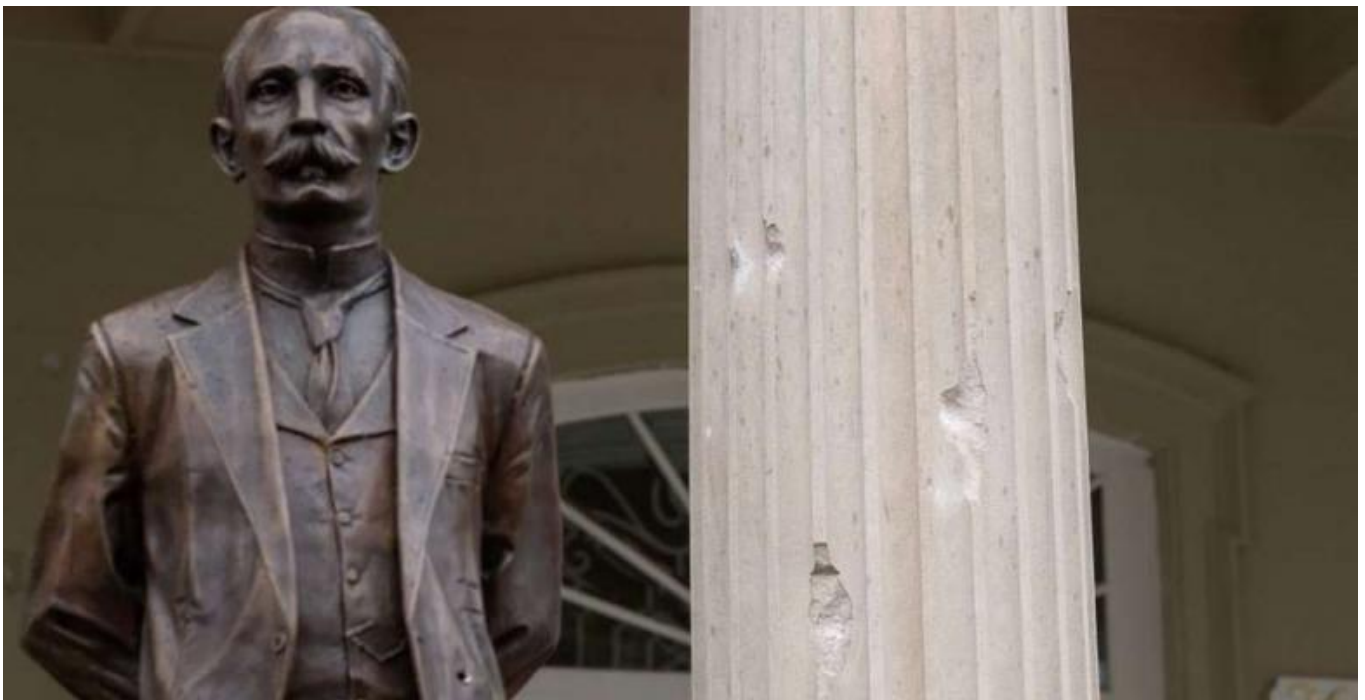

Assailant to Cuba's embassy in the US: Another "madman" triggered by hatred against Cuba

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As some had guessed in social networks, the assailant to the Cuban embassy in the US was another "madman" like those who — from time to time — starred mass shootings in schools or public places in America.

According to the AP report, Alexander Alazo — 42 years old — residing in Aubrey, Texas, born in Cuba, moved to Mexico in 2003 and applied for political asylum in US few years later. He confessed to the authorities that "he returned to the island in 2014 to preach at a local church and began to be threatened by organized crime groups there."

The report adds that he was living in his car and moving from state to state for several months, until he drove to Washington on Wednesday to attack the Cuban embassy "because he wanted to attack them before the Cuban government attacked him due to the constant threats from the Cuban organized crime group."

Chronology: More than six decades of violent attacks on Cuban

diplomacy

Before carrying out the terrorist attack, "Alazo had been sleeping at rest stops on the roads and in parking lots for at least nine months because he said he believed that Cuban organized crime figures were after him and he wanted to protect his family."

So in the early hours of last Thursday, according to the AP version, he arrived at the embassy around 2 am and tried to set fire to a Cuban flag, but since he did not succeed, he grabbed a US flag and began shouting that he "was a Yankee" before taking the AK-47 out of his car and starting shooting at the embassy.

The aggressor justified his actions by confessing that he had been treated in a mental hospital and his wife, who is a nurse, had suggested him to request it after he began to hear voices. "He was prescribed medication in March after a visit to a mental facility, but he had not taken his medication as he should."

Representatives of the United States government did not hesitate to distance themselves from the act of terrorism perpetrated by the paranoid schizophrenic Alazo.

According to a report by *El Nuevo Herald*, the chargé d'affaires of the United States Embassy in Cuba, Mara Tekach, condemned the shooting: "It is a great relief that no one has been hurt. The US takes its responsibilities to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations very seriously and insists on a thorough investigation."

For his part, Florida Senator Marco Rubio — according to the newspaper one of the masterminds of the policy towards Cuba and Venezuela — also condemned the attack from his Twitter account:

"We still don't know the reason behind last night's attack on the Cuban embassy in the US. No one has been a greater critic of the Castro regime. But violence against any embassy should not be excused or tolerated and should be prosecuted."

But no one linked to the current US administration could distance from the statements of Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez, where he

claimed that the terrorist attack perpetrated against the Cuban embassy in the US has been encouraged "by the hostile rhetoric involving Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and other top officials in the US government, including the American embassy in Cuba."

It is no secret to anyone that since Donald Trump's inauguration, the media war against Cuba has increased, as never before, through social networks where, through Trolls farms or alleged influencers, the campaigns of lies orchestrated by the United States government officials against the Island abound.

Nor is it ignored that, for more than six decades of the Cuban Revolution, the city of Miami has served as a welcoming place for terrorists of the stature of Orlando Bosh and Posada Carrilles, nor that many of those "madmen" are still on the loose in that city in South Florida.

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