

## 68 FOREIGN NATIONALS KILLED OR DISAPPEARED BY THE CASTRO REGIME

Documented Cases  
Work in progress

### Argentina

#### 1. Bernardo Groswald ( Nardo ).

Executed by firing squad.

**Age:** 19. **Date:** February 1964.

**Location:** San Ramón de la Nueva Orán, Provincia de Salta, Argentina.

**Occupation:** Bank employee, recruit of the rural guerrilla group *Ejército Guerrillero del Pueblo*. **Description:** Comandante Segundo, Jorge Masetti, suspected his guerrillas and subjected him to trial for being too weak for the harsh conditions of guerrilla life. Sentenced to death, he asked to be executed in his guerrilla uniform and black beret. He was shot in front of the grave they dug for him.

#### 2. Adolfo Rotblat (Pupi,) Executed by firing squad.

**Date:** November 15, 1963. **Location:** San Ramón de la Nueva Orán, Provincia de Salta, Argentina. **Occupation:**

University student, recruit of the guerrilla group *Ejército Guerrillero del Pueblo*.

**Description:** Weak from asthma, Comandante Segundo, Jorge Masetti, determined he was an impediment to the guerrilla group. He was sentenced to death after a trial.

### Bahamas

**3–6. Four members of the Royal Bahamian Defense: Fenrick Sturupp, Austin Smith, David Tucker and Edward Williams. Assassination.**

**Date:** 05-11-1980. **Location:** Bahamian territorial waters near Santo Domingo Cay.

**Description:** During the Mariel boatlift (mass exodus from Cuba), two Cuban MIGs razed the 103-ft. Bahamian patrol boat, *FLAMINGO* as it towed a Cuban fishing boat seized for poaching stone crab and conch in Bahamian waters. 45 minutes later, the MIGs returned and fired rockets, sinking the Bahamian vessel and strafing the survivors in the water. Four of the nineteen crewmen went missing. Later, a U.S. Coast Guard unarmed helicopter conducting a low-level search for persons in

the water at the request of the Bahamian government was put into violent turbulence by a Cuban MIG. The search for survivors was terminated and the Pentagon denounced the incident as "extremely dangerous" and "blatant harassment." Cuban V.P. Carlos Rafael Rodríguez traveled to Nassau and delivered £2.5 million in indemnification. The victims are honored in a cenotaph in a garden behind the Supreme Court in Nassau.

### Bolivia

#### 7. Honorato Rojas. Assassinated.

**Date:** 7-14-69. **Location:** Farm in Camiri, Bolivia. **Occupation:** Peasant, former guide to Che Guevara's guerrilla band.

**Description:** Assassinated by Castro agents to avenge the August 1967 ambush at Vado del Yeso, during which ten guerrillas were killed in combat.

#### 8. Miguel Angel Fermin Vargas Bastos. Assassinated.

**Age:** 19. **Date:** 10-21-2002. **Location:**

Havana. **Place of residence:** Cochabamba, Bolivia. Temporary residence in Havana, Medical student at the Latin American School of Medicine.

**Description:** Arrived in Havana at age 17 with a Cuban government scholarship to study medicine. He lent his passport to Cuban friends in the government, who used it for illegally purchasing and selling automobiles for foreigners. He decided to denounce them to authorities and his life was threatened. He was last seen on his way to an interrogation center, where he had been summoned. Cuban authorities notified the family he had died in a traffic accident. His mother traveled to Cuba and found evidence of beatings / torture, as the body was covered in bruises and wounds. The body was transported back to Bolivia, where an autopsy revealed that internal organs had been removed and the body was stuffed with cotton.

### Chile

#### 9. Beatriz "Tati" Allende Bussi -

Suicide. Age: 33. **Date:** October 1977.

**Location:** Havana. **Occupation:** Doctor. Daughter and former Chief of Staff of Chilean President Salvador Allende.

**Description:** Cuba's State Security assigned a handsome Cuban diplomat, Luis Fernández Oña (alias "Demid"), to seduce and marry her in order to secure information for the Castro regime. When Allende was deposed in a military coup, she went into

exile in Cuba with her husband. He, however, went back to his first wife and told "Tati" he had never loved her and had only married to obey Cuban government orders. Despondent about the betrayal, she wrote a long letter to Fidel Castro and shot herself. She left a daughter, age 5, and a son, age 4.

### Denmark

#### 10. Joachim-Ogner Lovschall -

Assassinated. Age: 26. **Date:** 03-29-97.

**Location:** Havana. **Place of residence:** Denmark. In Havana for a few months, studying Spanish. **Description:** Had been drinking and was walking the streets of Havana at night when he came across a location not clearly marked as a security area by the Ministry of the Armed Forces. Failing to obey an order to halt in Spanish, he was shot by Cuban soldiers with AK-47 rifles, receiving one shot to the stomach and one shot to the neck. The Danish government sent a protest note to Havana and published a travel advisory alerting Danish tourists of the risks in visiting Cuba.

### France

#### 11. Jean-Baptiste Mauriras -

Assassinated / Disappeared

**Date:** 1972. **Location:** G-2 State Security headquarters, Villa Marista, Havana.

**Occupation:** Contract employee at the French embassy in Havana. **Description:** Left Tarará beach in Havana province to go fishing on a rented motor boat with a Cuban friend as fishing guide. The sea was calm, yet both disappeared and the boat was found tied to a pier in Havana harbor. It was rumored that he had been arrested and taken for interrogation to Villa Marista, State Security headquarters, for suspected contacts with U.S. intelligence services. Several months later, in January 1973, Ofelia Menocal, a friend of the Mauriras family, was arrested. Her interrogator threatened that if she did not cooperate her imprisoned husband would suffer "the same fate as the Frenchman." Mauriras' widow and their daughter returned to Europe and presently live in Belgium. The French government did not file a note of protest and reportedly kept silent to avoid compromising its espionage network inside Cuba.

