

Cuban journalists Union accuses Twitter of cyber warfare to mute the island's stance on US aggressions



Havana, September 12 (RHC)- US President Donald Trump's favorite social media platform, Twitter, has "democratically" decided to block dozens of accounts of Cuban media outlets, ministries websites and journalists.

The measure coincided with a special TV appearance Wednesday evening by Cuban president Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez, to address the energy crisis the island is facing due to Washington's stepped up hostility.

As of 8 o'clock Thursday morning, the twitter accounts of Radio Havana Cuba in Spanish and English were suspended as well as others.

A statement issued by the Cuban Union of Journalists (UPEC) categorically condemned the move.

The document added that it's not the first time Cuban Twitter users report problems logging into their accounts and receive messages that their accounts have been blocked and they should follow the procedure to recover them.

“What is new is the massiveness of this obviously planned act of cyber warfare, which seeks to limit the freedom of expression of Cuban institutions and citizens, and to silence the leaders of the Revolution,” UPEC added.

The statement recalled that the in its recommendations issued last June, the State Department's Internet Task Force for Cuba proposed the use of the platform as a subversion highway in Cuba.

The Cuban Union of Journalists strongly denounced the disappearance of these spaces for the expression of ideas, in an act of massive censorship of journalists, editors and media, and concluded its statement demanding the immediate re-establishment of the blocked accounts.

“In no case they have violated Twitter policies, while the platform flagrantly tramples on the rights of communicators, prevents them from carrying out their work and tries to muzzle a first-rate news event in our country,” it said.

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