

Partial list of actions by Cuban authorities against journalists and filmmakers working in Cuba for foreign

Note: Actions against other foreign nationals (human rights activists, government officials, etc.) are listed separately. See <https://cubaarchive.org/cuba-interventions/reports-and-publications/>

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 "behavior grossly removed from the most basic norms of professional ethics" that "constitutes a hostile act". A political dissident, Elizardo Sanchez Santa Cruz, had spoken to them and agreed for the first time for his name and the name of his organization (Cuban Human Rights and National Reconciliation Commission) to be cited. He also confirmed the existence of labour camps and provided an estimate of the number of political prisoners in	"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-the-regime-s-microscope .
Robert	Powell	N/A	N/A	Journalist	Reuters (news agency, U.K.)	Expelled		Oct.	1986	Expelled with a journalist from AFP (Agence France Press) for disrespecting the national dignity and "behavior grossly removed from the most basic norms of professional ethics" that "constitutes a hostile act". A political dissident, Elizardo Sanchez Santa Cruz, had spoken to them, allowing for the first time for his name to be cited and confirming the name of his organization (Cuban Human Rights and National Reconciliation Commission). For the first time coming from a civic movement in Cuba, he had confirmed the existence of labor camps and provided an estimate of the number of political prisoners 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 who had returned to Cuba and had been executed the prior week for attempted terrorism (Eduardo Diaz Betancourt). Authorities beat Aroca 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 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/c9ffdb33a0f24c153c4d4df59428a38 .
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 ran towards him, punched him in the jaw, threw him to the floor, and, together with another man, started kicking him. A third man threatened the taxi driver and they then stole Le Grange's camera. Months earlier, Le Grange had been detained for two days until the Spanish ambassador had 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 who took his report and had made the actual police agents 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 Havana, 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.
Lucia	Newman	USA	USA	Journalist	CNN	Surveilled / Controlled			1997-2007	Newman established the CNN bureau in Havana 1997 and was the Bureau Chief in Cuba for ten years (1997-2007). After leaving Cuba, she acknowledged that her work had been increasingly "controlled" by the Cuban government and that she was surveilled even in the bathroom at home. This had started to affect her personally and she requested a reassignment, which CNN refused, so she left to join Al Jazeera. In 2012, Newman wrote a piece for Al Jazeera touching on many negative aspects of Cuban healthcare for which she had done no such reporting during her tenure on the island. A report she filed from Cuba on lacking medicines had focused on blaming the US embargo.	Lucia Newman, "Cuba struggles with shortages of medical supplies," CNN, Jun. 13, 1997; Claudia Guzmán V., "Llegué a lugares donde los hombres no podían llegar: Lucia Newman," El Mercurio (Chile), Jun. 4, 2018; Lucia Newman, "The truths and tales of Cuban healthcare," Al Jazeera, Jun. 18, 2012.
Andrew	Cawthorne	N/A	N/A	Journalist	Reuters (news agency, U.K.)	Attacked by a government sponsored mob	10	Dec.	1998	Cawthorne, a Reuters cameraman, 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 attack a human rights activist who attempted to read the Declaration and as State Security agents arrested him and two other activists. Cawthorne was then harassed and attacked by the mob.	"Agrididos un opositor y un corresponsal extranjero en Lawton," La Habana, (Angel Pablo Polanco, CPI), CubaNet, Dec. 10, 1998. Reuters journalists attacked by state agents, New York, Committee to Protect Journalists, Feb. 28, 2002.
