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# INCIDENT REPORT JULY 2020

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**Center of Incident Reports**  
Fundación para la  
Democracia Panamericana

Cuba



# INCIDENT REPORT

The **Center of Incident Reports for the Fundación para la Democracia Panamericana (FDP)** found a pattern of harassment and persecution against independent activists, political opponents, journalists, artists, and others.

In the month of July, 2020, it was verified that at least **90 incidents** were committed in Cuba throughout the country. Of the total reported, **49 cases correspond to arbitrary arrests** for the neutralization of the work of dissident actors by the State Security forces, arrests that did not comply with due process procedures.

Various UNPACU activists, Cuba Decide promoters and independent citizens throughout the country have received **10 police summons**; security agencies took this as an opportunity to threaten these victims and even attack them, in accordance with several testimonies we received, in instances designed to reduce the citizens' capacity to take action.

Another common sanctioning practice on the part of the authorities is the financial impositions that are required of citizens. During the month, **8 fines were registered**, where the owed amount ranges from 100 to 3000 pesos in national currency; the average for this month is 1056 pesos for those affected.

**Two acts of repudiation** were registered, one in the city of Holguín where neighbors, members of the Rapid Response Brigades and police officers, came to the home of opposition member Maydolis Leyva Portelles and her children, to verbally and physically assault them. Another case occurred in the city of Santiago de Cuba, where Pastor Alaín Toledano, his family and members of the church were victims. These are troubling actions that put the integrity and life of anyone who has a critical opinion, and that of their families, at risk.

**90**

Incidents in the month  
of July

**49**

Arbitrary Arrests

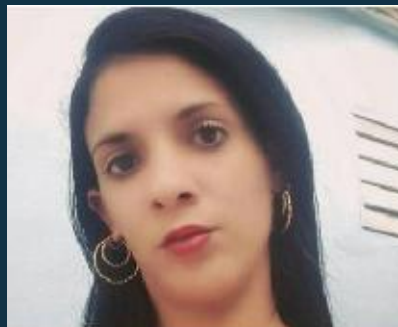
**10**

Police Summons

**1056**

Cuban pesos on  
average owed in fines

The state of health of the citizen, Keilylli de la Mora Valle, is of particular concern. She is an activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign and member of the Citizen Consensus Movement, who has been subjected to cruel, inhumane treatment after being sentenced to 1 year and 6 months in prison. She was convicted under false pretenses for the following: spreading epidemics, contempt, resistance and disobedience. She started a hunger strike as a result of the threats and beatings received inside the prison. Today, she is under constant attack, both from State Security and prison authorities. There is a Precautionary Measure in force, granted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), since her rights to life and personal integrity are at serious risk, due to an illegitimate measure of deprivation of liberty.



Keilylli de la Mora Valle

The events of the month indicate a worrying intensification in the application of patterns of harassment to intimidate and criminalize the work of leaders and organizations of the opposition and independent civil society in Cuba, which are mentioned below:

- Arbitrary arrests
- Surveillance, intimidation and harassment
- Attacks on liberty and personal integrity
- Attacks that threaten life and personal security
- Threats due to public complaints
- Criminalization of official organizations
- Arbitrary arrests, attacks and intimidations against journalists and communicators
- Social control over victims
- Attacks against activists and promoters of human rights





# Ebert Hidalgo Cruz

(pictured)

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Santiago de Cuba, arbitrarily detained on July 24, 2020

*“Until the dictatorship falls, they will continue to repress and imprison us unjustly”*

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## **1. Victim: Alexander Roll Gibert – Date of incident: July 1, 2020 – La Habana**

For his political activism. He was directed to the Capri Police Unit at 10:00am with the documentation to be freed from prison, he was detained for the alleged offense of causing injury. He was fined 1000 pesos MN and released at 4pm the same day.

## **2. Victim: Juana María Santos -- Date of incident: July 1, 2020 – La Habana**

For her political activism she was arrested in Nuevo Vedado at 11:00 am and is transferred to the 5th Unit of the National Revolutionary Police in the Playa municipality. There, she was threatened with going to prison. She was released at 1:15 pm the same day.

