

**Sara Marta Fonseca Quevedo**  
**National Spokesperson for the Orlando Zapata Tamayo National Civic Resistance and Civil Disobedience Front**  
**Director of the Rigoberto Martínez Castillo Independent Library and the National Political Prisoner's Home**  
**Executive Secretary of the Pro Human Rights Party Affiliated to the Andrei Sakharov Foundation**  
**Lady of Support to the Ladies in White**  
**Delegate in the City of Havana of the Rosa Parks Civil Rights Women's Movement**

Sara Marta Fonseca Quevedo was born on September 4th 1970 in Central Carlos Baliño, in the Santo Domingo municipality located in the province of Villa Clara. She grew up in a household that opposed the communist system based on their principles and religious beliefs. Due to her family's faith, she was denied the right to complete her studies.

Years later, Quevedo moved to the Cuban capital. In 2004, while she lived in Rio Verde in the municipality of Boyeros, Sara Marta became a member of the Pro Human Rights Party affiliated to the Andrei Sakharov Foundation. In her Havana home, Sara Marta pays tribute to Rigoberto Martínez Castillo, a human rights colleague who lost his life as a result of a brutal beating by authorities in the streets of Boyeros. Martínez Castillo lived on the same street, 275<sup>th</sup> Street, between 160 and 152. Today, Sara Marta pays tribute to his memory through the independent library in her home, named after this Cuban patriot. Her home has also been designated as the National Political Prisoner's Home, in tribute to all political prisoners and prisoners of conscience.

In 2009, she joined the Rosa Parks Civil Rights Women's Movement, for which she became delegate in the City of Havana. That same year, she also begins participating with the Ladies in White as a Lady of Support. Although her religious beliefs are Baptist, she participates in the Catholic masses and marches organized by the Ladies in White to demand the release of all political prisoners.

Currently, Sara Marta is the spokesperson for the Orlando Zapata Tamayo National Civic Resistance and Civil Disobedience Front.

Sara Marta and her family have experienced numerous state organized mob attacks and her house has been vandalized and searched by government agents dressed in civilian clothes. In December 2010, Sara Marta's home was under siege and vandalized by state organized mobs for more than 15 days. In April of 2011, Sara Marta Fonseca, along with her husband Ignacio Leon Perez, and their eldest son were victims of a savage beating at the entrance of her home, after which they were arbitrarily arrested