

Extraordinary meeting of National Defense Council: Death toll rises to 7 after Hurricane Oscar passes through Guantánamo



**The President of the Republic of Cuba and First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, in an extraordinary session of the National Defense Council.
Photo: Presidency of Cuba.**

Havana, October 22 (RHC)-- The President of the Republic of Cuba and First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, reported through his social media profiles that he has just concluded an extraordinary meeting of the National Defense Council to address the emergency situation in Guantánamo, still in the cyclonic alarm phase and the contingency of the national electrical energy system.

“We learned of the loss of one more person in Imías, bringing the number of victims of this phenomenon to seven, which we deeply regret and we convey our deepest condolences to family and friends.

“We point out the effects in each area, the actions that will be undertaken as soon as it is possible to begin the recovery phase, as well as the necessary resources in order to protect the people and compensate for the damages in the shortest possible time.

“We insist on the essential organization and speed for the transfer and delivery of donations that are beginning to be received from our people, from friendly countries and from international organizations. We deeply appreciate these displays of solidarity,” he stressed.

He also referred to the fact that they carried out a check on the recovery of the electrical energy system, which has been restored by more than 70% in the country with the possibility of continuing to advance.

“We instruct to prioritize actions in the most backward provinces and to promptly reverse the effects of the hurricane,” he pointed out.

“The situation is very complex. The response of the Party, the State and the government will be unstoppable in the service of the people. We work without discouragement, with the conviction of not giving up and of overcoming adversities no matter how difficult they may be, as the Revolution has taught us,” he concluded.

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