## **3. Victim: Daniel Alfaro Frías - Date of incident: July 4, 2020 – Artemisa**

He was the victim of a vandalism by the political police at his home, breaking the crops on his farm.

## **4. Victim: Ada Iris Miranda Leyva - Date of incident: July 6, 2020 – Holguín**

Detained for her political activism as she went out to fetch water in the corner of her home she was assaulted and threatened with death by the Rapid Response Brigade of state security agencies, with sticks and machetes. That same day, an act of repudiation transpired at 9 p.m.

## **5.. Victim: Ana Iris Miranda Leyva - Date of incident: July 6, 2020 – Holguín**

Detained for her political activism as she went out to fetch water in the corner of her home she was assaulted and threatened with death by the Rapid Response Brigade of state security agencies, with sticks and machetes. That same day, an act of repudiation transpired at 9 p.m.

## **6. Victim: Fidel Manuel Batista Leyva - Date of incident: July 6, 2020 – Holguín**

Detained for his political activism as he went out to fetch water in the corner of her home he was assaulted and threatened with death by the Rapid Response Brigade of state security agencies, with sticks and machetes. That same day, an act of repudiation transpired at 9 p.m.

## **7. Victim: Ramón Pérez Rodríguez - Date of incident: July 7, 2020 – Holguín**

Severely beaten by the political police due to opposition activities.

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## **8. Victim: Yanelis Deuz Duran -- Date of incident: July 8, 2020 – Ciego de Ávila**

A 29-year-old activist and mother of 4 children, a member of UNPACU, promoter of Cuba Decide was arbitrarily detained in her home by political police officers. She is accused of the alleged crime of resistance and disobedience. She remains in starvation and thirst since her arrest, she currently in the hospital in diminished health.

## **9. Victim: Otoniel Cruz Suárez - Date of incident: July 8, 2020 – Ciego de Ávila**

At 3:00 pm, a police officer appeared at his home to leave him a summons for the 10th to report for his political activism. He was the victim of verbal violence. He did not comply with the summons.

## **10. Victim: Mario Alberto Hernández - Date of incident: July 9, 2020 – La Habana**

Detained by political police for several hours due to his opposition activities, after leaving his home at 7 a.m.

## **11. Victim: Otoniel Cruz Suárez - Date of incident: July 9, 2020 – Ciego de Ávila**

Arrested for his political activism and transferred to the First Police Unit of Ciego de Avila where he was attended by two people of the of the G2, who call themselves Augustine and Yunier. He was threatened with being taken to prison if he continues his activism.

## **12. Victim: Carlos Manuel Arocha - Date of incident: July 9, 2020 - Camagüey**

Arbitrarily detained and severely beaten by political police for several hours due to his opposition activities.

## **13. Victim: Armando Abascal Serrano - Date of incident: July 10, 2020 - Matanzas**

The Executive Secretary of Labor Affairs and Trade Unions of the Pedro Luis Boitel Abraham Party for Democracy, and promotor de Cuba Decide, was detained by the political police for several hours in retaliation for having carried out a peaceful protest by chaining himself in a public plaza.

## **14. Victim: Jorge Yenier Ortiz Aguilera - Date of incident: July 11, 2020 – La Habana**

Arbitrarily detained by political police for several hours due to his opposition activities.

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**15. Victim: Manuel Velázquez Licea - Date of incident: July 11, 2020 – La Habana**

Arbitrarily detained by political police for several hours due to his opposition activities.

**16. Victim: Mario Alberto Hernández - Date of incident: July 11, 2020 – La Habana**

Arbitrarily detained by political police for several hours due to his opposition activities.

**17. Victim: Lázaro Antonio Pérez - Date of incident: July 11, 2020 – La Habana**

Arbitrarily detained by political police for several hours due to his opposition activities.

**18. Victim: Maikel Ceballo Escobal - Date of incident: July 11, 2020 – Las Tunas**

Visited at home by a political police officer and threatened due to his opposition activities.

