

PARTIAL LIST OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING FOREIGN JOURNALISTS AND FILMMAKERS

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	OCCUPATION	EMPLOYER / ORGANIZATION	OCCURRENCE	DAY	MO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE OF INFORMATION
Noel	Lorthiosis	France	France	Journalist	Agence France Press, AFP (news agency, France)	Expelled		Oct.	1986	Expelled with a journalist from Reuters for disrespecting the national dignity and "behaviour grossly removed from the most basic norms of professional ethics" that "constitutes a hostile act". For the first time, a political dissident Elizardo Sanchez Santa Cruz, had spoken to them allowing his own name to be quoted and confirmed the name of his organisation (the Cuban Human Rights and National Reconciliation Commission), the existence of labour camps and gave an estimate of how many political prisoners there were in Cuba, which was another first.	"Report says two Western reporters expelled from Cuba," Washington, Associated Press, September 25, 1986. "Cuba Annual Report: 1986," Voice of America-Radio Marti Program (Google Books). "Foreign journalists under the regime's microscope," Report, Reporters Without Borders, Jun. 25, 2003, Updated Jan. 20, 2016, https://rsf.org/en/reports/foreign-journalists-under-regimes-microscope .
Robert	Powell	N/A	N/A	Journalist	Reuters (news agency, U.K.)	Expelled		Oct.	1986	Expelled with a journalist from AFP for "disrespecting the national dignity" and "behaviour grossly removed from the most basic norms of professional ethics" that "constitutes a hostile act". Political dissident Elizardo Sanchez Santa Cruz had spoken to them for the first time allowing his name to be quoted and had confirmed the name of his organisation (Cuban Human Rights and National Reconciliation Commission), the existence of labour camps, and given an estimate of how many political prisoners there were in Cuba.	"Report says two Western reporters expelled from Cuba," Washington, Associated Press, September 25, 1986.
Santiago	Aroca	Spain	Spain	Journalist	El Mundo (newspaper, Spain)	Beating / Detention / Deportation	16	Jan.	1992	Spanish journalist beaten, robbed and expelled from Cuba after interviewing the family of an exile executed last week for attempted terrorism (Eduardo Diaz Betancourt). Authorities beat him and demanded he tell them who had given him the address of the executed man's family. Police seized most of his belongings and placed him aboard a flight to Mexico. They returned a small part of his luggage but kept his notebooks, computer, newspaper clippings, books on Cuba, press cards and the equivalent of \$600 in cash. The Spanish Embassy in Havana had filed a protest.	John Rice, "Spanish reporter expelled from Cuba," Mexico City, AP, Jan. 27, 1992. "Periodista expulsado de Cuba," EFE, 26 ENE 1992. https://apnews.com/article/c9fffb33a0f24c153c4d4df59428a38 .
Le Grange	Bertrand	France	N/A	Journalist	Freelance journalist, former correspondent Le Monde Diplomatique (newspaper, France)	Beating / Arrest			1992	In 1992, Le Grange was staying at the Hotel Tritón of Havana and had left that morning on a taxi to visit dissident leader Oswaldo Payá. They stopped at the house of dissident Vladimiro Rojas, who would accompany him to the meeting, and when Le Grange got out of the taxi, a very large man started to run towards him, punched him in the jaw, threw him to the floor and started to kick him together with another man. A third man threatened the taxi driver and they then stole Le Grange's camera. Months earlier, he had been detained for two days until the Spanish ambassador demanded his release. Years later, the policewoman who had taken his report and had left Cuba for Spain contacted Le Grange and reported to him that State Security agents had been among the police when he filed his report and had made them pay for taking it.	Email from Bertrand Le Grange, Nov. 17, 2021. Interview with Bertrand Le Grange, Madrid, Feb. 5, 2017. https://cortadoamaro.com/2013/03/04/escapando-de-la-seguridad-del-estado-en-cuba-a-140-kph/
Bertrand	Rosenthal	France	France	Journalist	Agence France Press, AFP (news agency, France)	Denied entry			1993	As a correspondent in Cuba for AFP for five years who had been sharply reprimanded for writing a story about an egg shortage and summoned three times for reprimands as well as harassed, surveilled, and the brakes to his car cut. After leaving Cuba, he attempted to go back and waited unsuccessfully for an entry visa for 6 months; when he tried to enter on a tourist visa, he was denied entry together with French writer Jean-Francois Fogel, with whom he had written a book published 6 months earlier (June 1993) titled "Fin de siècle à La Havane, les secrets du pouvoir cubain" (Twilight in Havana, the secrets of the Cuban regime). Rosenthal later learned that Fidel Castro had declared him "a traitor" and ordered that he not be allowed to enter the country.	"Foreign journalists under the regime's microscope," Report by Reporters Without Borders, Jun. 25, 2003 - Updated Jan. 20, 2016.