### Haiti

#### 12. Pierre Eutier (alias "El haitiano")

Assassinated

Presumed citizen of Haiti. **Date:** 1980.

**Location:** Vedado, Havana. **Place of residence:** Havana. **Description:** Assassinated by police.

## Honduras

**13. Eduardo Chavez López - Assassinated.** Age: 18. **Date:** 11-62. **Location:** Níco López School, Havana province. **Occupation:** Pre-university student. **Place of residence:** San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Temporary resident of Havana. **Description:** Sympathetic with the Cuban revolution, he went to study in Cuba. Two months after his arrival, his mother received a letter from his school's director of indoctrination explaining that he had been accidentally killed by another student. The Cuban government refused to repatriate the remains back to Honduras. His mother wrote to then Honduran President and to the Honduran press claiming her son had been assassinated.

## Mexico

**14. Ramón Amador Navarro\* (alias "El mexicano") - Executed by firing squad** **Date:** 09-28-68. **Location:** La Cabaña fortress, Havana. **Place of residence:** City of Camaguey. **Description:** Executed on charges of sabotage.

**15. Andrés el Mexicano\* (nom de guerre) - Executed by firing squad.** **Date:** 1984. **Location:** La Cabaña fortress, Havana.

**16. Pedro Dieppa - Executed by firing squad.** **Date:** 1964. **Location:** San Severino castle, city of Matanzas. **Description:** Anti-Castro guerrilla rebel.

**17. Jesús Flores Aguirre - Assassinated** **Date:** 08-25-61. **Location:** Havana. **Occupation:** Mexican diplomat. **Place of residence:** Havana. **Description:** Assassinated in his car, by police.

*\*Presumed Mexican citizen.*

## Portugal

**18. Juan Manuel Camelo de Medeiros Campo - Executed by firing squad** **Date:** 01-21-65. **Location:** La Cabaña fortress in Havana. **Occupation:** Businessman/ importer, long-time resident of Cuba. **Place of residence:** Havana. **Description:** Executed for supporting anti-Castro infiltration groups from overseas.

## Spain

*Spanish citizens or dual citizens / first-generation descendants*

**19. José María Alfonso Fernández\_ - Assassinated.** **Date:** 1959. **Location:** Marianao, Havana. **Occupation:** Wholesaler/ retailer. **Description:** Assassinated by police.

**20. José Brión - Executed by firing squad.** **Date:** 27-08-77. **Location:** Santa Clara, Las Villas.

**21. Rogelio González Corzo (alias Francisco) - Executed by firing squad.** Age: 29. **Date:** 20-04-61. **Location:** La Cabaña fortress prison in Havana. **Occupation:** Agricultural engineer and government official (aide to Castro's Minister of Agriculture). **Description:** Catholic youth leader and organizer of the anti-Castro group *Movimiento de Recuperación Revolucionaria (MRR)*. Executed on charges of plotting to overthrow the Castro government. *\*Son of Spanish citizens.*

**22. José Ramón Gonzalo Teja (alias "El asturiano") - Assassinated.** Age: 70. **Date:** 08-03-63. **Location:** Finca Real Campiña, Aguada de Pasajeros, Las Villas. **Occupation:** Farmer. **Description:** While traveling by mule to see his son, anti-Castro Escambray guerrilla leader "Felo, el asturiano," he was ambushed and killed by Castro's militia troops. **Notes:** His family was forcefully removed from the area and all their possessions were confiscated; his 70-year old wife was sent to prison for 30 months.

**23. Miguel Manteira Marcelino. Assassinated.** **Date:** 19-11-61. **Location:** Isla de Pinos prison. **Occupation:** Captain in pre-Castro Cuban National Police stationed in the city of Camaguey. **Description:** Was bludgeoned by prison guards with rifle butts and bayonets during a prison search; he died three days later from head wounds.

**24. Gaspar Domingo Trueba y Varona Executed by firing squad** **Date:** 20-04-61. **Location:** La Cabaña fortress prison, Havana. **Description:** Charged with conspiracy against the state. *\*Son of Spanish citizens.*

**25. Manuel Vázquez (alias "El galleguito") Executed by firing squad.** Age: 22. **Date:** 16-04-63. **Location:** Santa Clara, Las Villas province. **Occupation:** Rebel Army corporal who took up arms in 1961 against the Castro government. Was wounded in battle and executed after his arrest by State Security agents at a clandestine clinic he had gone to for medical care. *\*Presumed Spanish citizen (status unconfirmed)*

## United Kingdom

**26. Terence Stanley - Suicide** British citizen. **Date:** 01-28-81. **Location:** Combinado del Este prison, Havana. **Occupation:** Businessman/ export-import trader. **Description:** His family's photos were taken away and he was subjected to brutal beatings by prison guards after prison authorities intercepted a letter he had written to then British Prime Minister Edward Heath. He committed suicide in prison by hanging from his cell bars after a torture session.

## United States: 42

*Detailed in separate report.*

**Assassinated: 14**

**Executed: by firing squad: 15**

**Disappeared: 1**

**Killed or Missing in Action: 12**

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