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"Official institutions and ill-willed mass organizations, created by power, exercise, as directly as possible, over the rest of society, greater control and direct repression. Together with State Security (political police), they form the gear of this sinister mechanism. They seek not only the control of the individual but also the annulment of any expression of inner freedom", Oswaldo Payá

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September 15, 2020

The Complaints Center of the Pan-American Democracy Foundation (FDP) found a pattern of harassment and persecution against independent activists, political opponents, communicators, artists and others.

In August 2020, it was verified that at least **138** incidents were committed in Cuba. Of the total reported cases, **74** correspond to arbitrary arrests in an effort to neutralize the work of dissenting actors by State security forces; these arrests did not comply with due process procedures.

11 police subpoenas were received throughout the month by different activists from UNPACU and promoters of Cuba Decide, as well as independent citizens, throughout the country. This was used as an opportunity for security agencies to take advantage and threaten victims and even assault them, according to the various testimonies we received, in instances aimed at reducing the capacity of citizen action.

Another common sanctioning practice, on the part of the authorities, is the pecuniary impositions that are required of citizens. During the month, at least **20 fines were registered**, where the sanctions range from 30 to 3,000 pesos in national currency, which on average this month is around 819 pesos for those affected.

Two acts of repudiation were registered, one suffered by Alain Toledano, pastor of the Emanuel Church, in Santiago de Cuba, and his family. Another case occurred in the city of Las Tunas, where Ernesto Rivery, UNPACU activist and promoter of Cuba Decide, suffered the vandalization of the front of his house after painting some posters on his front door. These are worrying actions that endanger the integrity and life of anyone who has a critical opinion, as well as that of their families.

The health of the citizen Maikel Herrera Bones, activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, is of particular concern. He was arrested on April 16 at his home in the municipality of Guardiola, in San Miguel del Padrón, Havana, for a crime (according to the authorities) that he committed after demonstrating publicly and in a peaceful manner against the Cuban regime, due to frequent power cuts that take place in his area of residence.

He was initially accused by the police of "contempt", however, the trial was adjourned, and has not yet been held to date of the submission of this request; also, the charge was changed to "attacking" which, according to the Cuban Penal Code, the accused could be sentenced to 3-8 years in prison.

Within days of the temporary suspension of his trial, he had to be admitted to the hospital of the police unit known as 100 and Aldabó, due to the deterioration of his health.

Maikel Herrera, is **diagnosed with HIV/AIDS**, and needs proper medical treatment given his condition.

Today he is imprisoned in the prison of Goines municipality, in the province of Mayabeque, 57 kilometers from his residence in Havana.

Today, after more than 130 days without being subjected to trial, the activist demands his transfer to the IPK Hospital in Havana, where there are HIV-AIDS specialists who could treat him properly.

Through a phone call, the activist reported that he has over 30 boils and rashes on his body, further demonstrating that he is not receiving adequate medical care that is needed considering his status as an HIV patient and despite the fact that the prison in the which is being held is for HIV-AIDS carriers.

A request for Precautionary Measure has been issued to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), since his rights to life and personal integrity are at serious risk, due to an illegitimate measure of deprivation of liberty.



Maikel Herrera Bones (photo)

Yosvany Arostegui Armentero, died on Friday, August 7 at the Amalia Simoni Hospital in Camagüey, after 40 days on a hunger strike. The activist had been sentenced to 15 years in prison for two crimes, of which he always pleaded innocent. His death generated repercussions at the international level, being covered by various media. Even the United States government publicly sent condolences to the activist's family.



Yosvany Arostegui (photo)

The events that occurred within this past month, urgently warn of the intensification of harassment patterns used to intimidate and criminalize the work of leaders and organizations of opposition and independent civil society in Cuba, which are mentioned below:

- Arbitrary arrests.
- Surveillance, intimidation and harassment.
- Attacks on freedom and personal integrity.
- Life-threatening attacks and personal safety.
- Threats from public complaints.
- Criminalization of official organizations.
- Arbitrary arrests, attacks and intimidation against journalists and other communicators.
- Social control over the victim.
- Attacks on human rights activists and promoters.



● Mens (105) ● Women (38)

Testimony

“The Cuban dictatorship, in its impotence, has attacked my family and the Emanuel church that we attend, with very violent acts of repudiation in front of our house and in front of the church, even in full worship. Posters with photos of my daughters and my marriage appeared throughout the city of Santiago de Cuba, with slanderous and discrediting stories. There were also attacks on social networks to my underage daughters by official journalists, but despite everything, God keeps us standing and holding our heads high. The Emanuel church already has more than 1,150 disciples, and we will not stop to help Cuba through Christ, and fight for a free homeland”.

Pastor **Alain Toledano (photo)**, Santiago de Cuba

Victim of an act of repudiation on August 5, 2020



Cases received

Victim: Yosvany Martinez - Date of Incident: August 1, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), arrested for his political activism, at home, by the political police and the PNR. He was transferred to the Managua PNR Unit and then taken to the Capri Unit, where he was under interrogation for five hours. He was fined 2000 Cuban pesos and threatened with imprisonment. Victim of verbal violence. Released at 9:00 p.m. on the same day.

Victim: Cosme Damian Dominguez - Date of Incident: August 2, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), threatened with prison for his political activism. Two political police repressors appeared at their home around 10:00 a.m. and inflicted verbal violence.

Victim: Ernesto Rivery - Date of Incident: August 2, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), arrested on the street at 9:00 am and transferred to the second police unit in Santiago de Cuba, known as El Palacete, where he was interrogated by the political police. An officer calling himself Abdriel, threatened him with prison. He was fined 100.00MN. He was released at 3:00 p.m.

