



## CUBA: FEMALES KILLED OR DISAPPEARED BY THE COMMUNIST STATE: 1959-2003

### Work in progress

#### 216 DOCUMENTED DEATHS

firing squad executions: 11  
extrajudicial assassinations: 20  
disappearances: 13  
assassinations in prison: 2  
suicides in prison or under arrest: 6  
other deaths in prison: 5  
medical negligence in prison: 4  
assassinations in exit attempts: 29  
documented deaths in exit attempts: 96  
civilian deaths internationalist missions: 30

#### OTHER DEATHS IN EXIT ATTEMPTS

**17,664 to 20,876** (formula estimate)  
Averages 1.3 females per day since  
the start of the Revolution

### SELECTED CASES

Cases appear summarized below. For details  
and sources go to CubaArchive.org.

#### **ARACELIA ARIAS GOMEZ**

DATE: 30-01-64 . LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY  
OFFICE IN MARIANAO, HAVANA. ASSASSINATED  
WHILE UNDER ARREST, VICTIM OF POLICE  
BRUTALITY.

#### **MARIA CAPIRO (AKA MARIA CATIL)**

DATE: 17-09-86. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY  
OFFICE IN ARROYO NARANJO, HAVANA  
ASSASSINATED WHILE UNDER ARREST.

#### **SRA. CARDONA**

DATE: 12-61. LOCATION: ESMERALDA,  
CAMAGUEY . ASSASSINATED BY POLICE WITH  
HUSBAND AND TWO SMALL CHILDREN.

#### **GLORIA CASAÑAS HERNANDEZ**

DATE: 20-06-65. LOCATION: G-2 STATE  
SECURITY OFFICE. DISAPPEARED WHILE UNDER  
ARREST AFTER AN ANTI-CASTRO HUMAN RIGHTS  
DEMONSTRATION.

#### **DOLORES CORREOSO (LOLIN) - AGE: 55**

DATE: 13-08-78 . LOCATION: GUANAJAY  
NATIONAL WOMEN'S PRISON, GUANAJAY, PINAR  
DEL RIO. WHILE SERVING A 20-YEAR PRISON  
TERM, DEVELOPED BREAST CANCER AND WAS  
DENIED MEDICAL TREATMENT.

#### **AMALIA CORA CORZO**

DATE: 15-01-62. LOCATION: CUBAN TERRITORIAL  
WATERS - ENTRANCE TO BARLOVENTO DEEP  
WATER CHANNEL, JAIMANITAS, HAVANA  
PROVINCE. ASSASSINATED DURING AN EXIT  
ATTEMPT WHEN A CUBAN NAVY PATROL BOAT

MACHINE GUNNED THE 31-FT. BOAT "PRETEXTO"  
WITH 29 PERSONS ABOARD. 5 ASYLUM-SEEKERS  
WERE KILLED, MOST OF THE 24 SURVIVORS  
RECEIVED TO 20-YEAR PRISON SENTENCES.

#### **JUANA MARIA DIAZ - AGE: 25**

DATE: 17-05-61 . LOCATION: NATIONAL WOMEN'S  
PRISON IN GUANAJAY, PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE.  
EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD ON CHARGES OF  
PLOTING TO ASSASSINATE A HIGH LEVEL  
OFFICIAL OF THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT.

#### **OBDULIA DUAREZ SUAREZ - AGE: 19**

DATE: 22-04-75. LOCATION: LA CABAÑA  
FORTRESS HAVANA. EXECUTED BY FIRING  
SQUAD.

#### **LUISA MARIA ESCOBAR**

DATE: 07-10-62. LOCATION: VICTORIA DE LAS  
TUNAS, ORIENTE PROVINCE. EXECUTED BY  
FIRING SQUAD.

#### **ASELIA FERNANDEZ**

DATE: 13-09-82 LOCATION: MORON, CAMAGUEY  
ASSASSINATED BY POLICE.

#### **OLGA DIGNA FERNANDEZ CAÑIZARES DE ARUFE**

DATE: 18-04-61. LOCATION: STREETS OF  
HAVANA. ASSASSINATED. SHOT WITH HER  
HUSBAND, MARCIAL ARUFE, AS THEY WERE  
TRYING TO REACH THE ARGENTINIAN EMBASSY  
TO REQUEST ASYLUM.

#### **AMELIA FERNANDEZ GARCIA**

DATE: 17-04-61. LOCATION: LA CABAÑA  
FORTRESS IN HAVANA. EXECUTED BY FIRING  
SQUAD.

