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# Cuba crisis explained: Who holds power, and could Diaz-Canel be replaced?

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## What is happening in Cuba?

Cuba is facing a serious economic and energy crisis.

There are: Fuel shortages, Frequent electricity cuts, Food and medicine shortages

The crisis has worsened due to U.S. sanctions and oil blockade.



## Who is the current leader?

The President of Cuba is Miguel Díaz-Canel

He has been in power since 2018 and also leads the Communist Party.

## Who actually holds power in Cuba?

Communist Party is the real power centre

Cuba is a one-party system controlled by the Communist Party.

The top position is Party leader, not just the President.

Military has strong control

The system is heavily influenced by the military and security agencies.

Many important sectors (like economy and businesses) are linked to military control.

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Role of Raúl Castro

Even after stepping down, he still has significant influence.

He is considered a key power figure behind the scenes.

### **Can Díaz-Canel be replaced?**

Yes, but it may not change much. Experts say the President can be replaced easily.

But the system will remain the same, Power will still stay with the same ruling group

This is because the President's role is not the most powerful position.

### **Who could replace him?**

Any new leader will likely come from:

Communist Party, Military leadership, Possible figures include:

Senior government officials & People close to the Castro system

### **Why is leadership change being discussed?**

Economic crisis

Severe shortages and blackouts are causing public dissatisfaction

U.S. pressure

The U.S. wants political change in Cuba

It has imposed sanctions and pushed for reforms

Public unrest

People are unhappy due to:

Poor living conditions

Lack of basic services

### **Final Understanding**

Cuba is not just run by one person

It is a system controlled by party + military + old leadership network

So even if the President changes, real power structure will likely remain unchanged

### **Cuba**

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Capital: Havana

Currency: Cuban Peso

President: Miguel Díaz-Canel

Prime minister: Manuel Marrero Cruz

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