

Free the Cuban Five!

Please take the opportunity to read this flyer and learn about five men who were on a mission to stop terrorism and save lives. We hope you will support the campaign to free them.

September 12, 2010 marks 12 years of unjust imprisonment of five men known as the “Cuban Five,” after their frame-up on federal charges in Miami, Florida.

Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González, and René González are five Cuban men who were arrested by the FBI on Sept. 12, 1998. They were charged with conspiracy to commit espionage on the United States government, and were tried in the highly-charged anti-Cuba atmosphere of Miami. They were convicted on June 8, 2001.

The Cuban Five never committed espionage nor did they conspire to do so. Their actions were not directed against the U.S. government. Instead, their mission was fighting terrorism. The Cuban Five infiltrated Cuban-exile terrorist organizations in Miami, which have carried out attacks on Cuba for decades, **in order to stop their plots.**

By monitoring the terrorists and exposing their plots, the Cuban Five saved the lives of many people who would have been targeted by the terrorists. THAT was their real “crime,” protecting the people. The Cuban Five never possessed weapons nor harmed anybody. It is clear that their prosecution by the government was politically-motivated.

Background History

It is important for the American people to know the role that the U.S. government has played in supporting anti-Cuba terrorists, in trying to destabilize Cuban society.

In 1959, after U.S.-backed Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista was overthrown, Miami became a base of C.I.A. operations against Cuba and its revolution.

Many of Batista’s repressive police and army torturers took refuge in Miami. The C.I.A. recruited and trained 4,000 Cuban right-wing exiles to carry out sabotage and terrorism against the people of Cuba.

These attacks have devastated many Cubans’ lives; 3,478 Cuban people have been killed by bombings, assassinations and biological warfare. Most of the attacks have been waged from Miami.

Cuba’s numerous appeals to Washington to cooperate in stopping the terrorists were ignored.

This is why the Cuban Five came to Miami: to do what the U.S. government refused to do, prevent terrorist crime.

After their arrest, the Five were subjected to massive



prejudicial news coverage in Miami; they were illegally held in solitary confinement for 17 months before trial, and the judge denied their requests to move the trial out of Miami. The Cuban Five were convicted on June 8, 2001 and sentenced from 15 years to double life. Although their convictions were overturned in federal appeals in 2005, the Bush administration appealed, and the trial was upheld.

Freedom Campaign for the Cuban Five

There is a national and international campaign for the Cuban Five’s freedom. Hundreds of union, community and legal organizations, Latin American and European parliament members, are actively calling for their freedom. We believe that public awareness will ultimately free them.

The National Committee to Free the Cuban Five was formed in 2001. We have organized many actions — forums, protests, billboards, lobbying, media work — as well as vital legal research that is part of the Five’s current appeals.

Our Freedom of Information Act research has revealed that prominent Miami journalists who covered the Cuban Five trial — in an extremely biased way — were receiving secret U.S. government payments, via the propaganda stations Radio and TV Martí. This illegal government influence contributed significantly in violating the Cuban Five right to an unbiased jury trial. New appeals are underway.

What You Can Do to Help

- Learn more about the Cuban Five: freethethefive.org
It is an informative website with video, audio, etc.
- **Download and sign the petition;** add your email if you wish to receive low-volume news on their case
- **Make a donation** to help with organizing costs
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