

CUBA: SOME ACTS OF POLITICAL REPRESSION IN SEPTEMBER 2012

- This September we confirmed at least **533 arbitrary detentions for political reasons**, the highest number in the last six months, underlining a clear rising trend in this type of abuse by repressive bodies, in particular by the secret political police.
- At least six of the arrested continue jailed as of today and we are afraid that they will be taken to high security prisons, without formal charges, for eventual trial. Their names are: Calixto Martínez, Osvaldo Rodríguez, Juana Castillo, Osvaldo Rodríguez Jr, Rafael Matos and Francisco Osoria.
- In the year 2010 we documented at least 2074 politically motivated detentions, for a monthly average of **172**. In 2011 those figures grew to 4123 and **343** respectively. But in the first nine months of 2012, the total number of verified detentions grew to 5105 (much larger than in

the entire previous year), and the monthly average rose to **567** arrests for political reasons.

- The homes of several peaceful dissidents were the object of vandalism by police or paramilitary agents.

Documented cases of short term arrests, for political reasons, since January 2010:

YEAR 2010
January---- 117
February---235
March----- 83
April----- 162
May----- 120
June----- 104
July-----125
August----- 184
September-- 90
October-----310
November--244
December---300

YEAR 2011
January----268
February---390
March-----264
April-----244
May-----349
June-----212
July-----251
August-----243
September—563
October-----286
November—257
December--796

YEAR 2012
January---631
February--604
March----1158
April ----- 402
May ----- 423
June ----- 427
July ----- 406
August -----521
September-533
Last 5 months-- 5105
Monthly average- **567**

Havana, October 2, 2012.

