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AM-CUBA-WAR PRISONER

HAVANA, AUG 19, REUTER - THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITEE OF THE RED CROSS CONFIRMED THAT A CUBAN PRISONER OF WAR WHO HAD BEEN HELD IN SOMALIA SINCE 1978 WILL BE RELSASED NEXT TUESDAY, THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER GRANMA REPORTED FRIDAY

GRANMA CITED RED CORSS OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT THE PRISONER, ORLANDO CARDOSO (IN SPANISH ADD VILLAVICENCIO) WILL BE RELEASED AS PART OF AN EXCHANGE OF WAR PRISONERS BY ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA.

CARDOSO WAS A MEMBER OF THE CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE THAT AIDED THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT DURING ITS WAR WITH SOMALIA. HE WAS CAPTURED AFTER BEING SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ON JANUARY 22, 1978 WHENE CUBAN TROOPS FOUGHT SOMALIAN FORCES INSIDE ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY, GRANMA SAID.

ACCORDING TO GRANMA, DELEGATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS WHO VISITED CARDOSO REPORTED THAT HISD HEALTH WAS +DELICATE+ AND THAT HE HAD PROBLEMS WITH HIS VISION.
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