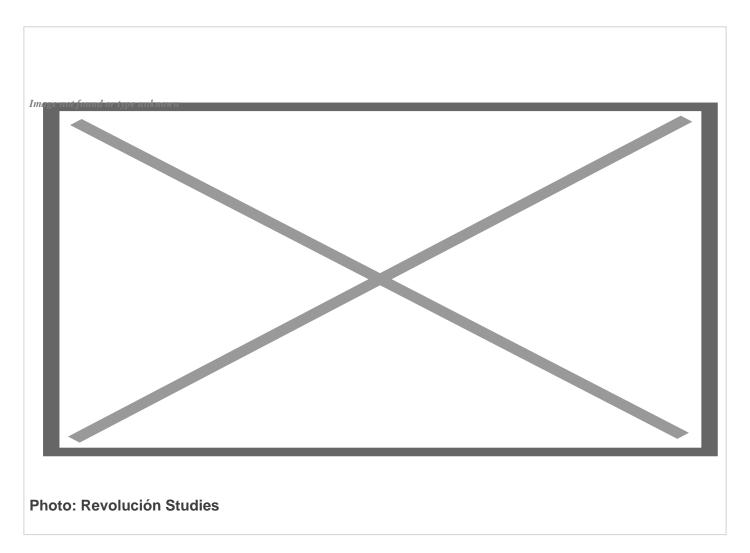
Africa is an inseparable part of Cuban identity



Havana, June 11 (RHC)-- A special commitment unites Cuba with Africa, because through the blood of its children runs that of those human beings who were torn from their lands and who made up one of the most shameful episodes of civilization: the slave trade.

With that certainty, the central event for Mother Continent Day was held the day before, in the emblematic Portocarrero Hall of the Palace of the Revolution, which was attended by the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and President of the Republic of Cuba, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez; as well as the president of the National Assembly of People's Power, Esteban Lazo Hernández; and the Vice President of the Republic, Salvador Valdés Mesa, both members of the Political Bureau.

Lazo Hernández expressed, at the ceremony, that Africa "is an indissoluble part of the very essence of our nation. By celebrating her day of honoring her, we recognize her rich history, values, and great cultural diversity, and we highlight her enormous potential, nobility, enthusiasm, and resistance of her people.

In his words, the Cuban leader highlighted: "In this context, we celebrate the achievements of the African Union, repository of the legacy of the Organization of African Unity, established 61 years ago," and was emphatic: "Africa has been and will always be among us".

For his part, His Excellency Nasser Mohamed Ousbo, ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti, and dean of the African Diplomatic Corps accredited in Havana, expressed his sincere thanks to the people and Government of Cuba, "who have always been close to the African continent, to the point of sharing their joys and sufferings.

In an issue described by him as "capital," the diplomat expressed his condemnation of "both the US blockade and the inclusion of Cuba on the list of countries sponsoring terrorism." (Source: Granma)

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