Olivier	Languepin	France	France	Journalist	La Tribune, Les Echos, l'Evènement 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	Thuresson	Sweden	Sweden	Journalist	Nya Dagen (newspaper, Sweden)	Detained / Deported	29	Aug.	2000	Thuresson worked for Nya Dagen, a small religious newspaper and was one of three Swedish journalists expelled from Cuba after meeting with Cuban independent journalists at a seminar on freedom of the press. The Cuban government accused them of violating their tourist visas by engaging in journalistic work. They were detained for 60 hours, interrogated, and denied outside contact with anyone. After the Swedish Embassy in Havana intervened on their behalf, they were deported and sent back to Stockholm (Aug. 31, 2000).	"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 Swedish daily Sundsvalls Tidning and was one of three Swedish journalists expelled from Cuba after meeting with Cuban independent journalists at a seminar on freedom of the press. The Cuban government accused them of violating their tourist visas by engaging in journalistic work. They were detained for 60 hours, interrogated, and denied outside contact with anyone. After the Swedish Embassy in Havana intervened on their behalf, they were deported and sent back to Stockholm (Aug. 31, 2000).	"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 and was one of three Swedish journalists expelled from Cuba after meeting with Cuban independent journalists at a seminar on freedom of the press. The Cuban government accused them of violating their tourist visas by engaging in journalistic work. They were detained for 60 hours, interrogated, and denied outside contact with anyone. After the Swedish Embassy in Havana intervened on their behalf, they were deported and sent back to Stockholm (Aug. 31, 2000).	"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 Jun. 8, 2000 accompanied by her husband, German writer Christian Yumblut. She had been accredited for journalistic work for Geo magazine of Hamburg and had conducted several interviews with leaders of the opposition and independent journalists, researching Cuban reality and the violation of human rights, especially freedom of speech. 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, held until the material was examined. She was released later than day with her material.	"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://siapi.com/cuba/espanol/Reviews/rev-rivero0616.htm
Martine	Jacot	France	France	Journalist	Reporters Without Borders	Detained / Work material and property confiscated	17	Aug.	2000	State security agents detained Jacot for more than an hour at Havana's International Airport 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 Reportiers Sans Frontières (Reporters Without Borders).	"Attacks on the Press 2000: Cuba," Committee to Protect Journalists, Mar. 19, 2001, https://cpj.org/2001/03/attacks-on-the-press-2000-cuba/ .
Isabel	García Zaza	Spain	Spain	Journalist	Reuters (news agency, U.K.)	Surveillance / Intimidation / Warnings / Threats			2000-2005	García-Zaza was a correspondent for Reuters for 5 years (2000-2005). In her memoir <i>La casa de cristal</i> (Rey Lear, 2009), she details the constant and excessive surveillance, intimidation, warnings, and threats she endured during there 5-year stay in Cuba, that caused her extreme stress and emotional anguish. She describes how the International Press Center pressures and controls the foreign press.	
Pascal	Fletcher	USA	USA	Journalist	Reuters (news agency, U.K.)	Accreditation withdrawn / Visa rescinded			2001	Fletcher was a correspondent in Cuba for Reuters in 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," <i>El Nuevo Herald</i> , Feb. 21, 2010.
Alfredo	Tedeschi	N/A	N/A	Journalist	Reuters (news agency, U.K.)	Attack by state agents	28	Feb.	2002	Police and State Security agents attacked the two 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 the two 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		Jun.	2005	Birukoff was expelled after 11 months in Cuba for writing a story titled "The price of a Cuban woman" regarding a Cuban agency called Interconsul that facilitated marriages (for money) between foreigners and Cubans who wanted to leave the island and also arranged passports. He was given three hours to leave the country and forcibly taken to the airport.	"Así funciona la censura sobre los medios extranjeros en Cuba," <i>El Toque</i> , Aug. 28, 2020.
Vicente	Botín	Spain	Cuba	Journalist	Televisión Española	Surveillance / Intimidation			2005-2008	Botín was a correspondent in Cuba for Televisión Española Reuters for almost 4 years (Jan. 2005 - Oct. 2008). In his memoir <i>Los funerales de Castro</i> (Barcelona: Ed. Planeta, 2009), he details the constant and excessive surveillance, control, and intimidation by State Security that he and his wife endured during their stay. He admits to systematic self-censorship in order to avoid being expelled from Cuba.	
Ana	Bitkone	Finland	Finland	Filmmaker	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 to prevent her from recording Cuban officials.	Jaime Leygonier, "Confiscan equipos de filmación a ciudadana finlandesa," <i>La Habana, CubaNet</i> , Feb. 27, 2006.
