**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY KILLING: VICTIMS UNDER AGE 18 OF THE CASTRO REGIME IN CUBA**

Summary Report - May 5, 2004

**DOCUMENTED DEATHS: 94**

- firing squad executions: 22
- extrajudicial assassinations: 32
- assassinated in exit attempts: 24
- medical negligence in prison: 1
- accidental deaths - exit attempts: 3
- insurgents killed in combat: 12

**Additional details, data, and sources are summarized below for selected cases. Date, location, and cause of death are documented below for selected cases.**

**MINORS EXECUTED OR ASSASSINATED FOR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE CUBA**

**Owen Delgado Temprana. Age 15. 23-03-81, Villa Marista, Havana.**

- **ASSASSINATED.** Cuban security agents stormed the embassy of Ecuador, where he had taken refuge with his family. Taken to state security headquarters, he was beaten to death.

**Joamis González Manzini. Age16. 01-07-93, Cojimar Beach, Havana Province.**

- **ASSASSINATED.** Shot by Cuban frontier guards while swimming toward a boat that had gone to Cuba to pick him up.

**Three Lazo Children. 1971, Caribbean Sea.**

- **ASSASSINATED.** They disappeared into the ocean after their boat was rammed by a Cuban navy vessel. Their mother was devoured by sharks.

**Angelo López Rábí. Age15. 1971, La Cabaña Fortress, Havana.**

- **EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD.** With his friend Nelson Rodríguez (18 years old) after an unsuccessful attempt to hijack a Cuban Airlines flight to flee Cuba.

**Alexis E. Márquez Ríos. Age 6. 20-10-99, Cuban Waters, 12 km. North of Havana.**

- **ASSASSINATED.** Drowned with his mother when their boat was rammed and sunk by a Cuban coast guard vessel.

**Orlando Travieso Jr. Age17.**

- **EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD.** While painting his nickname as graffiti, he was arrested on false charges of painting anti-Castro slogans. His arrest radicalized him and he soon began to organize public demonstrations against the Castro regime. Arrested several times, he was finally shot dead by police. His funeral turned into a massive public protest; the government sent tanks to the streets.

**Monica García. Age 15. 08-09-93, Reparto Poey, Havana.**

- **ASSASSINATED.** Shot by a policeman who was trying to stop his motorcycle when ordered to halt.

**Simón Heredia Ávarez. Age13. Summer 1993. Streets of Cespedes, Ciego de Avila.**

- **ASSASSINATED.** While demonstrating against the government police force in handling a crowd of citizens in front of a government food store. Hundreds of citizens demonstrated against the government at his funeral.

**Rigoberto Hernández Estévez. Age 17. 09-03-61, La Cabaña Fortress, Havana.**

- **MENTALLY RETARDED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT & JANITOR AT THE “INSTITUTO DE EDUCACION ACTIVA” IN HAVANA. EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD. FALSELY ACCUSED OF CONSPIRACY.**
RAMIRO T. JAVIER. AGE 5. 08-60. CUNEIRA. GUANTANAMO. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE.

REYNALDO LÓPEZ. AGE 17. 10-86. HAVANA PROVINCE. ASSASSINATED. SOLDIER IN THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES SHOT FOR ATTEMPTING TO TAKE LEAVE WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

ISMAEL LORENTE BRUNET. AGE 17. LÁZARO R. ORDALES. AGE 17. ARMANDO PINEIRO GARCIA. AGE: 17. 23-02-63. STREET IN FRONT OF THE “PERLA DE CUBA” HOTEL. SANCTI-SPIRITUS. LÁZARO A. VALDÉS MENDOZA. AGE 17. 11-09-63. LA CABAÑA FORTRESS IN HAVANA. EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD. CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE POWERS OF THE STATE. HIS FATHER, JUAN VALDÉS TERRÁN, WAS SENTENCED IN THE SAME TRIAL TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON.

RENE MARTÍNEZ. AGE 14. 13-06-62. CITY OF MATANZAS. ASSASSINATED WHILE UNDER ARREST. SHOT BY A CASTRO MILITIAMAN.

LEONARDO MATAS PICH. AGE 16. 30-01-62. JUVENILE PRISON IN GUANAJAY. PUNAR DEL RIO. ASSASSINATED IN PRISON.

CRISTÓFORS MEDINA FANTONI. AGE 17. 06-79. MANAGUATO CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR MILITARY DESERTERS. CAMAGUEY. ASSASSINATED. SHOT WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE.

LÁZARO MOREIRA MARTÍNEZ. AGE 16. 1993. FINCA DESENGÀNO. AGUICA. MATANZAS PROVINCE. ASSASSINATED. KILLED BY THE POLICE CHIEF OF AGUICA. WHO INDISCRIMINATELY SHOT AT A GROUP OF YOUNGSTERS.

LUIS PÉREZ ANTÚNEZ. AGE 17. 31-03-61. LA CABAÑA FORTRESS IN HAVANA. EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD.

