

Free the Cuban Five! Petition

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien:

We urge you to publicly call for the U. S. government to release the Five Cubans, Gerardo Hernández Nordelo, Antonio Guerrero Rodriguez, Ramón Labañino Salazar, René González Schwerert, and Fernando González Llort, who have been imprisoned in the U. S. for defending the Cuban people against terrorist attacks.

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Canadian Network on Cuba

Working in friendship and solidarity with Cuba

“Whatever its imperfections, in Cuba the poor have not been held in contempt; they have been empowered. Which is different from being made wealthy in a capitalist sense, and more lasting. A healthy body, a well trained mind, a sense of solidarity with one people is harder to lose than a million dollars and offers more security. This empowerment of the poor: literacy, good health, adequate housing, freedom from ignorance, is the work of everyone of conscience... Cuba has led the way, and is an object lesson to us.”

—Alice Walker

The Canadian Network on Cuba was founded on **September 2, 2002** by **representatives of Canada-Cuba solidarity organizations, trade unions, NGOs, and political parties.**

Membership in the CNC is open to all organizations — including friendship and solidarity groups, trade unions, political parties, non-governmental and other organizations — that agree with and abide by the principles and aims of the organization.

Aims

To **counter disinformation** about the Cuban reality by educating Canadians about the achievements of the Cuban Revolution in such areas as education, public health, culture, democracy and human rights.

To **coordinate campaigns** in friendship and solidarity with the people of Cuba.

To **establish links** with friendship and solidarity organizations internationally and from coast to coast to coast.

Principles

We are committed to the **expansion and strengthening of friendship and solidarity** between the peoples of Canada and Cuba.

We uphold the right of the Canadian and Cuban peoples to **self-determination and national sovereignty**, the right to choose their own social, political, economic and cultural development.

We oppose the illegal and immoral U.S. blockade and sanctions against Cuba and all foreign intervention which attempts to undermine the social, economic and political achievements of the Cuban people.

We promote the **development of diplomatic, cultural, economic, political and social relations** between Canada and Cuba on the basis of full equality, mutual respect and non-interference.

Our Work is to:

Improve Canadian foreign policy towards Cuba through lobbying the Canadian Government.

Put an end to the U.S. blockade of Cuba and maintain a sovereign Cuba free from intimidation, threats and external intervention.

Expose the fallacies of the vote against Cuba at the U.N. human rights Commission.

Campaign for the freedom of the “Cuban Five.”

Free the Cuban Five! Campaign



Five Cuban men are in U.S. prison for simply defending their country from terrorist acts by extremist groups in Miami. Their sentences range from 15 years to two life sentences. They harmed no-one, yet they are in prison while the anti-Cuba extremists whom they tried to stop walk freely in Miami.

Gerardo Hernández, Antonio Guerrero, Ramón Labañino, René González, and Fernando González were convicted in U.S. federal court on June 8, 2001 in a politically-charged trial: the U.S. government claimed they were engaged in espionage on U.S. military bases and threatened “national security.” In fact, the five Cubans were involved solely in monitoring the actions of terrorist groups and informing Cuba of impending attacks.

The conspiracy to commit espionage charge — and related charges — are a complete fabrication. In 14,000 pages of transcript, no evidence of such a conspiracy was ever introduced. The terrorist groups they monitored — such as Omega 7, Alpha 66, Brothers to the Rescue, Brigada 2506, and Comandos F4 — have caused the deaths and injury of hundreds of people in Cuba and other countries. Some of their leaders were directly implicated in conspiring to prevent Elián González from returning home to his father in Cuba.

See our petition on the back!