

CUBA 2024

**PRISONERS
DEFENDERS**
ACTIVE LEGAL DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

1,063

POLITICAL PRISONERS

Currently in Cuba there are 1,063 political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, the vast majority of whom are protesters of July 11, who suffer judicial sentences or provisions limiting their freedom by the prosecutor's offices without any judicial supervision, due process or effective defense, in flagrant violation of international law.

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PATTERNS OF TORTURE

The Cuban State has an extensive history of Human Rights violations, including torture. A study of 181 political prisoners and their families showed that all of them are tortured, and 80% of them are subjected to more than 5 types of torture, including minors, women, religious and vulnerable groups.

50,000

WORKERS SUBJECTED TO FORCED LABOR IN 'MISSIONS'

As the United Nations has denounced, the State and its companies keep more than 85% of the salaries that countries pay for their work, their passports and titles are withheld, and they are subjected to extreme human rights violations. If they leave their job, they suffer an 8-year ban on entry to Cuba.

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MINORS CONVICTED OF CONSCIENCE

30 boys and 3 girls have been arrested, criminally prosecuted and sentenced for the exercise of fundamental rights, to sentences of up to 5 years and 15 of them, for demonstrating, were sentenced for Sedition. Also 115 women are convicted, 2 of them trans who serve in men's prisons, subject to rape and abuse of all kinds.

5,000

MORE THAN 5,000 CHILDREN SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS

The punishment applied to mothers and fathers who "deserter" from internationalist missions (8-year-old Law) irreversibly destroys their minor children. Hundreds of scientific studies have demonstrated the physical and mental consequences of forced mother-child and father-child separation.

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CONTROLLED AND REPRESSED RELIGIONS

The UN has denounced that in Cuba the Islam, Catholic, Christian, Evangelical, Protestant, and Yoruba religions are repressed and controlled in an absolutist manner, creating fictitious groups of the Communist Party through the Office of Attention to Religious Affairs (OAAR), who is part of the Central Committee of the party, and imprisoning and torturing its leaders

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