

On The ^{Havana} NOAL Meeting on Disarmament

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this is lionel martin in havana - A ministerial level meeting on disarmament of the non aligned nations ended in havana in the early hours of tuesday morning.

On Saturday night, in something that was not on the official agenda, Cuban president Fidel Castro got together with the representatives of the eighty three nations from Asia, Africa and Latin America to talk to them about Angola. Here is the story.

The Cubans president spoke for more than two hours behind closed doors to the ministers and other top diplomats from the non aligned nations. No reporters were allowed to enter but delegatges filled us in on the story. Fidel Castro explained that Cuban troops were in Angola at the request of the Angolan government and that they would stay there as long as they are needed.

Cuban troops along with Angolan forces are now operating further south in Angola than they have in the past. **FIDEL** Castro said. He said that the Cuban-Angolan forces had dealt some heavy blows to the South African forces operating in southern angola over the past two months. No longer can South Africa operate in that region with impunity he said.

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FIDEL told the non aligned delegates that the derect confrontation with South African troops had forced South Africa to the negotiating table in London several weeks ago. He said Cuba wants a negotiated settlement in Angola but first South Africa will have to give independence to Namibia and get their troops out of Angola. **Fidel castro said**

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