José Ignacio	García Hamilton	Argentina	Argentina	Journalist, writer	Freelance contributor to newspapers and magazines in Argentina, Uruguay, and the U.S.	Denied entry in Havana (had tourist visa)	18	Feb.	2006	Argentine writer 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 him 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. <i>Clarín.com</i> , Infobae.
Cesar	González-Calero	Spain	Mexico	Journalist	El Universal (newspaper, Mexico)	Accreditation revoked / Visa rescinded		Feb.	2007	The <i>El Universal</i> correspondent in Cuba since April 2003 was told that as of Feb. 28, 2007, he could not 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," <i>El Mundo</i> , Feb. 23, 2007. "Cuba expels the wrong Marx," <i>Investor's Business Daily</i> , Feb. 27, 2007. "BBC facing expulsion from Cuba," <i>The Guardian</i> , Feb. 24, 2007.

Stephen	Gibbs	N/A	UK	Journalist	British Broadcasting Corp., BBC (TV, U.K.)	Accreditation revoked / Visa rescinded		Apr.	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, Feb. 24, 2007. "El Gobierno cubano expulsa de la isla a tres periodistas extranjeros," El Mundo, Feb. 23, 2007. Stephen Gibbs, "Packing up home 'easy' in needy Cuba," BBC, Sep. 1, 2007.
Javier	Sarda	Spain	Spain	Journalist	Telecinco (TV, Spain)	Denied entry		Apr.	2007	Cuban authorities 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. The Spanish TV station Telecinco issued a statement regarding the visa denial. 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 denying the visas outright.	Peru Egurbide, Techy Baragaño, "Cuba niega el visado al periodista de televisión Javier Sarda," Madrid, El País, Apr. 9, 2007.
Gary	Marx	U.S.A	Cuba	Journalist	Chicago Tribune (newspaper, USA)	Accreditation revoked / Visa rescinded	27	Feb.	2007	The Chicago Tribune correspondent in Cuba since 2002 was told that his stories were too negative. His press credentials were not renewed during the annual process and he and his family were given 90 days to leave Cuba.	"Cuba expels the wrong Marx," Investor's Business Daily, Feb. 27, 2007. "BBC facing expulsion from Cuba," The Guardian, Feb. 24, 2007.
Fernando	del Rincón	Mexico	USA	Journalist	Mega Teve (TV, U.S.)	Denied work visa / Warned, monitored and interrogated on departure (as tourist)		Sep.	2009	Del Rincón was prevented from covering a concert in Havana by the Colombian singer Juanes and other international artists. Hours after arriving Cuba on a tourist visa (after having requested a press accreditation), officials told him that his media venue would 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 and his hotel room was apparently searched 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	Filmmaker & businessman	Freelance videographer	Arrested / Sentenced to 7 yrs. of prison	11	Jul.	2010	In 2008, Martínez had filmed with a hidden camera a report on child prostitution in Cuba that was shown in Spain by TV Cadena Tele 5. On July 11, 2010, he returned to Cuba with the intention of managing a hotel and was detained at the airport, tried, and sentenced to seven years of prison for aiding corruption of minors. He was included in a Jan. 2012 pardon by Cuban President Raul Castro of almost 3,000 prisoners.	"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		Sep.	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, Sep. 7, 2011.
Carlos	Hernando	Spain	Spain	Journalist	Freelance collaborator for 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, Apr. 7, 2011.
Mauricio	Vicent	Spain	Cuba	Journalist	El País (newspaper) / SER radio network (Spain)	Accreditation rescinded (irrevocably)	6	Sep.	2011	El País correspondent in Cuba for 20 years whose visa was irrevocably rescinded despite being married to a Cuban woman and having children born on the island. The decision was based on Resolution 182 of 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 office that controls the foreign press (CIP -International Press Center), "lacks the journalistic ethic and/or does not adjust himself to objectivity in his reports." Cuba's state-owned telecom monopoly had previously removed, without explanation, CNN Española's service in Jan. 2011 from the channels provided to hotels, foreign companies and diplomats on the island.	"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	Rodríguez was pulled by two agents from the migration exit line at Havana airport and held him for over an hour, giving him details of all of his visits during this stay in Cuba and threatening him with prison for visa and other violations. He had visited dissidents during this trip.	Tristán Rodríguez Loredo, "Angustiante y revelador testimonio de un turista argentino en Cuba," La Nación, Argentina, Feb. 13, 2012.