**19. Victim: Ada Iris Miranda Leyva - Date of incident: July 12, 2020 – Holguín**

For her political activism - Major Fernando, second jefe of the “El Anillo” Unit, along with the police called Blanca (chapilla 21872) showed up at the Miranda Leyva family home (Maidolis Leyva, Ada Iris Miranda Leyva and Fidel Manuel Batista Leyva) at 2:20 p.m. to deliver a verbal subpoena because she was being criminally charged by the same repressors who beat her and threatened to kill her in the community where they live. The threat was that she had to show up in half an hour to answer for the accusation. She and her family stated that they would not comply with the subpoena because those who were to be subpoenaed and prosecuted are the aggressors.

**20. Victim: Fidel Manuel Batista Leyva - Date of incident: July 12, 2020 – Holguín**

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## **21. Victim: Maydalis Leyva Portalles - Date of incident: July 12, 2020 – Holguín**

For her political activism - Major Fernando, second jefe of the “El Anillo” Unit, along with the police called Blanca (chapilla 21872) showed up at the Miranda Leyva family home (Maidolis Leyva, Ada Iris Miranda Leyva and Fidel Manuel Batista Leyva) at 2:20 p.m. to deliver a verbal subpoena because she was being criminally charged by the same repressors who beat her and threatened to kill her in the community where they live. The threat was that she had to show up in half an hour to answer for the accusation. She and her family stated that they would not comply with the subpoena because those who were to be subpoenaed and prosecuted are the aggressors.

## **22. Victim: Ibexy Chacón García - Date of incident: July 12, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

For her political activism she was arrested as she left the UNPACU headquarters in Santiago de Cuba and put in a patrol car to the Police Unit of Palacete in the same city. There, she was threatened by police officers that if she did not abandon activism at UNPACU, she would be taken to prison.

## **23. Victim: Adabis Figueroa Casanova - Date of incident: July 12, 2020 – Matanzas**

Arbitrarily detained by the political police for seven hours.

## **24. Victim: Taimí Casanova Tortolo - Date of incident: July 12, 2020 – Matanzas**

Arbitrarily detained by the political police for seven hours.

## **25. Victim: José Daniel Ferrer García - Date of incident: July 13, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

UNPACU Headquarters was under siege to prevent members of the organization from entering for activities in honor of the victims of the sinking of tugboat “March 13.”

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## **26. Victim: Marilín Thalía Álvarez - Date of incident: July 13, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

Activist UNPACU, promoter of Cuba Decide, unfairly detained around UNPACU headquarters, threatened for her peaceful activism.

## **27. Victim: Fidel Manuel Miranda Leyva - Date of incident: July 14, 2020 - Holguín**

The siblings who are former political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, had gone out to perform various domestic proceedings. However, along the way they were arrested and taken to the First Police Unit of Holguin, where they were charged with "threat" and "defamation."

## **28. Victim: Ada Iris Miranda Leyva - Date of incident: July 14, 2020 - Holguín**

The siblings who are former political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, had gone out to perform various domestic proceedings. However, along the way they were arrested and taken to the First Police Unit of Holguin, where they were charged with "threat" and "defamation".

## **29. Victim: Ada Ibis Ladrón de Guevara Lazo - Date of incident: July 14, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

For her political activism -- on her way to UNPACU Headquarters in Santiago de Cuba she was intercepted by State Security, where she was prevented from passing by claiming that a police operation was underway. In the vicinity there were patrols and several uniformed police and state security officers.

## **30. Victim: Haydee Hidalgo Ladrón de Guevara - Date of incident: July 14, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

For her political activism -- on her way to UNPACU Headquarters in Santiago de Cuba she was intercepted by State Security, where she was prevented from passing by claiming that a police operation was underway. In the vicinity there were patrols and several uniformed police and state security officers.

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## **31. Victim: Mario Alberto Hernández Leyva - Date of incident: July 14, 2020 – La Habana**

He was arrested at 10:00 am upon entering the National Headquarters of the Opposition Democracy and Movement for a New Republic (MONR). He was set up on a patrol and transported to the headquarters of the National Revolutionary Police (PNR) of Capri. He was released at 5:00 p.m.

## **32. Victim: Johnis Guevara - Date of incident: July 14, 2020 – La Habana**

He was arrested at 10:00 am upon entering the National Headquarters of the Opposition Democracy and Movement for a New Republic (MONR). He was set up on a patrol and transported to the headquarters of the National Revolutionary Police (PNR) of Capri. He was released at 3:00 p.m.

