

Subversive Radioelectric Program Against Cuba Considered a Fiasco

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Granma, main Cuban daily, recalled today the failure of U.S. originated radioelectric aggressions on Cuba and considered such actions would be unthinkable in a moderately civilized environment between Havana and Washington. Twenty five years since the subversive transmissions began by wrongly-named TV Marti to the island and a context marked by the announcement that Cuba and the United States advance to normalization of its links, Granma stressed the failure of those attempts.

The newspaper says those media are a failed subversive attempt to suck hundreds of millions of dollars from U.S. tax-payer pockets, violates international regulations and puts obstacles in the way to normalize relations between Havana and Washington.

However, those radioelectric aggressions affect the normal operations of national telecommunications and directly violate the letter and spirit of many international agreements, which has been denounced by Cuba in different forums, says Granma.

In any case, millions of dollars from U.S. public monies have been squandered to space during 25 years, in an operation that only puts money in hands of a few South Florida mobsters, dedicated to the lucrative business of attacking Cuba, the paper adds.

Granma recalled that Radio and TV Marti are now in the midst of notorious scandals of corruption, and its directives try to survive and maintain the money coming in from Washington to achieve "a change of regime" in Cuba in a context where voices are louder claiming for the



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end of those two relics of the Cold War.

An example put by the newspaper is the fact that in the U.S. Congress there is a bill in progress to close them, supported by Democrat representative for Minnesota, Betty McCollum.

Granma also refers to the announcements of last December 17 and the beginning of a long and complex process to open a new chapter between Cuba and the United States, leaving Radio and TV Marti in a swale.

In this regard, the daily recalled the speech made by Cuban president Raul Castro before the Third Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (Celac) that included the end of illegal radio and television transmissions as one of the sticking points to advance in a normalization process between both countries.

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