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National rebelliousness day in Cuba

On July 16, 57 anniversary of assault to barracks Moncada would give beginning to the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro sent a message to the revolutionaries in Cuba.



Message to the revolutionary combatants of Artemisa and all of Cuba

Dear compañeros:

On Monday, July, it will be the 57th anniversary of relentless struggle for the independence of our homeland.

A few of us have the privilege to be alive. In my personal case, I thank the Artemisa combatants who came in and rescued me when I was in the vicinity of the entrance, trying to prevent machinegun fire against

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the combatants who I had ordered to retreat.

Our revolutionary thinking was based on the Martí idea that "Homeland is humanity!" and this has constantly evolved.

The simple fact of having sustained that struggle for so long constitutes a test of what a little country can do in the face of the gigantic power of the empire.

In a year like this one, in which we are daily drawing closer to dramatic events, I feel obliged to recall the valiant *compañeros* incarcerated in high-security prisons of the United States.

The hatred aroused by those who manage that empire, incapable of understanding the high seats to which they are elevating them, is grotesque. They, just like our diplomatic representatives in that

country and in many others similarly dangerous, are maintaining the posts to which their duty has assigned them, imperturbable in the face of great risks of which they are well aware.

The news published every day confirms our appreciation of the gravity of the dangers hovering over humanity.

Nevertheless, nobody can take away the right to enjoy the day of glory and joy signified for our people by the 26th of July.

Neither can anybody deprive us of the right to dream that it is still possible for our species to survive the difficult tests that await us in the very near future.

I congratulate you with the joy and dignity bequeathed to us by our forebears throughout almost two centuries of struggle!



Fidel Castro Ruz

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