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# Friendship Torch repairs continue

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The Miami Public Works Department is still working on repairing the Torch of Friendship at Bayfront Park and hopes to re-light it by tomorrow.

The flame was extinguished July 27 when an explosive device was placed behind the wall of the Torch. The blast blew off a gas meter and ignited escaping gas.

Police believe the explosion was the work of Cuban revolutionaries, but no arrests have been made.

To fix the Torch properly, the Public Works Department had to order a part destroyed in the explosion, Albert Howard, director of the City Parks and Recreation Department, said.

Nearly a year ago, a Cuban refugee destroyed the perpetual flame when he backed a rented truck into the friendship symbol that was dedicated in Miami in October, 1960.