

# FEMALE VICTIMS OF CUBA'S COMMUNIST REGIME: 1959-2003

## 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  
Identified deaths in exit attempts: 96  
Civilian deaths in internationalist missions: 30

## UNIDENTIFIED 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**

Date, location, and cause of death are summarized below. Additional details and sources are available upon request.

### **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, VICTIM OF POLICE BRUTALITY.

### **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 PLOTTING 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. ASSASINATED. 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. ASSASINATED (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 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 THE CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS ORDER OF SISTERS OF CHARITY / HAD LEFT HER ORDER AND CONVENT IN GUATEMALA FOR HEALTH REASONS). SUFFERED FROM CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE. OVER SEVERAL MONTHS, SHE WAS REPEATEDLY DETAINED FOR EXPRESSING ANTI-COMMUNIST VIEWS AND FINALLY SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON. AFTER SERVING 2 YEARS SHE DIED OF A HEART ATTACK WHILE DOING HARD PENAL FARM LABOR.

**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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