
CHINA SAYS WIDER US SANCTIONS ON CUBA ARE 'ILLEGAL'

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China urged Washington on May 5 to immediately end its embargo and sanctions on Cuba, saying the expanded measures were illegal and seriously violated the norms of international relations.

US President Donald Trump, seeking to put more pressure on Havana after ousting Venezuelas leader, signed an executive order on May 1 broadening US sanctions against the Cuban government, two White House officials told Reuters.

Beijing has voiced support for the socialist island after tension flared in January between the US and Cuba after the US captured Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro, long a close ally of Cuba.

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