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"Dialogue between Cubans is necessary without exclusions or conditioning, but such dialogue should not be a condition for the recognition of the political rights of Cubans.. Dialogue with transparency can serve as an instrument to implement changes in law and society, which guarantee the exercise of political rights and all rights for all Cubans. With dialogue or without dialogue, those rights must now be guaranteed. "

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Incident Report

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

In October 2020, it was verified that at least **107 incidents** occurred throughout Cuba with a total of **121 victims**. Of the total reported, **73 people were arbitrarily detained**, seeking the neutralization of the work of dissident actors by the State Security forces, arrests that did not comply with due process procedures

Different activists of UNPACU and promoters of Cuba Decide, as well as independent citizens, throughout the country, received **9 police subpoenas** throughout the month. Security agencies used this as an opportunity to take advantage of the situation and threaten or even assault the victims, as evidenced by several testimonies received, in instances aimed at reducing the space for dissident actions among citizens.

Another common sanctioning practice on the part of the authorities is the financial impositions required of citizens. During the month of October, **there were at least 9 fines issued**, where penalties range from 300 to 3000 pesos in national currency, which on average this month was approximately 1757 pesos for those affected.

At the request of the Center for Incident Reports of the Foundation for Pan American Democracy (FDP), October 14, 2020, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), granted precautionary protection measures in favor of Maikel Herrera Bones, human rights defender, member of the Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU) and promoter of Cuba Decide, after considering that he is in a serious and urgent situation and at risk of suffering irreparable damage to his rights, in the context of his deprivation of liberty, in Cuba.

The events of the month warn of a worrying pattern of harassment to intimidate and criminalize the work of opposition leaders, organizations 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 communicators.
- Social control over victims.
- Attacks on human rights activists and promoters.



- Mens (83)
- Women (38)

Testimony

“ *... It is quite terrible what we are living today, on Independence Day in Cuba (October 10), there is a strong police presence throughout the country, preventing the independent Civil Society from claiming its rights. We have been bombarded by police since the early hours of the morning... ”*

Haydee Hidalgo, UNPACU activist and promoter of Cuba Decide who had her home blocked and surrounded by police on October 10, 2020, in Santiago de Cuba.



Cases received

1. Victims: Mirdianis Matos, Mirdael Matos - Date of Incident: October 1, 2020 - Guantanamo

Members of UNPACU, promoters of Cuba Decide, threatened with being prosecuted for the false crime of usurpation of authority, based on their social media posts.

2. Victims: Lucinda González, Silverio Portal Contreras - Date of Incident: October 2, 2020 - Havana

Wife of political prisoner Silverio Portal Contreras, went to prison to visit her husband, accompanied by a freelance journalist and former Cuban prosecutor. Their cell phones were confiscated and destroyed and they were fined for wearing a T-shirt with the prisoner's picture.

3. Victim: Jesús Sánchez Romero - Date of Incident: October 3, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Arrested for around 24 hours in Chivirico, a town in Guamá, a municipality in his province. His belongings were confiscated. He claimed his rights and was then charged with contempt of the authorities.

4. Victim: Frankly Garcia - Date of Incident: October 4, 2020 - Holguin

For his political activism he was arrested at the Checkpoint located at West 8th Street and South 16th Street by political police officers who call themselves Victor Victor and Luis Angel of the PNR. He was transferred in patrol car 607 to the PNR Unit of Park 24. There he was threatened by the head of the Unit, the Major who is called Leobis (badge number 25169), with taking him to prison if he continued to meet with "counter-revolutionary figures."

5. Victim: Maria Barbier - Date of Incident: October 4, 2020 - Guantanamo

For her political activism she was arrested at the Checkpoint located on West 8th Street and 16th Street South by political police officers calling themselves Victor Victor and Luis Angel of the PNR. She was moved to the #607 patrol car to the PNR Unit in Park 24. There she was threatened by Major Moraima to take her to prison if she continued to visit UNPACU's headquarters Guantanamo, meeting with counter-revolutionary figures. She was given a Warning Notice.

6. Victim: Maikel Herrera Bones - Date of Incident: October 5, 2020 - Havana

Political prisoner overturns his hunger strike after 4 days, has been without medical attention, and his life is in grave danger.

