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THREE CUBAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS SENTENCED TO JAIL
HAVANA, NOV 30, REUTER - THREE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS WERE SENTENCED TO JAIL BY A LOCAL COURT TUESDAY FOR INSULTING AND SCUFFLING WITH GUARDS AT THE ENTRANCE TO A PRISON NEAR HAVANA, THE OFFICIAL CUBAN NEWSPAPER, GRANMA, REPORTED ON WEDNESDAY.
TANIA DIAZ CASTRO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SELF-STYLED CUBAN HUMAN RIGHTS PARTY, AND GUILLERMO VLADIMIR RIVAS, AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CUBAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITEE, WERE EACH SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL. RIVAS'S WIFE AYME LLADO CANTON WAS SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS.
GRANMA SAID DIAZ +INSULTED AUTHORITIES OF THE PRISON IN AN INSOLENT AND AGGRESSIVE MANNER WHILE RIVASNFIAZ PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED ONE OF THE TWO PRISON OFFICERS PRESENT.+ LLADO CANTON WAS SENTENCED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT.
THE INCIDENT AT THE COMBINADO DEL ESTE PRISON GATE, THE TRIAL AND THE SENTENCING ALL TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY.
LAST OCTOBER 20 SIX MEMBERS OF A SELF-STYLED ASSOCIATION FOR FREE ART WERE ARRESTED IN HAVANA AND SENTENCED TO UP TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON AFTER SCUFFLING WITH MEN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SECURITY AGENTS IN CIVILIAN DRESS.
AFTER THAT INCIDENT, A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL DENIED ANY CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT POLICY ON DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES BUT SAID PUBLIC ACTS OF DEFIANCE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.
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