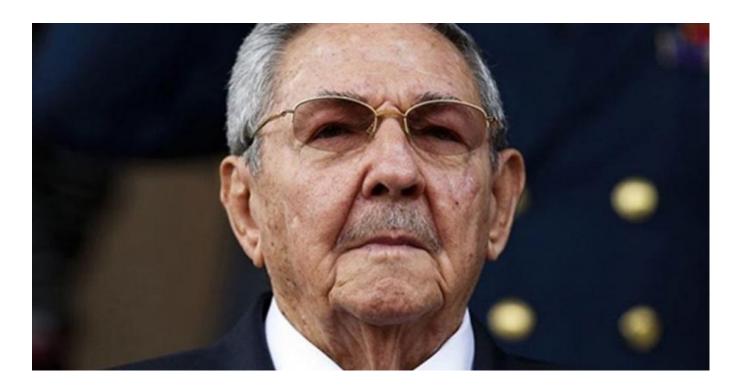


Cuba Mourns Human Losses in Vietnam Due to Floods

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Cuban President Raul Castro has sent a message to the leaders and people of Vietnam that local media reproduced today, to testify the Cuban people's sorrow for the losses the recent floods caused to the country.

'On behalf of the Cuban Communist Party, government and people, I extend the deepest condolences for the human and material losses suffered after the floods and landslides, caused by heavy rains that affected several provinces in the northern region of the country,' the letter says.

This letter was addressed to General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Nguyen Phu Trong; President Tran Dai Quang; and Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc, with the explicit request that they send condolences to the families of the victims and affected people.

The worst floods of recent years in Vietnam killed 75 people and missed 35 in the northern mountainous area.

Located in the subtropical belt of the planet, the two nations are frequent victims of hurricanes and they renew a friendship that was forged in difficult times for Vietnam, the war for its independence.



The Vietnamese leaders sent a message of solidarity and encouragement to Cuba after the havoc of Hurricane Irma, which killed 10 people and left huge economic losses in the island.