Victim: Angel Hinojosa - Date of Incident: August 2, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), arrested on the street at 9:00 am and transferred to the second police unit in Santiago de Cuba, known as El Palacete, where he was interrogated by the political police. An officer calling himself Abdriel, threatened him with prison. He was fined 100.00MN. He was released at 3:00 p.m.

Victim: Geovel Hernandez - Date of Incident: August 3, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), arbitrarily detained when he was passing through the Virgen del Camino. Transferred to the Eleventh Unit of the PNR in San Miguel del Padrón. There, he was threatened with prison for his political activism. Released at 9:00 pm.

Victim: Aneski Jiménez - Date of Incident: August 3, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), arbitrarily detained when she was passing through the Virgen del Camino and transferred to the Guanabacoa PNR Unit. There she was threatened with being taken to prison for her political activism. Released at 9:30 pm.

Victim: Roilán Alvarez - Date of Incident: August 3, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), given a prosecutor's request with criminal charges that amount to one year and six months of deprivation of liberty. The transmitting agent alleges that he had 5 business days to obtain a lawyer and complete the paperwork before being brought to trial again. The victim states that he is not looking for a lawyer because he has not committed any crime.

Victim: Zaida Ortiz - Date of Incident: August 3, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

She was violently arrested by four political police officers and two from the PNR as she left UNPACU's headquarters at Calle 9 in Altamira. She was taken to one of the police headquarters and threatened there for assisting at the UNPACU headquarters. She was released at 2:30 p.m.

Victim: Pedro Armando Junco - Date of Incident: August 3, 2020 - Havana

Pedro Junco López, a writer from Camaguey, was expelled from the Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba (UNEAC), after publishing an open letter to Díaz-Canel criticizing the economic measures of

the regime. According to the writer, the measure must be acted upon in frank contradiction with the principles, statutes and regulations of UNEAC.

Victim: Esteban Rodríguez - Date of Incident: August 3, 2020 - Havana

The police, together with State Security, detained Mr. Rodríguez at his home, and took him to the Cotorro police unit, as he was going to support a family that suffered a collapse of their home, in their municipality, and the people had been on the street for 3 days and the government had not yet assisted them. He was attended by a Tte. Colonel from Villa Marista who threatened him because of his relationship with Maikel Osorbo. They released him on August 5.

Victim: Maykel Castillo - Date of Incident: August 3, 2020 - Havana

Rapper Maykel Castillo, a member of the San Isidro Movement, was arrested on the night of August 3, while chatting with a friend at Parque del Cristo in Old Havana. He was detained for forty-eight hours.

Victim: José Luis Acosta - Date of Incident: August 3, 2020 - Camaguey

The activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), José Luis Acosta, was detained for 9 days, after posting a meme on his social networks, with a caricature of the governor of Camaguey.

Victim: Roberto Pérez - Date of Incident: August 4, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), arrested on his way out of his home by political police and the PNR. He was transferred to the Aguilera Unit on October 10. There he was threatened with prison for his political activism.

Victim: Yordan Mariño Fernández - Date of incident: August 4, 2020 - Holguín

The house of the President of the Opposition Movement for a New Republic (MOPNR), woke up surrounded by police officers, who did not allow him or his wife to leave the home.

Victims: Alain Toledano, Sergio Ceiro - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

The Cuban government has put up posters everywhere spreading the moral integrity of a family in the public light. Trying to discredit the family of Pastor Alain Toledano and Sergio Ceiro.

Victims: José Daniel Ferrer, Maidolis Oribe, Yordanis Labrada, Miraida Martín, Ebert Hidalgo - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

The UNPACU headquarters has been under a police siege for several days, preventing the entry of activists. The homes of some members of the organization were threatened, due to the anniversary of the “Maleconazo”.

Victim: Ismael Boris Reñí - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was unable to leave his house, due to his political activism from 6:00 am., since his home was guarded by the police, on the anniversary of the Maleconazo. The police withdrew at 7:00 pm.

Victim: María Josefa Acón - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was unable to leave her house, due to her political activism from 6:00 am., since her home was guarded by the police, on the anniversary of the Maleconazo. The police withdrew at 7:00 pm.

Victim: Zaqueo Báez - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was unable to leave his house, due to his political activism from 6:00 am., since his home was guarded by the police, on the anniversary of the Maleconazo. The police withdrew at 7:00 pm.

Victim: Gladis Capote Roque - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was unable to leave her house, due to her political activism from 6:00 am., since her home was guarded by the police, on the anniversary of the Maleconazo. The police withdrew at 7:00 pm.

Victim: Diosvany Salazar - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Guantanamo

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), harassed for his political activism, through repeated phone calls by State Security, who have threatened that if he attends UNPACU's headquarters at Guantanamo, he will be beaten to death; also, that they will throw him in a restricted area, so that it looks like he wanted to leave the country.

Victim: Otoniel Cruz - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Ciego de Avila

Activist of the Morón Despierta Movement, member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), who was at Máximo Gómez Park at 9:00 am, when a patrol with number 322 appeared with three policemen. One of them got off and told him he couldn't be there, offended him by calling him a "Counter-Revolutionary," claiming that the street and parks are for revolutionaries and threatened that he would be fined and arrested if they saw him again there.

Victim: Yanniris Popa de la Cruz - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), intercepted on her way home, when a political police officer, who called himself Abdriel, threatened her with fines and arrest if she continued to work at the UNPACU headquarters.

Victim: Iliana Hernández - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Havana

The freelance journalist was harassed and threatened by political police, noting that if she left her home she would be arrested. This incident occurred on the 26th anniversary of the "Maleconazo".

Victim: Luis Manuel Otero - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Havana

The independent artist was harassed and threatened with arrest if he left his home by the political police. This incident occurred on the 26th anniversary of the “Maleconazo”.

