



## **PERSECUTION OF YOUNG ACTIVIST LILVIO FERNANDEZ IN CUBA.**

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The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (REDLAD) warns about the Cuban government's systematic persecution against activist and president of the active youth organization Cuba Activa (Juventud Activa Cuba Activa-JACU) , Lilvio Fernandez.

The young man, after being arrested and beaten by security agents of the Cuban State, was threatened with prison for his actions to organize a congress of youth from different cities of Cuba.

The activist was arrested Tuesday October 22, 2013 , with four regional coordinators of the Youth Congress . During the police operation seized them audiovisual equipment, electronic storage devices, and money for the realization of the youth congress .

24 hours after arbitrary detention were released under an injunction and under the threat of not organize the youth event . Likewise, the Cuban youth leader was fined 2000 pesos.

Fernandez Lilvio and the rest of youngs arrested are determined to do the Youth Congress, despite the threats by the totalitarian regime.



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The Permanent Secretariat of REDLAD; platform of more than 520 organizations, Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Regional Chapter of the World Movement for Democracy (WMD):

- Alerts the international community about the abuse of the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly of young Cubans.
- Urges the Cuban government to cease the persecution, threats and human rights violation against peaceful activists and dissidents.
- Urges the democratic governments of the world, condemn the actions of the Cuban government and demand respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms on the island.

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