

# RED ZONE:



## CUBA AND THE BATTLE AGAINST EBOLA IN WEST AFRICA

***“Just as the Cuban combatants in Angola set an example that can never be erased, the heroic actions of Cuba’s army of white coats will occupy a place of honor.”***  
**-Fidel Castro, October 2014**

In 2014, three West African countries were hit by the largest epidemic on record of the deadly Ebola virus. In response to an international call for help, Cuba’s revolutionary socialist government provided what was needed most—and what no other country even tried to deliver.

In a matter of weeks, more than 250 volunteer Cuban doctors, nurses, technicians, and public health specialists were on the ground providing hands-on care to thousands of desperately ill human beings and their traumatized families and communities.

By mid-2015 the Ebola epidemic in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea had been virtually eradicated. The discipline, courage, sense of humor, and pride of these Cuban volunteers rings throughout the firsthand accounts, which are recorded in the book *Red Zone; Cuba and the battle against ebola in West Africa* by Enrique Ubieta. Their actions showed the world the kind of men and women only a deep-going socialist revolution can produce.

Come to a panel discussion on Cuba’s example of medical internationalism and it’s relevance to today’s global emergency of the COVID-19 outbreak. The *Red Zone* book is available in English & Spanish and can be purchased at the meeting or online from Pathfinder Press. <http://www.pathfinderpress.com>

### PROGRAM INCLUDES:

Enrique Ubieta, author *Red Zone*, via video from Cuba

Naomi Craine, attended launching of the *Red Zone* book at the Havana Book Fair, will join upcoming 2020 May Day brigade to Cuba

Dr. Howard Ehrman, MD, MPH, chief medical officer for Will County during Ebola outbreak, UIC School of Public Health

Jabari Tidmore, Chicago Cuba Coalition, participated in international May Day brigades to Cuba

**Sunday, March 15**

**3:30 pm reception, light refreshments**

**4:00 pm program**

**UE Hall, 37 S Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL. street parking**

**Donation: \$10, no one turned away**

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