

# *Raul Castro Meets with Venezuelan Vice President Jorge Arreaza*

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Caracas, August 10 (RHC-PL) -- A meeting between Cuban President Raúl Castro and Executive Vice President of Venezuela Jorge Arreaza in Havana made headlines in local media in Venezuela yesterday.

During the meeting, the two leaders expressed their satisfaction for the excellent state of bilateral relations. Arreaza conveyed greetings and appreciation from Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro to Cuba for its firm support of the Bolivarian Revolution.

The leaders also discussed regional issues like the integration process based on peace and the development of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America-Trade Agreement of the Peoples, ALBA, and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, CELAC.

Arreaza's visit to Cuba was part of a Caribbean tour of Venezuela's Presidential Commission for Border Issues, aimed at presenting Caracas' arguments in the dispute with Guyana for sovereignty over the Essequibo region.

Arreaza condemned the interference of oil transnational Exxon-Mobil in the conflict to undermine Latin American and Caribbean unity, says *Correo del Orinoco* newspaper.

According to the Venezuelan vice presidential office's website, Arreaza also discussed with the Cuban president the need to settle the dispute through the diplomacy of peace and international law.

Arreaza's tour also included Grenada, Dominica, Barbados and Antigua and Barbuda, while Foreign Minister Delcy Rodríguez travelled to Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia and Saint Kitts and Nevis, also as part of the tour of the presidential commission.

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