

**Puerto Rico**



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We, the *Comandos Revolucionarios del Pueblo* (CRP) take responsibility for the action taken against the club of the officials of the yanki coast guard. This action is in response to the intransigence and arrogance of the navy, and the yanki government in the face of the legitimate claims of the people of Vieques. The people of Puerto Rico demand that the navy immediately cease the bombardment and the occupation of Vieques.

The Navy are not only an obstacle for the free development of Vieques, but also a constant danger to its security. The continuous bombardment of the island and the storage of nuclear arms on Vieques soil is clearly a danger unacceptable to Puerto Ricans. Only the immediate and total end to the shooting practices in Vieques, and the exit of the yanki navy, will be acceptable to our people.

We denounce as well the opportunist attitude of the colonial government; Romero Barceló, who, in the necessity to curb the mobilization of the people against the navy, intends to lead the people of Vieques into a locking in to a sterile, legal "struggle" in the imperialist courts.

The development of the struggle against the navy in the last months proves once more that legal methods of struggle cannot resolve the fundamental problems of our Fatherland. While the struggle has given birth to a level of mobilization of people and a blockade of the maneuvers (that is, on the level of confrontation), it has detained the navy. In moving into the camp of the imperialist courts, the people of Vieques have suffered defeat after defeat. First an order of provisional injunction was denied and now the hearing about permanent prohibition is postponed.

Vieques teaches us a lesson: We do not confide in legalism, presented as imperialist courts or as colonial elections. Only the mobilization of the people and their organization for the revolutionary armed struggle can throw the yankis out of our Fatherland. Only people's war will save the people.

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