Victim: Jesús Sánchez Romero - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Granma

The activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, was detained for 48 hours outside his province, brutally beaten, suffering a contusion to one eye, and he was also fined 1,000 CUP. They confiscated 9 liters of oil that he transferred legally to another province to exchange it for rice.

Victim: Arianna Lopez - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Villa Clara

They also raided his house without a warrant, where they stole his printer, computer, telephone and all his yellow clothes. Activists from the Academy and the community were demonstrating over a six-hour blackout in the Placetas municipality, Villa Clara province.

Victim: Didier Almagro - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Villa Clara

The member of the Julio Machado Academy, and artist, better known as "Nacho", was arrested at home and transferred to the State Security Operations Center "UPOC", in Santa Clara. Academy and community activists were demonstrating for a six-hour blackout in Placetas Municipality, Villa Clara Province.

Victim: Nidia Goods - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Villa Clara

The member of the Julio Machado Academy, was arrested at her home and transferred to the State Security Operations Center "UPOC", in Santa Clara. Activists from the academy and community were demonstrating for a six-hour blackout in Placetas Municipality, Villa Clara Province.

Victim: Janny Corrales del Rio - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Villa Clara

The member of the Julio Machado Academy, was arrested at her home and transferred to the State Security Operations Center "UPOC", in Santa Clara. Activists from the academy and community were demonstrating for a six-hour blackout in Placetas Municipality, Villa Clara Province.

Victim: Gladys Paseiro - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Villa Clara

The member of the Julio Machado Academy, was arrested at her home and transferred to the State Security Operations Center "UPOC", in Santa Clara. Activists from the academy and community were demonstrating for a six-hour blackout in Placetas Municipality, Villa Clara Province.

Victim: Hector Valdés - Date of Incident: August 5, 2020 - Havana

The freelance journalist was arrested and transferred to the Zanja police unit. They kept him from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the police unit.

Victim: Javier Rodriguez - Date of Incident: August 6, 2020 - Havana

Arrested by political police in retaliation for being the son of a Dama de Blanco. Later, on August 12, the Municipal Court of Arroyo Naranjo, in La Palma, sentenced Javier Rodríguez, son of the Dama de Blanco and former political prisoner Yolanda Santana, to a non-existent crime of "possession of a knife".

Victim: Alberto Váldez Alfaro - Date of Incident: August 6, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), arrested and taken to the PNR de Aguilera Unit, in the Municipality of Diez de Octubre. There he was threatened to be taken to prison and fined 30.00MN. He was released at 1:45 p.m. the next day.

Victim: Barbara Sanchez - Date of Incident: August 7, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), summoned to the Aguilera PNR Unit where she remained for three hours with threats of being taken to prison for her political activism.

Victim: José Díaz Silva - Date of Incident: August 7, 2020 - Havana

Mr. Diaz was arrested and beaten; also, his cell phone was taken away and was dropped into a vat of acid. He was handcuffed for two hours inside the patrol car in the sun and with the windows closed. Within two hours, he was taken to the police unit in Santiago de las Vegas. He was released at 11 a.m. He was threatened for his political activism.

Victim: Alberto Aguilar - Date of Incident: August 7, 2020 - Havana

The activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) was summoned by political police to be interrogated and threatened because of his opposition activities. He has been pressured to leave UNPACU's activism, otherwise he will be taken to prison.

Victim: Lázara Sánchez - Date of Incident: August 7, 2020 - Havana

The activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) was summoned by political police to be interrogated and threatened because of her opposition activities. She is pressured to leave UNPACU's activism if she is not taken to prison.

Victim: Yoel Bravo López - Date of Incident: August 8, 2020 - Villa Clara

The leader of the Youth Awakens opposition movement was arbitrarily detained by political police because of his opposition activities.

Victim: Yosvany Arostegui - Date of Incident: August 8, 2020 - Camaguey

UNPACU activist, Yosvany Arostegui, passed away after 40 long, cruel days of hunger strike at Camaguey Prison. He died at Amalia Simoni Hospital. He was in prison because he had been punished for the alleged crime of assault on his ex-wife.

Victim: Jorge Félix de los Reyes - Date of Incident: August 9, 2020 - Guantanamo

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was arrested outside the Yumurí store, while standing in line and was taken to the Zanja Police Unit. There he was threatened with being taken to prison for his political activism. He was released on August 10 at 2:00 pm.

Victim: Otoniel Cruz Suarez - Date of Incident: August 10, 2020 - Ciego de Avila

Activist of the Morón Despierta Movement, a member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was threatened for his political activism, by means of two State Security agents, who went to his home investigating and blaming him at the same time, for some posters that appeared in Ciego de Ávila. They threatened that if more posters against the "Revolution" appeared, he would be charged and taken to prison.

Victim: Yeilis Torres Cruz - Date of Incident: August 10, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), for his political activism, his home was besieged by the political police and the PNR, around 3:00 pm on the birthday of dictator, Fidel Castro. He experienced harassment until the 14th at 8:30 am.

Victim: Erlis Rodriguez - Date of Incident: August 10, 2020 - Guantanamo

Arrested at the Toa checkpoint in Baracoa, by 5 members of the National Police, when she was going to Camaguey. The young activist was transferred to the police unit, where she was fined 2000 Cuban pesos.

Victim: Maykel Castillo - Date of Incident: August 10, 2020 - Havana

The rapper and activist, was arrested in his neighborhood in Old Havana, by special forces of the Ministry of the Interior. He was released within a few hours.

