

# *Cuban authorities hail 61st anniversary of journalism organization*

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Havana, July 15 (RHC) President Miguel Díaz-Canel on Monday saluted the Union of Cuban Journalists (Upec), "in its renewed efforts to unite and support its members, ensuring the ethics and professionalism of a guild that is inextricably linked to the history of the Cuban Revolution.

On the occasion of the commemorative date, the head of state congratulated the country's journalists and assured that he will always count on and ask for more from them.

On the same social network, Cuban Prime Minister Manuel Marrero acknowledged the work of the members of the organization and encouraged them to continue serving the truth, defending socialism.

"Continue being as always, a bulwark of the Revolution," said Roberto Morales Ojeda, member of the Political Bureau and Secretary of Organization of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, on the occasion of the celebration.

Upec is a social and professional organization formed on July 15, 1963, as a result of the union of press professionals until then grouped in the National College of Journalists, the Association of Reporters of Havana, the Press Association of Cuba and hundreds of small organizations and journalistic associations that grouped reporters, correspondents, proofreaders, photographers, cameramen, cartoonists and humorists.

Among its general objectives and obligations are to defend journalists in the legal and ethical exercise of the profession, in the right of access to sources and in the fulfillment of their work of information and guidance, as well as to contribute to the training of journalists in the best traditions of Cuban political thought, and in the high patriotic, ethical and democratic principles that inspire Cuban society. (Source: ACN).

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