

Cuba immersed in recovery from the ravages of Tropical Storm Idalia

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Havana, September 2 (RHC)-- Cuba is making progress in the process of recovering from the damage to electrical services and agriculture, mainly in the western territories of the island affected by tropical storm Idalia.

The meteorological phenomenon crossed last Monday the vicinity of Cabo de San Antonio, in the province of Pinar del Río - a territory that in 2022 suffered the ravages of Hurricane Ian - and also affected the districts of Artemisa, Havana, Mayabeque and the special municipality of Isla de la Juventud.

During the last week, Prime Minister Manuel Marrero and other authorities of the Communist Party of Cuba and the Government toured the affected areas and verified that the fulfillment of preventive measures allowed avoiding the loss of human lives and minimizing economic damages.

In Pinar del Río, Idalia affected 80 percent of the electric distribution lines, and it is expected to reestablish that service this weekend, thanks to the support of the territory's own forces and the help of brigades of linemen from Matanzas, Ciego de Avila, Camagüey, Villa Clara and Las Tunas.

There, more than a thousand houses were affected, mainly due to partial loss of roofs.

In the province of Artemisa, east of Havana, electricity service, the main damage caused by this meteorological event, was fully restored, and except in certain non-significant banana-growing areas, agriculture was hardly damaged.

More than 1,400 Artemisians were preventively moved to safe places before the passage of Idalia.

On Thursday, President Miguel Díaz-Canel emphasized the need to reestablish electricity as soon as possible in the areas flooded by the heavy rains and to do the same to reverse all that was affected in terms of communications, as well as the importance of paying special attention to crops.

He stressed the need to keep the population informed, especially the residents of areas where the electric service and communications were damaged (Source: Prensa Latina).

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