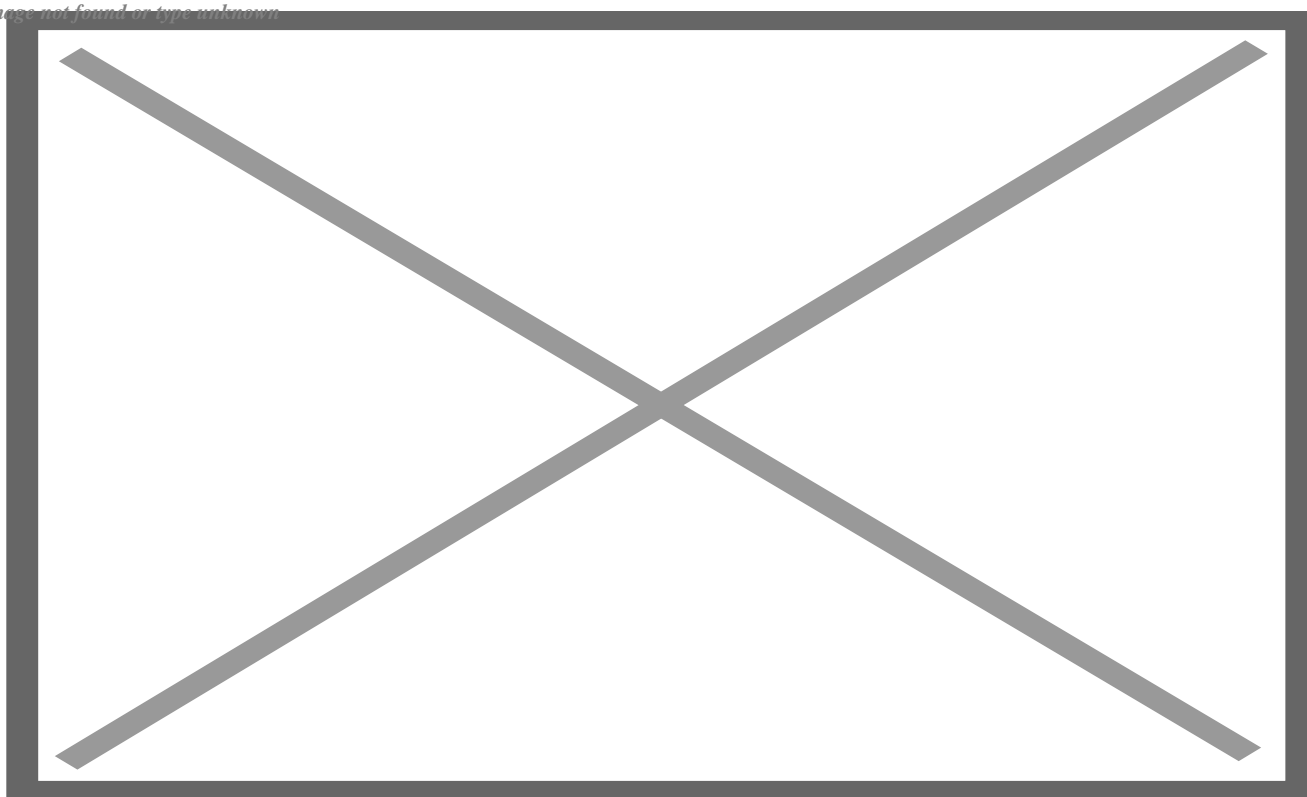


# *Raúl Castro and Díaz-Canel lead tribute to guerrilla front in eastern Cuba*

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Havana, March 6 (RHC)-- The leader of the Cuban Revolution, Raúl Castro Ruz, and the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel led a celebration on Monday for the 65th anniversary of the Third Eastern Front 'Mario Muñoz', in the Sierra Maestra.

The top leaders talked with local authorities and the population. They recalled that the rebel command was opened by the then guerrilla commander Juan Almeida Bosque (1927-2009), recognized as one of the legends of the Cuban heroic deeds.

In the middle of the mountainous massif, the main one of the national geography, the mausoleum to the martyrs of that enclave of the Rebel Army, among them the mausoleum of its chief, stands in the Loma de la Esperanza.

With 57 combatants and in an area of more than six thousand kilometers, the guerrilla detachment took the name of the doctor of the assault on the Moncada barracks, led by young revolutionaries led by Fidel Castro Ruz, on July 26, 1953 in pursuit of the overthrow of dictator Fulgencio Batista (1952-1958).

The Third Front was decisive in the strategic conception to face the offensive of the Batista Army, which with about 10 thousand members intended to defeat the rebel forces with a powerful deployment of men and means in the eastern mountains.

Likewise, it was decisive in the actions of the so-called Santiago Operation and in the combats that made possible the revolutionary victory on January 1, 1959, announced that night by Fidel from the balconies of the City Hall in the heart of the city of Santiago de Cuba.

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