

Amid intense heat, Cubans mitigate damage from rains



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As a corollary of the first ten days of this month with heavy rains, at 141 percent of the historical average,

tens of thousands of neighbors, mainly in the eastern part of the archipelago, saw the level of rivers and streams rise.

The waters covered streets and roads and penetrated homes, in some cases to the point of severely affecting or collapsing them.

With six deaths and an increase in the number of vulnerable people in the country, to all of whom it is impossible to provide all the resources required, the excessive rainfall forced the government and social organizations to go house to house to quantify the deterioration.

The authorities mobilized leaders and specialized personnel to mitigate the damages and with the improvement of the weather and the intense heat that today overwhelms the country, the water level began to recover.

Agricultural executives establish guidelines to save what is possible after losses in more than 20 thousand hectares of crops.

With the death of more than a hundred and a half head of cattle, the main attention is now focused on housing.

Young people and adults worked tirelessly last weekend to collect the debris left by the floods.

The impact of the hydrometeorological situation on land and railways is not unnoticed, for which the contribution of the trained forces and the population will be essential, since the country has not yet been able to fully recover from a previous hurricane, when it passed through the western province of Pinar del Río in 2022.

All the tasks seek not to leave homeless the victims of the phenomena pointed out together with those registered by explosions in a supertanker base and a hotel in 2022, which strains the material availabilities of a blocked country.

Two thousand and 23 has been a tough year, based on the US sanctions, prohibition of access to credit, the consequences of the pandemic and below-expected results in the performance of the state-owned company and in agriculture.

But in the midst of the acute limitations, the doors of each victim have been reached.

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