Victim: Angel Castro - Date of Incident: August 11, 2020 - Havana

The young 25-year-old delegate from the Movement Opposers for a New Republic (MOPNR), and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, was arbitrarily detained and spent 5 days under arrest at the Vivac Detention and Deportation Center. He was accused of "contempt" by the police chief of the sector. There he went on a hunger strike and was released under precautionary measure.

Finally, on Friday, August 28, the Court of Diez de Octubre, in a very high trial, where he was barred from filing a lawyer, he was given a one-year sentence for deprivation of liberty for the alleged crime of "contempt"

Victim: Juan Carlos Almaguer - Date of Incident: August 11, 2020 - Holguin

The activist of the Christian Liberation Movement (MCL) was harassed and threatened by the political police. They would confiscate his farm, his lands and his means of work if he continued visiting former political prisoner, Eduardo Cardet.

Victim: Onel Naples - Date of Incident: August 11, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was detained at his home and transferred to the Second Unit of the PNR in Santiago de Cuba, known as El Palacete. There he was threatened by the repressors of the political police Abdriel, the first and second of "Enfrentamiento", Lieutenant Colonel, who call themselves Lázaro and Wilder respectively. They threatened to jail him for putting up posters against the "Revolution." Later they took him to his home, where they searched

his belongings without presenting any search warrant. They stole one cell phone that belonged to his son and two white sheets. Released at 11:00 pm.

Victim: Eralidis Frómeta - Date of Incident: August 12, 2020 - Havana

The Dama de Blanco, and member of the DELIBERA organization, was arrested by the police, and severely beaten. She was accused of "Public Disorders."

Victim: Lazarus Valley - Date of Incident: August 12, 2020 - Havana

The freelance journalist was arrested by police, who accuse him of public disorder. He was brutally beaten by police officers, so he had to be transferred to Calixto García Hospital.

Victim: Ulysses Reyes - Date of Incident: August 12, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Police showed up at the home of Ulysses Reyes Ramos' mother, activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), the promoter was not home, but officers threatened his mother telling her that her son would be arrested for hanging posters next to Onel Naples.

Victim: María Josefa Acon - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Havana

The Coordinator of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), member of Las Damas de Blanco and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, denounced the harassment by the State Security against her and her husband, the Vice Coordinador of UNPACU, Zaqueo Báez through social networks. Their home was besieged by police, where they were threatened with arrest if they left their home.

Victim: José Díaz Silva - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Havana

The President of the Opposition Movement for a New Republic (MOPNR) was harassed and threatened with arrest if he left his home.

Victim: Lourdes Esquivel - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Havana

The Dama de Blanco was harassed and threatened by police to be arrested if she left her home.

Victim: Rolando Meza - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Guantanamo

Member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), summoned to the Municipal Court of Guantanamo. He is on probation and owes 5 months' sentence. The prosecutor, along with the political police, are threatening to revoke his parole if he does not withdraw from UNPACU or stop visiting UNPACU's Guantanamo headquarters.

Victim: Ismael Bori Reñí - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Havana

On the day of dictator Fidel Castro's birthday, member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was harassed for his political activism. Beginning at 6:00am, his home was besieged by the police and he was unable to leave his home until 4:00 p.m.

Victim: Meraida Martín - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

On the day of dictator Fidel Castro's birthday, member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was harassed for her political activism. Beginning at 6:00am, her home was besieged by the police and she was unable to leave his home until 7:00 p.m.

Victim: José Daniel Ferrer García - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, continues to be harassed for his political activism, since 8:00 am his home was besieged by the police, on the anniversary of the birth of the late dictator Fidel Castro. He was only able to leave his home at 12:00 pm.

Victim: Ovid Martín Castellanos - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, continues to be harassed for his political activism, since 8:00 am his home was besieged by the police, on the anniversary of the birth of the late dictator Fidel Castro. He was only able to leave his home at 12:00 pm.

Victim: Maydolis Oribe - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

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Victim: Abel Peña - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Guantanamo

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, continues to be harassed for his political activism, since 8:00 am his home was besieged by the police, on the anniversary of the birth of the late dictator Fidel Castro. He was only able to leave his home at 12:00 pm.

Victim: Ana Iris Miranda Leyva - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Holguin

Due to their political activism since 6:00 am and for the rest of the day, the Miranda Leyva family was been surrounded and harassed by State Security and its violent rapid response groups. The rapid response groups, in a state of intoxication, banged loudly on the doors and windows of the house to terrorize their two children, this was on birthday of the late Fidel Castro. They left the Leyva residence at 6:00 pm.

Victim: Fernando Ismael Peña - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Las Tunas

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was arrested by political police and taken to the police station of Las Tunas. There he was given a warning letter which he did not sign. He received a threat that if any robberies occurred in the area where he lived, he would be arrested. He was released at 11:00 p.m.

Victim: Celina Osoria Claro - Date of incident: August 13, 2020 - Guantanamo

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was harassed for her political activism. From 6:00am, her home was besieged by the police, at the end of the day which was late dictator Fidel Castro's birthday. He was able to leave his home at 12:00 p.m.

Victim: Bartolo Cantillo - Date of Incident: August 13, 2020 - Guantanamo

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was harassed for his political activism. From 8:00am, his home was besieged by the police, at the end of the day which was late dictator Fidel Castro's birthday. He was able to leave his home at 12:00 p.m.

Victim: Yolanda Carmenate - Date of Incident: August 14, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of Cuba Decide, was arrested by the political police in Santiago de Cuba, after visiting the main headquarters of UNPACU, with the aim of obtaining painkillers for her son, who does not receive care medical and has health problems. She was detained at the bus terminal, where she was beaten by police officers, who stole 20 CUC that the activist was carrying in addition to her son's medicines.

Victim: Manuel Velázquez - Date of Incident: August 15, 2020 - Mayabeque

The delegate of the Opposition Movement for a New Republic (MOPNR) was arrested by the police, who transferred him to the station of San José de las Lajas.

