

*Esteban Lazo concludes  
parliamentary visit to  
Guantanamo Bay*

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**Esteban Lazo presided over the conclusions of the parliamentary visit to the eastern province of Guantánamo.**  
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Guantánamo, October 23 (RHC)-- The president of Cuba's National Assembly of People's Power (Parliament), Esteban Lazo Hernández, recognized the combativeness of the people of Guantánamo and their support for the Revolution, in the conclusions of a two-day parliamentary visit to that eastern province.

Lazo Hernández presided over the exchange, together with the Secretary of the Parliament, Homero Acosta Álvarez, and in the presence of Rafael Pérez Fernández and Emilio Matos Mosqueda, top political and government leaders in Guantánamo, respectively, as well as presidents of the municipal assemblies and mayors.

The president of the National Assembly formulated such criteria after reading the report of the permanent commissions of the highest legislative body on the results of his visits to the 10 Guantánamo municipalities, and particularly to those of Baracoa and Guantánamo, the two most important in the province.

He was interested in the progress of the nomination of candidates for delegates to the municipal assemblies, a process that will involve more than 368 thousand voters in the 600 districts of the territory, in which 2,200 meetings are expected, a thermometer to measure the mood and political morale of the Guantanameros, described by Lazo Hernandez as usually high.

The head of the Cuban Parliament referred to the low attendance at those meetings in Baracoa, where as in Maisí, a large number of houses to be recovered were detected, of those damaged five years ago by Hurricane Mathew, in early October 2016.

He called for special attention to be paid to this deficiency, which is not unrelated to the economic difficulties faced by the country due to the economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed on Cuba by the United States, and the arrears originated by COVID-19.

With the damages caused by Hurricane Ian to the housing fund of Pinar del Río, it is not possible to solve immediately the situation of those properties, nor is it advisable to delay it to imprecise limits, he reflected.

Lazo Hernandez declared that the housing problem in the country is not a recent one, and was exposed by Fidel Castro in History Will Absolve Me, his historic plea before the Emergency Court of Santiago de Cuba, after the assault to the Moncada Barracks in July 1953.

Neither is electricity, he stressed; but every four hours of blackout due to the obsolescence of our national electric system, are four hours in which cement and other material goods needed by society are not produced, he said.

The top leader of the Parliament took advantage of this reunion with Guantánamo to congratulate the workers of the electric sector of the province, who give their support to the people of Pinar del Río, with whom he spoke during his recent visit to the western end of the country, and who have done a great job.

Before the plenary meeting, Lazo Hernández received this Saturday in the community of Arroyo Hondo an explanation of the transformations that are being carried out in the place, where one of the five productive poles that contribute to the provincial capital is located.

The remaining ones committed to supplying this city are located in Paraguay, Jabilla and Chutines, in addition to Chapala, located in the neighboring municipality of El Salvador. At the semi-rustic poultry breeding farm in Pastoreo, the President of the Parliament spoke with Eider Álvarez Ramírez, director of Empresa Avícola Guantánamo.

He learned that in the place, called Finca La Bonita, ostriches, quails and semi-rustic birds are developed for the production of eggs through alternative feeding.

The poultry farm will train pullets until they are 112 days old, for which it will guarantee the planned feed until that age, a step to replace the egg balance of each municipality.



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