

## CFMEU Calls for Justice for the Cuban Five



The Cuban Five, sometimes known as the Miami Five, will soon be entering the twelfth year of their unjust prison terms.

Gerardo Hernández Nordelo, Ramón Labañino Salazar, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González Llort and René González Sehwerert were arrested in September 1998. They were attempting to gather information on right wing terrorist groups working out of Miami to bring down the Cuban government. These right wing terrorist groups have been responsible for the deaths of over 3,500 Cubans.

The US government repeatedly refused to act against these groups. To help curb the deaths of innocent civilians, the Cuban government sent in five intelligence officers to monitor the groups.

The FBI asked the Cuban government for information about the terrorist attacks. Instead of taking action against the terrorists, the FBI arrested the Cuban Five on charges ranging from being foreign agents to conspiracy to commit murder.

Not only was their trial labeled unjust by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, their sentences continue to violate human rights agreements. Amnesty International launched a campaign demanding that the wives of the inmates be given visas allowing them to visit their husbands. Two of the wives have not seen their husbands in over a decade. Amnesty International stated “[we] believe that denying prisoners visits from their family is unnecessarily punitive and contrary to standards for humane treatment of prisoners and states’ obligations to protect family life.”

Nobel Prize laureates, peace organizations, politicians and other associations worldwide have campaigned for justice for these men who acted in the interests of the safety of their country. The CFMEU asks that you join this campaign by writing to the US Secretary of State. Address your letters to:

**Secretary of State**

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