Andrew	Cawthorne	N/A	N/A	Journalist	Reuters (news agency, U.K.)	Attacked by a government sponsored mob	10	Dec.	1998	Was covering a small public demonstration organized by the opposition group Lawton Foundation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Butari Park of 10 de Octubre municipality of Havana. Hundreds of police and State Security agents watched as a mob of members of the Union of Communist Youth and Rapid Response Brigades savagely attacked a human rights activist who attempted to read the Declaration and State Security agents then arrested him and two other activists. Cawthorne, the Reuters camerographer, was then harassed and attacked by the mob.	"Agrididos un opositor y un corresponsal extranjero en Lawton," La Habana, 10 de diciembre 1998 (Angel Pablo Polanco, CPI), CubaNet, 10 de diciembre de 1998. Reuters journalists attacked by state agents, New York, Committee to Protect Journalists, February 28, 2002.
Olivier	Languepin	France	France	Journalist	La Tribune, Les Echos, l'Évènement du Jeudi (newspapers, France)	Accreditation renewal denied			1998	Criticized for "unfriendly" reporting, his accreditation was not renewed.	"Foreign journalists under the regime's microscope," Report, Reporters Without Borders, Jun. 25, 2003, Updated Jan. 20, 2016, https://rsf.org/en/reports/foreign-journalists-under-regimes-microscope .
Rosy	Hayes	Canada	Canada	Journalist	Radio station (Canada)	Accreditation renewal denied			1998	Criticized for "unfriendly" reporting, her accreditation was not renewed.	"Foreign journalists under the regime's microscope," Report, Reporters Without Borders, Jun. 25, 2003, Updated Jan. 20, 2016, https://rsf.org/en/reports/foreign-journalists-under-regimes-microscope .
Birger	Thureson	Sweden	Sweden	Journalist	Nya Dagen (newspaper, Sweden)	Detained / Deported	29	Aug.	2000	Thureson worked for Nya Dagen, a small religious newspaper. One of three Swedish journalists who had met with Cuban independent journalists at a seminar on freedom of the press before being expelled from Cuba. The Cuban government accused them of violating their tourist visas by engaging in journalistic work. They were detained for 60 hours, interrogated, denied outside contact with anyone. After the Swedish Embassy in Havana intervened on their behalf, they were deported on August 31st and sent back to Stockholm.	"Attacks on the Press 2000: Cuba", Committee to Protect Journalists, Mar. 19, 2001, https://cpj.org/2001/03/attacks-on-the-press-2000-cuba/ .
Peter	Göetell	Sweden	Sweden	Journalist	Sundsvalls Tidning (newspaper, Sweden)	Detained / Deported	29	Aug.	2000	Göetell for the daily Sundsvalls Tidning. One of three Swedish journalists who had met with Cuban independent journalists at a seminar on freedom of the press before being expelled from Cuba. The Cuban government accused them of violating their tourist visas by engaging in journalistic work. They were detained for 60 hours, interrogated, denied outside contact with anyone. After the Swedish Embassy in Havana intervened on their behalf, they were deported on August 31st and sent back to Stockholm.	"Attacks on the Press 2000: Cuba", Committee to Protect Journalists, Mar. 19, 2001, https://cpj.org/2001/03/attacks-on-the-press-2000-cuba/ .
Helena	Söderqvist	Sweden	Sweden	Journalist	Arvika Nyheter (newspaper, Sweden)	Detained / Deported	29	Aug.	2000	Söderqvist worked for Arvika Nyheter, a small regional newspaper. One of three Swedish journalists who had met with Cuban independent journalists at a seminar on freedom of the press before being expelled from Cuba. The Cuban government accused them of violating their tourist visas by engaging in journalistic work. They were detained for 60 hours, interrogated, denied outside contact with anyone. After the Swedish Embassy in Havana intervened on their behalf, they were deported on August 31st and sent back to Stockholm.	"Attacks on the Press 2000: Cuba", Committee to Protect Journalists, Mar. 19, 2001, https://cpj.org/2001/03/attacks-on-the-press-2000-cuba/ .

