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Cuban President pays tribute to Simon Bolivar

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Cuba's president Miguel Diaz-Canel paid tribute in Caracas to Simon Bolivar as part of his official visit to Venezuela.

Accompanied by Tareck El Aissami, Venezuelan executive vice president, Diaz-Canel laid a wreath before the sarcophagus that keeps Bolivar's mortal remains, in the National Pantheon, where he also signed the visitors' book.

Previously, upon arrival at Simon Bolivar International Airport, the Cuban leader sent a message of solidarity to the people and government of Venezuela.

I bring a fraternal and supportive message from the First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, Army General Raul Castro, and from the Cuban people for the Venezuelan government and people, President Nicolas Maduro and for the civic-military union, Diaz-Canel said.

According to Prensa Latina news agency, the head of state reiterated the recognition and congratulations to his Venezuelan counterpart for the overwhelming success achieved with the victory in the May 20 elections.

Diaz-Canel will have a broad agenda that includes a meeting with Maduro at the

Miraflores palace, will go to the Montaña Barracks, in Caracas, where are kept the remains of Hugo Chavez, leader of the Bolivarian Revolution, and will also pay a visit to a comprehensive health center, also in the capital of the South American nation.

The Cuban delegation is also made up by Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez; Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rogelio Sierra; the ambassador in that country, Rogelio Polanco; and the director for South America department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pedro Pablo Prada.

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