
Electrical workers: big heart beating for all

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As the saying goes, adversities are not written. A new shutdown of the power grid occurred in recent hours. However, the expertise that electrical workers has achieved helped reduce the restoration times in the so-called micro-islands and to gradually give vitality to the circuits.

In the midst of adversity, not only was the challenge faced, but compared to other similar events that have occurred recently, the solutions have arrived in less time.

It is not something that we would like to boast about, of course not. The causes that provoke the shutdown of the national power grid are as latent as the blockade itself maintained by successive US governments that pile up on our economy, infrastructure and therefore, the people, to create walls of hatred that translate into cutting off any source of income or availability of foreign currency, preventing at all costs the purchase of spare parts for our old thermal power plants in order to provide maintenance and the timely arrival of the essential fuel to keep them working. Since before and even during the COVID-19 pandemic, these actions, far from slowing down, have increased.

In this hostile scenario, workers in the electrical sector have managed solutions with what they have, handling technological and organizational innovations, moving a resource from one side to the other with speed, accuracy and courage, identifying priorities, with an unmatched sense of belonging.

It is true that blackouts are extremely annoying. They exasperate and nobody wants them, starting with the Government leadership, which makes unimaginable efforts to reduce them and has never sit idly by, quite the opposite.

With thought, agreed strategies, not only is the philosophy of creative resistance in the DNA, but there is also the conviction to advance with quality, efficiency and the greatest possible sustainability, to walk towards goals where there are lights at the end of a tunnel, which may become tangibles during the first half of next year, when the level of electricity generation through renewable energy sources, in this case solar photovoltaic, increases.

The same comrades who are trying hard to find a solution in each thermoelectric power plant, subjected to extremely high temperatures for a long time in facilities where they can barely move because it is the only way to reach the problem and give it the solution it requires, are also men of flesh and blood whose families also suffer the effects of the blockade policy with the annoying blackouts. However, they are thinking of the common good, without giving up in the face of difficulties that may seem insurmountable.

That is the greatness of this sector, that of the Cuban electrical workers, their humanistic sense and dedication to duty, knowing that they must fight daily against external "demons," with the uncertainty of what may happen tomorrow, but also with the certainty that nothing is impossible when they have such a big heart beating for all.

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