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PRO-DEMOCRACY ACTIVISTS RELEASED

Five men, all members of a pro-democracy organization in Cuba, have been released after almost three weeks in detention. They had been held in connection with their political beliefs and activities.

After being arbitrarily detained since 12 August, five members of Cuban pro-democracy organization Youth for Democracy were released on 4 September at 11 pm from Guantanamo Provincial Prison.

Nestor Rodríguez Lobaina and his brother **Rolando, Enyor Díaz Allen, Roberto González Pelegrín** and **Francisco Manzanet** were arrested while holding a meeting at the home of Nestor Rodriguez, during which they put up banners and posters protesting about the detention of another two group members, who were released without charge on 16 August. They were told that they will be charged with "public disorder" ("desorden público"). However, no formal charges have been filed against the five men.

They have been warned by state officials that police will continue to investigate their case. This seems an attempt to intimidate them and prevent them from peacefully exercising their right to freedom of expression, assembly and association. Items confiscated when they were arrested, including books, laptops and mobile phones, have not been returned.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals. Amnesty International is continuing to monitor the situation of the five men.

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