

US praises Cuba's contribution in fight against Ebola



New York, Nov 1, (RHC-EFE), -- US Ambassador to the UN, Samantha Power, praised Cuba's contribution to the fight against Ebola in West Africa, and said that her country is very grateful.

"Although I did not encounter them personally, I have to commend Cuba for sending 265 medical professionals to the affected countries so quickly," said Power, who recently returned from a trip to Africa, EFE news agency reports.

"We are working side by side, as it were," the diplomat said, though adding that the US and Cuban efforts are separate.

Power noted the speed with which Havana reacted to the Ebola outbreak, and recalled that the Cuban government would send 200 more health workers to Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone, the three countries most affected by the outbreak that has killed nearly 5,000 people.

She also said that, besides treating patients directly, the health workers in West Africa are also training local personnel in how to deal with the epidemic.

Cuba's contribution to battling the epidemic has been praised by international entities such as the UN and the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as US media outlets such as The New York Times.

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