

UNGA: International community speaks up against U.S blockade of Cuba

United Nations, Sept 26, (RHC), -- Heads of State and Government from Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia demanded before the UN General Assembly the immediate and unconditional lifting of the U.S. economic blockade against Cuba.

Bolivian President Evo Morales described the economic, trade and financial restrictions imposed by Washington on Havana for more than 50 years as an act of genocide.

Moreover, El Salvador's President, Mauricio Funes, called the blockade "a relic of the past."

Likewise, Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, said the Caricom bloc regards the blockade as anachronistic.

The President of Timor-Leste, Taur Matan Ruak, who is due to arrive in Cuba Sept 26, also requested the end of a siege that has inflicted multi-million dollar losses to the Cuban economy and caused a strong negative impact on Cuban society.

Speaking at the session, Chad's President Idriss Deby Itno joined the demand for the end of the sanctions, in order to "allow Cuba take the place it deserves in the concert of nations."

Meanwhile, Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Winston Spencer said the his country is very proud of its longstanding relationship with Cuba.

During the first day of the Assembly high-level discussions held yesterday, the presidents of Uruguay, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Gabon, and South Africa also spoke up for the lifting of the blockade.

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