



Reactions to Fidel Castro's Death Continue Pouring In from Around the World



Havana, November 28 (RHC)-- Messages of condolences continue pouring into Havana as leaders in Latin America and around the world react to Friday's passing of the historic leader of Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Manuel Zelaya, former President of Honduras, gave a tribute to Fidel, calling him the world's greatest revolutionary against injustice.

Former Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium, Didier Reynders, also expressed his condolences to Fidel's family. "A page of history turns. Fidel Castro is dead," Reynders tweeted.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Pranab Mukherjee also tweeted their condolences.

In Brazil, former President Dilma Rousseff, said in a statement: "Fidel was one of the most important contemporary politicians and a visionary who believed in building a fraternal and just society, free from hunger and exploitation, a Latin America united and strong...My deepest feelings to the Castro family, the children and grandchildren of Castro, his brother Raul and the Cuban people. My sympathy and affection in this moment of pain and farewell."

Mariano Rajoy, the Spanish Prime Minister, tweeted, "My condolences to the Government and Cuban authorities on the passing of former President Fidel Castro, a figure of historical significance."



Irish President Michael Higgins, tweeted, "Fidel Castro will be remembered as a giant among global leaders."

Jeremy Corbyn, leader of the British Labor Party said: "Fidel Castro was a massive figure in the history of the whole planet, ever since the revolution in 1959...He managed to bring good quality health services to all the people of Cuba, good quality education to all the people of Cuba and, of course, he had a foreign policy which was global, but particularly important in Southern Africa in supporting Angola against the apartheid regime...History will show that Fidel was somebody who stood up for something very, very different in the Caribbean and many independent people would say how good health care and education are in Cuba compared to many other places in the world."

Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández tweeted, "Our condolences to President Raúl Castro, the Government and the Cuban people for the death of Commander Fidel Castro."

Namibian President Hage Geingob tweeted, "The death of #Fidel signals the end of an era. Our comrade is no more, but his revolutionary legacy will remain with Namibia forever."

Seyed Ali Khamenei, the Ayatollah and supreme leader of Iran, tweeted, "I extensively talked with #FidelCastro in person, it is his personality to believe and rely on people."

EU President Jean-Claude Juncker released a statement, calling Fidel a "hero for many."

"Fidel Castro was one of the historic figures of the past century and the embodiment of the Cuban Revolution," he said. "With the death of Fidel Castro, the world has lost a man who was a hero for many. He changed the course of his country and his influence reached far beyond. Fidel Castro remains one of the revolutionary figures of the 20th century. I convey my condolences to Cuban President Raël Castro and his family and to the people of Cuba."

For his part, Costa Rican President Luis Guillermo Solís highlighted the Cuban leader's significance, saying Fidel earned himself his place in the history of Latin America and the world.

"Fidel will be remembered as the man who launched the most profound, long-lasting revolutions in all the 20th century. His legacy lives on."