Fernando	García del Río	Spain	Spain	Journalist	La Vanguardia (newspaper, Spain)	Expelled / Accreditation rescinded			2011	García was correspondent in Cuba for the Spanish newspaper La Vanguardia (of Barcelona) from 2007 until his expulsion from Cuba in 2011. He was summoned by the International Press Center (Centro de Prensa Internacional, CPI) to tell him that his accreditation, required to work as a journalist in Cuba, would not be renewed and asked to leave ASAP. 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."	Yoani Sánchez, "Adventures and misfortunes of a correspondent in Cuba," La Habana, 14ymedio.com, Apr. 7, 2015. "La isla de los ingenios"; Aventuras e infortunios de un corresponsal en Cuba, 14ymedio, Apr. 6, 2015.
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	Cavicchi was 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 system of having participated with his sister, a resident of Italy, in the murder of an Italian couple on Aug. 19, 2012 in Lignano Sabbiadoro (northern Italy). While conducting the interviews at Rico's house in Camagüey, six men broke into the house, requisitioned their photographic and audiovisual material, and detained them. Three of the journalists were 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	cameraman	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 system of having participated with his sister, a resident of Italy, in the murder of an Italian couple on Aug. 19, 2012 in Lignano Sabbiadoro (northern Italy). While conducting the interviews at Rico's house in Camagüey, six men broke into the house, requisitioned their photographic and audiovisual material, and detained them. Three of the journalists were 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 system of having participated with his sister, a resident of Italy, in the murder of an Italian couple on Aug. 19, 2012 in Lignano Sabbiadoro (northern Italy). While conducting the interviews at Rico's house in Camagüey, six men broke into the house, requisitioned their photographic and audiovisual material, and detained them. Three of the journalists were 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	Duarte traveled to Cuba on vacation and, since his passport indicated he is a journalist, he was subjected to a long interrogation, his belongings searched, and 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	Student of journalism	University of Sao Paulo (Brazil)	Deported	15	Jan.	2016	Ragazzi and a fellow student were staying at a private house. They had conducted an interview with Cuban dissident Ailer González as part of their research for a thesis on the US-Cuba normalization of relations. Summoned to the Immigration Service, a Cuban official told them that the meeting was not approved of. They left Cuba the following day, Jan. 16, 2016, ahead of their scheduled departure, apparently expelled or	"Expulsan de Cuba a dos estudiantes brasileños por entrevistar a opositora," CubaNet, Jan. 19, 2016.
Victor	Petroff	Brazil	Brazil	Student of journalism	University of Sao Paulo (Brazil)	Deported	15	Jan.	2016	Petroff and a fellow student were staying at a private house. They had conducted an interview with Cuban dissident Ailer González as part of their research for a thesis on the US-Cuba normalization of relations. Summoned to the Immigration Service, a Cuban official told them that the meeting was not approved of. They left Cuba the following day, Jan. 16, 2016, ahead of their scheduled departure, apparently expelled or	"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, traveled to Cuba from Miami on a tourist visa with her boyfriend, Jesús Díaz, a Cuban-American cameraman for Telemundo 51, who was going for a weekend visit to his family. 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 TeVe 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 TeVe," El Nuevo Herald, Apr. 1, 2016.
