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Argentinian envoy hosts Cigar Club's meeting

ISLAMABAD - Argentinian Ambassador, Rodolfo J Martin-Saravia hosted the Third meeting of the Islamabad Cigar Club at his residence Monday night.

The Cuban cigar, trademark of the revolutionaries, Fidel Castro and Ernesto "Che" Guevara, had a relevant place in last night's event. Especially, since the Argentine and the Cuban Ambassadors were there, like the revolutionaries of Sierra Maestra more than 50 years ago.

According to a press release issued here on Tuesday, many dignitaries and heads of state have been fond of smoking cigars, not only the Cuban revolutionaries. A little known anecdote was of President Kennedy of the USA, as he was worried one April morning in 1961 about his supplies of cigars. In fact, President Kennedy asked one of his aides, the writer and journalist Pierre Salinger, to buy as many Cuban Cigars as he could get - urgently and secretly. Twenty-four hours later and after visiting every cigar shop in and around Washington D.C., he had secured about 1200 cigars. Then, and only then, President Kennedy signed the ban on import of all Cuban products to the United States.

Muhammad Ali from Habib Bank, Dominique Simon, from the French Embassy and Rodolfo J. Martin-Saravia, the Argentine Ambassador, are the three members of the Executive Committee of the Club, which so far has 35 members but has received more than double of applicants. The members include businessmen, senior bureaucrats, retired officers of the Armed Forces, politicians and foreign diplomats.