

Cuba, China, PAHO to Send 933 Tons of Medicines to Venezuela

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Venezuelan Health Minister Carlos Alvarado announced Thursday the arrival of 933 tons of medicines and medical supplies from China, Cuba, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and some direct purchases' from the Ministry.

The Minister, from the port of La Guaira, in Vargas state, specified that the cargo totals 64 containers, which periodically enter Venezuela with supplies, despite the economic war and the blockade of investments made abroad to the Bolivarian Executive.

Alvarado, stressed that in response to the request of the National Assembly, Parliament in contempt since 2016, to enter the nation 'humanitarian aid' for the alleged crisis that Venezuelans are going through in the sector, is paradoxical as the opposition can not recognize and address the sanctions that impede Venezuela's free development.

'It is not strange that we are receiving containers here in the port of La Guaira', said the director, while detailing that most of the medicines and materials come from cooperation agreements with Cuba and China.

He also stressed that the Ministry made some 'direct purchases' in the international market with companies not yet blocked by the U.S. Government.

Alvarado also stressed that some inputs come from PAHO's revolving and strategic fund.

He also added that the cargo received this Thursday contains 'more than 18 million units of medicines' among 'anesthetics, vaccines, and antibiotics, nutrients for pregnant women, antipyretics, analgesics, gastric protectors and physiological solutions.

Besides, 22,575 units of spare parts for medical equipment, 192,000 kits for diagnostic tests and 'more than 100,000 for cytology' were also received.

The Minister also assured that the investment is approximately 25 million euros.

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