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MONTHLY UPDATE OF [THE PRISONERS DEFENDERS' LIST OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CUBA](#):

1.167 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CUBA IN 12 MONTHS

1.007 PRISONERS ONLY IN FEBRUARY

869 OF 11J ARE STILL PRISONERS

1. VERIFIED POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CUBA

In the last 12 months, 1,167 verified political prisoners have been part of the [Prisoners Defenders list in Cuba](#). March 2021 began with 135. From then until the end of February 2022, in addition to these 135, other 1,032 new political prisoners have been added throughout these 12 months, **making the total number of 1,007 political prisoners in Cuba verified by Prisoners Defenders at this time.**

We recognize that this is but a fraction, between 60% and 70% of the real figures, as the full accomplishment is simply unattainable by any organization except, of course, the island's regime.

Among those 1,007, we have managed to document **869 political prisoners from 11J**, in addition to the dozens of them released with fines - of exacerbated amounts for Cuba - in recent months. It is surprising to read [the press](#) release issued by Cuba, which indicates fewer cases ("790 people charged with vandalism") than the names made public by NGOs. It is already evident that the Cuban government hides the truth and, thus, only indicates the figures of the "most significant" events.

Prisoners Defenders has maintained since the beginning of this *razzia* that **more than 5,000 people have been detained and more than 1,500 are being prosecuted**. The reality and the constant work of our activists on the island, as well as that of all the NGOs, the families of those affected and all of civil society, are highlighting the dark reality of Cuba at this time.

2. THERE ARE 1,007 POLITICAL PRISONERS: CHILDREN PRISONERS, FAMILIES HELD HOSTAGES

Prisoners Defenders, from among the 1,500 to 2,000 cases of limited liberty measures under indictments or sentences applied to protesters arrested in the thousands since the 11J, has been able to verify a list of **1,007 cases of political prisoners this past February (SEE)**.

From these 1,007 cases:

- At least **869 cases analyzed belong to the repression derived from June 11 in Cuba**, a figure that is, we repeat, a fraction of less than 70% of the total generated by the repressive wave, since it is impossible to know the number of cases among the population.
- **There are 33 children, 29 boys and 4 girls processed in our list:** of 13 years of age, one; 15 years