## **33. Victim: Misael Espinosa Puebla - Date of incident: July 14, 2020 – Granma**

Cited by the political police to be interrogated and threatened due to his opposition activities.

## **34. Victim: Juan Lamas Martínez - Date of incident: July 14, 2020 – La Habana**

Harassed and guarded by the political police to prevent him from leaving his home.

## **35. Victim: Librado Linares - Date of incident: July 15, 2020 – Villa Clara**

Arbitrarily detained by the political police for seven hours due to his opposition activities. A cell phone and money he had just collected at Western Union were confiscated.

## **36. Victim: Diosvany Salazar Rodríguez - Date of incident: July 15, 2020 – Guantánamo**

For his political activism -- was in a workshop on human rights at UNPACU Headquarters in Guantánamo when they were besieged by the political police. He was allowed out at 12 p.m.

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## **37. Victim: Celina Osoria Claro - Date of incident: July 15, 2020 – Guantánamo**

For her political activism -- was in a workshop on human rights at UNPACU Headquarters in Guantanamo when they were besieged by the political police. He was allowed out at 12 p.m.

## **38. Victim: Bartolo Cantillo Romero - Date of incident: July 15, 2020 – Guantánamo**

For his political activism -- was in a workshop on human rights at UNPACU Headquarters in Guantanamo when they were besieged by the political police. He was allowed out at 12 p.m.

## **39. Victim: Alexey Brizo La Hera - Date of incident: July 15, 2020 – Guantánamo**

For his political activism -- was in a workshop on human rights at UNPACU Headquarters in Guantanamo when they were besieged by the political police. He was allowed out at 12 p.m.

## **40. Victim: Henry Couto Guzmán - Date of incident: July 15, 2020 – Guantánamo**

For his political activism -- was in a workshop on human rights at UNPACU Headquarters in Guantanamo when they were besieged by the political police. He was allowed out at 12 p.m.

## **41. Victim: Miguel Ángel López Herrera - Date of incident: July 15, 2020 – Guantánamo**

For his political activism -- was in a workshop on human rights at UNPACU Headquarters in Guantanamo when they were besieged by the political police. He was allowed out at 12 p.m.

## **42. Victim: Rolando Mesa Benítez - Date of incident: July 15, 2020 – Guantánamo**

For his political activism -- was in a workshop on human rights at UNPACU Headquarters in Guantanamo when they were besieged by the political police. He was allowed out at 12 p.m.

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## **43. Victim: Yeilis Torres Cruz - Date of incident: July 16, 2020 – La Habana**

She was waiting in line at a store near her home when the delegate lashed out at her. She was arrested and taken to the Siboney PNR in the Playa municipality. There she was the victim of verbal violence, being threatened with prison. She was released at 3:00 pm on July 17, 2020.

## **44. Victim: Rolando Mesa Benítez - Date of incident: July 16, 2020 – Guantánamo**

Due to his political activism, he was summoned to the Park 24 Police Unit, where he was interrogated and threatened by the First Lieutenant of the political police, who calls himself Yosvani, who gave Benítez a Letter of Warning for meeting with "Antisocial and Mercenary Elements" when participating in a workshop on Human Rights. He was also threatened by the State Security Officer, known as Victor and Leonis, to be send to prison because he is on probation and is 6 months away from serving his sentence. Benítez received the offer that if he abandons UNPACU's activism and does not visit The Guantanamo headquarters, where he belongs, he will be "left alone calmly."

## **45. Victim: José Díaz Silva - Date of incident: July 16, 2020 – La Habana**

At 12 p.m. on July 16, he was arrested in Santiago de las Vegas by State Security.

## **46. Victim: Luis Ángel Leyva Domínguez - Date of incident: July 16, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

The political prisoner allegedly negotiated with the political police for his freedom in exchange for leaving the UNPACU organization. He is sentenced to 3 years of deprivation of liberty, for a crime made of pre-criminal social danger.

## **47. Victim: Carlos Manuel Arocha Del Risco - Date of incident: July 17, 2020 – Camagüey**

Coordinator of UNPACU, promoter of Cuba Decide, sentenced to one year of deprivation of liberty for alleged crime of contempt.



