

Cuba announces new details on foiled terror plot



Cuba's Canal Caribe channel explains findings on training in the USA for the planned armed actions (Source: [CC/YouTube](#))

Cuba's Ministry of the Interior (Minint) announced new details on Monday about a foiled terrorist attack plan ([Cuba heute reported](#)) in Cuba. The main suspect, Ardenys García Álvarez, who had already been arrested in December 2023, had entered Cuba illegally from Florida a month earlier with a jet ski and five handguns in order to initiate an armed insurrection, the authorities reported.

The 40-year-old was born in the province of Cienfuegos and fled to the USA in 2014 after previously being convicted of robbery and speculation offenses in Cuba. In the USA, he made contact with the group *La Nueva Nación Cubana en Armas* (The New Armed Cuban Nation), where he is said to have received firearms training. As Víctor Álvarez Valle, deputy head of the special unit of the Ministry of the Interior in charge of the case, explained, Álvarez took part in several firearms training sessions after which a communiqué was read to him. In it, he is said to have been told of the necessity of armed combat "to save the lives of many others".

In addition to Álvarez, other defendants in the case are his father Rigoberto García Ávila and Pavel Fernández Alfonso. Both were arrested and have revealed details of the foiled plans to attack economic and military targets. According to a report in the party newspaper *Granma*, Fernández Alfonso was planning to recruit people across the country and train them for the attacks on a farm he had bought. Chief prosecutor Edward Roberts Campbell reported that García Ávila had confessed that part of the plan was to attack a military unit in order to capture its weapons.

The defendants are likely to face long prison sentences in Cuba as they are accused of terrorism. Meanwhile, the Madrid-based organization "Prisoners Defenders" describes the

main defendant Álvarez as a "political prisoner". The NGO maintains close ties to Cuban exile groups in Miami, some of which in turn work with US intelligence services, and is supported in Spain by the conservative Partido Popular and the neo-fascist Vox.

"For some time now, we have been warning the United States about terrorists operating from Florida against Cuba. However, they continue to act with impunity," criticized Cuba's president on the short message service X. Prensa Latina news agency quotes him as saying that the US position is that of a "state sponsor of terrorism", which they in turn accuse Cuba of.

Last year, Cuba drew up a national terror list in which 61 people and 19 organizations based in the US are listed that the Cuban government accuses of supporting terrorism. The group *La Nueva Nación Cubana en Armas* also appears on the list.

The Cuban Ministry of the Interior announced that it had informed the US government authorities of the results of the investigation, but that no action was being taken. "These individuals continue to act with impunity on North American territory, financing, organizing and supporting violent organizations to undermine the internal order of our country," said Álvarez Valle.

The response from Washington was prompt: "US law enforcement agencies prosecute individuals under US law and do not take instructions from foreign governments," Reuters news agency quoted a US State Department official as saying. ([Cubaheute](#))