

President Fidel Castro laments the murder of Robert Serra

...in his [October 7 *Granma*] article, **Fidel Castro lamented the recent killing of a young parliamentarian in Venezuela**, member of the ruling Socialist United Party. He also praised the Venezuelan government's handling of the situation. "Venezuelan National Assembly legislator Robert Serra was killed by enemies of the revolution... I can never believe this crime (committed against) this young Venezuelan legislator happened by chance," he said.

Castro claimed the killing was reminiscent of the "practices" of the "worst Yankee intelligence agencies," and "fits" the aspirations of the "enemies of the Venezuelan revolution."

Serra and his partner Maria Herrera were killed in their Caracas apartment on Wednesday. Authorities say preliminary investigations indicate the pair were executed in a premeditated murder.