

Cuba: under Siege, but Fearless

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Cubans usually make a mockery of their own problems. It is a natural gift to solve with humor every hardship we face.

“Let the girl get in first. Help the pregnant woman. Take good care of old men and women. Let’s squeezed together a bit! As the song goes: “step by step.” Let’s help each other. Squeezed, but relaxed. Step on the gas, driver!

Dealing with transportation these days is like going out there into a battlefield with sensitivity, patience, and trust as your only protective shields. The U.S. blockade hurts once again. The Empire is there. It is all over again, this time his name is (Donald) Trump.

The full implementation of the Helms-Burton Act jeopardizes the arrival of diesel to the country with the purpose of triggering distrust, fear, and havoc in the Cuban society. Bus stops are busy. Buses do not show up. Workers, students, old men, women, and children are losing valuable time just waiting. Once again the Cuban people have decided to resist. Once again the Cuban people have decided to trust.

Before such temporary situation, the President of the Council of State and Minister Miguel Diaz-Canel announced a list of measures that are being implemented to ease the energy situation. In this regard, he suggested being creative, following strict discipline, and finding effective solutions to problems. These are times to confirm our revolutionary ideals and principles, and put Cuba as the top priority. These are times of solidarity, which makes us different worldwide.

“The best way to sort problems out is to tell people the truth,” stated the President. And the truth of Cuba lies on its people, history, and present time even though major foreign media strive hard to silence it.

The Cuban press removed any trace of fake news regarding alleged extreme measures and a regression to the Special Period in times of peace, and echoed a campaign against the U.S. blockade and aggressions. Our journalists and civil society quickly reported, contextualized, and became essential in the information management in every platform.

Restricting basic needs and discrediting the Cuban revolutionary government in every scenario are some of the failed attempts of the U.S. government to make the Cuban people and its Revolution kneel down.

The Minister of Economy and Planning Alejandro Gil stated in the information TV program *Mesa Redonda* that there is going to be a very different situation as soon as in October, especially with the arrival of new oil tankers at Cuban ports. Up until then, it is very important to keep discipline in the compliance with administrative standards which aimed at softening the energy crisis as well as facing the current situation with sympathy and solidarity.

Our enemies should have learned, once and for all, that Cubans do not fear threats. And our response to every attack will be always the same: We shall never surrender!

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