Update on Cuba's Medical Mission in Barbados
February 2024

Excerpts from
"Forced/compelled labor (trafficking in persons) by the Cuban state: Information for the 2025 Trafficking in Persons Report for the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State," Free Society Project/Cuba Archive, February 2024

Edited excerpts from "Update on selected countries": Barbados

Cuba has sent workers in health and sports brigades to Barbados, for which there is little public information. The medical brigade's Facebook page has photographs and posts indicating that the workers are deployed in at least two hospitals: The Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the Harrison Point Hospital.[1]

Cuba Archive sent a letter in November 2022 to Barbados' Minister of Health requesting copies of all agreements regarding the Cuban medical brigade, a list of members with their professional titles, and a breakdown of all payments. As of February 1, 2023, there has been no response.

Editor's note: In 2023, Barbados received $3 million in US government assistance.[2]

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[1] Randy Bennett, "Site of isolation centre to be used for medical tourism," *Barbados Today*, Apr. 27, 2022. (The Harrison Point Hospital was, according to Prime Minister Mia Mottley in April 2022, to become a facility devoted to medical tourism once it was not needed for COVID patients.)

[2] https://www.foreignassistance.gov/cd/barbados/