#### **DR. BERTA FERRER**

DATE: 1960. LOCATION: SANTIAGO DE CUBA,  
ORIENTE PROVINCE. EXECUTED BY FIRING  
SQUAD.

#### **JUANA FIGUEREDO DIAZ**

DATE: 24-12-61. LOCATION: ARROYO BLANCO,  
ORIENTE PROVINCE. EXECUTED BY FIRING  
SQUAD WHILE WAS SIX MONTHS PREGNANT FOR  
COLLABORATING WITH ANTI-CASTRO  
GUERRILLAS.

#### **ANA MARTA GARCIA DELGADO**

DATE: 21-09-86. LOCATION: G-2 STATE  
SECURITY OFFICE IN SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE,  
HAVANA PROVINCE. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE  
WHILE UNDER ARREST. WAS SIX MONTHS  
PREGNANT.

#### **ELIDA GARCIA LOPEZ - AGE: 27**

DATE: 26-10-61. LOCATION: MARIANAO, HAVANA.  
ASSASSINATED (SHOT) BY A MILITIAMAN .

#### **OLIVIA AIDA GARCIA SOLER**

DATE: 26-04-65. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY  
OFFICE IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA, ORIENTE  
PROVINCE. (EMPLOYEE OF THE CUBAN  
ELECTRIC COMPANY AND UNION LEADER.)  
ASSASSINATED BY POLICE WHILE UNDER  
ARREST.

#### **MONICA GARCIA - AGE: 15**

DATE: 08-09-93. LOCATION: CALLE PRIMERA Y E,  
REPARTO POEY, HAVANA. ASSASSINATED (HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENT). INNOCENT BYSTANDER  
KILLED BY A POLICEMAN, WHO SHOT INDIS-

CRIMINATELY AT A CROWD OF YOUNGSTERS  
TAUNTING HIM WITH CRIES OF " HENCHMAN."

#### **JULIA GONZALEZ ROSQUETE**

DATE: 10-01-62 . LOCATION: GUANAJAY  
NATIONAL PRISON FOR WOMEN, PINAR DEL RIO  
PROVINCE. DEVELOPED A MOUTH INFECTION  
FROM A BRUTAL BEATING BY PRISON GUARDS.  
DENIED MEDICAL CARE. SHE DIED OF  
SEPTICEMIA.

#### **JULIA GONZALEZ DE MENDEZ**

DATE: 01-06-73. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY  
OFFICE IN ALQUIZAR, HAVANA PROVINCE.  
ASSASSINATED BY POLICE WHILE UNDER  
ARREST.

#### **ROSA GONZALEZ**

DATE: 27-12-63. LOCATION: CUBAN TERRITORIAL  
WATERS. ASSASSINATED - MACHINE-GUNNED  
DURING AN EXIT ATTEMPT.

#### **LUISA GUERRA**

DATE: 1992 . LOCATION: CITY OF CAMAGUEY.  
ASSASSINATED BY POLICE.

#### **ESTRELLA GUTIERREZ**

DATE: 22-06-62. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY  
OFFICE IN PERICO, MATANZAS PROVINCE.  
ASSASSINATED BY POLICE WHILE UNDER  
ARREST.

#### **LIVIA GOUVERNIER - AGE: 20**

DATE: 11-12-59. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY  
OFFICE IN HAVANA. (UNIVERSITY STUDENT.)  
ASSASSINATED BY POLICE WHILE UNDER  
ARREST.

#### **MARITZA GUTIERREZ**

DATE: 1988. LOCATION: SAN JOSE DE LAS  
LAJAS, HAVANA PROVINCE. DISAPPEARED.

#### **MRS. ALBERTO LAZO PASTRANA**

DATE: 1971. LOCATION: CARIBBEAN SEA.  
ASSASSINATED DURING AN EXIT ATTEMPT -HER  
BOAT WAS RAMMED AND SUNK BY A CUBAN  
NAVY VESSEL. SHE FELL INTO THE SEA AND WAS  
DEVOURED BY SHARKS. HER THREE CHILDREN  
DISAPPEARED.

#### **SONIA LOPEZ GONZALEZ**

DATE: 1991. LOCATION: MARIEL, PINAR DEL RIO  
PROVINCE. DISAPPEARED.

#### **ROSARIO MARQUEZ**

DATE: 05-05-62. LOCATION: G-2 STATE  
SECURITY OFFICE IN MIRAMAR, PLAYA, HAVANA.  
ASSASSINATED WHILE UNDER ARREST, VICTIM  
OF POLICE BRUTALITY.