Victim: Fernando González - Date of Incident: August 16, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was arrested by political police officer Adriel on his way to UNPACU National Headquarters in Santiago de Cuba. He was transferred in a patrol car to the second police station, known as the El Palecete. They threatened him, saying that he can't be at UNPACU headquarters and, if he continues to frequent the facility, they're going to stop him every day. He was given an arbitrary fine for not signing the 1.50 MN forfeiture document that was stolen from him.

Victim: Jesús Manuel Dupotey - Date of Incident: August 16, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was arrested by political police officer Abdriel. He told him that he could not go to UNPACU Headquarters in Santiago de Cuba and threatened to have him under surveillance because he has defaced the police fence they have around there several times, according to him. He also threatened to apply Decree Law 141. He stayed inside a patrol car throughout the arrest.

Victim: Bartolo Cantillo - Date of Incident: August 17, 2020 - Guantanamo

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, was arrested on Moncada Street by three State Security officers, known as Kevin, Lionis and Luis Angel, as well as two uniformed officers. He was beaten and put into patrol car #602 and taken to the Park 24 Police Unit. There he was questioned and threatened by the Chief known as José, who fined him 30.00 MN, for public disorder, made him a warning letter, and opened a case of dangerousness for him. He was verbally subpoenaed for the 20th at 8:00am and told that he

would be tracked for six months, and if he did not improve his conduct, he would be taken to prison for dangerousness.

Victim: Daniel Alfaro Frias - Date of Incident: August 18, 2020 - Havana

Summoned to the delegation of Agriculture, where he is threatened with having his farm taken away.

Victim: Maykel Castillo - Date of Incident: August 18, 2020 - Havana

The rapper, and activist, was arrested for several hours after being arrested by police in his neighborhood, after demanding the release of humanitarian aid held in the Port of Mariel.

Victim: Anibal Riviaux - Date of Incident: August 19, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, was detained at his home by the political police agent Frank and two uniformed policemen and was transferred to the Palacete. There he was threatened and told that UNPACU activists were not going to be allowed to take to the streets on August 24, on the organization's ninth anniversary, much less on September 8, which is the call for the Sunflower Revolution. He was released at 12:00 pm.

Victim: Otoniel Cruz - Date of Incident: August 19, 2020 - Ciego de Avila

Member of the Morón Despierta political movement, he was cited for his political activism, when he was traveling through the boulevard de Ciego de Avila, at 9:00 am, when patrol car #380 and two political police officers on motorcycles, held him to verbally subpoena him for the 20th of August to the first Unit, he replied that he will not attend unless it was an official subpoena.

Victim: Osmel Aguilera - Date of Incident: August 19, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was arrested on public roads and taken to the Calabazar station, where repressors threatened to take him to prison for his political activism. He was released at 9:00 a.m. the next day.

Victim: Otoniel Cruz - Date of Incident: August 20, 2020 - Ciego de Avila

A member of the Moron Despierta political movement, he received a phone call from a political police officer, telling him that if he did not report to the First police unit, he would go looking for him, and accused him of contempt of authority. He replied again that he will not attend unless with an official subpoena.

Victim: Omar Portieles - Date of Incident: August 20, 2020 - Matanzas

The member of the Democratic Freedom Movement for Cuba was arrested on August 20 and transferred to the Pedro Betancourt Police Barracks in Matanzas. His his previous sentence of 1 year of correctional work without internment was revoked. He was declared by Prisoners Defenders as "Prisoner of Conscience".

Victim: Yaniel Tejeda - Date of Incident: August 21, 2020 - Sancti Spíritus

The activist of the United Anti-State Forum (FANTU) was arrested after a quote that reads "I love Cuba, I hate its system" was tattooed on his neck. The State Security threatened the activist saying they would "[cut] off his head and [give] it to the dogs."

Victim: Xiomelys Padilla - Date of Incident: August 21, 2020 - Cienfuegos

The activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba, was arrested at their post, being wrongly charged with the crime of stealing a fan in the hospital where they work. When they was arrested at their job, they were beaten by Officer Julio César with the badge #169644.

Victim: Yoandris Betancourt - Date of Incident: August 21, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was violently arrested in the placita of Altamira, for demonstrating against the system after seeing the injustices committed by the police. He was arrested by political police officer Abdriel, along with other repressive officers. He was transferred to the Second Unit of the PNR in Santiago de Cuba, known as El Palacete, where they wanted to release him under a precautionary measure but he refused. There he was threatened with prison if he was still against the regime. He was also beaten. Released at 10:00 am on the 22nd.

Victim: Evelio Fernández - Date of Incident: August 21, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, he was violently detained by agents of the political police, who stole 20 pounds of rice, several of okra and 400.00 MN, thus preventing him from bringing food to the headquarters in Santiago de Cuba. Released at 12:00 pm.

Victim: Ibexy Chacón - Date of Incident: August 21, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, political police officers arrived at in her home at noon to threaten her with a doubled fine that she must now pay (4000.00 MN) or she will be taken to prison. She replied that she will pay nothing, that her money is to feed her family.

Victim: Otoniel Cruz - Date of Incident: August 22, 2020 - Ciego de Avila

A member of the Morón Despierta political movement, was arrested at 9:00am, when patrol car #380 from which four policemen came down and violently handcuffed him and took him to the first Unit of Ciego de Avila where he was put in a cell . After several minutes, he was taken to an office where there were two State Security agents who issued him a warning certificate, which he refused to sign, that he said he was being accused of “disobedience, contempt and mercenaryism”, and he cannot leave the province at any time or he will be arrested and brought to trial, if he continues at UNPACU.

