

Cuban government is alive and busy, assures Prime Minister

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Havana, July 14 (RHC)-- Cuban Prime Minister Manuel Marrero assured Wednesday that his country's government is working and busy searching for solutions to the main problems afflicting its citizens.

In a televised appearance, the head of government explained the priority given to issues such as food production, for which 63 measures were implemented to boost the agricultural and livestock sectors.

He pointed out that the government is closely following the implementation results, while it is not abandoning the Ordering Task, which eliminated the dual currency on the island.

He added that additional measures are being taken to adjust what has been designed so that it responds to the requirements of the country's economy.

Marrero announced measures to alleviate the current situation of the Caribbean nation, which has been gripped by the Covid-19 pandemic and the global crisis exacerbated by the intensification of the U.S. blockade.

He said that as of Monday, July 19, people traveling to Cuba carrying food, medication, and toiletries would be able to bring into the country as much as they want, tax-exempt. This temporary authorization will be active through December 31.

He explained that passengers should separate these items from other general merchandise.

The Prime Minister also announced that a mechanism would come into force to respond to the needs of those who migrated from one province to another and who are currently unable to buy the basic food basket through a ration card.

Havana is the main place of incidence, although there are also impacts in other territories, he said and added that details on the procedures would be provided next week.

Marrero commended the repair undertaken at the Antonio Guiteras Power Plant in Matanzas that has allowed its return to the national power grid with its 300 megawatts and stressed how other generators would substantially join the grid, increasing the power generation and reducing power outages.

Likewise, he commented on the extraordinary efforts made by authorities to guarantee the procurement of raw material for the pharmaceutical industry to curb current shortages of essential drugs for chronic illnesses on the island.

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