



Concern to private action and to activists and civil society April 16, 2015.

***Unofficial translation**

The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) alert alert about the crimes of private action and of civil society in Cuba and Nicaragua in the arrest of opponents.

On April 12, more than 50 Cuban opponents were detained and beaten in Havana after evacuating a public bus that had addressed to go to the airport to welcome Berta Soler, leader of the Ladies in White who arrived that day from Miami.

More than thirty women members of the Movement Damas de Blanco and independent reporters were on the bus, who placed photographs of the campaign for the freedom of political prisoners.

In addition, on April 3 was arbitrarily arrested the Nicaraguan businessman Milton Arcia for opposing the demolition of his own hotel under construction without notice or court order.

Article 44 of the Constitution sets the exception and procedure that allows the expropriation: It is required to be an indispensable action by reason of public utility and social interest, attached to the right to justice and make effective payment for compensation prior to execution. The related administrative agreement was published in the Gaceta Oficial del Estado one week later.

The Permanent Secretariat of REDLAD, platform for more than 520 organizations that defend democracy and human rights, Official member of the Civil Society Forum of the OAS (Organization of American States) and Regional Chapter of World Movement for Democracy (WMD):

- Point the violent manner in which both cases were developed at the time of apprehension.
- Condemns all censorship to civil society and repressive acts
- Requires respect for the right to freedom of expression and the right of private property.

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