

# *Situation in Guantanamo is heating up*

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The permanence of the submersible was quickly and categorically rejected by the government of the Caribbean nation, considering it a provocative escalation, whose political or strategic motives are unknown.

For the largest of the Antilles, the irruption of the vessel in the military enclave constitutes a serious challenge in the area, declared a peace zone in 2014 by CELAC, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States.

Worse still. The reaction of the U.S. government to Cuba's just rejection of the presence of the nuclear submarine at the Guantanamo base was marked by arrogance.

The spokesman for the US Department of State, Matthew Miller, reiterated the Pentagon's statement that they will continue to fly, sail and move military assets wherever they deem fit.

With the same arrogance they took hundreds of prisoners to a prison built on the Guantanamo base in 2002, during the so-called war against terrorism.

Most of the inmates were not given trials, lacked defense lawyers, and those who managed to get out reported being subjected to torture.

The UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and counter-terrorism, Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, recently stated that the 30 remaining prisoners are subjected to "cruel, inhuman and degrading" treatment.

It seems that the United States only keeps this enclave to house the prison and outrage Cuba's sovereign rights, since, as a statement said, its usefulness is reduced.

Let's remember that Guantanamo Bay is added to the almost 70 prisons maintained by the Northern power in the Western Hemisphere, which added to those installed in other latitudes make a total of more than 800, by far the country with the most dangerous settlements of this type.

The permanence of the nuclear submarine at the Guantanamo military base coincides with a hysteria of sectors in the United States in relation to what they call the presence of Chinese intelligence facilities in the largest of the Antilles, which is categorically denied by both governments.

No hysteria or display of force will make Cubans desist from their just demand for the return of the Guantanamo enclave, the result of imposition and an affront to international law.

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