7. Victim: Elbert Pérez Pérez - Date of incident: October 5, 2020 - Holguin

UNPACU activist, promoter of Cuba Decide, was arrested and driven in a police patrol to the second unit, fined 1000 CUP for an alleged offense of aiding and abetting, they seized some steel rods from his property. Threatened with being brought to trial for the false offense of aiding and abetting.

8. Victim: Iam Gámez Gell - Date of Incident: October 6, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

The UNPACU sympathizer was assaulted on public roads by policemen dressed as civilians around 1am, on his way home from church, demonstrating peacefully in defense of friends.

9. Victim: Roberto Pérez Rodríguez - Date of Incident: October 7, 2020 - Havana

Detained in his home, taken to the police unit of Aguilera in the municipality Diez de Octubre, threatened with being taken to prison to prevent him from demonstrating on 10/10.

10. Victim: Alberto Aguilera Acosta - Date of Incident: October 7, 2020 - Havana

Detained in his home, taken to the police unit of Aguilera in the municipality Diez de Octubre, threatened with being taken to prison to prevent him from demonstrating on 10/10.

11. Victim: Barbara Sánchez Guzmán - Date of Incident: October 7, 2020 - Havana

Arrested in her home, taken to the 11th police unit in San Miguel del Padrón, threatened with being taken to prison and with being fined 3000 and 4000 CUP, to prevent her from demonstrating on 10/10.

12. Victim: Geovel Hernandez - Date of Incident: October 7, 2020 - Havana

Detained in his home, taken to the 11th police unit in San Miguel del Padrón, threatened with being taken to prison and with being fined 3000 and 4000 CUP to prevent it from manifesting on 10/10.

13. Victim: Celina Osorio Claro - Date of incident: October 7, 2020 - Guantanamo

Threatened with death by a neighbor who is being manipulated by the State Security, according to the information received.

14. Victim: Daniel Alfaro Frías - Date of Incident: October 8, 2020 - Havana

The human rights activist was the victim of the theft of his cell phone by political police.

15. Victim: Carlos Alvarez Rojas - Date of Incident: October 8, 2020 - Havana

The activist has been threatened to end up in prison for non-payment of arbitrary fines.

16. Victim: Aneski Jiménez Hardit - Date of Incident: October 8, 2020 - Havana

Detained at their home, taken to the Guanabacoa police unit, threatened with imprisonment and with a fine of 3000 and 4000 CUP to prevent their from demonstrating on 10/10.

17. Victim: Juan David Pascual - Date of Incident: October 8, 2020 - Havana

Arrested on leaving his home, taken to the Guanabacoa unit, he was issued with a warning letter for allegedly meeting with counter-revolutionary figures and making enemy propaganda. Threatened with being taken to prison.

18. Victim: Yumila Yesica Miranda - Date of Incident: October 8, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Arrested as she left her home, driven to the 1st police unit and later abandoned on the highway.

19. Victims: Ernesto Riveri Gascón, Leonardo Riveri Gascón - Date of Incident: October 8, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Arrested as they left their home, they remained in makeshift cell in an automobile until around 9 pm.

20. Victim: Samuel Leblan Pavón - Date of Incident: October 8, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Arrested upon leaving his home, abandoned on the outskirts of the city, threatened with being taken back to prison.

21. Victim: Isael Aliaga - Date of Incident: October 8, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For his political activism he was verbally summoned at 10:00am by the head of the political police in Palmarito de Cauto - an agent who calls himself Adolfo - to arrive at 11:00am to the Sector of the PNR of Palmarito de Cauto. He goes at the given time and there he was threatened with death, and that he would be taken to prison if he went out to demonstrate

on the 10th. Ferro and Adolfo are the henchmen of the political police. Aliaga was released at 1:00 pm.

22. Victim: Maidolis Oribe - Date of Incident: October 8, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

She was verbally summoned at 9:30am by the head of the political police in Palmarito de Cauto for her political activism by the agent who calls himself Ferro, to appear at the PNR Sector of Palmarito de Cauto at 11:00 am. She attended at the given time and was threatened with death if she came out to demonstrate on the 10th. She was released at 2:00 p.m.

