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CUBAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES NEAR ANGOLAN-NAMIBIAN FRONTIER:
HAVANA, MAY 2, REUTER - CUBAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE SOUTH OF THEIR NORMAL LINES OF DEFENSE IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA AND ARE NOW CARRYING OUT MILITARY ACTIVITIES CLOSE TO THE ANGOLAN-NAMIBIAN FRONTIER, GRANMA, THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER REPORTED MONDAY.

GRANMA SAID THE FRONT PAGE ARTICLE WAS REPRINTED FROM THE NEWSPAPER OF THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES, BASTION.

THE ARTICLE REVEALED THAT ON MARCH 11 CUBAN FORCES WHO WERE SITUATED ALONG PARALLEL -15 WERE DISPLACED +TOWARD THE FRONTIER WITH NAMIBIA, MORE THAN 200 KM TO THE SOUTH.+

ON A MAP WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE ARTICLE, RED ARROWS SHOW CUBAN AND ANGOLAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES SLIGHTLY NORTH OF PARALLEL -17 WITHIN ANGOLAN TERRITORY CLOSE TO THE NAMIBIAN FRONTIER.

ACCORDING TO A CUBAN ARMED FORCES COMMUNIQUE LAST MONTH: CUBAN MECHANISED INFANTRY UNITS, TANQUES AND ARTILLERY WERE SENT TO THE AREA OF CUITO CUANAVALE IN SOUTHEAST ANGOLA, SOME 150KM BELOW THE NORMALCUBAN LINES OF DEFENSE WHICH RAN THROUGH MONOGUE NEAR PARALLEL 15. THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT THE CUBAN REENFORCEMENTS PREVENTED ANTI-GOVERNMENT UNITA FORCES AND SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY TROOPS FROM TAKING CUITO CUANAVALE.

MONDAY'S IN GRANMA SAID THAT THE DECISION BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY TO MOVE CUBAN TROOPS SOUTHWARD WAS +DUE TO THE PIGHEADEDNESS OF THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND THEIR IRRATIONAL DECISION TO MAINTAIN THE OCCUPATION OF PART OF ANGOLAN TERRITORY AND TO CONTINUE THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST CUBAN AND ANGOLAN FORCES THAT DEFEND CUITO CUANAVALE.+

THE ARTICLE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE STEPPED UP MILITARY ACTIVITY OF CUBAN AND ANGOLAN FORCES, SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS +CAN NO LONGER ACT WITH IMPUNITY IN THE SOUTH OF ANGOLA AS THEY HAVE DONE OVER PAST YEARS WITH ABSOLUTE DISREGARD FOR THE NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.+
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