Carmen	Butta	Italia	N/A	Journalist	"Geo" (magazine, Germany)	Detained /Work material temporarily retained	18	Jun.	2000	Butta had arrived in Cuba on June 8, 2000 accompanied by her husband, German writer Christian Yumblut. She had been accredited for journalistic work for Geo magazine of Hamburg, Germany. Researching Cuban reality and the violation of human rights, especially freedom of speech, she had conducted several interviews with leaders of the opposition and independent journalists. She was detained by State Security agents in a commercial zone in central Havana, held for four hours at the Department of Immigration, and then taken to her hotel room, which was subjected to a detailed search. Two books and a cassette were taken and she was returned to the Department of Immigration, where she was held until later that day and released together with the material after it had been examined.	"Cuba, World Report 2000," Human Rights Watch, https://www.hrw.org/legacy/wr2k1/americas/cuba.html . Raul Rivero, "Carmen Butta," InformeCuba.com. Desde la Semana del Dec. 1 - 8, 2000, Sociedad Interamericana de Prensa. < http://sipiapa.com/cuba/espanol/Reviews/rev-rivero0616.htm >
Martine	Jacot	France	France	Journalist	N/A	Detained / Work material and property confiscated	17	Aug.	2000	State security agents detained Jacot for more than an hour at Havana's International Airport just as she was about to return to France. The agents confiscated her video camera and two tapes, along with research documents. Jacot had traveled to Cuba to meet with independent journalists as a representative of the press freedom organization Reporters Sans Frontières.	"Attacks on the Press 2000: Cuba," Committee to Protect Journalists, Mar. 19, 2001, https://cpj.org/2001/03/attacks-on-the-press-2000-cuba/ .
Pascal	Fletcher	USA	USA	Journalist	Reuters (news agency, U.K.)	Accreditation withdrawn / Visa rescinded			2001	Was correspondent in Cuba 1986-2001 until Fidel Castro attacked him publicly and Centro de Prensa Internacional told him his accreditation would not be renewed.	Juan O. Tamayo, "Reporteros extranjeros en Cuba revelan presiones," El Nuevo Herald, Feb. 21, 2010.
Alfredo	Tedeshi	N/A	N/A	Journalist	Reuters (news agency, U.K.)	Attack by state agents	28	Feb.	2002	Police and state security agents attacked Reuters journalists Alfredo Tedeschi and Andrew Cawthorne with batons while they covered an incident in front of the Mexican embassy in Havana.	"Reuters journalists attacked by state agents", Committee to Protect Journalists, Feb. 28, 2002, https://cpj.org/2002/02/reuters-journalists-attacked-by-state-agents/
Andrew	Cawthorne	N/A	N/A	Journalist	Reuters (news agency, U.K.)	Attack by state agents	28	Feb.	2002	Police and state security agents attacked Reuters journalists Alfredo Tedeschi and Andrew Cawthorne with batons while they covered an incident in front of the Mexican embassy in Havana.	"Reuters journalists attacked by state agents", Committee to Protect Journalists, Feb. 28, 2002, https://cpj.org/2002/02/reuters-journalists-attacked-by-state-agents/
André	Birukoff	Russia	N/A	Journalist	Agence France Press, AFP (news agency, France)	Accreditation withdrawn / Visa rescinded			2005	Expelled after 11 months in Cuba for writing a story ("The price of a Cuban woman") on a Cuban agency called Interconsul that facilitated marriages (for money) between foreigners and Cubans who wanted to leave the island, also arranging passports. Was given three hours to leave the country and forcibly taken to the airport.	"Asi funciona la censura sobre los medios extranjeros en Cuba," El Toque, Aug. 28, 2020, https://eltoque.com/gobierno-cubano-censura-corresponsales-medios-extranjeros
Ana	Bitkone	Finland	Finland	Filmaker	N/A	Property confiscated	18	Feb.	2006	After arriving in Havana with the intention of filming a publicity spot, Bitkone's video camera and wireless microphones were confiscated by Cuban officials in order to prevent recording of Cuban officials.	Jaime Leygonier, "Confiscan equipos de filmación a ciudadana finlandesa," La Habana, CubaNet, Feb. 27, 2006.
