

# *Díaz-Canel presides over commemoration of the beginning of the Necessary War*

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Havana, February 24 (RHC) --Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel led the central commemoration on Monday for the 130th anniversary of the uprising of the Liberation Army against Spanish colonialism, which began the Necessary War.

Known as El Grito de Baire, which occurred on February 24, 1895, it marked the beginning of that conflict organized from exile by the National Hero José Martí, with which the independence struggles on the Island continued.

The Cuban president himself highlighted on the social network X his participation in the main ceremony held this Monday in the country, on the occasion of the anniversary.

It is February 24th and we are meeting in Baire to celebrate that 130 years ago Cuba woke up to the everlasting cry of "Long Live Free Cuba" with Martí's Necessary War, wrote Díaz-Canel.

"Unity prevailed over the failures and divisions of the past. Sacred independence was about to be conquered," he added.

Precisely where it happened, in that town in the Contramaestre municipality of the eastern province of Santiago de Cuba, hundreds of citizens remembered the heroes of the feat and highlighted Martí's organizational management and desire for independence.

The so-called Necessary War occurred after the emancipatory objectives of the war against Spanish colonialism concluded in 1878 were frustrated.

As Delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Party, Martí relied on the most prominent figures of the previous war and managed to structure a movement that responded to his orders.

Several social and political conditions led to the conflict. In addition, the Cuban economy was still in crisis, Spain's policy of high taxes continued, and the United States became the economic metropolis.

Despite the sacrifice of Cuban patriots, the American intervention at the end of the Necessary War (1898) sabotaged the independence objective and left Cuba subject to Washington's neocolonial domination.

Decades later, that conflict inspired the fighters of the feat led by Fidel Castro, who achieved Cuba's definitive independence with the triumph of the Revolution on January 1, 1959.

Other members of the Cuban government and party leadership also participated in the central act commemorating the Grito de Baire, recognized as a symbol of resistance and dignity.

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