



Annex

46 documented deaths of Cuban medical internationalists in 2012-2022

**4 additional cases of deaths in Equatorial Guinea are being investigated and will expectedly be added to the database soon.*

***All cases have a respective individual record that can be found at CubaArchive.org/database (case numbers are random).*

Selected case profiles

A. Extrajudicial killings

[#1661](#). Alexander Góngora, age 35, died October 24, 2013 in Venezuela. Góngora was the finance manager (directed the "Coordinación Central Económica") of the Cuban medical mission to Venezuela. He died mysteriously after falling from the 4th floor of the building where he lived alone. He arrived alive at the hospital but died reportedly of the head fractures he suffered in the fall. Apparently, he had no personal problems that would explain a suicide. A member of the Cuban Communist Party, he was about to come to the end of his three-year service in Venezuela. Reportedly, he had been recently robbed of sums of money he carried for the business of the Cuban medical mission. His body was transported back to Cuba. Foul play is suspected.

[#3447](#). Teresa Castillo Sotto, M.D., age 27, died June 13, 2017 in Venezuela. She fell, or was pushed, from the 8th floor of a building in the residential complex where she lived at Fort Tiuna, at 10:20PM. She died of multiple fractures and head trauma in mysterious circumstances. She had reportedly made adverse remarks on the situation of Venezuela and had a close relationship with an officer of the Venezuelan National Guard who had been captured by SEBIN (Venezuela's intelligence service) for involvement with the opposition against chavismo.

B. Victims of crimes or unresolved killings

[#11381](#). Candelario Martínez, M.D., age 54, died June 5, 2018 in Unare, eastern Venezuela, and area known for high rates of violence. He was in charge of a Comprehensive Diagnostic Center and was murdered during a robbery.

[#4144](#). Julio Oliva Vargas, M.D., age 36, died July 6, 2019 in Ecuador. The specialist in anesthesiology was found dead in a bathroom at the Marco Vinicio hospital in the province of Sucumbíos, Ecuador, where he had worked at for three years.

[#4696](#). Roger Vega Tabares, M.D., age 46, died December 22, 2017 in Ecuador. He was found dead with throat cut. Authorities reported he committed suicide with a broken bottle. He had been in Ecuador for three years.

[#6651](#). Reinier Estrada Batchelor, M.D., age 34, died July 22, 2019 in Ecuador. The specialist in was found dead inside the X-Ray room at the Hospital Básico de Amaluza. The cause of death was not reported. He was the fourth Cuban doctor reported to have died in Ecuador in 2019.

[#2755](#). Roberto Celorrio Rodríguez, M.D., age 50, was stabbed to death on June 18, 2019 in Cuenca, Ecuador. He had been working at the José Carrasco Arteaga Hospital of Cuenca for over a year.

[#4144](#). Julio Oliva Vargas, M.D., age 36, a anesthesiologist, was found dead on July 6, 2019 in a bathroom at the Marco Vinicio hospital in the province of Sucumbíos, Ecuador, where he had been working for three years.

[#6729](#). Juan Obana Borges, M.D. died September 11, 2019 in strange circumstances at the Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris after his asylum request was denied by France, reportedly of a heart attack. The intensive care and internal medicine specialist was being escorted back to Cuba by Cuban State Security officials after being expelled from Cuba's medical mission to Mauritania. In Mauritania, he had refused pressure from the hospital director to release a patient early from the ICU and had been demoted. Coworkers speculated that his death resulted from extreme stress or was provoked by Cuban agents.

[#1114](#). Dr. Yuris Matamoros, a 29-year-old dentist, died March 25, 2020 in Venezuela. His body was found two days later in suspicious circumstances, the cause was officially reported as unknown. Forced to live in very poor conditions, he had been ordered to survey the local population for coronavirus without any protective gear. His colleagues were suspicious of the circumstances of his death or why the body was reportedly found two days after his death given that the internationalists share living quarters.

[#1082](#) Freddy Bartolo Nápoles, age 54, died October 10, 2016 in Maracaibo, Venezuela. The physical therapist was murdered by two young criminals as he was leaving the workplace of a patient when two robbers approached him and demanded the key to his motorcycle. He put his hand in his pocket and one of the robber shot him (apparently thinking he could pull a gun), took the key, and left with his partners in the motorcycle. The police pursued and reportedly killed them.

[#4290](#). Onilber Aguilera, age 44, died on April 17, 2021 reportedly of COVID in Venezuela. He was an engineer part of Cuba's Medical Coordination Team heading the Medical Insurance Group in the state of Carabobo.

[#11353](#). Ireyi Dilu Sánchez, age 40 and a specialist in Statistics working as a doctor in Venezuela, died in April 2021 of COVID.

