

# *Cuban president calls for defense of the country on social media*

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Havana, December 20 (RHC) -- Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel called on the people on Friday to defend the integrity of the nation and the truth of the Revolution on social media.

During the closing speech of the Fourth Ordinary Period of Sessions of the National Assembly of People's Power (Parliament), in its Tenth Legislature, the president said that these platforms are used to confuse the people and distort Cuban reality.

As part of the fierce campaign against the Revolution, it is not possible to navigate the networks without stumbling upon an avalanche of obscenities, insults, offenses and lies designed to denigrate those who assume a responsibility within the institutionality, he said. He also commented that they even attack those who decide “to live in the country, without denigrating it.”

It is embarrassing to see Cubans, who were born, grew up and were professionally trained here, “how they distill hatred, rage and contempt against the nation that formed them, as if they felt part of the rebellious and brutal north that despises us,” he said.

He also recalled that in a letter published with the title Vindication of Cuba in the newspaper The Evening Post, in March 1889, the national hero defended his country and his compatriots from a public offense.

“From New York and stealing time from his feverish political activity, José Martí responded to the insults with his unsurpassed article Vindicación de Cuba,” he noted.

“Our country is in need of another passionate defense of the character, courage and morality of its children on today’s social networks,” he stressed.

He insisted that “a Vindication of Cuba, of the current Cuba that resists and creates under threats and storms” must be articulated.

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