Juan Camilo	Cruz	Colombia	Germany	Filmmaker	Fundación Ambulante (Colombia)	Detained / Deported	22	Feb.	2017	Cruz was 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 at the hands of Rosa María Paya, President of the Red Latinoamericana de Jóvenes por la Democracia. The award is named after the Cuban dissident leader presumably assassinated by Cuban state actors in 2012. They had tourist visas and Cruz had planned to later spend several days of vacation with his girlfriend. They were both detained for 24 hours, denied all communications (even with the Colombian embassy) and deported. 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	Hibert	Canada	Canada	Freelance photo journalist	Polaris (France) & Hans Lucas (USA)	Detained / Deported		Nov.	2018	Hibert traveled to Cuba to take photos of the island and decided to attempt photographing the leader of the Ladies in White, Berta Soler, who was under house arrest. She explained to him by telephone that she could not even appear by a window, so he decided to just take pictures of her house. Upon arriving 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 that his telephone calls with Soler had been listened to. He was transferred to the Varadero airport without his passport and interrogated again for approximately 4 hours. His belongings were searched, all photos (in his memory cards and hard disk) were confiscated, and he was 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	Ravsberg was the BBC News correspondent 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, since he was married to a Cuban and had Cuban-born children, he was allowed to stay on the island.	"El MINREX deja sin acreditación y sin permiso de residencia al periodista Fernando Ravnsberg," 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)	Interrogated / Work material confiscated / Deported	8	May	2019	Laves was 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 had to fly 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 Cantó 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 a correspondent for EFE in Cuba.	"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. 5, 2021.
Michael	González Vivero	Cuba	Cuba	Journalist	Tremenda Nota (Cuba's Washington Blade partner)	Arrest with violence	11	Jul.	2021	González was violently arrested during the spontaneous mass protests of Jul 11, 2021. The U.S. government had earlier (Sep. 2018) granted asylum to another Blade contributor of Tremenda Nota, Yariel Valdés González, for the 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	Acosta was arrested for covering the mass protests of July 11, 2021 in Havana. She refused to sign a paper admitting to public disorder. Four days later, after complaints came in from Spain, the EU, and other countries, she was released and placed under house arrest for 10 months.	"ABC reporter detained in Cuba protests is placed under house arrest," Madrid, Reuters, Jul. 6, 2021.
EFE's entire news bureau	N/A	Spain	Cuba	7 journalists (incl. 2 photographers & 1 cameraman)	EFE (news agency, Spain)	Withdrew press credentials	12	Nov.	2021	On the eve of a planned peaceful anti-government demonstration, Cuba withdrew the press credentials of EFE's entire news bureau of seven journalists including two photographers and one cameraman. After extensive international media coverage and strong reactions from the Spanish and U.S. governments, credentials were soon restored for 2 journalists and a cameraman. The Association of Spanish Journalists made a Twitter petition to the Cuban government on Jan. 2022 requesting it allow the bureau to function properly. A week after EFE representatives met with Cuba's Centro de Prensa Internacional in Havana on Feb. 22, 2022, credentials for 3 more journalists were restored and a promise was made to authorize a new editor ("jefe de redacción"), as requested in Sep. 2021. The team was restored to its original size of 7.	Cuba retira las credenciales a periodistas de EFE en La Habana en vísperas de la marcha cívica, RTVE.es, Nov. 15, 2021; Periodistas españoles piden a Cuba devolver las credenciales a colegas de EFE, Madrid, EFE, Jan. 13, 2022; Mauricio Vicent, Cuba devuelve las credenciales retiradas a los periodistas de la agencia EFE, La Habana, El País, Feb. 21, 2022.
Anthony	De Palma	USA	USA	Journalist, author	Former NYT correspondent, freelance writer	Denied entry upon arriving Havana airport	11	Jul.	2022	70 year old De Palma was detained at the airport for 6 hours upon arriving in Havana on a night from the U.S. and expelled after police questioning. He was not offered water and could not make a call to notify his loved ones of his situation and was never offered an explanation as to why his entry into Cuba was forbidden. His two suitcases loaded with medicines and other humanitarian aid were seized but later returned, sent back to the U.S. He was carrying several copies of his 2020 book <i>The Cubans: Ordinary Lives</i> in <i>Extraordinary Times</i> .	Wilfredo Cancio Isla, Reconocido periodista estadounidense es expulsado de Cuba tras detención en el aeropuerto, CiberCuba, Jun. 11, 2022.