

# *Fidel and Raul Pay Tribute to Cuban Heroes and Martyrs*

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Santiago de Cuba, March 12 (RHC)-- Two floral tributes, on behalf of Revolution leader Fidel Castro and by President Raul Castro, were placed in homage to the combatants of the Frank Pais 2nd Eastern Guerrilla Front on the 56th anniversary of its creation.

According to Granma newspaper, a military ceremony and guard of honor took place at the mausoleum raised in the Second Front Municipality, in eastern Santiago de Cuba, which pays tribute to those killed in action during the guerrilla fight that led to the triumph of the Revolution in 1959.

Special tribute was also paid to Heroine Vilma Espin as a bunch of flowers was led at the monument that treasures her mortal remains in the place.

First Communist Party Secretary in Santiago de Cuba, Lazaro Exposito; acting government president Beatriz Jhonson, and the Chief of the Military Region, Colonel Ricardo Rigel, headed the homage that also included a political and cultural ceremony in the locality of Mayari Arriba.

The Second Guerrilla Front, created by Raul Castro at the order of Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, had six rebel columns that controlled an over-12-thousand-square-kilometer area, where some 250 battles took place, along with political, social and economic actions under the leadership of Raul Castro.

The anniversary was marked by the achievements in the Second Front Municipality in the areas of education, health and food production.

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