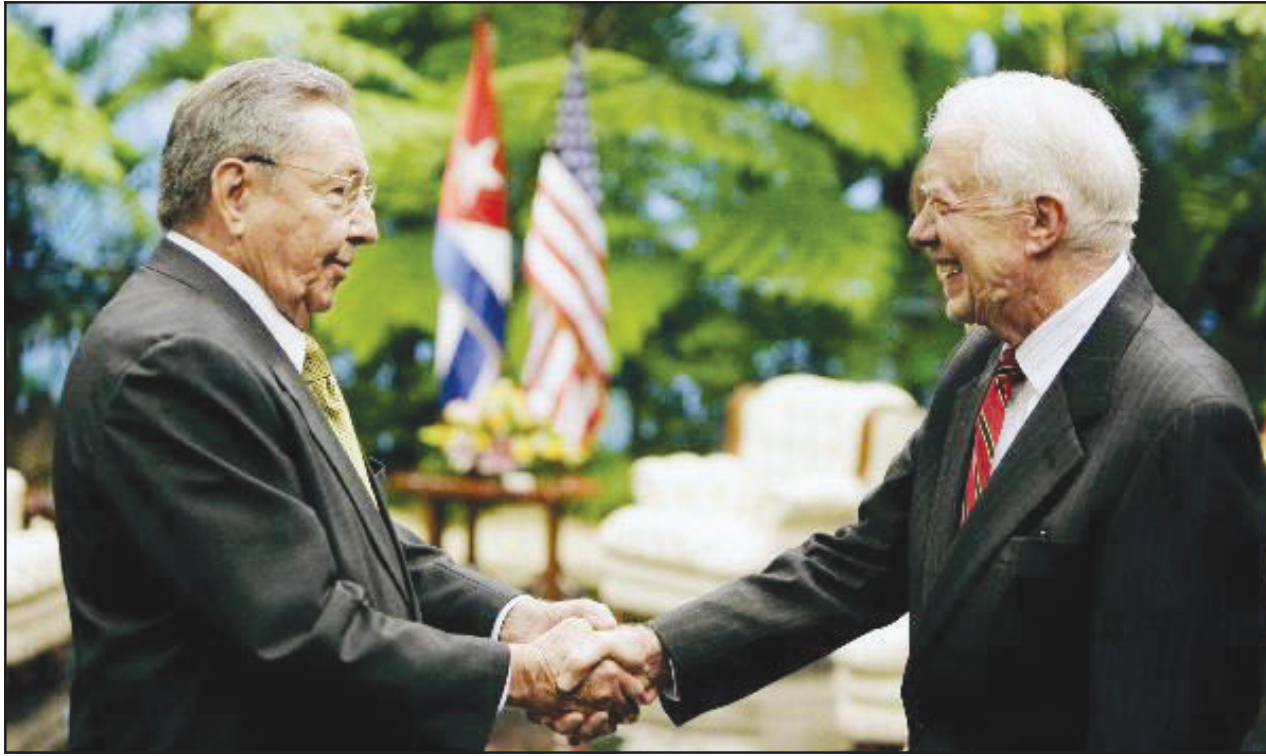


# Former U.S president Carter meets Cuban president



Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter (R) and Cuban President Raul Castro shake hands at the Revolution Palace in Havana March 29, 2011. Carter said on Tuesday he has spoken with Cuban officials about jailed U.S. contractor Alan Gross, but that he was not in Cuba to seek his release in a case that has stalled improvement in U.S.-Cuba relations.

HAVANA, — Visiting former U.S. president Jimmy Carter met Cuban President Raul Castro Tuesday afternoon, ex-

changing views on “important issues” related to the U.S.-Cuban ties and regional and international affairs.

Castro reaffirmed Cuba’s desire for dialogue with the United States on any issue in order to improve the bilateral relations,

adding that the dialogue must be based on mutual respect and the respect for Cuban independence and sovereignty,

according to an official statement released on Tuesday.

