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Eduardo Cardet Concepción, Cuba

Family visits denied

Prison authorities suspended Dr Eduardo Cardet Concepción's right to family visits on 26 May for six months, in an attempt to stop his relatives campaigning for his freedom. Eduardo, a medical doctor and pro-democracy activist, was arrested in the city of Holguín in eastern Cuba on 30 November 2016 after publicly criticising the recently deceased former President, Fidel Castro. Eduardo was charged with attacking a state official and sentenced to three years in prison.

Eduardo is the leader of the Christian Liberation Movement (Movimiento Cristiano Liberación – MCL), a prominent part of the pro-democracy movement in Cuba. According to its website, it is a movement for peaceful and democratic change and respect for human dignity. It was founded in 1988 by Oswaldo Payá Sardiñas, who became known for his role in the Cuban political opposition, and four other activists. Amnesty International has documented harassment and intimidation of MCL members for decades.

APPEAL

Urge the authorities to release Dr Eduardo Cardet Concepción immediately and unconditionally, because he is a prisoner of conscience, jailed solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression. Call on them to reinstate his access to his family and to allow him regular contact with them and the outside world. Urge them to allow him access to a lawyer and to medical care.

WRITE TO

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