

Cuba Arrests Six Foreigners for Corruption of Minors



Havana, November 19 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Four foreign citizens have been jailed in Cuba for corruption of minors, while another two are awaiting trial, the Cuban Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

A Canadian citizen has been sentenced to 13 years in prison, an Indian citizen was given 30 years for the same crime, plus drug dealing, while two Italians have been sentenced to 23 and 25 year prison terms for corruption of minors and murder.

Meanwhile, a British and a Spanish citizen are awaiting trials, charged with having sexual relations with minors, according to the second report on Human Trafficking and Other Forms of Sexual Abuse in 2013.

Cuba applies a policy of zero tolerance toward crimes of human trafficking and sexual abuse, according to the Cuban Foreign Ministry.

The report shows that last year, there were 144 cases related to corruption of minors and pimping. Protection was offered to 2,231 infant victims of presumed sexual abuse, which represents 0.09 percent of the infant-juvenile population in Cuba.

According to the release, the position of the government is totally in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted 25 years ago.

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