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**48. Victim: Marilín Thalia Álvarez - Date of incident: July 17, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

For her political activism she was arrested and brought to the Palace Unit in Santiago de Cuba. There, the political police officers who call themselves Fujichiro and Abdriel beat her. She was threatened by the agent known as Frank, who said if she did not cooperate with them, they would take strong action against her.

**49. Victim: Yoel Bravo López - Date of incident: July 18, 2020 – Villa Clara**

Detained by political police for several hours due to his opposition activities.

**50. Victim: Samuel Leblan - Date of incident: July 19, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

UNPACU activist and promoter of Cuba Decide, political prisoner and prisoner of conscience, was arrested and beaten in the police unit of Siboney, in Santiago de Cuba. Tear gas was thrown during his arrest.

**51. Victim: Osiel Morales - Date of incident: July 19, 2020 – Ciego de Ávila**

He was arrested as he prepared to hold a protest in the city's main area, demanding the freedom of activist Yanelis Deuz Durán.

**52. Victim: Otoniel Cruz Suárez- Date of incident: July 19, 2020 – Ciego de Ávila**

For his political activism he was arbitrarily detained in the Ciego de Avila Terminal by two political police officers who were not identified. He was transferred to the First Police Unit of Ciego de Avila. At the site he was threatened that if he did not leave the UNPACU organization, he would be taken to prison. After being released, he was arrested again and released at 5:00 pm.

**53. Victim: Maykel Osorbo - Date of incident: July 20, 2020 – La Habana**

The activist was arrested by state security agents for a crime "yet to be defined" at the time of his arrest.

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## **54. Victim: Otoniel Cruz - Date of incident: July 21, 2020 – Ciego de Ávila**

Activist Otoniel Cruz Suárez of the organization "Morón Despierta" was arrested and threatened by state security officials, after buying some sunflowers for use during the tribute to Oswaldo Payá and Harold Cepero.

## **55. Victim: Henry Couto - Date of incident: July 21, 2020 - Guantánamo**

He was given a verbal subpoena for the Labor Sector in which he resides. He was informally cited by State Security, who gave him a Warning Letter and then two officers of the State Security arrived, known as Major Sergio and Officer Leony. He was threatened with going to prison at any time, that he could be beaten to death with a wooden bat that the officers had there. He was also told that he could no longer give the workshops to the members of the opposition and it would be a good time to leave the country, or else he would be taken to prison. The activist refused to cooperate and made it clear to them that his only commitment is to the organization, to be a loyal defender of human rights and to always fight for the freedom and democracy of the nation.

## **56. Victim: Richard Zamora - Date of incident: July 21, 2020 - Matanzas**

Given a citation by the political police to be interrogated and threatened due to his opposition activities.

## **57. Victim: Alicia Hernández - Date of incident: July 22, 2020 – Villa Clara**

Alicia Hernández Cabeza, 85, was mistreated and labeled a "hoarder" by police forces when collecting numbers to buy oil. The incident was around 5:10 p.m., at the pan-American store "La Nueva" in Santa Clara.

## **58. Victim: Enrique Mustelier Sosa - Date of incident: July 22, 2020 – Guantánamo**

For his political activism he was informally and verbally given a citation at 8:00 am from the Park 24 Police Unit. Despite not being a formal subpoena, he attends at the appointed time. They gave him a new Warning Letter and threatened to take him to prison. They threatened that all those who made the video on June 20 in the streets were in prison, for they have the power to do what they want and that nothing happens to them. They also forewarned him to take care of himself in the streets because anything could happen and no one would pay for it.

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**59. Victims: José Daniel Ferrer García, Ebert Hidalgo Cruz, Yordanis Chávez Roll, Yordanis Labrada Téllez, Maidolis Oribe Perdomo, Miraida Martin Calderin, Abel Peña - Date of incident: July 22, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

Police and other repressive forces raided the headquarters of UNPACU and the housing of the activists, preventing them from going out and demanding justice in commemoration of the 8th anniversary of the assassination of Oswaldo Payá and Harold Cepero.