José Ignacio	García Hamilton	Argentina	Argentina	Journalist, writer	N/A	Denied entry in Havana (had tourist visa)	18	Feb.	2006	Argentine writer and contributor to newspapers and magazines in Argentina, Uruguay, and the United States banned from entering Cuba although he and his wife had tourist visas approved by the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires. A Cuban immigration officer told García that only his wife would be allowed into the country. They were then escorted back to their plane, which was routed to Panama. García Hamilton had planned a one-week vacation on the island and also scheduled meetings with Cuban intellectuals and several gatherings to publicize his new book, a biography of Simón Bolívar.	"Argentine writer blocked at Havana airport," Committee to Protect Journalists, Feb. 21, 2006. Clarin.com, Infobae.
Cesar	González-Cal	Spain	Mexico	Journalist	El Universal (newspaper, Mexico)	Accreditation revoked / Visa rescinded			2007	Correspondent in Cuba since April 2003 told that as of February 28, 2007 he would not be able to remain on the island. Cuban authorities "argued that his form of covering the island is not the most convenient to the government." He was allowed to remain in Cuba as the spouse of EFE's correspondent.	"El Gobierno cubano expulsa de la isla a tres periodistas extranjeros," El Mundo. 23/02/2007. "Cuba expels the wrong Marx," Investor's Business Daily, February 27, 2007. "BBC facing expulsion from Cuba," The Guardian, 2/24/2007.
Stephen	Gibbs	N/A	UK	Journalist	British Broadcasting Corp., BBC (TV, U.K.)	Accreditation revoked / Visa rescinded			2007	BBC correspondent in Cuba from 2002-2007 whose visa and accreditation were rescinded. His reporting was deemed inaccurate and "negative."	"BBC facing expulsion from Cuba," The Guardian, 2/24/2007. "El Gobierno cubano expulsa de la isla a tres periodistas extranjeros," El Mundo. 23/02/2007. Stephen Gibbs, "Packing up home 'easy' in needy Cuba," BBC http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/6972511.stm .
Javier	Sarda	Spain	Spain	Journalist	Telecinco (TV, Spain)	Denied entry			2007	The Spanish TV station Telecinco issued a statement announcing that Cuban authorities had denied the journalist entry to the island for having criticized Fidel Castro and his regime in a previous program for the TV series Crónicas Marcianas. The journalist had planned to shoot in Havana for a new program and had to cancel it. Other Spanish journalists had visa problems the prior week when they had tried to travel to Cuba to cover the visit of Spain's Foreign Minister Miguel Ángel Moratinos. El País reported that the Cuban Embassy typically delayed visa requests from journalists to prevent their coverage instead of outright denying the visas.	Peru Egburde, Techy Baragaño, "Cuba niega el visado al periodista de televisión Javier Sarda," Madrid, El País, 09 Apr 2007.
Gary	Marx	U.S.A	Cuba	Journalist	Chicago Tribune (newspaper, USA)	Accreditation revoked / Visa rescinded	27	Feb.	2007	Correspondent in Cuba since 2002, he was told that his stories were too negative. His press credentials were not renewed during an annual process and he and his family were given 90 days to leave Cuba.	"Cuba expels the wrong Marx," Investor's Business Daily, February 27, 2007. "BBC facing expulsion from Cuba," The Guardian, 2/24/2007.
Fernando	del Rincón	Mexico	USA	Journalist	Mega Teve (TV, U.S.)	Denied work visa / Warned, monitored and interrogated on departure (as tourist)			2009	Prevented from covering a concert in Havana by the Colombian singer Juanes and other international artists. Hours after arriving Cuba on a tourist visa (having requested a press accreditation), officials told him his media venue was not be allowed to cover the concert but that, as a courtesy, he would be allowed to remain in the country as a tourist. They warned him he could be arrested if he interviewed people. He was followed by two men who apparently also searched his hotel room while he was away. At the airport upon departure, he was questioned including on how many camera memory cards he had and his belongings were searched.	"Periodista mexicano denuncia que el gobierno no le dejó cubrir el concierto de Juanes," CubaEncuentro, Sep 22, 2009.
Sebastián	Martínez Ferraté	Spain	Spain	Filmaker & businessman	Freelance videographer	Arrested / Sentenced to 7 yrs. of prison	11	Jul.	2010	In 2008, he had filmed a report on child prostitution in Cuba with a hidden camera that was shown in Spain by TV Cadena Tele 5. In 2010 he went to Cuba with the intention of managing a hotel and was detained at the airport (Jul. 11, 2010), tried, and sentenced to seven years of prison for aiding corruption of minors. He was included in Raul Castro's pardon of almost 3,000 prisoners in Jan. 2012.	"Spanish businessman freed in Cuba," Havana Times, Jan. 17, 2012.
