

# *Cuban Vice-President Checks Works in Water Transfer Canal*

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Holguín, February 4 (RHC-ACN) -- The commander of the Revolution, Ramiro Valdés Menéndez, vice-president of the Councils of State and Ministers, visited the East-West water transfer canal in the province of Holguín to view the progress of the hydraulic works.

New pipes and irrigation systems are being installed under an investment program, essentially based on increasing agricultural production and sugar cane cultivation.

Valdés Menéndez received information on the current situation of the Birán-Baguano canal, more than 40 kilometers long which, once completed, will benefit extensive agricultural and sugarcane areas.

Roberto Pupo, director general of the construction works, said everything is going as planned with a timely receipt of supplies of construction materials and parts and equipment.

Ramiro Valdés was accompanied in his tour by Luis Antonio Torres Iribar, first secretary of the Communist Party in Holguín province, Alfredo López and René Mesa, Ministers of Energy and Mines and Construction, respectively, and Inés María Chapman, member of the Council of State and President of the National Institute of Hydraulic Resources.



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