**60. Victim: Henry Couto Guzmán - Date of incident: July 23, 2020 – Guantánamo**

He was arbitrarily detained for his political activism when he went with his mother to make the change of address in the area where the identity card, passport and transit offices are. There, he was arrested by two uniformed police officers, driving him in patrol car 600 to the Park 24 Police Unit. There was the State Security Officer calling himself Victor Victor and another State Security Officer who did not identify himself; these officers did not speak to him. The one who questioned him was the Lieutenant Colonel known as Ermileidy, head of the Unit. He told them that they had an order to arrest him for an alleged crime or a 2018 fine, but that fine is paid. Then they filed an official statement of criminal activities. He was detained for 4 hours from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**61. Victim: Diosvany Salazar Rodríguez - Date of incident: July 23, 2020 – Guantánamo**

He was arbitrarily detained on Los Maceos and Avenida streets for his political activism by 4 State Security agents who call themselves: Víctor Víctor, Kevin, Leony and an unidentified officer. In a white vehicle with a private plate, they went to the zone of Paraguay near the airport. There they took off Rodríguez's shoes and threw them into a restricted area full of marabou and they threatened that if he came to pick them up and was took too long, they would call the containment guards to accuse them of illegally leaving the country. There he was threatened that he would be beaten if he was seen leaving the UNPACU headquarters in Guantánamo. They also threatened that they would shoot him if he did not speak poorly via video about the National Leader of the UNPACU, promoter of Cuba Decide and former political prisoner José Daniel Ferrer García, and the Guantánamo coordinator Bartolo Cantillo which he declined to do. However, under force they made him take a photo with them and then try to create conditions within the opposition. They stole a Samsung cell phone and 50 CUC, in cash. He was detained for three hours.

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## **62. Victim: Enrique Mustelier Sosa - Date of incident: July 23, 2020 – Guantánamo**

He was arrested in the streets of Moncada and Pintó for his political activism by state security officers who call themselves Victor and Luis Angel, who threatened him with his hands tied tightly behind his back, damaging his wrists, they hit his head against patrol car 608 and a he suffered blow to the leg. He also had 35 CUC and 20 CUPs stolen. He was threatened with death and no one would pay for it unless he abandons activism and if he did not stop meeting with antisocial and mercenary people. From the 23rd to the 28th he went on hunger strike in protest against the thefts, outrages, humiliation and arbitrary detentions to which peaceful opponents are being subjected by the repressive members of State Security. Due to health problems, he suspended the strike on the 5th day.

## **63. Victim: Alexey Brizo La Hera - Date of incident: July 23, 2020 – Guantánamo**

He was arrested in Pedro A. Pérez and 2 South streets for his political activism by two state security agents. They put him in a vehicle with a particular badge and took him to the highway in the town of Rio Frio more than 10 km from the city of Guantanamo. They stole 30 CUC and threatened to put him in jail if he did not leave UNPACU, and they warned him to watch out for himself because an accident could happen to him and no one would be held accountable. Then they left him more than 10 km from his home. Released at 10:00 p.m.

## **64. Victim: Miguel Ángel López Herrera - Date of incident: July 23, 2020 – Guantánamo**

He was arrested in Pedro A. Pérez and 2 South streets in between Emilio Giró and Crombet for his political activism by state security officers known as Victor Victor and two PNR police officers, and driven in a patrol car to the Park Police Unit 24. Then they took him 10 km down the national highway to a place known as the Río Salado where they put him indoors. There state security officials stripped him of all his belongings (clothes, shoes). The minion Victor Victor stole 30 CUC and threatened him with that he had to pay it, that they were the ones who sent for him, and that they were going to kill him if he was still in opposition or visiting UNPACU Headquarters in Guantanamo, because they were all going to end up in jail. After the many threats, they left him stranded 10 km from the city of Guantanamo with no money, no clothes and no shoes. Since then, he has been on hunger strike in protest against the thefts, outrages, humiliation and arbitrary detentions to which peaceful opponents are being subjected by the repressive organs of State Security.

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**65. Victim: Rolando Mesa Rodríguez- Date of incident: July 23, 2020 – Guantánamo**

For his political activism he was arbitrarily detained by two state security officers and two uniformed policemen. He was transported in a patrol car several kilometers down the national highway and took him to an estate of the MININT where they threatened that they were going to hit him. They stole 20 CUC from him. They also took away his pants and shoes. He had to return to his home on his own in those same conditions in which he was left.

