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havana, dec 21, reuter -- general raul castro, cuban armed forces minister now visiting moscow, presented one of cuba's highest military awards to the soviet union's top military academy and medals to soviet advisors who helped train the cuban armed forces, gramma reported today.

in a speech to officers of the academy of the general staff +kement voroshilov+ of the soviet armed forces, general castro spoke of +the decisive collaboration of soviet military specialists who have transmitted their vast experiences and knowledge with no sparing of sacrifices or time.+

general castro said that many of the principal heads of the cuban armed forces had studied at the soviet academy where they had learned +the most up-to-date theories of the military art and of the employment of men and equipment in modern combat.+

the cuban military leader, who also holds the second highest posts in the cuban government and communist party, presented the academy with +the order antonio maceo+ and a group of soviet military advisors with the +battle fraternity medal+. antonio maceo was a black cuban general who fought and died in the island's war of independence against spain.

castro heads a delegation which represents cuba at the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the ussr.
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