

Cuba



Protestants

Protestants face persecution because of their advocacy for human rights and religious freedom. The Cuban government arrested Protestants who participated in the July 11, 2021 protests criticizing the government's crackdown on human rights. Reports indicate Protestants have experienced violent arrests, been held incommunicado, and endured abusive prison conditions.



Loreto Hernández García

RELIGION OR BELIEF:
Santería
ARRESTED:
July 15, 2021
SENTENCE:
7 Years' Imprisonment
REPORTS OF TORTURE: Yes
REPORTS OF MEDICAL NEGLECT: Yes
REASON FOR PERSECUTION:
Participating in peaceful protests criticizing the government



Donaida Pérez Paseiro

RELIGION OR BELIEF:
Santería
ARRESTED:
July 16, 2021
SENTENCE:
8 Years' Imprisonment
RELIGIOUS LEADER: Yes
REASON FOR PERSECUTION:
Participating in peaceful protests criticizing the government



Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo

RELIGION OR BELIEF:
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ARRESTED:
July 11, 2021
SENTENCE:
7 Years' Imprisonment
REPORTS OF TORTURE: Yes
RELIGIOUS LEADER: Yes
REASON FOR PERSECUTION:
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Santería

Santería practitioners whose beliefs and practices do not align with the government face arrest, detention, and imprisonment. The Free Yoruba Association of Cuba is an independent Santería group, unregistered with the government, whose leaders and members face particularly intense persecution.



Lisdani & Lisdiani Rodríguez Isaac

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FoRB Victims List Stats 11 out of 2,282

Religion or Belief	# of Victims	Type of Abuse	# of Victims
Protestant	6	Imprisoned	6
Santería	5	House Arrest	4
Total	11	Detained	1
		Total	11

Average Prison Sentence 6 Years, 5 Months

Reports of	# of Victims
Torture	2
Medical Neglect	1
Total	3

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Frank R. Wolf FoRB Victims List Background

The International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (IRFA), as amended by the Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016, requires USCIRF to:

make publicly available, to the extent practicable...lists of persons it determines are imprisoned or detained, have disappeared, been placed under house arrest, been tortured, or subjected to forced renunciation of faith for their religious activity or religious freedom advocacy by the government of a foreign country that the Commission recommends for designation as a country of particular concern [CPC]...or by a nonstate actor that the Commission recommends for designation as an entity of particular concern [EPC].

USCIRF developed the Frank R. Wolf Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) Victims List—an online public database—to implement this provision for countries USCIRF recommends for Country of Particular Concern (CPC) or Special Watch List (SWL) status. The list also includes such victims located in the de facto territories of nonstate actors that USCIRF recommends for Entity of Particular Concern (EPC) status, according to the same criteria.

Due to limited resources, USCIRF is unable to identify and document all victims that meet the statutory requirement to be included on the FoRB Victims List and generally relies on receiving submissions from outside individuals and organizations. As such, the information contained in the database does not reflect country, regional, or global trends. Furthermore, percentages highlighted in this section should not be used for extrapolation purposes nor interpreted as a particular group experiencing greater violations than another or a particular country committing violations at a greater rate than others. To support this project, USCIRF invites those with credible information on victims to submit information using the Victims List Intake Form at www.uscirtf.gov/form/uscirtf-victims-list-intake-form.

FoRB Victims List Stats Overall

Perpetrator	Victims Documented
Algeria	5
Azerbaijan	11
Burma	5
China	798
Cuba	11
Egypt	18
Eritrea	61
Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS)	2
Houthis	3
India	55
Indonesia	9
Iran	351
Iraq	2
Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP)	1
Kazakhstan	16
Malaysia	4
Nicaragua	68
Nigeria	9
North Korea	11
Pakistan	87
Russia	488
Saudi Arabia	50
Sri Lanka	1
Tajikistan	16
Turkmenistan	31
Uzbekistan	88
Vietnam	81
Total	2,282

Religion or Belief	Victims Documented
Adivasi	1
Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light	3
Baha'i	169
Bon	1
Buddhist – Hoa Hao	6
Buddhist – Theravada	3
Buddhist – Tibetan	93
Buddhist – Unspecified/Other	32
Christian – Catholic	79
Christian – Church of Almighty God	240
Christian – Jehovah's Witness	283
Christian – Orthodox	21
Christian – Protestant	150
Christian – Unspecified/Other	65
Duong Van Minh	4
ECKist (Eckankar)	1
Erfan-e Halgheh Practitioner	3
Falun Gong	217
Hindu	10
Humanist	1
Jewish	1
Muslim – Ahmadiyya	20
Muslim – Qur'anist	1
Muslim – Shi'a	40
Muslim – Sufi	64
Muslim – Sunni	412
Muslim – Unspecified/Other	233
Santeria	5
Scientologist	1
Shaman	1
Sikh	1
Yarsani	38
Unknown/Unspecified	83
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Not Released

Donaida Pérez Paseiro
Lisdani Rodríguez Isaac
Lisdiani Rodríguez Isaac
Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo
Loreto Hernández García

Released

Elizabeth Cintra García
Yéremi Blanco Ramírez
Yarian Sierra Madrigal

Unknown

Denis Rosabal
Jorge Naranjo
Ibrahim Figueredo Fonseca