Juan Carlos	Olivera	Argentina	Argentina	Journalist	Agence France Press, AFP (news agency, France)	Denied journalist visa			2011	Last assigned to the Miami bureau of the Agence France Press, Olivera was denied the visa required for his new assignment to the AFP bureau in Havana. The Cuban government did not provide an explanation.	Juan Tamayo, "Journalists: Raúl Castro tightens screws in Cuba," The Miami Herald, 9/7/2011.
Carlos	Hernando	Spain	Spain	Journalist	El Mundo (newspaper, Spain)	Deported	7	Apr.	2011	The freelance journalist was accused of being a counter-revolutionary, detained for five hours by State Security, and subjected to a forceful interrogation. He was shown a dossier with details of his activities in Cuba, ordered to stay away from opposition members, and given 48 hours to leave the country or face "grave consequences." He had filmed a short documentary on Cuban dissident Guillermo Fariñas and was on his 6 th visit to Cuba, where he had traveled on a tourist visa.	Ivan García, "Carlos Hernando tiene 48 horas para salir del país," El Mundo, 07 abril 2011. "El gobierno cubano detiene y ordena expulsión de periodista español," Martinocitias.com, 7 abril 2011.

Mauricio	Vicent	Spain	Cuba	Journalist	El Pais (newspaper) / SER radio network (Spain)	Accreditation rescinded (irrevocably)	6	Sep.	2011	Correspondent in Cuba for 20 years, married to a Cuban woman and with children born on the island whose visa was irrevocably rescinded. Cuba's state cable TV providers had previously removed CNN's Spanish service in January 2011 from a package of channels provided mostly to hotels, foreign companies and diplomats on the island, no reason given. The decision was based on Resolution 182 from 2006, which regulates the work of the foreign press in Cuba and establishes that permission to work may be temporarily or permanently cancelled for a correspondent who, according to the CIP, "lacks the journalistic ethic and/or does not adjust himself to objectivity in his reports."	"Cuba revokes accreditation of Spanish journalist," Madrid, Associated Press, Sept. 6, 2011. "El régimen cubano retira la acreditación al corresponsal de EL PAÍS en La Habana," El País, Sep. 6, 2011. Editorial: "Orden de callar: Al expulsar a los corresponsales de EL PAÍS, Cuba e Irán exhiben la debilidad de sus dictaduras," El País, Sep. 6, 2011. "SIP condena Cuba revocara acreditación de corresponsal español," Miami, AP, Sep. 6, 2011.
Tristán	Rodríguez Loredo	Argentina	Argentina	Journalist & univ. professor	Univ. Católica Argentina & Univ. Austral	Detained at airport (on departure) / Threatened	11	Jul.	2011	Having visited dissidents, two agents at the airport took him from the exit line and held him for over an hour, giving him details about all of his visits and threatening him with prison for visa and other violations.	Tristán Rodríguez Loredo, "Angustiante y revelador testimonio de un turista argentino en Cuba," La Nación, Argentina, 13 feb. 2012.
Fernando	García del Río	Spain	Spain	Journalist	La Vanguardia (newspaper, Spain)	Expelled / Accreditation rescinded			2011	Correspondent in Cuba for the Spanish newspaper La Vanguardia (of Barcelona) from 2007 until his expulsion from Cuba in 2011. Prensa Internacional (CPI) summoned him to tell him his accreditation, required to work as a journalist in Cuba, would not be renewed and asked him to leave ASAP. It was clear that the government did not like his work. He had just published a book, "The Island of the Mills," where he related the "adventures and misfortunes of a correspondent in Havana in the final years of the Castro regime." He was summoned to the Centro de Prensa Internacional (CPI) to tell him his accreditation, required to work as a journalist in Cuba, would not be renewed and asked him to leave ASAP.	Yoani Sánchez, "Adventures and misfortunes of a correspondent in Cuba," La Habana, 14ymedio.com, Abril 07, 2015. "La isla de los ingenios"; Aventuras e infortunios de un corresponsal en Cuba, 14ymedio, http://www.14ymedio.com/entrevista/Aventuras-infortunios-corresponsal-Cuba_0_1756024383.html.
