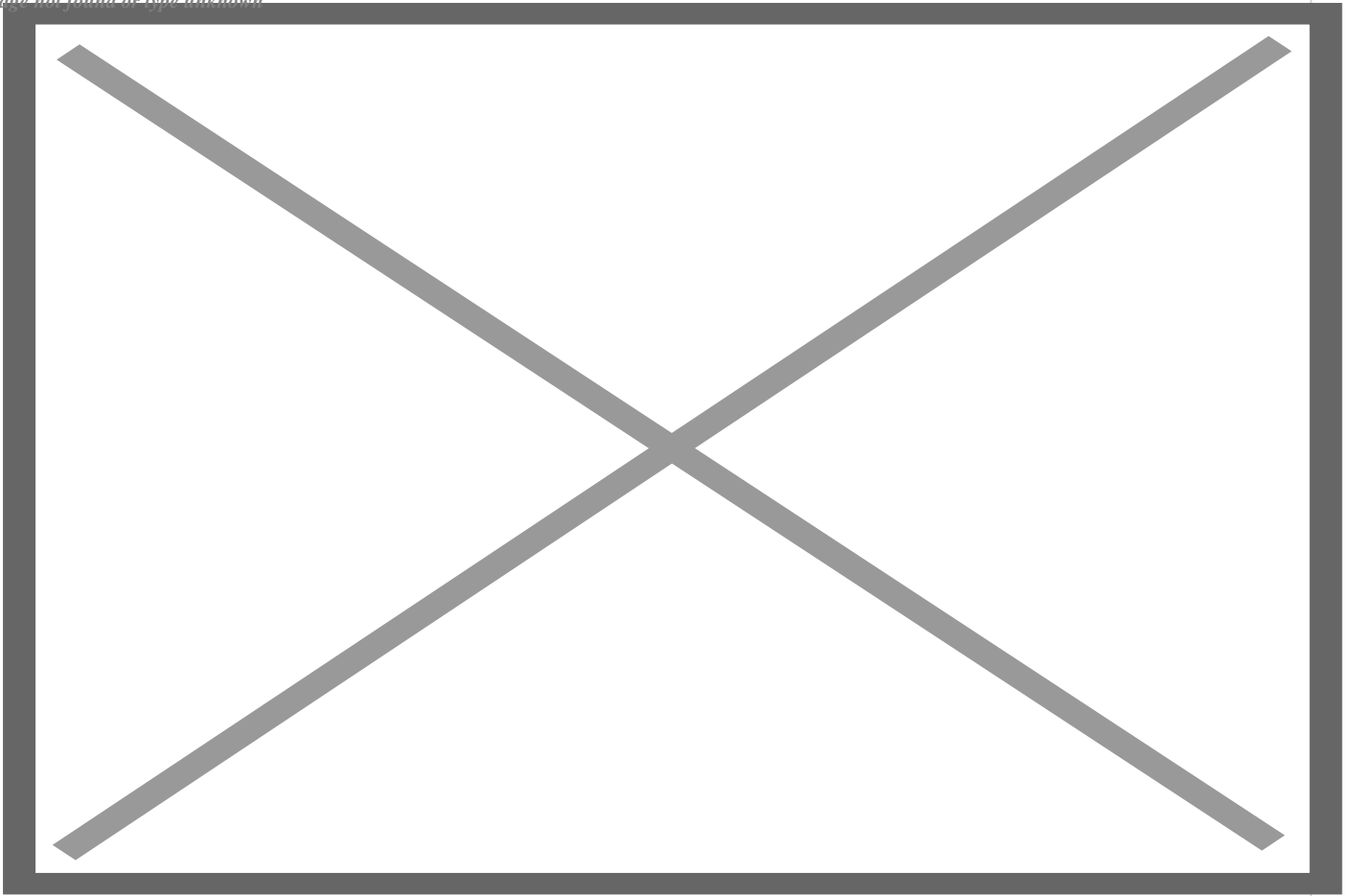


*Díaz-Canel says the Cuban Revolution has not lost the prospects of continuing to benefit the people*

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Santa Clara, December 29 (RHC) -- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel said Friday that the Revolution has not lost the prospects of continuing to benefit the people, during his speech at the Municipal Assembly of People's Power in Santa Clara.

"We have lived through an extremely hard year, with the blockade intensified, but here we are. We have to talk about the difficulties, but also about the heroism of this people," said the Cuban leader, who participated in this conclave as a deputy to the National Assembly of People's Power (Parliament) for this city in the center of the country.

In the assembly, held in the theater of the Central University Marta Abreu de Las Villas, the also first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba stressed that 2024 "we must turn it into a turning point. May it bring us closer to hope and give us more light".

He stressed that today we have three major problems: an intensified blockade, mistakes made and the accumulation of negative trends in various sectors. "We have to work, produce more and distribute in an equitable way what we achieve, because that is Socialism".

"I have seen here in Santa Clara and Villa Clara positive responses to the difficulties, although they are still exceptions and not rules. So, is it possible or not? It is possible, we have to turn the exceptions into rule. Next year we must devote our greatest efforts to generalize the best experiences", he pointed out.

Regarding the Party's projections, Díaz-Canel referred to the fact that "we are designing a coherent work system to face the negative trends in society and mitigate them. In 2024 we will make a comprehensive approach to economic, ideological and social issues.

He stressed that "there is a perverse intention of the enemy to take away credibility from the measures adopted by the Government. These are not neo-liberal measures, nobody will be left helpless, since none of them will be applied without taking into account the most needy".

He also added that "the basic food basket will not be eliminated, but people will be subsidized, not products. Facilities will always be given to those who need them the most. In this way, the State will obtain more income, which will revert to the benefit of the majority. All this should stimulate production".  
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