23. Victim: Moraima Díaz - Date of Incident: October 8, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

She was verbally summoned at 9:30am by the head of the political police in Palmarito de Cauto for her political activism by the agent who calls himself Ferro, to appear at the PNR Sector of Palmarito de Cauto at 11:00 am. She attended at the given time and was threatened with death if she came out to demonstrate on the 10th, and that her home would be destroyed a second time. Released at 1:00 p.m.

24. Victim: Fernando González - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Detained while buying food available to the organization (UNPACU) for the social assistance program.

25. Victim: Abel Peña Carvajal - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Coordinator of UNPACU, promoter of Cuba Decide, arrested and threatened to prevent its demonstration on 10/10 in the village of El Cristo

26. Victim: Geovel Hernández Aranda - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Havana

Arrested in his home, to prevent his demonstration on 10/10, led to the 11th police unit in the municipality of San Miguel del Padrón, threatened with being taken to prison.

27. Victim: Carlos Morales Cardenas - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Ciego de Avila

Activist of UNPACU, promoter of Cuba Decides, violently detained to prevent him from demonstrating on 10/10.

28. Victim: Héctor Jesús Alvarez Torres - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Havana

Detained in his home, taken to the 11th police unit in the municipality of San Miguel del Padrón, threatened with being taken to prison, released on 10/10.

29. Victim: José Daniel Ferrer Cantillo - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Arrested on the outskirts of the city, in San Juan, driven to the 3rd police unit, his belongings were checked, he was forced to take off his shoes, looking for resources of the organization (UNPACU) in order to confiscate them.

30. Victim: Roberto Pérez Rodríguez - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Havana

Summoned to the Aguilera police unit by a national police officer, he was arrested to prevent him from demonstrating peacefully, released on 10/10.

31. Victim: Aneski Jiménez Hardit - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Havana

Arrested upon arrival to his home, taken to the Guanabacoa police unit, released on 10/10.

32. Victim: Alfonso Chaveano - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

He was arrested while trying to enter UNPACU Headquarters. Threatened with being taken to prison.

33. Victim: Wilder Cervantes - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

He was arrested while trying to enter UNPACU Headquarters to get his lunch. Threatened with being taken to prison.

34. Victim: Mirdael Matos - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Guantanamo

On 1-10-20, he was summoned to the PNR Unit of Baracoa where he was threatened with going to prison for a false crime of “Usurpation of Public Functions” for his activism in publications, claiming that he is not a journalist. They forced him to sign-in every Friday at the Maisí PNR, so he went at 8:00 am and as he arrived, he was threatened by Major Morgan, head of the MININT, and Roilán, member of the state security. They threatened him with prison if he remained on the opposition, and that he had to pay a fine of 3000 pesos MN for the video he made of a prostrate woman living in subhuman conditions, who was mistreated by the Dictator.

35. Victim: Hannibal Riviaux - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For his political activism, his house was surrounded and blocked from 8:00a.m. by state security officers who were threatening to take him to prison. His house is almost destroyed, nearing a total collapse and on the day 10 officers came in to arrest him. He picked up his cell phone and began recording, and they, afraid of being recorded, came out and threatened that they would call in reinforcements. This activist has been violently beaten on multiple occasions, but remains active and firm in the cause. They left at 10:00 pm on the 10th.

36. Victims: Bartolo Cantillo, Celina Osoria - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 -

Guantanamo

Due to their political activism, the UNPACU Headquarters in Guantánamo was besieged by the political police agents who call themselves Kevin and Leoni from 8:00 pm until October 10 at 6:00 pm, to prevent the activists from entering the headquarters to demonstrate in the streets for the 10th of October. Bartolo (coordinator of the UNPACU in Guantánamo) and his wife, the *Dama de Blanco* Celina Osoria, were chased from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. by henchmen Kevin and Leoni on a Suzuki motorcycle, as they headed to the Agustino Neto Provincial Hospital where Celina's daughter was hospitalized. They were then watched until they returned home.