Alexis	Ferrer	Cuba	Sweden	Journalist, Webmaster	LaCubanada.com (digital newspaper, Sweden)	Detained / Interrogated	1	Jun.	2012	Co-founder of LaCubanada.com web page, resident of Sweden, detained when he went to Puerto Padre, Las Tunas, to visit dissident Elicer Avila, because Cuban security officials told him Avila was a "counterrevolutionary". Ferrer was interrogated and subjected to what he described as "verbal torture," pressed to hand over film material from his visit to the island and his interview of Elicer. He told them the film was outside of Cuba already and he was told he would spend several years in jail if they found it. His wife and daughter were emotionally affected by the incident.	"Alexis Ferrer de LaCubanada.com detenido en Cuba," MartiNoticias, Jun. 6, 2012, https://www.radiotelevisionmarti.com/a/11806.html.
Stefano	Cavicchi	Italy	Italy	Photo journalist	Corriere della Sera (newspaper, Italy)	Detained / Work material confiscated / Deported			Sep. 2012	Part of a group of Italian journalists who had traveled to Cuba to interview the Cuban national Laborde Rico, accused by the Italian Justice of having participated with his sister, a resident of Italy for more than ten years, in the murder of the Italian couple Rosetta Sostero and Paolo Burgato, on 19 August 2012 in Lignano Sabbiadoro (northern Italy). They were conducting the interviews at Rico's house in Camagüey when six men broke into the house, requisitioned their photographic and audiovisual material, and detained them. Cavicchi was released a few hours after his arrest after authorities investigated "irregularities with his visa."	"Cuatro periodistas italianos detenidos en Cuba, afirma la cancillería," AFP, Sep. 29, 2012. "El régimen detiene a tres periodistas italianos en Camagüey," Roma, Diario de Cuba, Sep. 29, 2012. Juan Carlos Chavez, "Cuba libera a cuatro periodistas italianos," El Nuevo Herald, Sep. 29, 2012.
Ilaria	Cavo	Italy	Italy	Journalist	TgCom24 (TV, Italy)	Detained / Work material confiscated / Deported			Sep. 2012	Part of a group of Italian journalists who had traveled to Cuba to interview the Cuban national Laborde Rico, accused by the Italian Justice of having participated with his sister, a resident of Italy for more than ten years, in the murder of the Italian couple Rosetta Sostero and Paolo Burgato, on 19 August 2012 in Lignano Sabbiadoro (northern Italy). They were conducting the interviews at Rico's house in Camagüey when six men broke into the house, requisitioned their photographic and audiovisual material, and detained them. The Cuban government said that three of the journalists has been arrested for violating their immigration status by entering with a tourist visa.	"Cuatro periodistas italianos detenidos en Cuba, afirma la cancillería," AFP, Sep. 29, 2012. "El régimen detiene a tres periodistas italianos en Camagüey," Roma, Diario de Cuba, Sep. 29, 2012. Juan Carlos Chavez, "Cuba libera a cuatro periodistas italianos," El Nuevo Herald, Sep. 29, 2012.
Fabio	Tricarico	Italy	Italy	Camaraographer	TgCom24 (TV, Italy)	Detained / Work material confiscated / Deported			Sep. 2012	Part of a group of Italian journalists who had traveled to Cuba to interview the Cuban national Laborde Rico, accused by the Italian Justice of having participated with his sister, a resident of Italy for more than ten years, in the murder of the Italian couple Rosetta Sostero and Paolo Burgato, on 19 August 2012 in Lignano Sabbiadoro (north). They were conducting the interviews at Rico's house in Camagüey when six men broke into the house, requisitioned their photographic and audiovisual material, and detained them. The Cuban government said that three of the journalists has been arrested for violating their immigration status by entering with a tourist visa.	"Cuatro periodistas italianos detenidos en Cuba, afirma la cancillería," AFP, Sep. 29, 2012. "El régimen detiene a tres periodistas italianos en Camagüey," Roma, Diario de Cuba, Sep. 29, 2012. Juan Carlos Chavez, "Cuba libera a cuatro periodistas italianos," El Nuevo Herald, Sep. 29, 2012.
