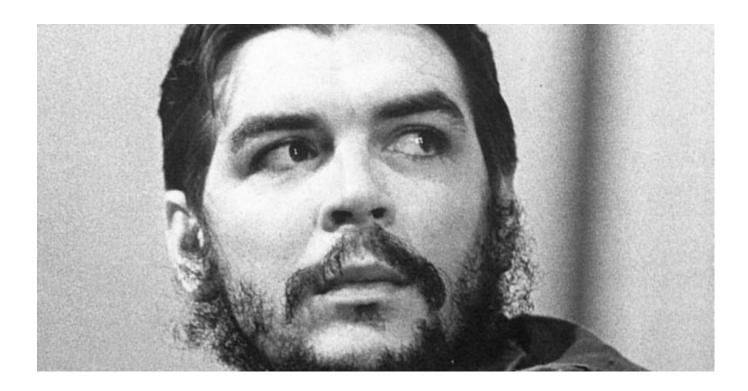


Cuba Pays Tribute to Ernesto Che Guevara

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The Cuban people is paying tribute today to Argentinean-Cuban guerrilla fighter Ernesto Che Guevara, marking his 86th birthday. The central Cuban city of Santa Clara, liberated by troops led by Che in December 1958, is the main venue of activities that also evoke the birthday, 169 years ago, of the Cuban independence leader Antonio Maceo.

As a tradition, the day of tributes includes a march from the Maceo Park to the Memorial Complex that holds the remains of Che and his companions fallen in Bolivia.

Talks and morning assemblies at schools and workplaces of the territory are part of the activities for the anniversaries that include a scientific event entitled "Ernesto Che Guevara: paradigma posible," at Felix Varela Pedagogical University.