37. Victim: Yoendris Matos - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Guantanamo

For his political activism he was arrested at Calle Los Maceos and 3rd Street South by two political police officers calling themselves Kevin and Leoni, as well as two others from the PNR. Transferred on patrol 603 for the Park 24 PNR Unit. There he was questioned by First Lieutenant Joseph who threatened to take him to prison if he continued to visit the house of Celina and Bartolo to engage in counter-revolutionary actions, and to leave the opposition because they were the ones who had the power and no one could knock them down. As the activist stood firm in his position to continue in the struggle for Cuba's freedom, he was given a Letter of Warning and was released at 3:00 p.m.

38. Victim: Eber Hidalgo - Date of Incident: October 9, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Due to his political activism, two officials who maintain a police fence around the UNPACU headquarters tried to arrest him and he was threatened, by a repressive agent of the political police who calls himself Frank, with being arrested when leaving the UNPACU headquarters in the afternoon. No arrest was made as the activist stayed and left the following night.

39. Victim: Alberto Valdés Alfaro - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Detained in the home of an activist, taken to the police unit of Aguilera in the municipality Diez de Octubre, threatened for his political activism.

40. Victim: Cosme Damián Domínguez Peñalver - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Detained at his home, transferred to the Guanabo police unit, released on the 11th of October.

41. Victim: Ismael Boris Reñí - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Arrested on the outskirts of his home, beaten, taken to the police unit of Calabazar. He was taken to a clinic to suture his eyebrow that was broken by the blows he suffered when he was arrested, threatened with going back to prison, released that same day.

42. Victim: Yúnior González - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Arrested on the outskirts of his home, beaten, and led to the police unit of Calabazar to prevent him from peacefully demonstrating

43. Victim: Yakelin Heredia Morales - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Arbitrarily detained, to prevent her from demonstrating peacefully.

44. Victims: Zaqueo Báez Guerrero, María Josefa Acon Sardiñas - Date of incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Besieged by political police and national police, preventing free movement through the country.

45. Victims: Ariana Avila Gilart, Yordanis Labrada Téllez - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Besieged by political police and national police, preventing free movement through the country.

46. Victims: Ada Ibis Ladrón De Guevara, Ebert Hidalgo Cruz, Evert Luis Hidalgo Ladrón De Guevara, Aimée Hidalgo Ladrón De Guevara, Yaimara Márquez Ladrón De Guevara, Haydee Hidalgo Ladrón De Guevara - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Their home was besieged by State Security agents, Ada Ibis was arrested when leaving her home, driven in a private car at the service of State Security to police unit # 2, threatened with going to prison for her political activism.

47. Victim: Marina Paz Labaceno - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Arrested when she crossed the police fence to demonstrate in favor of the call to go out on the streets for October 10. Transferred to the Second Unit of the PNR known as El Palacete, where she was threatened with being taken to the Jagua Psychiatric Hospital, here in Santiago de Cuba, if she were to keep supporting and going to the UNPACU headquarters. Released 2 hours later.

48. Victim: Naila Fernández - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For his political activism, his home was besieged by political police and PNR officers to prevent him from going out on the streets for the October 10 demonstration. They left at 8:00p.m.

49. Victims: Hannibal Riveaux Figueredo, Talía Alvarez - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Detained in their home to prevent their peaceful demonstration, threatened with being taken to prison for their political activism.

50. Victim: Miraida Martin Calderón - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

A house that functions as an UNPACU sector, besieged in the early morning hours by agents of the State Security.

51. Victim: Ernesto Rivery - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For his political activism, his home was surrounded by political police and PNR officers to prevent him from leaving for the October 10 demonstration. They left at 8:00pm.

52. Victim: Kirenia Nunez - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

A member of the Mesa de Diálogo de la Juventud de Cuba, she was arbitrarily detained on the corner of the headquarters of the San Isidro Movement in Havana, she was subsequently transferred to a police unit.

53. Victim: Camila Lobón - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Arrested on the corner of the headquarters of the San Isidro Movement, by the political police for several hours to prevent her from demonstrating to commemorate the 10th of October.

54. Victim: Aminta D'Cardenas - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Arrested on the corner of the headquarters of the San Isidro Movement, by the political police for several hours to prevent her from demonstrating to commemorate the 10th of October.