[#10726](#). Ronald Guillen Hodge, M.D., a neurosurgeon, died on June 17, 2021 from complications of COVID-19 in Tanzania.

[#11378](#). Lincoln Eduardo Bertot Pérez, M.D., an anesthesiologist, died in June 2021 from an unspecified illness a few days after returning to Cuba from a medical mission in Africa.

Complete list with date of death

Case ID	First name	Last name	Age	Year	Month	Day	Country	Cause of death
1064	Fernando	Aladro Hernández	49	2015	5	0	Algeria	Accidental / Unintentional
1752	Bárbara Caridad	Cruz Ruiz	45	2016	4	16	Ecuador	Accidental / Unintentional
1962	Leonardo	Ortiz Estrada	53	2016	4	16	Ecuador	Accidental / Unintentional
2217	Yanelis	Fernández	28	2016	7	3	Ecuador	Accidental / Unintentional
2665	Erick Omar	Pérez de Alejo Quesada	41	2016	4	16	Ecuador	Accidental / Unintentional
4849	Adrián	Reyes Valverde		2018	4	29	Brazil	Accidental / Unintentional
8078	Luis Alberto	Martínez Vila	29	2018	7	17	Brazil	Accidental / Unintentional
335	Olga Lidia	Sánchez Rojas	53	2019	4	30	Ecuador	Accidental / Unintentional
1661	Alexander	Góngora	35	2013	10	24	Venezuela	Extrajudicial killing - possible/suspected
3447	Teresa Sulien	Castillo Sotto	27	2017	6	13	Venezuela	Extrajudicial killing - possible/suspected
2931	Jorge Alberto	Borrego Cabrera	42	2018	5	18	Cuba	Gross or criminal negligence
11160	Jorge Juan	Guerra Rodríguez	60	2014	10	26	Guinea	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
11376	Pedro Juan	Tamayo Martin		2014	4	14	Brazil	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
11379	Vladimir	Soubleppe Hernández	49	2014	2	28	Brazil	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
2042	Reinaldo	Villafranca Antigua	43	2015	1	18	Sierra Leone	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
1673	Clara Elisa	González	45	2016	4	19	Brazil	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
11368	Lidia F.	García Bandomo	48	2016	6	20	Brazil	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
11369	Clara Elisa	González	45	2016	4	19	Brazil	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
5852	Eduardo	Vázquez Roche		2018	11	5	Brazil	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
8017	Ramón	Domínguez Rivera		2018	8	16	Brazil	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
8041	Yanier	Samón de Hombre	32	2018	8	2	Brazil	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
10614	Jaime Alfonso	Martínez		2018	10	0	Brazil	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
1467	Odalys	Barrios Diego		2019	8	26	Belize	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
6729	Juan Manuel	Obana Borges	47	2019	9	11	France	Medical condition/Denial of medical care

10987	Marisol	Noa Carrazana		2019	12	1	Cuba	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
600	Yoel	Rodríguez Torre	46	2020	8	23	Venezuela	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
5945	Alberto	Alcántara Paisán		2020	4	5	Angola	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
7606	Iván	Paneque Contreras	46	2020	7	22	Mozambique	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
11329	Guillermo	Sáez	51	2020	8	6	Venezuela	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
11333	José Alberto	Alonso Méndez		2020	10	4	Angola	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
4290	Onilber	Aguilera	44	2021	4	17	Venezuela	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
8865	Anibaldo	Matos Hernández	45	2021	12	17	Guatemala	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
10724	Yamilka	Powell Vague	39	2021	5	17	Venezuela	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
10726	Ronald Willian	Guillen Hodge		2021	6	17	Tanzania	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
11353	Ireyi Dilu	Sánchez	40	2021	4	0	Venezuela	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
11355	Alfredo Luis	Negrín Guerra	66	2021	4	18	Djibouti	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
11378	Lincoln Eduardo	Bertot Pérez		2021	6	0	Cuba	Medical condition/Denial of medical care
11057	Luisa	Cardentey		2019	9	26	Guatemala	N/A or Undetermined
1114	Yuris	Matamoros	29	2020	3	25	Venezuela	N/A or Undetermined
4696	Roger	Vega Tabares	46	2017	12	22	Ecuador	N/A or Undetermined
4144	Julio	Oliva Vargas	36	2019	7	6	Ecuador	N/A or Undetermined
6651	Reinier	Estrada Batchelor	34	2019	7	22	Ecuador	Other
11381	Candelario	Martínez	54	2018	6	5	Venezuela	Other
1082	Freddy Bartolo	Nápoles	54	2016	10	10	Venezuela	Other
2755	Roberto	Celorrio Rodríguez	50	2019	6	19	Ecuador	Other
11375	Roberto	Estrada	52	2014	3	31	Brazil	Suicide/Alleged Suicide