

The aggressiveness of the Trump Government towards Cuba grows

As part of their offensive against Venezuela, Nicaragua and Cuba, high-ranking spokespersons of the US government led by the Secretary of State and the National Security Advisor visit various capitals trying to convince foreign governments that Russia, China, Iran, Turkey and Cuba are responsible for the situation in Venezuela due to the solidarity support they provide to the government of President Nicolás Maduro.

The lie about the supposed presence of Cuban troops in Venezuela, or the participation of advisers in security operations, is repeated over and over again. **Cuba categorically denies such falsehood.**

This lie has a dual purpose: it seeks to **justify the failure of the coup attempt against President Maduro**, because the car titled Juan Guaidó after more than two months has not taken power, nor has he been able—as he promised—to weaken the Civic military support that President Maduro has. On the other hand, **it is intended to justify the most recent actions to intensify the blockade against Cuba** through the application of Title III of the Helms-Burton law.

The lie is an instrument of frequent use in the foreign policy of the United States. The lie was intended to justify US military interventions. Iraq and Libya are just recent examples. Representatives of the US government have been unmasked by their lies.

John Bolton, the current national security adviser is one of the champions of this hostile and aggressive policy. This hawk rescued by Trump was who accused Cuba of making biological weapons and he **was denied and disqualified before the US Congress by Colin Powell, then Secretary of State and by ex-President Jimmy Carter.**

The nearly 20 thousand Cuban aid workers who work in Venezuela participate in programs of **economic and social benefit for the entire Venezuelan population, regardless of their political affiliation.** They fulfil tasks similar to those performed by Cuban collaborators in **83 countries** with which Cuba has bilateral cooperation agreements.

Cuba has a high regard for respect for the sovereign will of States and is a firm defender of the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of States. In full respect for friends, the Cuban Revolution would never suggest to another government what it should do.

It is intended to ignore that Havana was the seat of the CELAC Summit where unanimously was approved by its member states "THE PROCLAMATION OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE."

<http://celac.cubaminrex.cu/articulos/proclamation-latin-america-and-caribbean-zone-peace>

It was not a casual event. Thousands of Cubans have paid with their blood for the preservation of the peace of our people, in the face of terrorist aggressions and hostile acts that even today the Cuban people continue to suffer, shamefully financed with the budget of the United States government.

Cuba, together with other nations and virtuous leaders of Latin America and the Caribbean, has endeavoured to create a climate of peace and broad cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Cuba extends its solidary and pacifist hand, but never our hands will raise the flag of surrender, Cuba will not be intimidated, Cuba will not be subjected to blackmail.

Today, April 17—a day that recalls the shameful defeat suffered at Bay of Pigs by the mercenaries paid by the CIA in 1961—was chosen by Mr. Bolton to announce new sanctions against Cuba.

60 years of aggression are not enough for them; 60 years of defeats are not enough for them. Too much hatred and frustration encourages them to escalate aggression.

Cuba will continue resisting and accumulating VICTORIES.

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Embassy of Cuba in Ireland