



EFF SALUTES AND HONOURS CUBAN REVOLUTION ICON PRESIDENT RAUL CASTRO

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The EFF honours and salutes the legendary icon, and one of the few remaining leaders of the revolutionary Cuban war against imperialism, President Raul Modesto Castro Ruz, who has chosen to step down from his role as Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba.

Commandante Raul Castro is a revolutionary in his own right, beyond the undoubtedly revolutionary blood lines that he shares with the late brother Commandante Fidel Castro. He was born on the 3rd of June 1931, in Biran, Cuba, and Raul Castro's entire life was characterised by active participation in the revolutionary struggle.

Raul Castro was part of the handful of combatants who joined his brother Commandante Fidel Castro, in a gallant war against imperialists and their puppet Fulgencio Batista, leading the forefront of the 26 July Movement to success in 1959.

President Castro was known for his exceptional leadership skills, his ability to organise, be pragmatic while steadfast to his revolutionary principles. It was this resolve and capacity that put him at the center of the structure and administration of the Cuban Communist vanguard forces, and a competent, well-resourced military component.

Most notably under his stewardship and the collective that led the revolution, the Cuban army was infused with an internationalist ethos, which led to inspiring victories by Cuban detachments in Africa, namely at The Battle of Cuito Canavale, Angola in the war against colonial power and racism.

His contribution to the global struggle against capitalism and the fascism of imperialism which punishes any nation that dares to build people-centred economies, will go down in the annals of history.

Under his leadership Cuba has weathered brutal sanctions, which sought to subject Cuba to an isolated nation in a state of permanent juniority. Despite this, Cuba has thrived, leading in developmental areas such as healthcare, education and the livelihood of people.

Cuba remains the leading humanitarian nation in the world, providing medical aid during the COVID-19 pandemic even to those nations that has been consistent in imposing draconian sanctions against them in efforts to undermine socialism.

The EFF salutes President Raul Castro, for doing what many revolutionaries have failed to do when they have held power, and that is to step aside and allow the baton to be carried by others, in order to further the gains of the internationalist struggle.

May his successor, Comrade Miguel Diaz-Canel learn from those who came before him, and protect the values of the Cuban revolution and its attitude toward development and the world.

Long Live Commandante Raul Castro, todo por la Revolucion!

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