55. Victim: Tania Bruguera - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Arrested on the corner of the headquarters of the San Isidro Movement, by the political police for several hours to prevent her from demonstrating to commemorate the 10th of October.

56. Victim: Anamely Ramos - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Detained by the political police for three hours to prevent her from demonstrating to commemorate the 10th of October.

57. Victim: Daniel Salcedo - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Arbitrarily detained by political police due to their opposition activities.

58. Victim: Denis Solís - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

Arbitrarily detained by political police due to their activities in the San Isidro movement.

59. Victim: Luis Manuel Otero - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The artist who was part of the San Isidro movement arbitrarily detained by the political police, during the day of demonstrations for the 10th of October.

60. Victim: Claudia Genlui Hidalgo - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The police prevent her from leaving her house, surrounding the home for several hours, to prevent her from demonstrating to commemorate the 10th of October.

61. Victim: Michel Matos - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The artist who was part of the San Isidro movement, was arrested by police for several hours, to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October.

62. Victim: Iliana Hernández - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The freelance journalist was arrested for several hours by the political police, to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October.

63. Victim: Amaury Pacheco - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The activist and member of the San Isidro movement was arrested on the day of the demonstration to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October.

64. Victim: Camila Acosta - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The freelance journalist was arrested by police as she went out to protest against police harassment.

65. Victim: Iris Ruiz - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The actress, who is part of the San Isidro movement, was arrested by political police to prevent her from speaking publicly.

66. Victim: Maykel Castillo - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The member of the San Isidro movement was arrested for several hours by political police to prevent him from demonstrating.

67. Victim: Héctor Luis Valdés - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The freelance journalist, who started the day with police surrounding his home, was prevented from leaving his house. He was subsequently arrested by political police.

68. Victim: Esteban Rodríguez - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The freelance journalist was arrested by the political police, to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October.

69. Victim: Alfredo Martínez - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The civil engineer was arrested by the political police to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October.

70. Victim: Gretell Kairus - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The independent artist was arrested by the political police, to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October.

71. Victim: Katherine Bisquet - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The independent artist was arrested by the political police, to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October.

72. Victim: María Matienzo - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The freelance journalist was arrested by the political police, to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October.

73. Victim: Oscar Casanella - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

The Cuban scientist was arrested by the political police, to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October.

74. Victim: Leonardo Rivery - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For his political activism, his home was surrounded by political police and PNR officers to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October. They left at 8:00 p.m.

75. Victim: Abel Peña - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Due to his political activism, his home, which is the headquarters of UNPACU in El Cristo, was surrounded by repressive forces of the regime. This repressive effort was headed by the Major who calls himself Michel, along with two more agents and a patrol car with two of the PNR, to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October.

76. Victim: Miguel Lopez - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Guantanamo

For his political activism he was summoned at 8:00am to the PNR Unit of Park 24. There, he was interrogated by the Chief of Sector who called himself Joseph, who threatened him that any time he wanted, he would give him a citation because he had open a file of “dangerousness.” He was told that if he didn’t go it would be easier to accuse him of disobedience and get him in jail quickly.

77. Victim: Carlos Alvarez - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Havana

For his political activism he was arrested in the basement of his house, when he was on his way to buy potatoes with his wife. He was arrested by agents of the political police and the PNR. He was transferred in a patrol car to the Aguilera PNR Unit, in the Municipality of Diez de Octubre. They kept him inside the patrol for two hours without allowing him to go to the bathroom or have access to water or food. During that time they kept him under threat of being taken back to prison. From there they took him to the PNR Unit of Zapata and C. Released at 10:00 am.

78. Victim: Henry Couto - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Guantanamo

For his political activism his house was surrounded by political police officers who call themselves Victor Victor and Luis Angel, to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October. They remained there until 4:00pm.

79. Victim: Enrique Mustelier - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Guantanamo

For his political activism his home was surrounded from 6:00am, by the political police officers who call themselves Toni and Guillermo, to prevent to prevent participation in activities to commemorate the 10th of October. They remained there until 2:00pm.

80. Victim: Yoendris Matos - Date of Incident: October 10, 2020 - Guantanamo

For his political activism his home was besieged by political police officers who call themselves Heidi and another unknown-officer, to prevent him from going out to demonstrate to the streets. The operative was until 2:00pm.

