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This is Lionel Martin in Havana...in Havana Cuba the leaders of three human rights organizations have been indicted.. here is the story.

The three activists were charged with spreading false news, a crime under Cuban law.

If convicted they face one to four years in jail.

The false news they allegedly spread was contained in statements they made to U.S radio and television interviewers last month.

The statements were about the trial of fourteen army and intelligence officers and their conviction for drug trafficking. Four of the officers, including a much decorated hero, General Arnaldo Ochoa were executed and ten were given long terms in jail.

The specific charges are that they falsely stated that General Ochoa had been brought into the courtroom drugged, that the defendants had been psychologically tortured and that the Cuban authorities did not reveal the burial places to relatives of the four men who were executed.

The indicted men who are known as human rights activists elsewhere were called counterrevolutionaries by Cuban authorities.

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Indicted in Cuba*

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