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**Raul Castro calls for effective mosquito campaign**

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Raul Castro calls for effective mosquito campaign HAVANA, Cuba, Mar 7 (acn) Cuban President Raul Castro called for more discipline and effectiveness in implementing the current anti-mosquito campaign island wide as he headed a meeting on the effort to prevent the spread of diseases transmitted by that vector.

According to Granma newspaper, during the meeting at the Health Ministry, the President called for strong actions within the frames of the law against those who do not abide by established measures and he also called for constant efforts to guarantee the sanitations of Cuban cities.

The epidemiologic situation in The Americas continues to be complicated with 31 countries reporting local Zika transmission.

Cuba has thus far detected two Zika cases imported from Venezuela and keeps on the alert and studies all unspecific fever cases.

During the meeting, a videoconference with health, government and communist party authorities, members of the armed forces and the interior ministry and community organizations, revealed that by the end of the second stage of the campaign more than 12 thousand homes were not open to fumigation actions, though the figure is lower than the previous week, Granma reported.

Inappropriate planning of actions, failure to announce dwellers about the fumigation days and other subjective factors were main causes to fail in the fumigation of those homes, the paper explained.

The meeting reported a decrease in mosquito presence in labor centers and advancement in sanitation work in risky areas.

Raul Castro was interested in the collection of solid waste in the capital, which generates 23 thousand 800 meters

a day, out of which some 6 thousand meters of solid waste remain on the streets uncollected, due to the lack of collection trucks.

This is not just one more campaign, said Raul Castro and insisted in making the effort successful, on time and in a comprehensive manner.

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