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Cuba in Africa: A View from the Angolan Trenches



By Lazaro Betancourt



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Lazaro Betancourt was a major with the Interior Ministries' special troops, specifically assigned to protect the Cuban head of state (Fidel Castro). He was the leader of a commando force that traveled with the Cuban leader to many foreign nations including South Africa during the 90s. Previously, he served as an advisor and fought alongside Angolan and Nicaraguan troops between 1986 to 1999. He defected in 1999 while accompanying a Castro delegation to Santo Domingo.