Victim: Ruben Claro - Date of Incident: August 22, 2020 - Guantanamo

For his political activism he was arrested on Calixto García and Prado Street by State Security officials Victor Victor, Luis Angel, Leonis, Sergio and Kevin, as well as two uniformed police officers. He was beaten and pushed into a Lada tank, taken to the police unit known as El Utico, which is located on West 4 at Guantanamo. There he was threatened by First Lieutenant Luis Brook and Officer Kevin. He was taken 244.60 CUC on the grounds that this money came from the "Counter-Revolution for Mercenaries". He was also asked if he belonged to UNPACU, he told him that he was a Cuban citizen, they threatened to tell him that this was a crime against state security. Then they made him a warning letter and a signing as an alleged counter-re-20th.

Victim: Celina Osoria - Date of Incident: August 22, 2020 - Guantanamo

For her political activism she was arrested on Calixto García Street, handcuffed, beaten and violently put into patrol car #602 by agents Victor Victor, Luis Angel, Lionis, Sergio and Kevin, as well as two uniformed police officers. She was transferred to the Police Unit of Park 24 and there she was cared for by Sector Chief José, who issued her a warning letter and also told her that she had a dangerous record and that at any moment she would be taken to prison. She was released at 6:00 pm.

Victim: Bartolo Cantillo - Date of Incident: August 22, 2020 - Guantanamo

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, Cantillo was arrested on Calixto García Street, handcuffed, beaten and violently put into patrol car #602 by agents Victor Victor, Luis Angel, Lionis, Sergio and Kevin, as well as two uniformed police officers. He was transferred to the Police Unit of Park 24 and there he was cared for by Sector Chief José, who issued him a warning letter and was also told that he had a dangerous record and that at any moment she would be taken to prison. She was released at 6:00 pm.

Victim: Karel Reyes - Date of Incident: August 22, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, was unjustly and arbitrarily detained at 9:00 am, on the corner of his house by the repressive agent of the political police who calls himself Mario along with two agents of the PNR, without giving any cause. He was transferred in a patrol car to the Second Unit of the PNR known as El Palacete, where he was threatened by the repressive agent Abdriel, for the posters that are being put up in the city for the September 8 “Sunflower Revolution ” and he was pressured to leave UNPACU. He replied that he would not do it, that they knew well that he was there for thinking differently and for appearing on a UNPACU page where he exposes his ideas. He was fined 100.00 MN and 1000.00 MN, and released at 6:00 pm.

Victim: Mery Paulín - Date of Incident: August 22, 2020 - Pinar del Río

The women's rights activist and member of the Women's Affairs Advocacy Network (Redamu) was cited by the police. Upon issuing the citation, they took advantage of the opportunity and threatened to apply decree Law 370 onto her for "Illicit Propaganda Against the Regime.”

Victim: Ruben Claro - Date of Incident: August 22, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

The activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) was beaten by police personnel while leaving the Western Union office after withdrawing money, which was also stolen from the victim by the political police.

Victim: Celina Osoria Claro - Date of incident: August 22, 2020 - Guantanamo

The Dama de Blanco and member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) was arrested with her husband, the activist Bartolo Cantillo, for 8 hours, as they left their home.

Victim: Bartolo Cantillo - Date of Incident: August 22, 2020 - Guantanamo

The member of the Unión Patriota de Cuba (UNPACU) was arrested with his wife, Dama de Blanco Celina Osoria, for 8 hours, as they left their home.

Victim: Cosme Damian Dominguez - Date of Incident: August 23, 2020 - Havana

The activist from the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) was arrested in line while trying to shop at a store, after two National Revolutionary Police told him that his ID was on alert for a pending threat of crime and unpaid fines. He was transferred to the Cuba and Chacón police unit. He was subsequently transferred to the PNR of Guanabacoa, where he was threatened with a fine of 2000 pesos.

Victim: Ihosvany Martinez - Date of Incident: August 23, 2020 - Havana

Activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), he was harassed and threatened by political police due to his opposition activities. His house being guarded by State Security officials.

Victim: Daniel Salcedo - Date of Incident: August 23, 2020 - Havana

Arbitrarily detained by political police for allegedly "Spreading Epidemics." He was also arrested along with his daughter, Mileydi Salcedo, who was released within 24 hours.

Victim: Reynaldo Abreu Alfonso - Date of incident: August 23, 2020 - Holguin

Member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, had his home surrounded by the police, preventing him from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. They vacated from the vicinity of the home at 4:00 pm the next day.

Victim: Yoendris Matos - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Guantanamo

Member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the Cuba Decide citizen campaign, was arrested in the Maceos and Avenue by State Security officers Victor Victor and Luis Angel, as well as two uniformed police officers, when the activist was on his way to UNPACU headquarters in Guantanamo province. He was transferred to the Police Unit of Park 24, where he was threatened by sector chief José and State Security officers Sergio and Luis Angel. He was issued a warning letter for meeting with “antisocial” people and mercenaries. He was also threatened with prison if he continued to visit the headquarters. He was released at 1:00 p.m.

Victim: Roberto Pérez - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was arrested on public roads for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU and taken to the Aguilera PNR Unit, where he was fined 2000.00MN. He was released at 3:00 p.m.

Victim: Ismael Boris Reñi - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, had his home surrounded from 6 am by the police, preventing him from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. They withdrew from the vicinity of his home at 3:30 p.m.

Victim: María Josefa Acón - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, had her home surrounded from 6 am by the police, preventing her from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. They withdrew from the vicinity of her home at 3:30 p.m.

Victim: Zaqueo Báez - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, had his home surrounded from 6 am by the police, preventing him from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. They withdrew from the vicinity of his home at 3:30 p.m.