The meeting was also attended by Carter’s wife Rosalynn and Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla. The statement did not mention the case of U.S. contractor Alain Gross, who was sentenced to 15 years in jail for “acts against independence or territorial integrity of the state.”

“I have talked to some Cuban officials on the Gross case,” Carter said Tuesday morning, adding that his visit is not aimed at taking Gross out of Cuba, but visiting the Cuban people, government officials and citizens.

“It is a great pleasure for us to return to Havana; I hope we could help to improve the relations between the two coun-

tries,” he said.

On Wednesday, the 86-year-old former U.S. president is scheduled to meet with members of some dissident groups which are accused by the Cuban authorities of “mercenary activities into the service of Washington.”

This is Carter’s second trip to the island following that in 2002 when he met then Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Carter served as U.S. president in 1977-1981, during which he tried to improve the relations between both nations. The Carter administration once allowed U.S. citizens to visit Cuba, but the policy was canceled by his successor Ronald Reagan later. (Xinhua)

## U.S. Deputy State Secretary Steinberg to resign



U.S. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg arrives at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of South Korea in Seoul, capital of South Korea, on Jan. 26, 2011.

WASHINGTON, — U.S. Deputy State Secretary James Steinberg will resign from his post, State Secretary Hillary Clinton said on Wednesday.

Clinton said in a notice to State Department employees that Steinberg will be replaced by career diplomat, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs William Burns.

Reports said Steinberg will serve as dean and professor at the Maxwell school of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

Steinberg used to serve as director of policy planning of U.S. State Department and deputy national security advisor under the Clinton administration. He also worked as the director of Foreign Policy Studies of the Washington-based think tank Brookings Institution.

His replacement William Burns is the highest ranked foreign service officer of the U.S.. Burns was U.S. ambassador to Russia from 2005 to 2008. (Xinhua)

## Iranians protest against Saudi Arabia, U.S. in front of UN office in Tehran

TEHRAN, — A group of Iranian university students joined by some people staged a protest rally on Wednesday in front of UN office in Tehran, condemning the crackdown of protests in Bahrain as well as in other Arab countries, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The students chanted slogans against Saudi Arabia and the United States, condemning the military interventions in Bahrain, voicing support for people in Bahrain and protesters in other Arab countries, said the report.

The students urged the Iranian government to dispatch voluntary forces to Bahrain and other countries in support of the people in those states, the report said. (Xinhua)



## Mineworkers Union of Namibia (MUN)

### VACANCY

The Mineworkers Union of Namibia (MUN) hereby invites applications from Namibian Citizens for appointment in the following vacancy;

**Position: Regional Organizer**

**The successful candidate shall**

- Be in position of Grade 12 Certificate (Matric)
- Have five years appropriate knowledge of Basic Trade Unionism
- Have at least five years Code 08 Driver License
- Have understandings of the Namibian Labour Act, and Namibian Constitution
- Have appropriate knowledge of computer software programmes e.g. Word, Excel, Excess etc.

**Duties**

- Organize and recruiting new Union members at the Region
- Be responsible for the growth of the Union and Consolidation of the Union Membership
- Attend Regional Executive Committee Meetings
- Be accountable to the Regional Office Bearers
- Represent Members at disciplinary hearing
- Attend to members grievances
- Represent members at Conciliation/Arbitration
- To negotiate

**Key Tasks and Responsibility:**

- Formulate the aims and objective of the Union
- Give guidance, advice and represent members interest
- Provide leadership skill, direct and co-ordinate the functions of the Union.
- Preference
- Preferential shall be given to the internal candidate

**In return MUN offer;**

- Competitive Salary
- Housing Allowance
- Medical Aid Scheme
- Pension Fund
- 13<sup>th</sup> Cheque

Any candidates who meet the requirement can submit their application and CV's on or before **12h00, Tuesday 05<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to:**  
**Mineworkers Union of Namibia**  
**P.O. Box 1566**  
**Windhoek**  
**Att: Yvonne Kaatura**

**NB: No faxes or e-mails please**

**Only shortlisted candidates will be conducted.**