela, recent champion of the First Division of Costa Rica.

Starting this Sunday, the team will begin preparation for the match that will take place next Tuesday at the Chelato Uclés National Stadium, in the main Honduran city.

"We will take the opportunity to recover from the trip that was exhausting and we will continue the work we have been doing for a few weeks, now with the entire team," Castillo assured JIT.

After the debut in the second round of the qualifying process for the next World Cup, the Cubans will fly to Santiago de Cuba to receive the Cayman Islands on the 11th.

Although the opening game as a visitor against the H team seems extremely difficult, a crucial victory could come at the Antonio Maceo stadium in the indomitable city for the aspirations of reaching the third round as one of the two best teams in the phase.

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