Victim: Yosvany Martinez - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, had his home surrounded from 6 am by the police, preventing him from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. They withdrew from the vicinity of his home at 3:30 p.m.

Victim: Yeilis Torres Cruz - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, had her home surrounded from 6 am by the police, preventing her from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. She was arrested and transferred to the seventh unit of the PNR, in the municipality of La Lisa. She was released on the 25th at 8 a.m.

Victim: Carlos Alvarez Rojas - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was arrested when he left his home for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU and taken to the 4th Unit of the Municipality Cerro. Threatened with being taken to prison, if he continues at UNPACU. He was released on the 25th at 11:30 a.m.

Victim: Candide Chacón - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was arrested when he left his home for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU and taken to the 4th Unit of the municipality El Cerro. He was threatened with being taken to prison, if he continues at UNPACU. He was released on the 25th at 9:00 am.

Victim: Meraida Martín - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he had his home surrounded from 6 am by the police, preventing him from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. They retired from the vicinity of their home at 7:00 p.m.

Victim: José Daniel Ferrer García - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

His home was again surrounded by the police, preventing him from leaving for the commemoration of ninth anniversary of UNPACU. In addition, his home has been surrounded and under surveillance for more than 48 days.

Victim: Ovid Martín Castellanos - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he had his home surrounded by the police from 6 am, preventing him from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. They left from the vicinity of their home at 7:00 p.m.

Victim: Bartolo Cantillo Romero - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Guantanamo

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he had his home surrounded by the police from 6 am, preventing him from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. They left from the vicinity of their home at 7:00 p.m.

Victim: Celina Osoria Claro - Date of incident: August 24, 2020 - Guantanamo

A member of the Ladies of Blanco, of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, she had her home besieged from 6 am by the police, preventing her from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. They retired from the vicinity of their home at 7:00 p.m.

Victim: Maydolis Oribe - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, she had her home besieged from 6 am by the police, preventing her from leaving for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. They retired from the vicinity of their home at 7:00 p.m.

Victim: Angel Moya - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

The activist was intercepted at 9:30 a.m., leaving the Damas de Blanco national headquarters. At the time, a State Security agent informed him that he should talk to him.

Victim: Yakelin Hurtado - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Cienfuegos

An activist from the Opposition Movement for a New Republic (MOPNR), she was arrested at the local police station after she went on to sue the police for an end to harassment against her son. She was accused of public scandal, an opportunity when she is beaten by government officials, and they threw pepper spray in her eyes. She was detained for 24 hours, then released with a fine of 30 pesos in national currency.

Victim: Orquidia Leon Prieto - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

Activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was fined 100 pesos of national currency, when she had a soft drink in a cafeteria entrance in the capital. She was harassed for her activism at UNPACU.

Victim: Luis Manuel Otero - Date of Incident: August 24, 2020 - Havana

The artist's house, which functions as the Museum of Dissent, was under police surveillance from six o'clock in the morning. The cops stopped the artist from going out on the street.

Victim: Oris Ramirez - Date of Incident: August 25, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was arrested by unidentified repressive agents, who stripped him naked and beat him as a scare tactic for the actions taken in commemoration of the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. He was threatened with going to prison should he continue his activism.

Victim: Alexei Vargas - Date of Incident: August 25, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was arrested in the vicinity of his home in the Antonio Maceo neighborhood, by the repressive agent Frank. He was transferred to the First PNR Unit in Santiago de Cuba, known as Micro 9. There he was threatened with being taken to prison if he did not retire from UNPACU. Released at 1:30 a.m. on the 26th.

Victim: Oris Leyva Ramírez - Date of Incident: August 25, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was summoned to the Sector of Palmarito de Cauto and violently detained at his home and transferred to the PNR Sector of Palmarito de Cauto. There he was stripped naked and beaten by Agent Ferro and several uniformed policemen. He was threatened with prison and being raped. Also with that if he made the complaint or wanted to leave on September 8, 2020, they would kill him, but first they would tie him to a motorcycle, and like the other activists, they would tear off his skin and then throw him into a hole. He was fined 30.00MN for not attending previous subpoenas. Released at 2:00 p.m.

Victim: Manuel Perez Suarez - Date of Incident: August 25, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was arrested and taken to the sector of Palmarito de Cauto where he was threatened by the political police officer Ferro, they threatened him that if they left on September 8 to the Marcha de los Girasoles,, they would be beaten. All this repression is for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. Released at 3:00 p.m.

Victim: Roilán Alvarez - Date of Incident: August 26, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was arrested and taken to the Mella police, where he was threatened by political police officer Ferro, who threatened that if they went out on September 8 to the Marcha de los Girasoles, they were going to be beaten. All this repression is for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU.

Victim: Eber Hidalgo Cruz - Date of Incident: August 26, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was arrested on his way to his home, an opportunity wherein he was intercepted on public roads (Calle 11 of the Mariana De la Torre, Santiago de Cuba) at 4:50am by the State Security officer who called himself Michel. He detained him for more than an hour inside a patrol car in the sun and his handcuffs were tightly fastened, making marks on his wrists. He was then driven in police patrol car #2 to the PNR in Santiago de Cuba, known as El Palacete. There he was threatened by the repressor who called himself Frank, with going to prison along with his whole family. He was told that his son, Evert Luis Hidalgo Ladrón de Guevara, UNPACU activist and promoter of Cuba Decide, was to be imprisoned for false crime of predelictive social danger and non-payment of fines. He was fined 150 CUP for violating their police enforcement at UNPACU Headquarters. Released at 8:30 p.m.

Victim: Yordanis Labrada - Date of Incident: August 26, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was summoned to the PNR Unit of La Maya, fined 100.00 MN because it was assumed by the agent Eglis Torres that the activist put signs in Alto Songo, in commemoration of the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. He was threatened with going to prison for “dangerousness.”

