

*President Diaz-Canel checks
work at Santiago de Cuba
Thermoelectric Plant*

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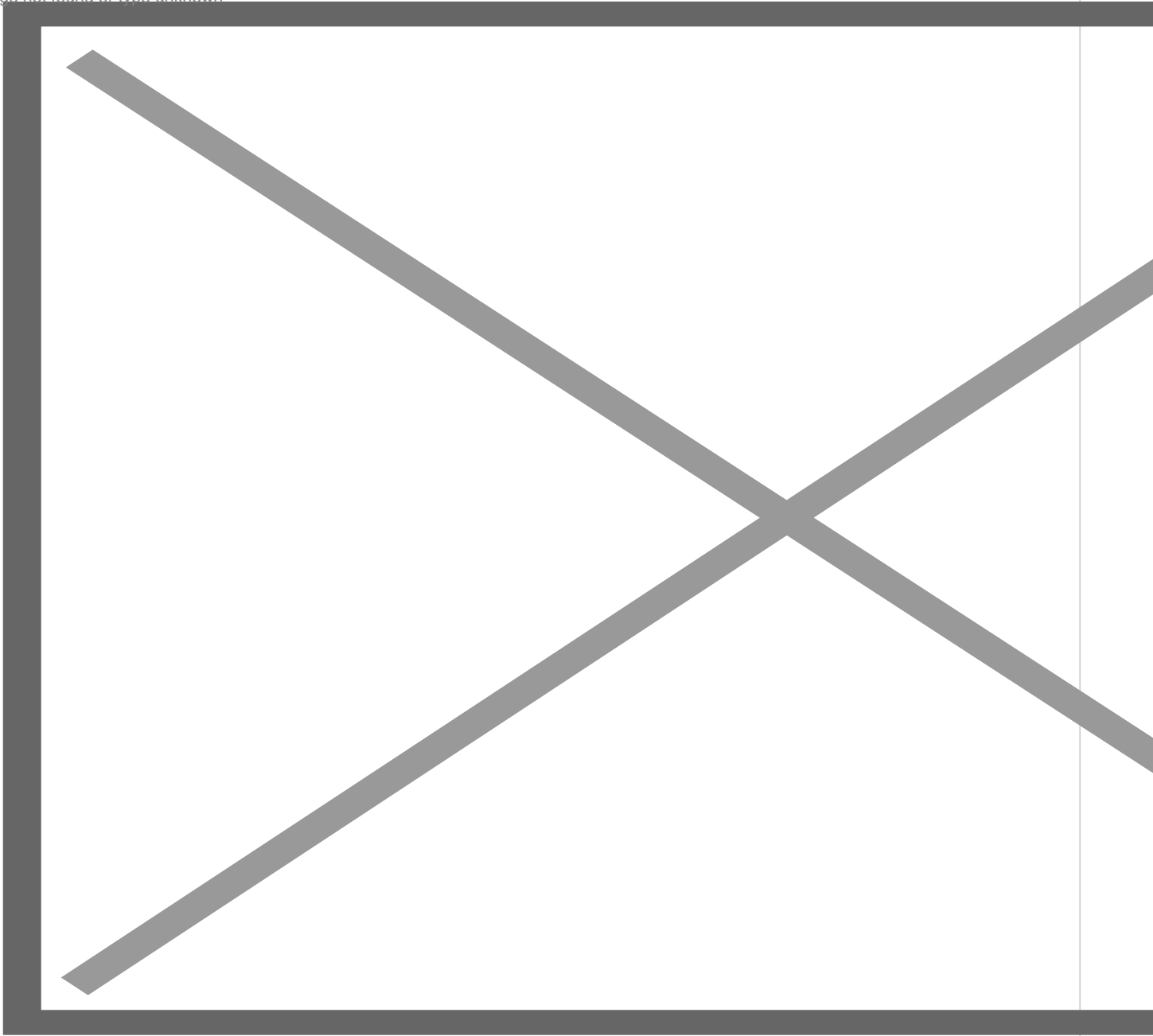


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Havana, July 6 (RHC)-- The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic Miguel Díaz-Canel checked the maintenance actions at the 'Antonio Maceo' (Renté) Thermoelectric Power Plant (CTE), in the province of Santiago de Cuba, in order to stabilize the National Electric Power System (SEN).

The president learned that the four units of the plant are in operation with an availability of 230 megawatts (Mw), although load limitations persist, as explained during his previous visit to the entity on June 17.

CTE's General Director, Raymundo García, explained that they are currently working to sustain the plant. He added that they plan to start in September, based on the existence of material resources and the arrival in the country of others in the coming weeks, partial and extended interventions, with the purpose of recovering 95 Mw, nominal power in two of the blocks.

According to what he said, in October they will act on machine four and will leave machine six, the one with the worst conditions in the boiler, for the first quarter of 2023, while machine five delivers 90 Mw to the SEN in a stable manner.

García referred to the situation with the production of demineralized water, a problem that will be solved with the completion of resources in September and this will provide stability to the blocks in this regard.

In this regard, Díaz-Canel stressed the importance of Renté continuing its stable contribution to the SEN, which would help to improve electricity generation at the end of the week if Felton 1 and 2 start up without difficulties in the next few days.

During his tour of the center, the head of state spoke with its workers, highlighted the role of young people in the decisive tasks and entrusted the management of the entity to provide them with post-graduate courses, training and research.

He pointed out that in their hands are the possibilities of innovations for the future of this power plant, which had its first unit synchronized to the SEN on February 20, 1966 and therefore was one of the first built by the Revolution.

In the exchanges with specialists, technicians and workers, he also explained that the generation deficit of the last days was added to the unavailability of all the fuel necessary for this, which stressed the system.

The dignitary also praised the heroism of these men and women for not paying attention to schedules and working hard at high temperatures to reduce in the shortest possible time the effects on the population of which they are also a part.

Díaz-Canel was accompanied by the highest political and governmental authorities of the territory and Liván Arronte, head of the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

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