Domenico	Pacile	Italy	Italy	Journalist	Messaggero Veneto (newspaper, Italy)	Detained / Work material confiscated / Deported			Sep. 2012	Part of a group of Italian journalists who had traveled to Cuba to interview the Cuban national Laborde Rico, accused by the Italian Justice of having participated with his sister, a resident of Italy for more than ten years, in the murder of the Italian couple Rosetta Sostero and Paolo Burgato, on 19 August 2012 in Lignano Sabbiadoro (northern Italy). They were conducting the interviews at Rico's house in Camagüey when six men broke into the house, requisitioned their photographic and audiovisual material, and detained them. The Cuban government said that three of the journalists has been arrested for violating their immigration status by entering with a tourist visa.	"Italy's reporter detained in Cuba to fly back tomorrow," Trieste, AGI, Sept 30, 2012. "Cuatro periodistas italianos detenidos en Cuba, afirma la cancillería," AFP, Sep. 29, 2012. "El régimen detiene a tres periodistas italianos en Camagüey," Roma, Diario de Cuba, Sep. 29, 2012. Juan Carlos Chavez, "Cuba libera a cuatro periodistas italianos," El Nuevo Herald, Sep. 29, 2012.
Rodrigo	Duarte	Argentina	Argentina	Journalist	Infobae (digital newspaper, Argentina)	Interrogated / Belongings searched / Issued warning			Feb. 2014	Went to Cuba on vacation and since his passport indicated he is a journalist, he was subjected to a long interrogation, his belongings searched, and he was issued a warning to not conduct any journalistic work. During his stay in Cuba he was followed everywhere by agents in plainclothes.	Rodrigo Duarte, "Mis vacaciones en Cuba: demoras, interrogatorios y custodia permanente por ser periodista," Infobae, Feb. 9, 2014.
Paula	Ragazzi	Brazil	Brazil	Journalism student	University of Sao Paulo (Brazil)	Deported	15	Jan.	2016	She and a fellow student were notified at the private house where they were staying that they had to appear at the Immigration Service. The following day, a Cuban official told them that their meeting with dissident Ailer González was not approved of. The had conducted the interview as part of their research for a thesis on the changes in Cuba after the normalization of US-Cuba relations. They left Cuba the following day, Jan. 16, 2016, ahead of their scheduled departure, apparently expelled or threatened.	"Expulsan de Cuba a dos estudiantes brasileños por entrevistar a opositora", CubaNet, Jan. 19, 2016.
Victor	Petroff	Brazil	Brazil	Journalism student	University of Sao Paulo (Brazil)	Deported	15	Jan.	2016	He and a fellow student were notified at the private house where they were staying that they had to appear at the Immigration Service. The following day, a Cuban official told them that their meeting with dissident Ailer González was not approved of. The had conducted the interview as part of their research for a thesis on the changes in Cuba after the normalization of US-Cuba relations. They left Cuba the following day, Jan. 16, 2016, ahead of their scheduled departure, apparently expelled or threatened.	"Expulsan de Cuba a dos estudiantes brasileños por entrevistar a opositora," CubaNet, Jan. 19, 2016.
Gina	Romero	Colombia	USA	Journalist	America Teve (TV - USA)	Denied entry	31	Mar.	2016	Romero, a 14-year veteran journalist for America TeVe, travelled to Cuba from Miami on a tourist visa with her boyfriend, Jesús Díaz, a Cuban-American camaraographer for Telemundo 51, who was going to visit his family for the weekend. She was held in Customs, informed she could not enter the country "under orders from above" and forced to board a plane back to Miami four hours later. The President and CEO of América CV Network, Carlos Vasallo, issued a press release protesting the abuse. This was Romero's fourth trip to Cuba, three as a tourist and one as a journalist to cover the Juanes "Peace without Borders" concert in 2009, during which she had also interviewed two dissident leaders.	Johanna A. Alvarez, "Le niegan la entrada a Cuba a periodista colombiana de América TeVé," El Nuevo Herald, Apr. 1, 2016.

Juan Camilo	Cruz	Colombia	Germany	Filmmaker	Fundación Ambulante (Colombia)	Detained / Deported	22	Feb.	2017	Detained by State Security in Havana with his girlfriend (Maria Francisca Corredor) on Feb. 22, 2017 as they prepared to attend later that day the award ceremony of the "Oswaldo Payá Libertad y Vida" award (named after the Cuban dissident leader presumably assassinated by Cuban state actors in 2012) at the hands of Rosa María Paya, President of the Red Latinoamericana de Jóvenes por la Democracia. They had tourist visas and he had planned to later spend several days of vacation with his girlfriend. They detained both for 24 hours, denied them all communications (even with the Colombian embassy) and deported them. OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro and former Chilean Minister Mariana Alwyn were to receive the awards but were denied entry into Cuba with several other international guests. Cuban independent journalists and members of the peaceful dissident movement were detained or otherwise prevented from attending the ceremony.	Rolando Cartaya, "Cineasta colombiano detenido en Cuba será deportado en las próximas horas," martinoticias.com, febrero 23, 2017. Rolando Cartaya, "Padre colombiano pide ayuda a Santos para que Cuba libere a su hijo cineasta," martinoticias.com, febrero 23, 2017. Lizandra Díaz Blanco, "Cineasta colombiano resume su detención en Cuba: "Engaños, manipulación y aislamiento," martinoticias.com, febrero 24, 2017.