Victim: Roberto Quiñones - Date of Incident: August 26, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was arrested and taken to the sector of Palmarito de Cauto, where he was beaten and threatened by political police officer Ferro, he was told that if they went out on September 8 to the Marcha de los Girasoles, they would be beaten. I was also hanging him with a belt, all this repression is for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. Released at 4:30 p.m.

Victim: Isael Aleaga - Date of Incident: August 26, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was arrested and taken to the sector of Palmarito de Cauto where he was threatened by the political police officer Ferro, they threatened him that if they went out on September 8 to the Marcha de los Girasoles, they would be beaten, all this repression is for the ninth anniversary of UNPACU. Released at 2:00 p.m.

Victim: José Manuel Hechavarría - Date of Incident: August 26, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was arrested and taken to the sector of Palmarito de Cauto, where he was beaten and threatened by political police officer Ferro, he was told that if they went out on September 8 to the Marcha de los Girasoles, they would be beaten. Released at 4:30 p.m.

Victim: Yinia Reynaldo Avila - Date of Incident: August 26, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was arrested and taken to the sector of Palmarito de Cauto, where he was beaten and threatened by political police officer Ferro, he was told that if they went out on September 8 to the Marcha de los Girasoles, they would be beaten. Released at 5:00 p.m.

Victim: Jesús Manuel Dupotzy - Date of Incident: August 26, 2020 - Havana

Activist of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), was violently arrested on his way to UNPACU headquarters by political police officer Mario, preventing him from entering headquarters. He was also punched in the face by this officer, taken to El Palacete Police Unit, where he was fined 100.00 MN for violation of the police enforcement. Agent Abdriel threatened him, telling him he's going to be taken to prison immediately.

Released at 4:00 p.m.

Victim: Maikel Castillo - Date of Incident: August 27, 2020 - Havana

The rapper, in an extreme act, sewed his mouth in protest, due to the harassment to which he is being subjected. He was previously summoned to a police unit, which he attended with his mouth sewn up.

Victim: Lourdes Esquivel - Date of Incident: August 28, 2020 - Havana

The Dama de Blanco woke up to her home surrounded by police officers, who did not allow her or her husband to leave the home.

Victim: Adrian Ochoa - Date of Incident: August 28, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was arrested and taken to the sector of Palmarito de Cauto, where he was beaten and

threatened by political police officer Ferro, he was told that if they went out on September 8 to the Marcha de los Girasoles, he would be beaten. Released at 6:00 p.m.

Victim: Ernesto Rivery - Date of Incident: August 28, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was arrested while trying to reach the UNPACU sector in Los Maceos in Santiago de Cuba, was transferred to El Palacete Police Unit, where he was fined 150.00 MN, for trespassing the police fence they had placed on the headquarters, and another 2000.00 MN for putting up signs in the city of Santiago de Cuba. Released at 9:00 p.m.

Victim: Eduardo Fernández - Date of Incident: August 28, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was summoned to El Palacete Police Unit, where he was threatened with imprisonment for debt of arbitrary fines. Released at 6:00 p.m.

Victim: Cristian Perez - Date of Incident: August 28, 2020 - Las Tunas

This activist from the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, in commemoration of the ninth anniversary of UNPACU and on the eve of September 8, which is the Marcha de los Girasoles, painted posters on the door of his house, which said "Freedom for political prisoners", "Viva la UNPACU", "Freedom and democracy", three members of the CDR made an act of repudiation, had asphalt thrown into the house and Security Major Eduardo Avila threatened him with death.

Victim: Rafaela Velasquez - Date of Incident: August 28, 2020 - Cienfuegos

She was arrested while waiting in line on the boulevard of Cienfuegos, transferred to the PNR and received threats that if she continued to visit the UNPACU headquarters, she would be imprisoned. She was also verbally mistreated. An officer named Cueto gave her a warning, fined her 3000.00

MN, which she refused to sign saying she that she was just a mother of a family she has to feed.
Released at 7:00 p.m.

Victim: Henry Couto - Date of Incident: August 28, 2020 - Guantanamo

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, he was arrested in his locality by First Lieutenant Vichy, Head of Sector of this cast, who took him to the PNR sector of the town, he told him that he was going to be given a warning letter because he had received information that he was linked to the issue of coleros.

Victim: Alexis La O'Barthelemy - Date of Incident: August 30, 2020 - Havana

For his political activism, the member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was visited by a repressive agent of the political police and a patrolman, indicted of the false crime of spreading epidemics, for being at the entrance of his house with his mask slightly under his nose. There he was threatened with going to prison. The police created a case of dangerousness against him, in addition to a fine. For the remaining time he was in a cell under inhumane conditions. He was fined 350 MN. Released at 12:00 pm on September 1, 2020.

Victim: Vladimir Martín Castellanos - Date of Incident: August 30, 2020 - Las Tunas

A member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of the citizen campaign Cuba Decide, was arrested at his home by two policemen, after protesting because stones and eggs were thrown at their home throughout the night. He was transferred to the PNR of Puerto Padre. There he was threatened with go prison if he maintains his political activism. Released at 8:55 p.m.

Victim: Otoniel Cruz Suarez - Date of Incident: August 31, 2020 - Ciego de Avila

He was violently arrested in his home by two political police officers and four members of the PNR, led to Ciego de Avila Police Unit. There he was hit in the stomach and head. He was also

threatened with imprisonment if he went out into the streets on September 8th. Released at 11:00 p.m.

Victim: Diasniurka Salcedo - Date of Incident: August 31, 2020 - Havana

A police fence was put around the activist's home at the start of the school semester. Threatened with arrest should they leave your home.

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