

# *Cuban Environment Minister Pays Tribute to Angolan Leader*

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Luanda, February 4 (RHC)-- Cuban Minister of Science, Technology and the Environment, Elba Rosa Perez, paid tribute on Tuesday to the first Angolan President Agostinho Neto, at his memorial in the capital, Luanda.

The Cuban official said it was an historic day in which she toured the memorial on February 4th, which marks the beginning of the Angola's struggle for national liberation.

In statements to the Prensa Latina news agency, the minister said that Cubans feel great admiration for Neto and the Angolan people and said she was moved particularly when she entered the hall where a casket treasures the remain of the Angolan leader.

The memorial offers the new generations of Angolans a message about the ideas and dreams of the founder of the homeland. The impressive 18-hectare facility also treasures historic documents about Neto's revolutionary life before and after the country won its national independence on November 11, 1975.

The Cuban government official arrived last Saturday in Luanda, where she held official talks with her Angolan counterpart, Fatima Jardim, and with other local authorities to further strengthen bilateral cooperation relations in the environmental field.

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