

# *No threats, only strengthening of our defense*

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The Moncada 2021 strategic exercise, in which Cuba's armed institutions are involved, is part of our permanent defense plans. It is not directed against anyone and contributes to articulate a safeguard ring for the country, should an external enemy dare an aggression.

Chiefs, leaders and command and management bodies of units of the Revolutionary Armed Forces take part in the training, scheduled until the 20th of this month, when part of the population will join the National Defense Day.

This type of drill has a fixed date every year in Cuba, but the scourge of Covid-19 interfered with the plans to the point of stopping its realization.

The improvement of the epidemiological situation, based on the vaccination with own substances, favored the resumption of the initiative.

The high command insists on emphasizing the importance of a training such as the Moncada training to exchange information, organize cooperation and better combine security schemes and supervision of the troops.

The appearance of combat vehicles and means in some regions of Cuba only as a rehearsal is directly related to the objectives of this country to fight for peace.

Nobody instructs soldiers and citizens on aggressive actions but on how to repel an eventual attack in a territory that has been under external threat for six decades.

Neither were the Moncada strategic exercise and the subsequent National Defense Day framed as a presumed response or to neutralize disruptive acts planned by agents for regime change, inspired and assisted by the United States.

It is a conception framed in the War of all the people, strictly conceived to strengthen internal dispositions, without imminence for anyone, rooted in the largest of the Antilles.

We are talking about the protection of the country and the expression of a message that the armed institutions and the population review their patterns of response to possible foreign animosities.

Preventing and facing risk situations and security attacks are the essence of the ongoing mobilization in Cuba, for a short period of time, but enough to contribute to maintain sovereignty.

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