

Che Guevara's diary goes digital

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Pages taken from notebooks and a diary written by revolutionary leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara between 1966 and 1967, are displayed on a laptop at the Central Bank in La Paz where the material is kept in 2008. A copy of the handwritten diary that Guevara kept before his death in the mountains of Bolivia is now available online, a researcher said.

A copy of the handwritten diary that Che Guevara, the Argentine-born Cuban revolution hero, kept before his death in the mountains of Bolivia is now available online, a researcher said Monday.

"The goal is for a historical document to be within everyone's reach. And the Internet makes it possible for everyone to know what happened 45



years ago," said Bolivian researcher Carlos Soria Galvarro.

The diary, posted on Soria Galvarro's website www.chebolivia.org, was penned in blue ink from January to October 1967, a period when Guevara was on an ill-fated campaign to ignite a peasant revolution in Bolivia.

He was killed October 8, 1967 by Bolivian troops.

Guevara's diary was turned over to Cuba, which published it in 1968.

But the published texts contained changes from the original manuscript, sometimes to clean up Che's rawer language.

"Now everyone can see a <u>virtual image</u> of what he wrote in his <u>handwriting</u>," Soria Galvarro explained.

Soria Galvarro has written five books about Guevara and his time in Bolivia.

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