#### **SARA MARTINEZ GONZALEZ - AGE: 47**

DATE: 23-12-96. LOCATION: LA CABAÑA  
FORTRESS IN HAVANA. (MANAGER AT THE  
CUBAN HARVEST TASK FORCE / MEMBER OF THE  
UNDERGROUND "FRENTE DE LIBERACION  
CUBANA.") EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD.

#### **ORELVIS MARTINEZ LIMONTA**

DATE: 07-07-92. LOCATION: SANTA CLARA, LAS  
VILLAS PROVINCE. ASSASSINATED WHILE  
UNDER ARREST.

#### **ISABEL MARTINEZ**

DATE: 1993. DISAPPEARED.

**MARIA ELENA MIRANDA**

DATE: 1994 . LOCATION: EL CANEY, ORIENTE PROVINCE. DISAPPEARED.

**ADELAIDA MIRAVEN**

DATE: 03-04-78. LOCATION: LA CABAÑA FORTRESS

**SILVIA MONTIEL**

DATE: 11-12-84. LOCATION: MANTO NEGRO PRISON IN WATAO, LA LISA, HAVANA. DIED IN PRISON.

**MARIA DEL CARMEN MURO**

DATE: 1993. DISAPPEARED.

**LOURDES NADAL**

DATE: 1971. LOCATION: LA CABAÑA FORTRESS IN HAVANA. EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD.

**DELIA NAVARRO** - AGE: 39.

DATE: 03-08-62. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY OFFICE IN HAVANA. BECAME CRAZED AFTER BEING TORTURED, COMMITTING SUICIDE WHILE UNDER ARREST.

**SARA OQUENDO HERNANDEZ**

DATE: 16-03-85. LOCATION: LA LISA, HAVANA. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE.

**CARIDAD PAVON RODRIGUEZ**

DATE: 27-02-82 . LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY HEADQUARTERS IN HAVANA. LEADER OF THE ANTI-CASTRO ZAPATA MOVEMENT ASSASSINATED WHILE UNDER INTERROGATION, AFTER ENDURING TORTURE AND SAVAGE BEATINGS. THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT CLAIMS SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

**RAQUEL PERDOMO**

DATE: 20-01-63. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY OFFICE IN HAVANA. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE WHILE UNDER ARREST.

**LYDIA PEREZ LOPEZ** - AGE: 25 .

DATE: 07-07-61. LOCATION: GUANAJAY NATIONAL WOMEN'S PRISON, IN GUANAJAY, PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE. ASSASSINATED IN PRISON. PREGNANT, SHE WAS KICKED IN THE STOMACH BY PRISON GUARDS 30 DAYS BEFORE HER DUE DATE. SHE LOST HER BABY, RECEIVED NO MEDICAL ATTENTION, AND BLED TO DEATH.

**SISTER AIDA ROSA PEREZ** - AGE: 42.

DATE: 12-12-67. LOCATION: G-2 CUBAN STATE SECURITY PAVILION AT THE MILITARY HOSPITAL IN HAVANA. FORMER SISTER IN A CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS ORDER WHO HAD RETIRED DUE TO CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE. SHE WAS REPEATEDLY DETAINED FOR EXPRESSING ANTI-COMMUNIST VIEWS AND FINALLY SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON. FORCED TO DO HARD PENAL FARM LABOR, SHE DIED OF A HEART ATTACK 2 YEARS LATER.

**CARIDAD PLACENCIA (AKA CARIDAD PLASENCIA)**

DATE: 15-09-75. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY OFFICE AT REPARTO LAWTON, HAVANA. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE WHILE UNDER ARREST.

**YALINA REAL GORT** - AGE: 22

DATE: 13-05-95. LOCATION: FLORIDA STRAITS. ASSASSINATED DURING AN ILLEGAL EXIT

ATTEMPT. A CUBAN COAST GUARD PATROL BOAT RAMMED AND SANK HER BOAT IN HIGH SEAS.

**DORA VICTORIA REYES**

DATE: 30-08-84 . LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY HEADQUARTERS IN HAVANA. SHE HAD SERVED A PRISON SENTENCE AND WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON. GIVEN PERMISSION TO VISIT RELATIVES IN HAVANA, SHE WAS ARRESTED THERE AND DIED WHILE UNDER ARREST BY STATE SECURITY.