David	Himbert	Canada	Canada	Freelance photo journalist	Polaris (France) & Hans Lucas (USA)	Detained / Deported		Nov.	2018	He traveled to Cuba to photograph the island and decided to attempt to photograph the leader of the Ladies in White, Berta Soler, who was under house arrest. She explained by telephone that she could not even appear by a window to be photographed from a distance, so he decided to photograph just her house. When he arrived by taxi, he and his translator were immediately arrested by a plainclothes policeman. Taken to the department of State Security, he was interrogated for 3 hours and told they had listened to his telephone calls with Soler. He was transferred to the Varadero airport without his passport and interrogated again for approximately 4 hours. His belongings were searched, all photos (memory cards and hard disk) were confiscated, and he was then forced to take a flight back to Montreal that night.	Jose Nacher, "Detienen en La Habana a un fotoreportero canadiense y le incautan sus equipos," CiberCuba.com, Nov. 8, 2018.
Fernando	Ravsberg	Uruguay	Cuba	Journalist	British Broadcasting Corp., BBC (TV, U.K.)	Accreditation withdrawn	1	Jun.	2018	Correspondent for BBC News in Cuba for almost 30 years, his accreditation was withdrawn despite his usually favorable coverage of Cuba. He reported that Cuban authorities blamed posts in his blog Cartas de Cuba. His residency was also withdrawn but, as he was married to a Cuban and had Cuba born children, he was able to stay on the island.	"El MINREX deja sin acreditación y sin permiso de residencia al periodista Fernando Ravsberg," La Habana, Diario de Cuba, 13 Jun 2018. Mario J. Pentón, "Ravsberg: Tengo que callarme porque soy extranjero, pero eso no va a pasar con los jóvenes cubanos," El Nuevo Herald, Jul. 13, 2018.
Michael	Lavers	USA	USA	Journalist	Washington Blade (digital newspaper, USA)	Detained / Interrogated / Work material confiscated / Deported	8	May	2019	Detained for several hours at Havana's José Martí International Airport after he tried to enter Cuba to continue his coverage of the island's LGBTQ rights movement. The Cuban government eventually expelled him from the country and he flew back to Miami.	Michael K. Lavers, "Cuban police violently arrest Blade media partner's editor," Washington Blade, Jul. 12, 2021.
Lorena	Cantó	Spain	Cuba	Journalist	EFE (news agency, Spain)	Publicly scolded / Threatened	11	Jul.	2020	Cuban authorities criticized her in July 2020 for covering the house arrest of several Cuban independent journalists and wrote on social media that reporters are not to immerse themselves in internal affairs of the country. She left Cuba in Aug. 2021 after five years as correspondent to work for her news agency in China.	"Funcionarios del MINREX amenazan a corresponsal de EFE en Cuba; periodistas y activistas siguen vigilados," Radio Televisión Martí, Jul. 31, 2020. "Juan Palop sustituye a Lorena Cantó como corresponsal de EFE en Cuba," CiberCuba, Oct. 05, 2021.
Michael	González Vivero	Cuba	Cuba	Journalist	Tremenda Nota (Cuba - Washington Blade partner)	Arrest with violence	11	Jul.	2021	Violently arrested during the spontaneous protests of Jul 11, 2021. The U.S. government had earlier (Sep. 2018) granted asylum to Yariel Valdés González, a Blade contributor who worked for Tremenda Nota for persecution he suffered in his homeland.	Michael K. Lavers, "Cuban police violently arrest Blade media partner's editor," Washington Blade, Jul. 12, 2021.
Camila	Acosta	Cuba	Cuba	Journalist	ABC (newspaper - Spain)	Arrest / House detention	11	Jul.	2021	Arrested for covering the Jul 11, 2021 protests in Havana, pressured into signing a paper saying she admitted public disorder (which she refused). Four days later, she was placed under house arrest after the government received complaints from Spain, the EU, etc.	"ABC reporter detained in Cuba protests is placed under house arrest," Madrid, Reuters, Jul. 6, 2021.