**66. Victim: Ebert Hidalgo Cruz - Date of incident: July 24, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

Arbitrarily detained on leaving UNPACU headquarters, driven in a police patrol car to the #2 police unit, and questioned by the political police officer who calls himself Frank. He was fined 100 CUP for crossing the police fence at the headquarters since July 13, and threatened with going to prison with his son Evert Luis Hidalgo. Released after 6 hours.

**67. Victim: Yanelis Deuz Duran - Date of incident: July 24, 2020 – Ciego de Ávila**

Reported in critical condition, her health is deteriorating, she has had hemodialysis due to having difficulties with her kidneys, due to a thirst strike.

**68. Victim: José Díaz Silva - Date of incident: July 24, 2020 – La Habana**

His home was raided by police without a search warrant, removing his TV, machines, tools, electronic equipment, among other items.

**69. Victim: Alexis La O Barthelemy - Date of incident: July 24, 2020 – La Habana**

While he was passing through the streets of Angeles and Estrella, a team of police arbitrarily detained him due to his political activism, and took him to the Zanja PNR Unit, where he remained for 48 hours. Released on the 26th at 4:30 pm with a fine of 2000 pesos MN and threatened with taking him to prison for propensity of dangerousness.



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## **70. Victim: Diosvany Salazar Rodríguez - Date of incident: July 24, 2020 – Guantánamo**

He was arrested in the streets of Moncada and Pintó for his political activism by state security officers Victor Víctor and Luis Angel. They placed him in a highway patrol car, put a hood on him, and took him along the national highway to the town of Río Frío, more than 10 km from the city of Guantánamo. There they put him near a hill where they stole 200 CUP from him and they threatened again that they would arrest him and give him a beating if they saw him leaving the UNPACU headquarters in Guantánamo or if he was seen near or in its surroundings. In addition to the fact that if he did not abandon the UNPACU and its counterrevolutionary activities, they would raid him and take everything of importance to him. Then they left him in that place.

## **71. Victim: Ernesto Pérez - Date of incident: July 26, 2020 – Las Tunas**

UNPACU activist, promoter of Cuba Decide was arbitrarily detained by repressive forces, brutally beaten, was taken to the criminal investigation unit, unjustly accused by the political police of receiving beef. He is on a hunger strike. His family is threatened by the authorities, without internet service or mobile phone service.

## **72. Victim: Alain Toledano Valiente - Date of incident: July 26, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

An act of repudiation occurred in front of the pastor's church. Neighbors were summoned to threaten and harass the church body. To the point of being able to end up in a fight over the provocations of the neighbors, all in front of children and the church. Valiente was also publicly repudiated with offenses and saying that the church was counterrevolutionary and that the pastor was also.

## **73. Victim: Rosmelis Hernández - Date of incident: July 27, 2020 – La Habana**

Maykel Osorbo and his partner Rosmelis Hernandez were threatened by a state security official they would be stripped of custody of their 4-year-old daughter.

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## **74. Victim: Maykel Osorbo - Date of incident: July 27, 2020 – La Habana**

Maykel Osorbo and his partner Rosmelis Hernandez were threatened by a state security official they would be stripped of custody of their 4-year-old daughter.

## **75. Victim: Yadisley Rodríguez - Date of incident: July 27, 2020 - Guantánamo**

Arbitrarily detained by the political police for 5 hours due to opposition activities. All working instruments were confiscated.

## **76. Victim: Evert Luis Hidalgo Ladrón de Guevara - Date of incident: July 27, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

Because of his political activism, in the morning hours he was intercepted on the public road, on the corner of the headquarters, by the State Security official calling himself Michel, he told him that he could not enter the headquarters.

## **77. Victim: Otoniel Cruz Suárez - Date of incident: July 28, 2020 – Ciego de Ávila**

Unjustly detained on the road, led to the first police unit, threatened with being taken to prison for his political activism, he was detained for approximately 4 hours, locked in a cell.

## **78. Victim: Gladis Capote - Date of incident: July 28, 2020 – La Habana**

Arrested and fined 2,000 pesos for participating in a tribute to Oswaldo Payá and Harold Cepero in the bust of José Martí, in the neighborhood of Párraga.

