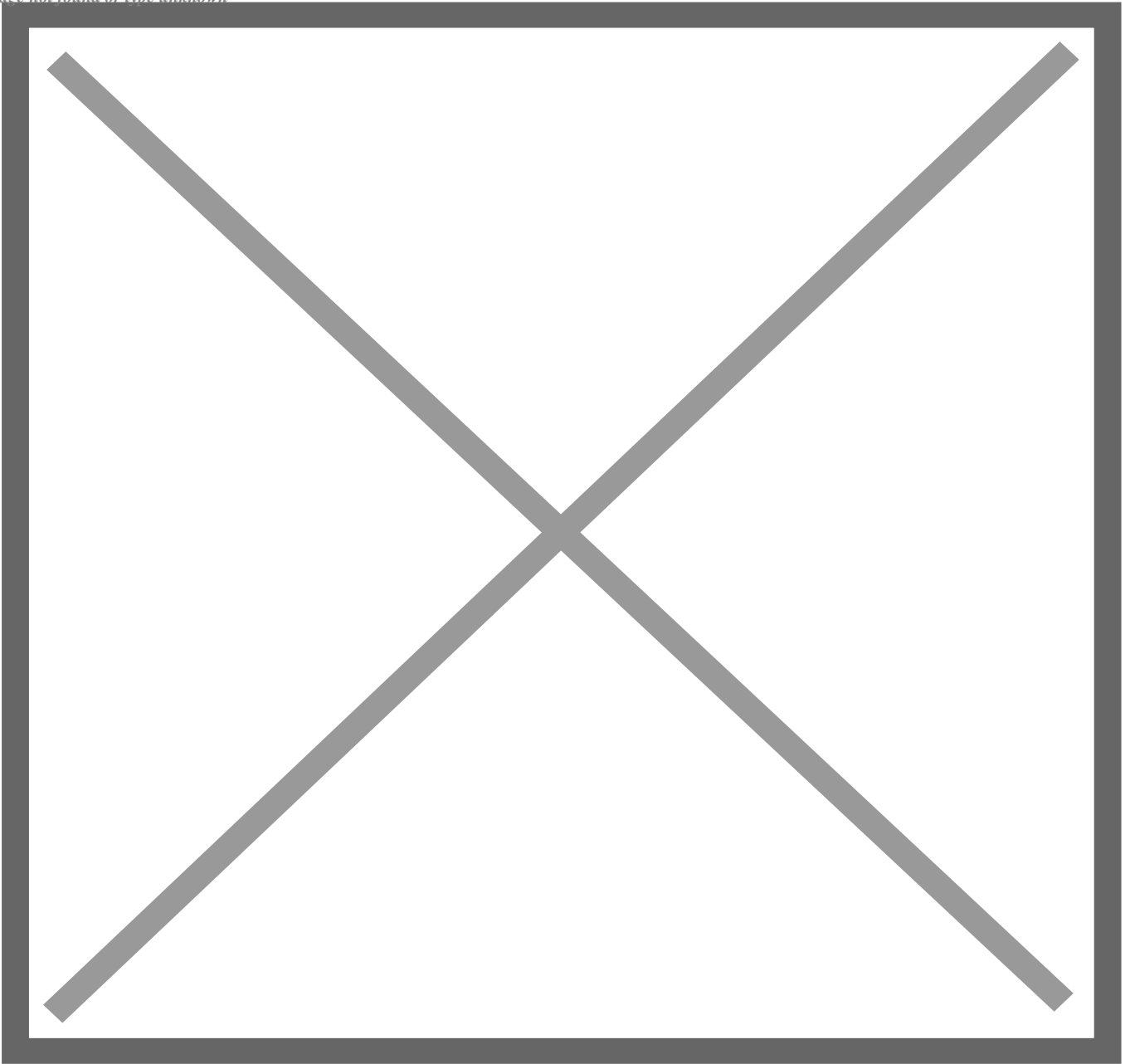


# *Fidel Castro's legacy highlighted in Panama*

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Panama City, November 24 (RHC)-- Eight years after his death, the legacy of the leader of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro (1926-2016), was highlighted this Sunday by the political analysis magazine El Periódico de Panamá.

In its editorial, signed by the communicator José Didimo, director of the publication, the ideals of justice and sovereignty for his country and the region that identified Fidel from an early age are highlighted.

In this sense, he recalls his time in the isthmus in 1948, when he was just a student at the Faculty of Law and traveled to Bogotá (Colombia) to meet with the leader of Colombian liberalism, Dr. Jorge Eliécer Gaitán, assassinated by the dark forces of the oligarchies hours before that meeting, he points out.

Fidel planned to go to Cartagena later, where the formation of what we now know as the Organization of American States would take place and he would express the opposition of Cuban youth and students to such a pretension commanded by the United States, the text indicates.

The columnist reviews the significance of Fidel's combative career since the assault on the Moncada barracks in Santiago de Cuba in July 1953, his plea "History will absolve me" in his own defense when he was tried; and in the struggles for definitive independence in the mountains of the Sierra Maestra.

The construction of the revolutionary work that faced attacks such as the mercenary invasion of Playa Girón in 1961, defeated in less than 72 hours, also stand out as epic moments in the life of the leader, the text adds.

It also underlines the firmness of its leaders and the Cuban people to resist and overcome a criminal economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the United States more than six decades ago.

The U.S. siege had and has the purpose of achieving the fall of the Revolution, but Fidel's leadership and his world leadership, far from diminishing, grew in size.

The Cuban people bear on their shoulders the cruel and increasingly isolated policy of the blockade that has subjected the entire Caribbean nation to an existence limited in material goods but abundant in dignity and honor, the text adds.

On the other hand, it underlines the support of Fidel and the Cuban Revolution to the Panamanian struggle for the conquest of sovereignty and the recovery of the Canal, led by General Omar Torrijos, with whom he was united by a deep friendship.

On this eighth anniversary of his physical departure, our solidarity with the Cuban people and government who are victims of an imperial political decision that has been imposed by force for sixty-four years and is devoid of any reason, but the resistance is greater, the editorial points out.

It also calls for participation in a cantata in homage to the revolutionary leader, which will take place tomorrow Monday in the studios of the Experimental University Film Group, at the University of Panama, to commemorate the life and work of the man who died on November 25, 2016.

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