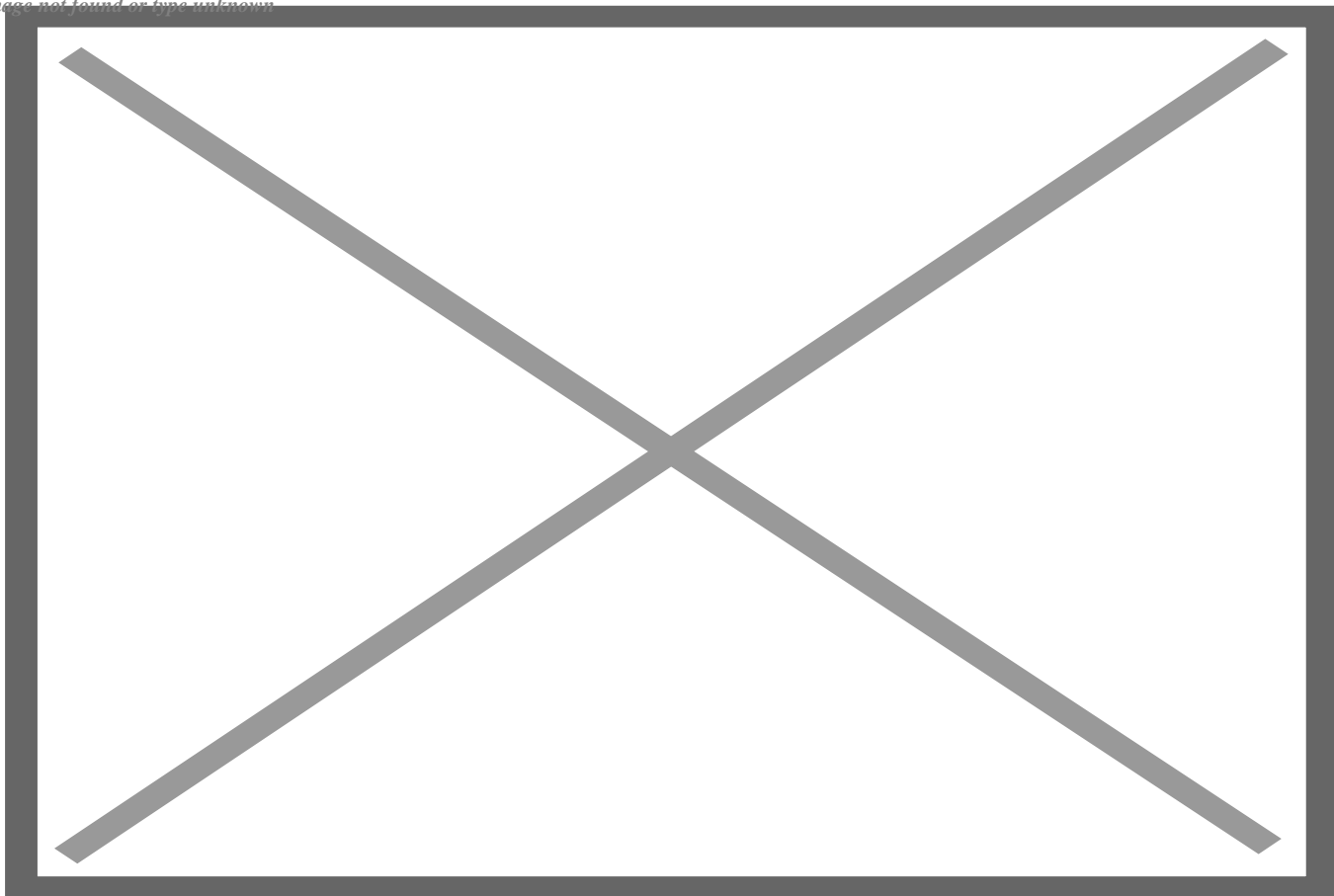


Raul Castro congratulates members of the Civil Defense System

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Havana, July 29 (RHC) Army General Raul Castro congratulated the Cuban Civil Defense system members and the National Civil Defense General Staff (EMNDC) for their results in protecting the country since its creation six decades ago.

"Continue perfecting this work, studying, and researching, especially because meteorological phenomena are increasingly dangerous due to climate change. Our island will constantly be exposed to them," said

the leader of the Cuban Revolution.

In a congratulatory letter released on Friday at the 60th anniversary of the Civil Defense, Raul Castro described as unforgettable the sad events of October 1963, when cyclone Flora devastated the East and caused with its floods nearly 2,000 deaths.

He explained that an event of that magnitude harmoniously promoted all the country's entities to face catastrophes of any kind and thus protect our population, its resources, and the economy.

He emphasized that this July 31, the General Staff reaches its 60th anniversary. This commemoration should also be a tribute to the historic leader of the Revolution, Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz, a strategist in conceiving a civil defense of the people and for the people.

We trust in you, he assured in his congratulatory message, read in a ceremony held this morning at the EMNDC headquarters and headed by Army Corps General Alvaro Lopez Miera, Minister of the Revolutionary Armed Forces -FAR.

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