81. Victim: Alexis Chacón - Date of Incident: October 11, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For his political activism he was arrested by a DTI officer who calls himself “El Chino,” when he was at his wife's house. During the detention he was handcuffed and transferred to the Elementary School at the back of the UNPACU headquarters. There he was transferred to the Second Unit of the PNR known as El Palacete via patrol car. There he spent more than two hours without anyone questioning him. After that time two political police officers arrived: the lieutenant colonel and head of confrontation who called himself Lazarus or Yanier, and Abdriel or Alexeis Atie. He was interrogated and threatened with prison for his activism and, he was accused of handing out prints and putting up posters on Calle Enramadas, in a historic area. He was fined 2000.00 CUP. Released: 5:32pm.

82. Victim: Tania Bruguera - Date of Incident: October 12, 2020 - Havana

She was the victim of an act of repudiation, organized by the police and political authorities.

83. Victim: Jesús Sánchez - Date of Incident: October 13, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Ex-political prisoner. He was out of his home when a PNR officer appeared there and handed his wife a paper and a duplicate fine of 150.00 CUP to 300.00 CUP. Over the past few months, the repressive political police have imposed more than 10 arbitrary fines on him for his daily activism on the streets.

84. Victim: Ishmael Boris - Date of Incident: October 13, 2020 - Havana

For his political activism an instructor went to his house and gave him an official subpoena for the same day for the Aguilera PNR Unit, to show up at 1:00 pm for reasons of an arbitrary fine of 200.00 pesos MN. He attended the agreed time and was arrested there for about 4 hours. There he was threatened to return to prison if he maintained his activism. Released: 5:00pm.

85. Victim: Geovel Hernández Aranda - Date of Incident: October 16, 2020 - Havana

Detained in his home, transferred in a police patrol to the 11th unit in the municipality of San Miguel del Padrón, fined 2000 CUP.

86. Victim: Roberto Pérez Rodríguez - Date of Incident: October 16, 2020 - Havana

Detained in his home, transferred on a patrol to the 11th police unit in the municipality of San Miguel del Padrón, fined 2000 CUP.

87. Victims: Emergildo Duvergel Delis, Lázaro Pie Pérez, Manuel De Jesús Rodríguez García - Date of incident: October 20, 2020 - Havana

Seven days planted in huelga de hambre in the prison Km 51/2 in Pinar del Río, demanding cessation of repression and medical attention.

88. Victim: Pablo Moya - Date of Incident: October 20, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

He was transferred to Aguadores prison in Santiago de Cuba, spent 5 days on hunger strike. He was unjustly and arbitrarily detained in the Virgen del Camino in Havana, in a police unit where he was tortured, then transferred to the third police unit in Santiago de Cuba,, and subsequently taken to the Unit of Palma Soriano. The agents of the dictatorship are accusing him of a false crime of tax evasion. Pablo is hypertensive and has a cardiac arrhythmia, is self-employment, is 65 years old and was a sailor for 40 years.

89. Victim: Samuel Leblan - Date of Incident: October 21, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For his political activism, he was arrested at the checkpoint on the Siboney road at Km 8, by two agents of the political police, one of them calling himself Mario, and the other two from the PNR. Transferred to the Third Unit of the PNR known as La Motorizada, where he was interrogated by Lieutenant Colonel Fong, who threatens to return to prison, and tells him that he is prohibited from entering the house that is the headquarters of Los Maceos de Miraida Martín Calderín. Also, if he kept putting up stickers and posters, he would be fined and taken to prison again. He was fined 2000.00 CUP by a Communal Inspector. Released: 6:00 pm.

90. Victim: Roilán Alvarez - Date of Incident: October 21, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For his political activism, he was arrested and charged with hoarding for buying 1 deodorant, 2 packages of detergent and 6 liters of oil that he brought home: 2 liters for his mother, 2 liters for his sister and 2 liters for him. He was transferred to the Mella PNR Unit where he

was severely beaten, his head was even broken. Álvarez is serving an 18-month home prison sentence. The first beating was ordered by the head of Mella's PNR, who calls herself Yasnay, in which they tear gassed him and put him against the wall. He went on a hunger strike for days, demanding the return of the oil that was taken from him and refused bail. These confiscated products that were his as shown by the supply book. The police verified that it is true that they were bought by the book, but they wanted the family to pay bail, and Roilán continues to refuse, claiming that everything that was stolen must be returned to him, and until that moment he will remain on strike.

