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Toronto Forum on Cuba declaration on the current attacks against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

The Bolivarian Revolution is once again under a vicious attack led by the U.S. government and its allies -including Canada- which just cannot stop misinforming the broader public about Venezuela's achievements. The military coup has been exposed and some of its main ringleaders have been arrested. The Bolivarian Revolution and, by extension, humanity globally needs to come together if we intend to stop the hegemonic and racist approach of the imperialist west towards the peoples of the south and the downtrodden and the humble here.

As we have experienced the rise in solidarity with the cause of the missing/murdered indigenous women in the streets of Toronto; the outrage against the racist and islamophobic cycle of manipulated mainstream news; and the examples set by martyrs and revolutionaries such as Malcolm X; during this Black History Month we also remember late Dudley Laws and, just like him, we keep on marching.

Toronto Forum on Cuba would love to see you at the following two activities organized to shed a light of truth in the situations facing the Bolivarian and Cuban revolutions. Since an injury to one is an injury to all, we stand firm in our solidarity. And as the saying goes in the anti-war movement: "from Iraq to Palestine - occupation is a crime", we say: "from Tehran to Caracas - economic sanctions R crimes".

One day the lackeys of imperialism mobilize and organize violent protests in the streets, then they murder the United Socialist Party of Venezuela's youngest member Robert Serra and his wife María Herrera; then on another day, the Canadian Parliamentary Subcommittee on International Human Rights applauds this behaviour by declaring itself in favour of the Venezuelan de facto leader of the extreme right wing opposition, Leopoldo López; and now all of Canada's major political parties, from left (including the Green Party), centre and right, condemn the imprisonment of Antonio Ledezma, another one of the main opposition leaders, who took part in the blowing up of liquor stores, nightclubs, a border bridge and the regional headquarters of the National Electoral Council (CNE) as part of the insurrectionary plan known as "La Salida" (The Way Out) promoted by Leopoldo López and Maria Machado, in which they caused the death of 43 people. The offenses of conspiracy and association, for which Ledezma was arrested, are defined and penalized under Venezuela's Criminal Code and Organic Law against Organized Crime and Financing of Terrorism.

WHAT A SHAM THE IMPERIALIST DEMOCRACY IS WHEN COMPARED TO PARTICIPATORY AND SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY!

- The blockade has not ended
- Miguel Díaz-Canel meets U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Party leader
- Digitalization of society key to economic development
- US telecommunication technology means spyware
- Thousands of Cubans flock to Book Fair
- Books by Cuban Five introduced in Havana
- "With no hatred or rancor towards Miami"-Gerardo Hernández
- Cuban customs service intercepts 49 drug trafficking operations in 2014
- Cuba advocates for the effective implementation of the post-2015 development agenda at the UN
- Cuban Doctors Save 260 Lives in Sierra Leone
- Meet Cuban Ebola Fighters: Interview with Félix Báez and Jorge Pérez. A MEDICC Review Exclusive
- *La "Nueva Política" de los EE.UU Hacia Cuba (I)*
- *La "nueva política" de los Estados Unidos hacia Cuba (II y I)*
- *Josefina Vidal: El bloqueo no ha terminado*
- *Estados Unidos Fuera de Guantánamo*
- *¿Cómo se asfixia a un pueblo sin tirar un cañonazo?*
- *Suscribe ETECSA acuerdo con compañía norteamericana p. interconexión directa entre Cuba y EEUU*
- *Poemario de Ramón Labañino en Feria Internacional del Lit*
- *Absueltos por la solidaridad*
- *Día de Los Cinco en la Feria del Libro de la Habana*
- *"Sin odios ni rencores para Miami" -Gerardo Hernandez*
- *Premia Gerardo Hernández a niños ganadores de Festival d Caricatura*
- *Presentan libro de caricaturas de Gerardo*
- *Médicos cubanos curan a 260 enfermos de ébola en Sierra L*

- A program born out of the values of the Cuban Revolution
- Message from OSPAAAL in support to the Bolivarian Revolution and in solidarity with the victims of the guarimba (revolts) and continuous coup in Venezuela
- Letter to McGill's University Community Regarding "Venezuela in Crisis Panel"
- Rightist Venezuelan Mayor Arrested for Role in "Blue Coup" Plot
- Latin American and Caribbean Solidarity Network (LACSN) declaration
- Colombia, Canada and the fake guerrillas
- Russian minister highlights strategic relations with Latin America and the Caribbean
- Illustrated Guide to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War
- Imperialism, the Islamic State and the Policy of Endless War
- Agroecología: un modelo sustentable de vida
- Existe la voluntad y disposición efectiva del Partido y el Gobierno cubanos de desarrollar la informatización de la sociedad
- Organiza Cuba Curso Internacional para prevención del ébó
- Exoficial DEA: Sí, traidor Salazar puede estar detrás de la m de Chávez
- Mensaje de la OSPAAAL en respaldo a la Revolución Boliva y en solidaridad con las víctimas de la guarimba y el golpe continuado en Venezuela
- Hay un golpe de Estado en marcha en Venezuela
- Organizaciones sociales, políticas y revolucionarias manifiesta su solidaridad con Venezuela
- Antonio Ledezma fue imputado por delito de conspiración
- Video de apoyo al senador colombiano Ivan Cepeda
- Israel contra las alfombras voladoras

Thursday, February 26

6:00 pm

The Consulate General of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Toronto, Canada is pleased to invite you to the Forum **February 27th: Massacre of the People (1989) - "Lest we forget"** with the presence of our appointed Ambassador in Canada **M/G Wilmer Omar Barrientos Fernández**



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A Political Forum on Cuba and the U.S.

Saturday, FEB. 28, 2015

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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For the first time, images not seen before of late Hugo Chavez Frías and Fidel Castro Ruz

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