



Alert of Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad): wave of arrests and repression in Cuba.

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The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) warns of mass arrests of activists of human rights and democracy in Cuba.

Between 8 and 9 November, the Cuban government has arrested more than 14 opponents and Cuban dissidents, activists of democracy and human rights. It confirms the arrest of the blogger Yoani Sánchez, the lawyers Yaremis Flores, Veisant Boloy and Laritza Diversent who provide free legal services, Antonio G. Rodiles and Ailer González, directors of SATS space, Andres Perez, Mario Morales, Vladimir Torres, Rolando Reyes, Luis Manuel Reinaldo Figueras and Fumero, civil society activists and other dissidents under specific or unproven crimes such as "disturbing public order "or" social indiscipline cause ".

Most of those arrested are signatories and participants of the Campaña por Otra Cuba, launched less than a month ago and in which demand to the Government ratificate and implementate the international conventions of protecting of human rights such as Political Rights Covenants and Civil Rights, and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the United Nations signed in February 2008. The campaign was promoted through the support of the Redlad and in particular, the World Movement for Democracy, whose tribute to the Democratic Courage 2012 was dedicated to democracy activists in Cuba.

Both the Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation and the Christian Liberation Movement (MCL), have come to respect and demanded the



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Cuban government to release arrested fourteen opponents. Are recorded in Cuba, more than 520 arrests for political reasons only in October.

Weeks ago, the Redlad denounced the arrest of Cuban blogger Yoani Sanchez and husband Reinaldo Escobar, as they headed to the town of Bayamo in Granma, to the judgement against the Spanish Ange Carromero accused of the murder of Cuban dissidents Oswaldo Paya Sardinias and Harold Cepero in a traffic accident catalogued as "reckless".

The Permanent Secretariat Redlad, platform for democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms composed of 450 organizations, Official Member of the Civil Society Forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Regional Chapter of World Movement for Democracy (WMD):

- Demands the immediate release of the 14 activists and dissidents arrested, the implementation of transparent judicial process and the cessation of the persecution of organized civil society on the island.
- Requests the Cuban government respect fundamental freedoms and human rights of its citizens, ratify and implement the major human rights conventions emanating within the United Nations.
- Urges world's democratic governments, civil society organizations and international renowned personalities in favor of democracy and human rights, to pronounce about the facts and demand the restoration of freedom of the arrested activists.
- Shows its solidarity with the activists arrested without a cause and calls to activists around the world to continue in the dissemination of the Campaña por Otra Cuba, in order to consolidate democratic change on the island.

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