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Cuba's leader Raul Castro "laments" the death of a detained activist who had been on hunger strike for nearly three months, its foreign ministry says.

It marks a rare expression (1)..... sorrow by the country's leadership, often rebuked over its human rights record.

Orlando Zapata Tamayo died in hospital in Havana (2).... Tuesday, 85 days after he began refusing food, sparking criticism of Havana from the US and EU countries.

The 42-year-old was arrested in 2003 in a crackdown on opposition activists.

But the Cuban president said neither Mr Tamayo nor anyone else on the island had been tortured.

Mr Zapata, who was declared a "prisoner of conscience" by Amnesty International, had been refusing food in protest at jail conditions and died in the capital's Hermanos Ameijeiras hospital.

Amnesty said "a full investigation must be carried out to establish whether ill-treatment may have played a part" in his death.

Release call

The international community (3).... expressed deep regret at Mr Zapata's death.

US state department spokesman Philip Crowley said it "highlights the injustice of Cuba's holding more (4)..... 200 political prisoners who should now be released without delay".

He said US officials (5).... were in Cuba last week for talks on migration had raised Mr Zapata's case and urged Cuba to provide all necessary medical care.

The EU Commission offered its condolences to his family and said the issue of Cuba's political prisoners would remain a "key priority for the EU".

Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Manuel Chaves said Spain deplored Mr Zapata's death, while a French foreign ministry spokesman expressed "dismay" and said France had urged Cuba to free him.

Mr Zapata's death marks the first time in nearly 40 years that a Cuban activist has starved himself to death in protest at government abuses.

The last political prisoner to die on hunger strike in Cuba was Pedro Luis Boitel, a poet and student leader, in 1972.

'Fighter for rights'

The BBC's Michael Voss in Havana says Raul Castro's statement (6)..... Mr Zapata is unprecedented, although the Cuban leader went (7).... to lay the blame for his death at the door of the US.

According to the unofficial Cuban Human Rights Commission, about 30 dissidents have been detained over the past 24 hours in an attempt to stop them attending Mr Zapata's funeral, our correspondent adds.

Mr Zapata's mother, Reina Luisa Tamayo, has said she believes her son to have been "murdered" by Cuba's authorities.

"They managed to do what they wanted," she told the Miami newspaper El Nuevo Herald. "They ended the life of a fighter for human rights."

Mr Zapata was among a group of some 75 dissidents jailed by the authorities in 2003.

He was initially sentenced to three years in prison, but this was increased to 25 years in subsequent trials after he was charged with disobedience and disorder in a penal establishment, London-based Amnesty says.

Cuba says prisoners of conscience are mercenaries sympathetic to the United States.

- (1) a. by b. in c. of -- d. with
- (2) a. at b. on-- c. by d. in
- (3) a. has-- b. have c. did d. do
- (4) a. of b. that c. with d. than --
- (5) a. which b. whom c. who -- d. that
- (6) a. on-- b. by c. with d. of
- (7) a. by b. on -- c. in d. for

Answer to questions based on the text that follows

Toyota's president has apologized to the US Congress and American Toyota owners for safety problems that led to deaths and worldwide recalls.

Akio Toyoda said he was "deeply sorry" for any incidents which had occurred as a result of failures with accelerators and brakes on several models.

Mr Toyoda pledged his "full co-operation" with the US investigation.

But, under questioning, he insisted no faults had been discovered with the electronics of any of its vehicles.

He pledged that an independent, outside advisory board would look into the issue.

'Not safe'

Toyota has recalled about 8.5m vehicles worldwide.

Toyota's assurances that faulty electronics were not the cause of faulty accelerator or brake pedals in Toyota or Lexus models do not appear to have convinced the politicians. And its reluctance to remove encryption of so-called "black boxes" in its cars also upset the committee members.

Scrutiny

The reputation of Toyota has been severely damaged by a string of major problems across a range of vehicles.

The main issues have been faulty accelerator pedals, accelerator pedals getting stuck in floor mats, and a problem with braking systems on its hybrid models.

Fe Lastrella, who lost four family members in a crash caused by a faulty accelerator on a Toyota, gave evidence after Mr Toyoda.

Mrs Lastrella's son Chris, daughter Cleofe, Cleofe's husband Mark Saylor and the couple's daughter Mahala were killed on 28 August 2009 in California - an incident that led to renewed US government scrutiny of problems with acceleration in some models.

"To the honourable members of the committee and the honourable members of the congress, the answer lies in your hands," she said.

'Personal responsibility'

Under questioning, Mr Toyoda said the company had shared with US authorities all the information it had about unintended acceleration problems.

TOYOTA RECALLS: STORY SO FAR

Oct 2009 - 3.8 million vehicles are recalled in the US following floor mat problems. More recalls follow in the next few months, over various safety concerns, totalling 8.5 million worldwide by Feb 2010

5 Feb - Toyota president Akio Toyoda apologizes for the recalls and pledges to target quality control. However, he is criticized for not bowing deeply enough

9 Feb - Mr Toyoda publicly apologizes again and this time is seen to get the bow right

18 Feb - Mr Toyoda announces that he will face questioning in Congress, having previously said that he would not, after being formally asked to do so

23 Feb - Congressional hearings begin, with Toyota's head of US operations, James Lentz, among the first to be grilled.

24 Feb - Toyota's president Akio Toyoda faces politicians in day two of the hearing.

In remarks which he read to the House, Mr Toyoda admitted that the firm's expansion "may have been too quick".

He was joined by Yoshimi Inaba, president and chief executive of Toyota Motor North America, who answered questions in English.

Mr Toyoda read his opening statement in English, but answered questions in Japanese, through a translator.

Mr Toyoda is the highest-profile figure to appear before the politicians.

He had initially said that he would stay in Japan and not face Congress but changed his mind last week after a formal request from the committee chairman.

The grandson of the company's founder, Mr Toyoda said in pre-prepared remarks that he took a personal responsibility for improving the quality of Toyota cars.

"All the Toyota vehicles bear my name. For me, when the cars are damaged, it is as though I am as well. I, more than anyone, wish for Toyota's cars to be safe, and for our customers to feel safe when they use our vehicles."

And he added: "We pursued growth over the speed at which we were able to develop our people and our organisation and we should be sincerely mindful of that."

Chairman Towns said he was "impressed" that Mr Toyoda had agreed to testify voluntarily.

"It shows your commitment to safety as well," Mr Towns added.

1. According to the text, Toyota's president has apologized to

- a. The US Senate
- b. The US Parliament
- c. The US Congress---
- d. The British Parliament

2. Mr Toyota

- a. Said there was no fault with the electronics of the vehicles---
- b. Admitted a mechanical problem
- c. Said that there was a construction problem
- d. Believed in his company

3. The crash implicating Mrs Lastrella's family members was due to

- a. Accelerator pedals getting stuck
- b. A mechanical problem
- c. Another car driver
- d. A faulty accelerator ---

4. Historically speaking, Toyota's president has apologized

- a. Once
- b. Twice ---
- c. Three times
- d. Four times

5. According to the text

- a. It is admitted that Toyota's expansion may have been too quick---
- b. It is implied that Toyota is a good car company
- c. It is sure that Toyota will face no sanctions
- d. Toyota's sales in the US market will increase