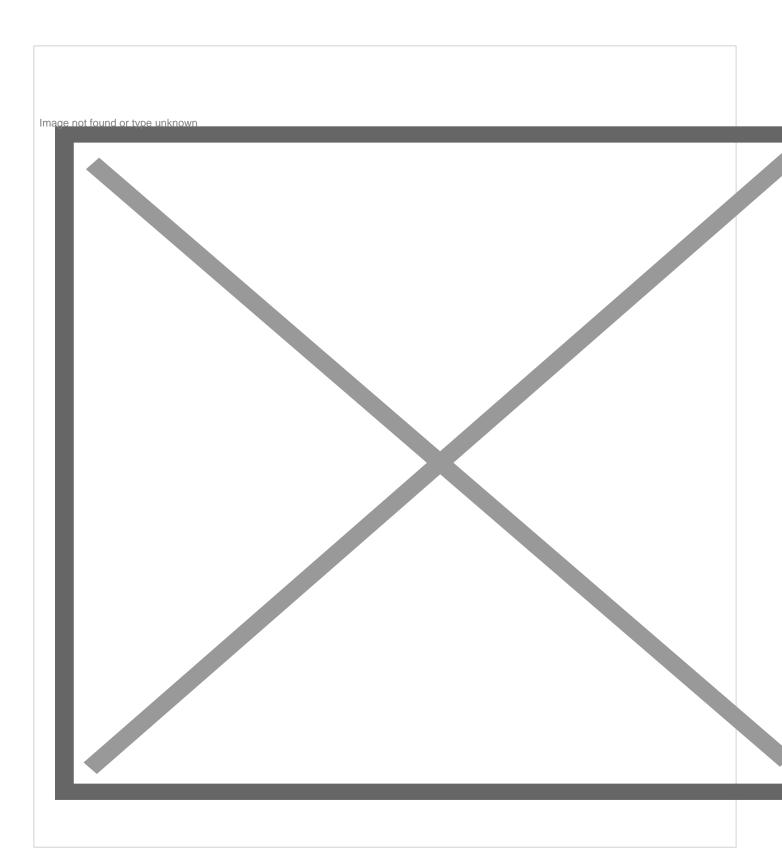
## ALBA-TCP highlights importance of Cuba's national holiday



Havana, July 27 (RHC) -- The Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-People's Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP) joined this Friday in Cuba's commemoration of the 71st anniversary of the assault on the Moncada and Carlos Manuel de Céspedes barracks.

The regional integration bloc indicated in a statement that "the rebellion of the Cuban people set fire to the prairie of freedom, led by Fidel Castro Ruz and his generation of brave men to change history forever," with José Martí as the spiritual and intellectual author of that feat.

He stressed that on July 26, 1953, the pro-imperialist dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista (1952-1958) began its countdown and six years later it would be overthrown by a popular victory that sealed the path to liberation on the island.

ALBA-TCP meant that "Cubanness recovered its dignity on July 26 and has only grown stronger in these 65 years of Revolution."

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He recalled that 71 years ago, Cuban youth burst forth with their rebellion, their passion and their energy to fight for justice, sovereignty and equality, through organized popular resistance.

The Latin American and Caribbean integration mechanism celebrated the rebellion of that time, led by the courage of those young people who "gave way to a fierce and indestructible socialist revolution, to continue building the Great Homeland, to continue fighting for the just causes of humanity and to build the alternative for life and peace."

The governments and peoples of ALBA-TCP congratulated Army General Raúl Castro Ruz, historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, and "the brother and brave president Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez."

They also congratulated the heroic Centennial Generation, who "gave everything for the dignity of their homeland and the admirable Cuban people, who continue to give an example of independence and dignity." (Source: Prensa Latina)

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