**ESTRELLA RIOS** - AGE: 35.

DATE: 20-10-99 LOCATION: CUBAN TERRITORIAL WATERS, 12 KILOMETERS NORTH OF HAVANA. ASSASSINATED WITH HER SON, ERNESTO MARQUEZ RIOS (AGE 6). BOTH DROWNED DURING AN EXIT ATTEMPT WHEN THEIR 7-METER BOAT WAS RAMMED AND SUNK BY A CUBAN COAST GUARD PATROL VESSEL.

**SARA RODRIGUEZ ALEMAN**

DATE: 24-09-62. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY OFFICE IN HAVANA. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE WHILE UNDER ARREST.

**MARIA ISABEL RODRIGUEZ**

DATE: 1993. DISAPPEARED.

**MIREYA RODRIGUEZ**

DATE: 1990. LOCATION: SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS, HAVANA PROVINCE. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE.

**TERESITA SAAVEDRRA PEREZ** - AGE: 24.

DATE: 21-04-61. LOCATION: HER HOME IN SANCTI-SPIRITUS, LAS VILLAS. (CATHOLIC LAY LEADER AND RESISTANCE LEADER.) TAKEN PRISONER, TORTURED AND RAPED BY A FORMER FRIEND, THE STATE SECURITY CHIEF IN SANCTI-SPIRITUS, AND FIVE OTHER SECURITY OFFICERS. AFTER HER RELEASE, SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE BY SETTING HERSELF ABLAZE, PRIOR TO HER SECOND ARREST, WHICH HAD BEEN ORDERED.

**JOSEFA SAN ROMAN**

DATE: 17-05-64. (SMALL FARMER /CASMPESINA). LOCATION: PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE. EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD ON THE SAME DAY AS OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS FOR COLLABORATING WITH ANTI-CASTRO GUERRILLAS.

**MARIA LUISA SANCHEZ**

DATE: 1980. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE .

**ALBA SERRANO** - AGE: 25.

DATE: 30-10-67. LOCATION: GUANAJAY NATIONAL WOMEN'S PRISON, GUANAJAY, PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE. SUICIDE. SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR PURSUING BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES, SHE WAS SENT TO THE LESBIAN CELLBLOCK IN PUNISHMENT. HER RELATIVES OVERREACTED AND. UNABLE TO ENDURE THE SHAME, SHE HUNG HERSELF IN HER CELL.

**DR. EDMUNDA SERRAT BARRIOS** - AGE: 70 .

DATE: 06-09-81. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS AT VILLA MARISTA, IN HAVANA. THIS LAWYER HAD SERVED A THREE YEAR PRISON SENTENCE AT THE CONCENTRATION – LABOR CAMP GRANJA AMERICA, IN THE PROVINCE OF HAVANA. HER POLITICAL CRIME HAD BEEN HER OPPOSITION TO AND CRITICISM OF THE CUBAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND MARXIST EDUCATION. AFTER HER RELEASE, SHE BEGAN ACTING AS LAWYER FOR THE

DEFENSE IN CASES BROUGHT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. IN AUGUST OF 1981, DURING ONE SUCH TRIAL, SHE OBJECTED TO THE CONDUCT OF THE JUDGE AND WAS IMMEDIATELY DETAINED AND TAKEN FOR INTERROGATION AT STATE SECURITY HEADQUARTERS. A FEW DAYS LATER HER FAMILY WAS INFORMED OF HER DEATH FROM AN ALLEGED HEART ATTACK. HER WAKE WAS HELD AT A DESIGNATED STATE FUNERAL HOME AND THE SEALED COFFIN KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE. A STATE SECURITY POLICEMAN WHO LATER DEFECTED REPORTED SHE HAD BEEN BEATEN TO DEATH.

**BERKIS TERCIO ( LA MARIPOSITA )** - AGE: 19

DATE: 15-02-2002. LOCATION: AGRICULTURAL PENAL FARM NO. 5, CAMAGUEY PROVINCE . COMMITTED SUICIDE BY HANGING HERSELF THREE DAYS AFTER BEING ASSAULTED BY A PRISON GUARD.

**MARIA ISABEL TORRADO**

DATE: 03-08-63. LOCATION: G-2 STATE SECURITY OFFICE IN SAN CRISTOBAL, PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE. EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD.

**CONSUELO VIAL SANCHEZ**

DATE: 1980. LOCATION: HAVANA. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE.

**THREE VINIGO SISTERS**

DATE: 1962. LOCATION: COLON, MATANZAS PROVINCE. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE.

**MARGARITA YERO**

DATE: 04-95. LOCATION: GUANTANAMO, ORIENTE PROVINCE. DISAPPEARED WHILE TRYING TO REACH THE U.S. NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO.

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