

# *President Díaz-Canel reflects on recent events in Cuba*

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**Díaz-Canel (L), de la O Levy and Arleen Rodríguez. Photo taken from Prensa Latina**

Havana, March 22 (RHC)-- The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel commented Thursday on the events of last March 17 in several territories of the country, in which malicious people wanted to take advantage of the claims of the population to create chaos.

The president, accompanied by the Minister of Energy and Mines Vicente de la O Levy, explained to journalist Arleen Rodríguez the involvement of the US government and US-based terrorist groups in actions against the country's internal order, taking advantage of the difficult situation the Caribbean island is going through.

"Desde la Presidencia" (new communicative space) the head of state explained that long and annoying power cuts and instability in the distribution of the basic food basket in the first months of the year, due to the complex economic situation of the country, prompted the claims of people in several territories.

These places were a district in Santiago de Cuba and in the town of El Cobre, in that province, and a neighborhood in Bayamo, mainly, where a few hundred people took to the streets to demand an

explanation and complain about these issues.

Díaz-Canel said that these people received an immediate response from local and provincial political and administrative authorities who explained the circumstances behind these shortages, caused mainly by the tightening of the U.S. blockade in the last four years.

He affirmed that the inclusion of Cuba in Washington's unilateral list of countries that allegedly sponsor terrorism has had dire consequences for the population of the island.

He pointed out that in the midst of this situation there have been bad administrative decisions and elements of bureaucracy, especially in the distribution of the basic food basket, "which is carried out under very complex conditions," he said.

The dignitary added that, in recent months, Cuba has lacked two fundamental fuels to achieve electricity generation coverage at peak demand times.

He also affirmed that among the people who demonstrated there were those who tried to provoke chaos but were isolated by the population after the authorities' explanation, although counterrevolutionary platforms on social networks tried to magnify what happened, even with artificial intelligence techniques.

"That fact demonstrated the perversity of the aggressions against Cuba and ratifies the conviction that everything responds to a platform that seeks a social explosion in the country to put an end to the Revolution, which has its origins in the famous Lester Mallory Memorandum of 1960", he added.

In the program, the Minister of Energy and Mines referred to the actions taken by the country to alleviate the situation created by Washington's growing hostility.

From the Youtube page of the Presidency of the Republic, the Cuban president will reflect, on a weekly basis, on the most diverse issues of the national reality.

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