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CUBA:Orlando AZCUE RODRIGUEZ  
Orlando DOMINGUEZ DE LA COBA  
Israel LOPEZ TOLEDO

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Amnesty International has learned that both Orlando Domínguez de la Coba and Israel López Toledo have been hospitalized. The condition of both is said to be serious; they are said to be being fed intravenously and to be receiving medical attention. Orlando Domínguez de la Coba has reportedly been transferred to the "Carlos J. Findlay" Military Hospital at Marianao in Havana and has stopped his protest. Israel López Toledo is said to be being cared for in a security ward of the "Amalia Simone" Hospital in Camaguey. It is not clear, however, whether he has voluntarily renounced his protest.

Orlando Azcué Rodríguez is said to have been transferred to a prison in Pinar del Río Province known as "Kilo 5 1/2" after agreeing to stop his protest. On arrival there, nevertheless, he is said to have resumed his protest by taking off his prison uniform and refusing to eat. However, following a visit from his wife on 27 February, he is believed to have stopped his protest.

No further action is required by Urgent Action participants. Amnesty International will continue to monitor the situation of the three prisoners concerned so that further appropriate action can be taken if required. Thank you for sending appeals.