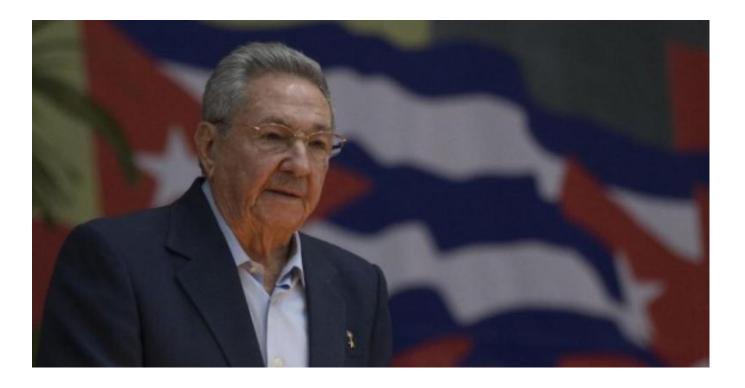


Communist Party of Russia Awards Lenin Prize to Raúl Castro

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The Communist Party of Russia awarded the Lenin Prize to Army General Raúl Castro Ruz, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, according to Sputnik

"The presidency of the Party awarded the Lenin Prize to Raúl Castro, for his outstanding contribution to the dissemination of the ideals of socialism," said Russian communist leader Guennadi Ziugánov, announcing the decision in a quote from the party leadership, in which he stressed that, "Cuba's brotherly people are an example.

Granma newspaper reports that the organization also agreed that Ivan Melnikov, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Russia, will travel to Cuba to give recognition to Raúl during the festivities of May Day.

This 22nd of April marked the 149 years of the birth of the leader of the Great Socialist Revolution of October Vladimir Ilich Ulyanov, Lenin, in the current Ulyanovsk, on the banks of the Volga River. Lenin was the architect of a movement that would forever change not only his country, but the whole world.