In desperation, the family hands over the bail money to the police officer Jesús Caminero Cabrera without Roilán's consent, but when he finds out he tells them “no” and now the policeman Luidis Pomiel Álvarez says that it will not be returned, that he himself will pay.

Released: October 30, after being a victim of daily verbal and physical violence, during the days of arbitrary detention and in the middle of a hunger strike (5 days). He was beaten, they took away the purchase for alleged hoarding, and the bail money (1000 pesos) that was never carried out.

91. Victim: Rafael Puentes - Date of Incident: October 24, 2020 - Guantanamo

Political Express, was quoted for the PNR of Guantanamo. There he was questioned by Captain Rosales, Chief of Sector,, and two political police officers who call themselves Lionis and Luis Angel. He was signed for six months and an Act of Danger. He was threatened that, if he didn't get to work for Estado, he was going to be taken to prison again.

92. Victim: Fernando González - Date of Incident: October 24, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

He is the purchaser of n unPACU's food. He was arrested at Calle 12 in Mariana de la Torre at about 10:00am by political police repressive officers calling themselves Abdriel or Alexeis Atie Rodríguez,, and another, with the aim of stealing food and resources intended to feed activists and people in need in unPACU's sede principal. Without being taken to any police

unit, he was requisitioned on public roads and confiscated 120.00 CUP and a bottle of tomato puree, according to them for, committing illegal activity on the edge. He was threatened that after the epidemiological situation with the Coronavirus he went back to prison, along with the other 3 (José Daniel Ferrer García, Roilán Zárraga Ferrer and Pupo Chaveco). Lor have been arrested 4 times and fined in the 114 days of political police en cerco against UNPACU's sede de trabajo, , to prevent it from buying food. Released: 10:25am.

93. Victim: Sweet Durán - Date of Incident: October 27, 2020 - Havana

A human rights activist, she was summoned by political police for questioning and threat.

94. Victim: Aristey Tejeda - Date of Incident: October 27, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

An independent artist, he is arrested for listening to music on the street, being transferred to a police unit.

95. Victim: Yordanis Labrada - Date of Incident: October 27, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For his political activism, he received a summons to appear in the courts of his municipality of La Maya on Thursday, October 29, to be tried for the false crime of non-payment of fines. On two occasions he has been fined 1,000.00 CUP - one for having a photo of the leader of the UNPACU, the political prisoner and activist, José Daniel Ferrer García, and the other because in his town of Alto Songo some signs appeared on the 9th Anniversary of the UNPACU; and, according to Captain Torres, he paid a drunk man 10 CUC to put them on, but without evidence or witnesses. In addition, he threatened that every time signs appeared in his town he was going to be blamed. He maintains his position that he will not pay any of the fines since they are arbitrary and that the goal of the dictatorship is to imprison him for his peaceful political activism in favor of freedom, democracy and respect for human rights.

96. Victim: Osmani Mendoza - Date of Incident: October 27, 2020 - Granma

For his political activism he was arbitrarily detained in a food market, next to his home, at about 1:00pm. Transferred to the PNR Unit of Bartolomé Masó, he was charged with a false crime of disrespect of authority and will apparently be presented in the courts. He has planned a hunger strike.

97. Victim: José Daniel Ferrer Cantillo - Date of Incident: October 29, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Members of the political police who call themselves Abdriel and Mario asked for his backpack, they checked, and they wanted to keep the contents of it, which was the “*Habeas Corpus*” in favor of the answering artist Aristei or Krazyman. He wouldn't allow his backpack to be confiscated, but in the end, had to give it to him again. He was threatened by Abdriel that he had already turned 18, that there would no longer be excuses (because of his age) to stop him.