## **79. Victim: Yosvany Martínez - Date of incident: July 28, 2020 – La Habana**

For his political activism he was arrested in his home at 4:00 pm and transferred to the Managua PNR Unit where he remained under interrogation for more than 4 hours. Released at 8:30 pm with a fine of 2000 CUP.

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## **80. Victim: José Antonio Torres - Date of incident: July 29, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

An analyst at the Granma, arrested at 12:35 am, as he left UNPACU Headquarters which has been under siege since July 13, preventing activists and supporters from entering and leaving.

## **81. Victim: Yordanis Chávez Roll - Date of incident: July 29, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

Arbitrarily detained upon leaving UNPACU headquarters, driven in a police patrol to the unit #2, fined 150 CUP for crossing the police fence preventing entry to the headquarters, threatened with prison for non-payment of arbitrary fines, released after 7 hours of detention.

## **82. Victims: Abel Peña Carvajal, José Daniel Ferrer García, Ebert Hidalgo Cruz, Miraida Martín Calderín, Yordanis Labrada Téllez, Maidolis Oribe Perdomo - Date of incident: July 29, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

Police officers have been at UNPACU Headquarters since July 13, and have harassed, harassed, threatened and raided it and the homes of activists since this morning with other repressive agents to prevent arrival at the headquarters to congratulate the leader on his birthday.

## **83. Victim: Osvaldo Mendoza Ferriol - Date of incident: July 29, 2020 – Granma**

For his political activism he was violently arrested, in the Circunvalación de Caimares, on his way to the hospital of Manzanillo Celia Sánchez Manduley to see his mother,, who is just operated on and hospitalized, when several repressors violently lashed out at him and took him away for the Manzanillo PNR Unit. He hasn't received medical assistance. From that day on, he started a hunger strike.

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**84. Victim: Franklin García Rubio - Date of incident: July 29, 2020 – Guantánamo**

Since the 24th, he has been the victim of surveillance, persecution, harassment and threat by the political police officers who call themselves Logan, Alfredo and Montalvo. They have demanded that he remove himself from the opposition or he would be fined 3000 pesos and to be deported to Sagua de Tánamo.

**85. Victim: María de las Mercedes Barbier - Date of incident: July 29, 2020 – Guantánamo**

Since the 24th, he has been the victim of surveillance, persecution, harassment and threat by the political police officers who call themselves Logan, Alfredo and Montalvo. They have demanded that he remove himself from the opposition or he would be fined 3000 pesos and to be deported to Sagua de Tánamo.

**86. Victim: Osvaldo Mendoza - Date of incident: July 30, 2020 – Granma**

UNPACU activist, promoter of Cuba Decide, remains in police custody, is in a cell in the national police unit in Manzanillo, badly beaten and without receiving medical assistance and on hunger strike.

**87. Victim: Roberto Riverí - Date of incident: July 31, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

For his political activism he was arrested leaving the Headquarters of Los Maceos by political police and police officers of the PNR, and transferred for the Second Unit of PNR in Santiago de Cuba, known as El Palacete. He was fined arbitrarily 100 CUP and threatened by Agent Abdriel to be taken to prison if he did not leave the opposition. He was released at 4:00pm.

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**88. Victim: Ángel Armando Hinojosa - Date of incident: July 31, 2020 – Santiago de Cuba**

For his political activism he was arrested leaving the Headquarters of Los Maceos by political police and police officers of the PNR, and transferred for the Second Unit of PNR in Santiago de Cuba, known as El Palacete. He was fined arbitrarily 100 CUP and threatened by Agent Abdriel to be taken to prison if he did not leave the opposition. He was released at 4:00pm.

**89. Victim: Camila Acosta - Date of incident: July 31, 2020 – La Habana**

The journalist of CubaNet was arbitrarily detained by the political police for seven hours, due to her journalistic activities.

**90. Victim: Osmani Mendoza - Date of incident: July 31, 2020 – Granma**

For his political activism he was violently arrested in the terminal of Bartolomé Masó and transferred to the PNR of Manzanillo in the Granma province, where he is being detained so far. No family member has had access to see him.



# Appreciation and Thanks

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