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**1) Cuba: Prisoners of conscience re-imprisonment**

**Urgent Action** [**https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr25/9327/2025/en/**](https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr25/9327/2025/en/)8 May 2025 Index Number: AMR 25/9327/2025

On 29 April 2025, Cuban opposition leaders and prisoners of conscience José Daniel Ferrer and Félix Navarro were re-imprisoned under unclear and arbitrary conditions. Both had been previously released under a conditional release regime in January 2025, following negotiations involving the Vatican and the United States Government. Jose Daniel Ferrer remains as victim of enforced disappearance and incommunicado without access to their families or legal counsel. We call on the Cuban authorities to immediately and unconditionally release them and end the use of conditional releases as tools to control the freedom of expression.

**TAKE ACTION : Please send an email to the Cuban President:** despacho@presidencia.gob.cu

Copy to Cuban Embassy in UK: secembajador@uk.embacuba.cu

Subject: **José Daniel Ferrer and Félix Navarro**

Dear President Miguel Díaz-Canel,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the arbitrary re-imprisonment of Cuban opposition leaders and prisoners of conscience, **José Daniel Ferrer and Félix Navarro**, in the early hours of 29 April 2025. Both men had previously been released in January under a conditional regime imposed without their consent.

Their re-arrest—without prior judicial notification or access to legal representation—constitutes a clear violation of their right to liberty and security of person, and contradicts Cuba’s obligations under international human rights law, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

**I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release José Daniel Ferrer and Félix Navarro; and put an end to the misuse of conditional release as a tool to control the freedom of expression.**

Yours sincerely,

If you are able to write a letter, please use the message above or the full text in the Urgent Action, and send to the Cuban Embassador in the UK:

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**2) Human Rights Watch Report 2025 Cuba Events of 2024**

<https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2025/country-chapters/cuba>

**Summary:**

The government continues to repress and punish virtually all forms of dissent and public criticism, as Cubans continue to endure a dire economic crisis affecting rights, including access to health and food.

Hundreds of critics and protesters, including many who took to the streets in July 2021, remain arbitrarily detained. The country faced waves of protests, triggered by blackouts, shortages, and the deterioration of living conditions, as Cubans continue to leave the country in large numbers.

The United States policy of isolation toward Cuba remains in place, including a decades-long embargo and a designation of the country as a State Sponsor of Terrorism.

**3) Street protests**

[**https://en.cibercuba.com/noticias/2025-05-27-u1-e208933-s27061-nid303755-tres-personas-fueron-detenidas-durante-protesta**](https://en.cibercuba.com/noticias/2025-05-27-u1-e208933-s27061-nid303755-tres-personas-fueron-detenidas-durante-protesta)

During the early hours of Friday, May 24, [**new popular protests were reported in at least two cities in Cuba**](https://en.cibercuba.com/noticias/2025-05-24-u1-e13-s27061-nid303513-madrugada-protestas-cuba-bayamo-cienfuegos-calle), in Bayamo and in Cienfuegos. The protests, once again driven by prolonged power outages and the critical situation of scarcity, were shared through various videos on social media.

**4) Drinks industry in crisis as sugar mills close**

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/the-guardian-usa/20250531/281659670974627>

**Of the 133 sugar mills in Cuba at the time of the Revolution, only 6 are reportedly still in operation. Cuba imports sugar for internal consumption but the rum industry must use locally produced sugar.**

**[Not good news for your group’s Chair and Cuba coordinator who are both partial to an occasional drop of rum…]**