98. Victim: Yordanis Labrada - Date of Incident: October 29, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For his political activism, Yordanis Labrada Téllez, coordinator of the UNPACU and promoter of Cuba Decide was summoned to the La Maya Tribunal Court where there occurred a mockery of the judicial system in Songo La Maya, Santiago de Cuba province. He was unjustly and arbitrarily sentenced to 10 months of deprivation of liberty for the false crime of non-payment of fines and transferred to the Aguadores Prison.

99. Victim: Ebert Hidalgo - Date of Incident: October 29, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

He went to the headquarters with a backpack with food intended for the day not only for the activists of the headquarters, but for all the social cases that are given food daily, and he carried some money to continue shopping. During his arrest, he was beaten by the legs, grabbed by the neck and various techniques were applied to immobilize him, forcing him

into a police car. He was transferred in the patrol car to the Second Unit of the PNR known as El Palacete. They kept him there for 8 hours threatening that they will take him to prison, as well as his son, and that the repression would begin now. It is the umpteenth time that he has been arrested while trying to cross the border that the Castro dictatorship imposes on the headquarters to prevent the entry of activists, supporters and social cases. The UNPACU member and promoter of Cuba Decide is accused by the dictatorship for the false crime of non-payment of arbitrary fines that have been imposed, and they have threatened that he will soon be imprisoned. Released: 5:00 pm.

100. Victim: Alain Toledano Valiente - Date of Incident: October 30, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

The Pastor was arbitrarily arrested at 8am by the authorities of the State Security; his whereabouts are not yet known. It is said that he is in Motorizado. This happened because they demolished an Assembly of God church, where he was doing a live broadcast at the scene. They also took away the phone with which he broadcast live on his Facebook account.

101. Victim: Yusmila Miranda - Date of Incident: October 30, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For her political activism she was arrested in the center of Santiago de Cuba, on her way to the Malecón La Alameda, by agents of the political police and the PNR. She was taken in a patrol car to the Second UNIT of the PNR in Santiago de Cuba known as El Palacete. There she was threatened with being taken to prison and given a Letter of Warning which she did not sign. Released at: 6:00 pm.

102. Victim: Camila Acosta - Date of Incident: October 31, 2020 - Havana

A freelance journalist was arrested to prevent her from attending a peaceful economic rights demonstration in Cuba.

103. Victim: Lourdes Esquivel - Date of Incident: October 31, 2020 - Havana

Her home was besieged by political police, preventing her going out on the street, threatened with arrest.

104. Victim: Yoel Bravo - Date of Incident: October 31, 2020 - Villa Clara

Arrested by political police for several hours in response for blaming him for pasting posters on the public road.

105. Victim: Abel Peña - Date of Incident: October 31, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Since early in the morning, the Hubert Matos Benítez Headquarters of UNPACU, in the town of El Cristo, Santiago de Cuba, has been surrounded and guarded by repressive forces of the political police led by the repressor Michel. In this small town is the headquarters of the UNPACU and the vast majority of the residents are activists of the organization. They left at 8:00 pm.

106. Victim: Miraida Martín - Date of Incident: October 31, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

For her political activism and for using his home as an UNPACU headquarters, she was surrounded by the police throughout the day by police preventing her from leaving. Police left at 9:00pm.

107. Victim: Hannibal Riveaux - Date of Incident: October 31, 2020 - Santiago de Cuba

Former political prisoner. Due to his political activism, despite his state of health, he is accosted by agents of the political police on a daily basis. When leaving his house, political police officers wished to stop him but, since his house is not a prison, he went out. He continued walking and the officer wants him to turn around, but the activist says: “Down with the dictatorship!” This officer issued a blow that split his mouth and broke 4 teeth of a prosthesis he was wearing. Images were taken by the lens of a camera through a video. Later,

this officer gave him a brutal beating. Due to the blow that this officer of the Castro-communist regime gave him, they had to take him in a patrol car and transport him to the Military Hospital to have his lower lip sutured. The wife was not allowed to enter the Military Hospital to see him, after she had gone to other hospitals in search of him, they made a blockade around the door, and they took her out the back where the morgue is. He was transferred from there to the Second Unit of the PNR known as El Palacete, where he was threatened with going to prison. After 12 hours in detention, he was released at 9:30.

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