

# Media Blackout of Fidel Castro's Speech on the Implications of Nuclear War

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On October 21st 2010, Global Research and Cuba Debate released a brief text and recorded video by Fidel Castro on the dangers of nuclear war.

From October 12 to 15, 2010, I had extensive and detailed discussions with Fidel Castro in Havana, pertaining to the dangers of nuclear war, the global economic crisis and the nature of the New World Order.

These meetings resulted in a wide-ranging and fruitful interview that will be published shortly by Global Research and Cuba Debate.

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Fidel Castro and Michel Chossudovsky, Havana, October 2010

A speech by Commander Fidel Castro against Nuclear War was recorded on October 15.

### (Complete text and video recording)

In this brief and powerful message, Fidel warned that the US and its allies are preparing to launch a nuclear war directed against Iran with devastating consequences:

"The use of nuclear weapons in a new war would mean the end of humanity. ...

Today there is an imminent risk of war with the use of that kind of weapon and I don't harbour the least doubt that an attack by the United States and Israel against the Islamic Republic of Iran would inevitably evolve towards a global nuclear conflict.

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There would be "collateral damage", as the American political and military leaders always affirm, to justify the deaths of innocent people.

In a nuclear war the "collateral damage" would be the life of all humanity.

Let us have the courage to proclaim that all nuclear or conventional weapons, everything that is used to make war, must disappear!" (Complete text and video recording)

While the Latin American media has provided coverage of Fidel's speech, there has been a total news blackout in the North American and European media. So far not a single major English language news media has acknowledged Fidel Castro's statement. Ironically, while the Reuters and Agence France Press dispatches have been published in Spanish and Portuguese, they have not appeared in the original English and French.

There is certainly room for discussion. But not a word, not even denial from the corporate media on such an important subjet.

Meanwhile, coinciding with the release of Fidel's speech, there has been extensive coverage of the EU Parliament's "human rights" prize granted to Cuban dissident Guillermo Farinas. Almost every single major Western news media has published the same Associated Press report out of Havana.

Visibly, nuclear war is not front-page news. The overriding threat of war and destruction is overshadowed by a barrage of media disinformation.

The military agenda is presented as a humanitarian endeavor.

War criminals are rewarded for their contributions to World peace. The corporate media is complicit in its biased coverage, particularly with regard to the loss of life resulting from the US-NATO led war in the Middle East and Central Asia.

The lie prevails.

In an utterly twisted logic, war is presented as a means to preserving World Peace.

While the "unspoken truth" conveyed in Fidel Castro's message to the World has been suppressed from the mainstream news chain, it will reach people around the World.

It will make "possible" what appears to be "impossible".

It is our hope that it will contribute in a meaningful way to reversing the course of history.

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