
Cubans pay tribute to internationalist martyrs

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Floral wreaths by Army General Raul Castro, President Miguel Diaz-Canel and the Cuban people, led the tribute in Havana to internationalist martyrs on Saturday.

After 30 years of the Operation Tribute to bring the remains of Cuban internationalists to their homeland, a tribute was paid to those who fell during the struggle for independence in Africa and other parts of the world, national television reported.

According to the report, the ceremony began with the traditional march to the Pantheon of the Veterans at Havana's Colon Cemetery, where Luis Antonio Torres, first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba in the capital, participated.

Reinaldo Garcia, president of the People's Power Provincial Assembly, combatants of the Revolution and Heroes of the Republic also attended the tribute.

At the solemn ceremony, Aylin Alvarez, first secretary of the Young Communist League in Havana, expressed the will to follow the example of those who offered their lives for the emancipation of Angola.

Erick Menendez, an internationalist doctor in Bolivia, reaffirmed the healthcare workers' willingness to work in other countries, in a context where Cuban cooperation abroad has been discredited by US campaigns.

Tribute was also paid throughout Cuba to Major General Antonio Maceo and his assistant, Captain Francisco Gomez Toro, who fell in combat 123 years ago in the war for Cuba's independence against Spanish colonialism.