

Mexico halts oil deliveries to Cuba



Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum (Source: [Claudia Shein/Commons](#))

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum confirmed on Tuesday that her country has stopped oil deliveries to Cuba. She described the decision as “sovereign.” When asked by journalists whether the state-owned oil company Pemex had stopped its deliveries due to increasing pressure from Washington, Sheinbaum explained that it was a decision related to general market fluctuations.

“The suspension is a sovereign decision and will be made when necessary,” the president said during her regular press conference. Pemex makes decisions based on its contractual relationships with Cuba.

Sheinbaum left open whether this was a temporary or permanent measure. However, she emphasized that Mexico would continue to show solidarity with Cuba. “Cuba has been under a blockade for too many years. And this blockade has caused supply problems on the island,” Sheinbaum said. “Mexico has always shown solidarity and will continue to do so.” She left unanswered what kind of support her country could provide to the Caribbean nation in the future.

According to the financial news agency *Bloomberg*, Pemex had originally planned to send a shipment to Cuba in January, but then backed away from the plan. Mexico supplied around 7,000 barrels per day in the second half of 2025 and had become Cuba's most important oil supplier after the US blocked shipments from Venezuela in early January.

Trump tightened the economic screws on Cuba after the kidnapping of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro by a US military operation in early January. “No more oil or money will go to Cuba – zero!” Trump wrote on Truth Social on January 11. The Cuban government is on the

verge of collapse, he said. On Tuesday, Trump told reporters that Cuba would “fail very soon.” Venezuela had recently sent neither oil nor money to Cuba.

According to shipping data and internal documents from the Venezuelan state-owned company PDVSA, Venezuela has not supplied Cuba with crude oil or fuel for about a month. Cuba is heavily dependent on foreign aid and oil supplies from allies such as Mexico, Russia, and, until recently, Venezuela to cope with its worsening energy and economic crisis. The island has been experiencing a severe energy crisis for several years, which threatens to worsen due to pressure from the US government.

The *Reuters* news agency reported last week that the Mexican government was considering whether to continue oil deliveries to Cuba. There is growing concern within Sheinbaum's government that continuing the deliveries could bring the country into conflict with the US. At the same time, there have been reports of [sightings of US drones](#) off the Mexican coast, similar to those used before the attacks on Caracas.

Just a few days ago, Cuba's energy supply suffered another setback. According to media reports, a ship from Togo carrying 300,000 barrels of oil bound for Havana was diverted to the Dominican Republic without explanation. ([Cubaheute](#))