JUAN MANUEL PINTO MENÉNDEZ. AGE 16. 23-09-60. STREETS OF GUANABACOA. HAVANA. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE.

ANDRÉS QUINTANA VELÁZQUEZ. AGE 14. 28-05-93. MATANZAS PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL. ASSASSINATED. WENT TO HIS STEP-FATHER, BEING KICKED BY TWO POLICEMEN. DIED 3 DAYS AFTER ONE OF THEM SHOT HIM.

RAMÓN RIVERO. AGE 16. 13-10-65. G-2 STATE SECURITY OFFICE IN HAVANA. ASSASSINATED UNDER ARREST BY STATE SECURITY.

ELIO RODRÍGUEZ. AGE 13. 22-08-61. LA VÍBORA. HAVANA. ASSASSINATED BY POLICE. WHO CLAIM HE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

JUAN RODRÍGUEZ. AGE 17. 10-75. HAVANA PROVINCE. SOLDIER IN THE CUBAN ARMED FORCES. EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD FOR ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE HIS POST TO VISIT HIS MOTHER.

RAÚL TORRES PÉREZ. AGE 17. 03-06-62. CALIXTO GARCIA UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL. HAVANA. ASSASSINATED. DEVELOPED CANCER WHILE SERVING PRISON FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND WAS NOT GIVEN MEDICAL CARE. AFTER FINALLY BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE HOSPITAL. HE ASKED HIS MILITIA GUARD TO ALLOW HIM TO GO TO THE BATHROOM. DENIED PERMISSION. BUT UNABLE TO CONTROL HIS URGE. HE ATTEMPTED TO STAND UP AND WALK. THE MILITIAMAN PISTOL-WHIPPED HIM IN THE FACE. THREW HIM TO THE FLOOR. AND SHOT HIM.

CALIXTO A. VALDÉS MENDOZA. AGE 17. 11-09-63. LA CABAÑA FORTRESS IN HAVANA. EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD. CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE POWERS OF THE STATE. HIS FATHER, JUAN VALDÉS TERRÁN, WAS SENTENCED IN THE SAME TRIAL TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON.

JORGE VARAS BILEVES. AGE 16. 04-04-62. STATE SECURITY HEADQUARTERS. HAVANA. ASSASSINATED WHILE UNDER ARREST. CUBAN AUTHORITIES CLAIM HE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

MANUEL VIDAL ARGUDÍN. AGE 16. 07-09-60. STREETS OF HAVANA. ASSASSINATED. SHOT IN THE HEAD BY A STATE SECURITY AGENT FOR RESISTING ARREST. HE WAS UNARMED.

MINORS EXECUTED FOR PARTICIPATING IN ANTI-CASTRO INSURGENCE

REBEL FIGHTERS, MOSTLY FARMERS. EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD.

FELICITO ACOSTA (16). 28-12-64.

RUBÉN ACOSTA (15). 04-11-64.

JUAN DEVORA BLANCO (17). 04-01-62.

LORENZO CLAVIJO ESPINO (16). 28-12-62.

JUAN GARCÍA JR. (16). 22-07-64.

LUIS GONZÁLEZ (14). 28-12-62.

CARLOS MACHADO (15). 08-07-63.

RAMÓN MACHADO (15). 09-08-63.


LORENITO PELÁEZ JR (17). 09-11-63.

EMETERIO RODRÍGUEZ GARCIA (17). 09-11-62.

ANTONIO RUIZ ACOSTA (14). 31-09-61.

TITO SARDINAS (17). 31-08-63.

(ELECTED FOR COLLABORATING WITH ANTI-CASTRO REBELS)

JESÚS CARRILLO (16). 05-11-63.

(Captured and shot by castroite militias)

EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD FOR INFILTRATING INTO CUBA.

ADOLFO REYES DE LA CRUZ (17). 12-10-60.

MARÍO RODRÍGUEZ (17). 16-12-65.

MINORS KILLED IN COMBAT

(ANTI-CASTRO INSURGENTS)

MOST WERE SMALL FARMERS (CAMPESINOS):

GUILLERMO ÁLVAREZ SÁNCHEZ. AGE 17. 29-05-66. INFILTRATION.

ALEJANDRO BELIZ. AGE 17. 1961. ESCAMBRAY REBEL.

ELIAS BORGES. AGE 17.

MINORS WHO DIED ATTEMPTING TO FLEE CUBA

MAIKEL FONSECA. AGE: 16.

ALBERTO E. VÁZQUEZ. AGE: 17.

24-12-2000. CUBAN ARMY CADETS. DIED AS STOWAWAYS IN THE WHEEL COMPARTMENT OF A BOEING ON A HAVANA-LONDON FLIGHT.

MANUEL WHITAKER. AGE: 16.

1993. KILLED BY A CUBAN SURFACE LANDMINE WHILE TRYING TO REACH THE U.S. NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO.

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