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## **Raúl Attends Funeral Tribute for Armando Hart**

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Army General Raúl Castro Ruz, President of Cuba's Councils of State and Ministers, attended the headquarters of the Center for Martí Studies on Monday morning, where the funeral honors for the revolutionary militant Armando Hart Dávalos, an important personality in our history, were held since Sunday night.

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In the Bolivar Room of the institution and packed by family members, friends, comrades-in-arms and workmates, the notes of the National Anthem were heard and overwhelming taps.

The ceremony central speech was delivered by First Vice President Miguel Díaz -Canel Bermúdez, who recalled Hart's work, and the extraordinary example of loyalty, selflessness, conviction, and consistent adherence to principles, he left for today's and future generations.

“The ethics held by Martí invariably guided his behaviour, always transparent and relentless in front of those

who used the Homeland as a pedestal”, He said.

Díaz-Canel also approached Hart’s career as Minister of Education of the first revolutionary cabinet, from where he led the Literacy Campaign and the impressive educational work that changed our country.

A decade later, he took on the newly created Ministry of Culture, "from where he rectified errors, restored communication with intellectuals, promoted artistic education and designed an institutional system that turned people into lead actors of cultural events", hesaid.

In his last workstage, he devoted himself to one of his main passions: the study and dissemination of José Martí’s life and work, "he was convinced that through Martí, the Cuban ideology pro-emancipation, justice and anti-imperialism had reached its peak."

"Until the end of his days, he was atireless intellectual and political fighter," Díaz-Canel said, for that reason “the death is not true when the work of life has been well fulfilled. To that phrase of Martí, Hart would add: Until Victory Forever!”.

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