

## **Cuban First Vice President Welcomes his Indian Peer**

Havana, Oct 30 (Prensa Latina) The First Vice President of Cuba, Miguel Diaz-Canel, met today with the Vice President of India, Mohammad Hamid, who is in an official visit to Cuba.

Both leaders reviewed the state of the bilateral relations and exchanged discussed on the strengthening of economic, trade and cooperation links between the two countries.

They also exchanged ideas about topics of interest on the international agenda, the convergence of the positions of the two countries in international organizations, as well as the role displayed by Cuba in the exercise of the pro tempore presidency of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States.

Hamid, who also chairs the Rajya Sabha (upper House of the Parliament), began yesterday his official visit to Havana, where he participated in the inauguration of the Cultural Festival of India.

He is accompanied by the Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Shri Jitin Prasada, parliamentarians and other officials of the Government of the Republic of India.

## **Colombia Hosts National Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba**

Bogota, Oct 30 (Prensa Latina) The northern city of Medellin will host as of today the 22nd National Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba, where Colombians from many departments will strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and cooperation with the island.

Outstanding personalities such as Aleida Guevara, daughter of Argentinean-Cuban guerrilla fighter Ernesto Che Guevara will attend until Saturday, Nov. 2, the event, a space to contribute

to the visibility of the Cuban Revolution.

A predominant theme of this meeting is the current situation of the Cuban antiterrorist fighters Antonio Guerrero, Gerardo Hernandez, Ramon Labañino, and Fernando Gonzalez, unjustly condemned in the United States.

They, along with Rene Gonzalez, who recently returned to Cuba after completing the sentence a Miami court imposed him and renouncing his U.S. citizenship, were arrested in September 1998, for monitoring the activities against the island by terrorist groups based in that northern territory.

Work sessions will begin today with the lecture "Economy model and solidarity thought in Cuba," by the director of the Institute of Philosophy of the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Environment of the island, Concepcion Nieves.

Today's agenda includes the forum "Agroecology and food security systems in Cuba," a model for exploring, with panelists such as Leonardo Iglesias, representative of the Cuban Association of Small Farmers, and Edinson Muñoz, legislator to the Assembly by the Department of Antioquia.

For 7th occasion, young Colombians will hold parallel a national meeting, to reaffirm their support to the Revolution led by Fidel Castro.

### **Ukrainian and Cuban Young Communists Meet in Havana**

HAVANA, Cuba, Oct 30 (acn) Members of Ukraine's Leninist and Communist Young League or Konsomol are visiting Cuba to learn more about the island's socialist project.

The visitors met on Wednesday with Cuban young communists at the building hosting the

Cuban Friendship Institute, where they were briefed on the work of communist cells at work centers and schools.

The Cuban youths explained about their usual activities, such as their meetings and the setting up of working teams that promote participation by the youths on different activities. The Ukrainian visitors referred to the working agenda of their organization, which turned 95 years old last Tuesday and that bears the image of Che Guevara as their logo.

They said Cuba is a source of inspiration for them, and that they usually organize campaigns for the release of the Cuban anti-terrorist fighters held in US prisons, as well as other activities related to Cuban culture.

### **Cubans in Jamaica Condemn Antiterrorists' Imprisonment**

Kingston, Oct 29 (Prensa Latina) Cuban residents in Jamaica condemned in this capital the imprisonment to which four antiterrorist fighters from their country are subjected to in the United States for more than 15 years, which they considered unfair.

Gathered at the Havana embassy in Kingston, participants called for the release of Gerardo Hernandez, Fernando Gonzalez, Ramon Labañino, and Antonio Guerrero, who are serving harsh sentences, for alerting their country from violent actions planned by terrorist groups established in U.S. territory.

They, along with Rene Gonzalez, who returned to Cuba after completing his sentence, a period of supervised release, and renouncing his U.S. citizenship, are internationally known as the Cuban Five.

Following the allegation, participants at the meeting adopted a declaration to reflect support for the antiterrorist fighters.

The meeting included an exchange with Cuban ambassador to Jamaica, Bernardo Guanche, and third secretary of the Mission, Junior Rodriguez.