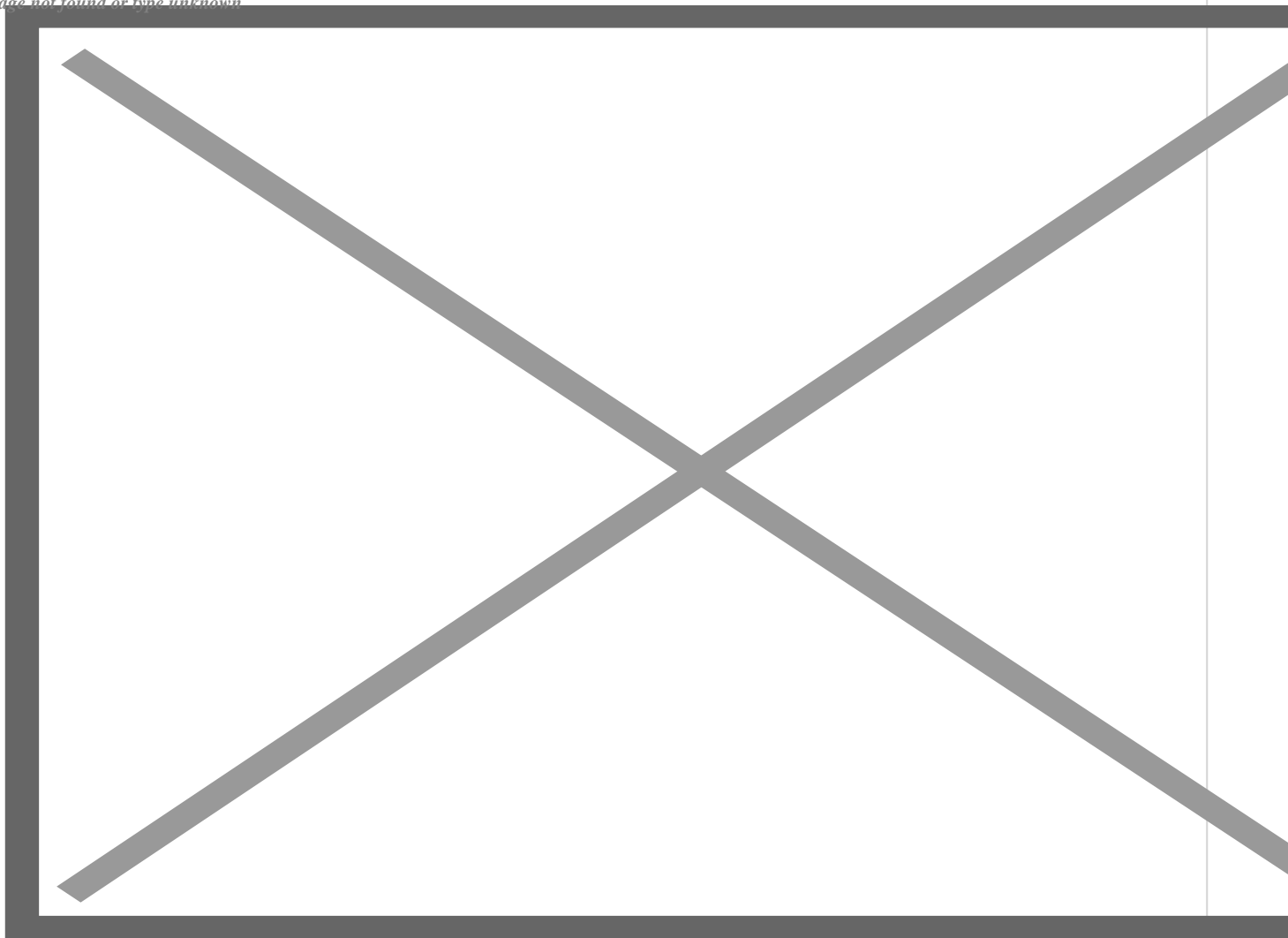


Cuban President calls for speeding up recovery of electricity service in Pinar del Río

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**Call to redouble efforts in the recovery of electric service in province affected by Hurricane Ian.
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Halfway through recovery of electric service in Pinar del Río.**

Havana, October 16 (RHC)-- The electrification of Pinar del Río reached 50 percent of customers in that territory on Saturday, 18 days after the passage of Hurricane Ian, whose effects caused severe damage to power lines, poles and transformers, said the President of the Provincial Defense Council, Yamilé Ramos Cordero, during the afternoon meeting led by the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez.

Through a videoconference, the Pinar del Río authority explained that in the last 24 hours it was possible to bring the energy of the national power system to the head of the municipality of Viñales and that only the towns of San Juan y Martínez and San Luis are still to be connected. In this regard, the Head of State emphasized that now it is necessary to redouble efforts to advance as quickly as possible in the restoration of the electric service, on which the water pumping system also depends. Of the 175 sources of water supply, 135 are working in Vueltabajo.

Regarding the housing fund, the First Secretary of the Party in Pinar del Río assured that between Saturday and Sunday they will work to close the survey of the damages to housing, which already exceed 101 thousand damaged.

The leaders of the Party, the Government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces accompanying the people of Pinar del Río gave an account in the meeting of how the recovery is progressing and what has been appreciated in the municipalities of Minas de Matahambre, Mantua, Guane and in the Boca de Galafre community, belonging to San Juan y Martínez. Regarding this last fishing village, non-compliance was noted in the guidelines that the authorities have been required to follow regarding the direct link with the inhabitants. A complex situation is being experienced there with the water service, together with the lack of information to the inhabitants and the delays in the operation of the offices of procedures, aspects that should be worked on quickly, according to Díaz-Canel, who also warned that a similar situation should be reviewed so that it does not happen in another community.

At Saturday's check-up meeting, the President of the National Assembly, Esteban Lazo and the Prime Minister, Manuel Marrero Cruz made evaluations on their working days in the provinces of Artemisa and Mayabeque. The Head of Government valued as a revolution what is being experienced in the Surgidero de Batabanó, where although not all the problems will be solved, work is being done on those that have the greatest impact on the welfare of the people, the water pipeline, roads and the cleaning of ditches.

The President of the Parliament pointed out that although there is a work environment between the forces and specialists and the inhabitants, it is necessary to emphasize that "it is not only to demand that they give you, it is also necessary to collaborate in the solution of the difficulties".

In the evaluation of the recovery, which was attended by the Secretary of Organization of the Central Committee of the Party, Dr. Roberto Morales Ojeda and the Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party, Dr. Roberto Morales Ojeda. Roberto Morales Ojeda and the Minister of the Revolutionary Armed Forces, Army Corps General Alvaro Lopez Miera, it was learned that in the province of Artemisa 99.03% of the clients have recovered the electric service, only the inhabitants of the municipalities of Bahia Honda and San Cristobal, localities with mountainous communities where means and forces have been added to conclude the recovery, which should happen in the assessment of the Artemisa leaders, next Wednesday.

The recovery in data

Hurricane Ian

The electric system of Pinar del Río is recovered to 50.82%.

By municipalities:

Sandino: 98.31%.

Mantua: 99.72%.

Matahambre Mines: 59.95%.
Viñales: 32.35%.
La Palma: 35.72%.
Los Palacios: 90.47%.
Consolación del Sur: 33%.
Pinar del Río: 46.46% Pinar del Río: 46.46
San Luis: 25.99% San Juan y Martínez: 20.27
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Guane: 74.41% Guane: 74.41

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