Cuba condemns Israel's attacks on Iran



Tehran after the first wave of Israeli attacks on Friday (source: X)

Cuba condemned Israel's unprovoked attacks on Iranian targets in an <u>official statement</u> on Friday. The Cuban Foreign Ministry described the airstrikes as a "flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter and international law" that violated Iran's territorial integrity and sovereignty.

"The aggressive policy of the State of Israel and its reprehensible and irresponsible actions are only possible thanks to the military, financial, logistical, and political support provided to it by the government of the United States, thereby further jeopardizing regional and international stability and security, with unforeseeable consequences for humanity," the statement said.

The Foreign Ministry warned "of the danger of further escalation in the region and a greater confrontation, and calls on the international community, and in particular the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations, to fulfill their primary responsibility for maintaining world peace and international security." In addition, the "genocide of Palestine" must be ended and Israel held accountable.

Cuba has <u>repeatedly criticized</u> Israel's military actions and the US's support for them in the past. The government in Havana has not had diplomatic relations with Israel since 1973, but has shown solidarity with the Palestinian people and supports a two-state solution.

On Friday, Israel launched airstrikes on nuclear facilities, military bases, infrastructure, and civilian targets, while also assassinating several Iranian nuclear scientists. The military action has been met with <u>widespread condemnation</u> in Latin America. Governments from Mexico to Venezuela condemned the bombings and called for de-escalation and diplomacy.

Brazil spoke of a "clear violation of international law." Only Argentina's right-wing populist president, Javier Milei, stood behind Israel.

Update (June 20): In a <u>recent statement</u> on Thursday, the Cuban Foreign Ministry warned urgently against an escalation of the situation and the danger "that the conflict could turn into a nuclear war or lead to radioactive leaks with terrible and devastating consequences for humanity." Cuba called on the American people and the international community to "immediately stop military aggression against Iran," saying that attacks on nuclear facilities in particular must be stopped immediately. The country reaffirmed its "unrestricted solidarity with the Islamic Republic of Iran" and recalled the "catastrophic consequences of previous military interventions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya, which have left a trail of chaos, violence, and insecurity in these countries and in the region." It went on to say: "At this difficult moment in history, Cuba reaffirms that only a comprehensive, just, and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can bring peace to the Middle East region. We must act with the urgency and determination that this moment requires. Tomorrow will be too late." (Cubaheute)