

July 26th: Palestine & Cuba - Resistance & Rebellion

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have been blessed in Toronto, Canada for the past month. First we welcomed Mariela Castro Espín, Director of the Cuban National Centre for Sexual Education (CENESEX) and Deputy in the Cuban National



Assembly. A valiant woman who declared that "anyone oppressed and discriminated against, is one too many". We then hosted our brother Reverend Luis Barrios, Co-Director of IFCO-Pastors for Peace. This organization's principal goal is to dismantle the brutal U.S. blockade

imposed on Cuba and its tactic is to achieve this goal through "love" (for details on the Pastors for Peace Campaign, please visit: www.torontoforumoncuba.com).

Then, in the evening of July 25th and throughout the day on the 26th, we had certainly been blessed, since we had the opportunity of walking with the likes of brother Zafar Bangash, Director of the Institute of Contemporary Islamic Thought, who shared his invaluable knowledge, educating the participants of a seminar on Palestine, as well as organized, mobilized and lead thousands upon thousands to rally for Al-Quds and to Stop the War on Gaza.



And, yes, the 10th anniversary of our celebration for July 26th - "Cuba's Rebellion Day", became ever more meaningful resulting from having had the honour of the presence of quite a few of our fasting Muslim sisters and brothers. Why? Because the attack of the Moncada and Manuel de Céspedes military barracks, which was lead by Fidel Castro in 1953, was planned precisely in order to fight injustice meted out against the Cuban nation by a puppet regime imposed by the U.S. of A. through a coup d'état that was engineered and led by the C.I.A. Ever since its triumph, the Cuban Revolution has consistently expressed, declared and acted upon its solidarity with the oppressed peoples of the world. And, certainly, the Palestinian

nation has always enjoyed a special place in the heart of the Cuban nation and we would like to point out that there are Palestinians of Cuban origin (albeit only a small number of them) and that Cuba has not had diplomatic relations with Israel since 1973!

This year's celebration of Cuba's Rebellion Day drew strength from the resistance of the valiant people of Palestine and, in particular, of the Gaza Strip's youth which is facing the Israel Zionist regime's machinery of death and destruction aided and financed by the U.S. imperialist system and its other allies including Canada.



Reginold August Ncamane, Honourable Consul of the Republic of South Africa in Toronto; Alex Crescent Massinda, Honourable High Commissioner of the United Republic of Tanzania in Ottawa and Agostinho Tavares Da Silva Neto, His Excellency Ambassador of the Republic of Angola in Ottawa



Reginold August Ncamane, Honourable Consul of the Republic of South Africa in Toronto

We certainly learned the validity of the words of Gerardo Hernández (one of the anti-terrorist Cuban Five political prisoners of the empire), when he said that: "only a jury of millions will bring us home to our loved ones", considering the fact that we still haven't succeeded in stopping the incessant bombardment of the Gaza Strip and the hour by hour killings of Palestinian children by Israel's

occupying forces, due to the fact that we are still behind in getting millions and millions of people to join the protests out on the streets of Toronto, Canada.



Francisca Rivera Rodriguez, Honourable Consul of Cuba in Toronto



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July 26th Celebration in Toronto

We shall continue our work, organizing forums in solidarity with Cuba, without ever taking our attention away from extending our hand of solidarity to Palestine,

Venezuela, Iraq and, for that matter, with "anyone who is being oppressed", until we make José Martí's words a reality, when he said that **"Homeland is Humanity"**.

That is also why we are mobilizing our forces to attend the 10th International Gathering Against Terrorism and for the Cuban Five, which will be taking place from September 11th to the 14th in Havana, Cuba. Join our delegation and let us see how others are fighting U.S.-based terrorism against Cuba and other nations and understand why we should demand freedom for the Cuban Five and all the other political prisoners of the Empire and its allies.



Help us provide assistance to the youth, students and others who have proven their commitment to social justice but don't have the financial means available to them, by donating to the "Toronto Forum on Cuba" bank account at any TD branch.

We promise to have a report back, not only from this international gathering in Havana, but also from the Peoples Social Forum taking place in Ottawa from August 20th to the 24th.

Take care and have a nice day.

Brotherly,

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p.s. For details of the programs for the International Gathering Against Terrorism and for the Cuban Five, on the Peoples Social Forum and for our photo reportages on Mariela Castro Espín, Reverend Luis Barrios and Brother Zafar Bangash, please visit [our website](#).