

# Who are the Miami 5?

The Miami Five are Gerardo Hernandez, Ramón Labañino, Fernando González, Antonio Guerrero and René González – five Cuban men arrested in Miami in 1998 while trying to stop terrorist attacks against the Cuban people.

Since 1959, nearly 3,500 Cubans have died in terrorist attacks carried out by Miami based terrorist organisations including the 1976 bombing of a Cuban airliner which killed 73 people, and a series of hotel bombings in the 1990s aimed at destroying the island's economy and tourism industry.

In the 1990s, Cuba sent five men to infiltrate these groups by working undercover in Miami where most of the terrorist attacks originated. In 1998 they passed on the information they had collected and details of planned attacks to the US government. But rather than arrest the terrorists, the FBI arrested the five and charged them with conspiracy to commit espionage. An unfair trial and harsh prison sentences resulted in terms of between 15 years to double life for the men. As extra punishment, visitation rights for two of their wives have been denied and visa requests for other members of their families severely restricted.

After serving their full terms René González and Fernando González, who had the shortest sentences, were released in 2011 and 2014 and have joined the fight for justice for the remaining three.

In Cuba the Miami Five are considered national heroes and known simply as 'Los Cinco' – The Five.





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Campaign, together with trade unions legal organisations and supporters have been working to build the broadest possible movement for justice for the Miami Five and their families for more than 13 years.

Thousands of supporters in Britain and more than 150 MPs and MEPs have signed letters and appeals to the US government and Supreme Court. National trade unions have passed motions and been forthright in lobbying on their behalf. The annual vigil outside the US embassy has gone from strength to strength, and cracks have begun to appear in the media silence, with the BBC, the Guardian and other press starting to cover the case. In 2014 an important International Commission of Inquiry into the Case was organised at the Law Society in London. But much more needs to be done.

United and working together we know that our campaigning is having an effect and reaching the highest levels of power where the decisions about their freedom will ultimately be taken. The United Nations Commission on Human Rights and other international human rights groups, politicians, legal experts, trade unions, religious organisations and thousands of others across the world have challenged the fairness of their trial and refusal of visitation rights.

Twelve Nobel Prize winners have called for justice for the men. Amnesty International have taken up the case stating it "...believes that there are serious doubts about the fairness and impartiality of their trial" and describing the treatment of family members as "contrary both to

standards for the human treatment of prisoners and to a states' obligation to protect family life."

National press adverts taken out in 2008



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### What you can do

Solidarity from Britain is vitally important to the Five, as one of the prisoners, Fernando González wrote in a letter to CSC supporters recently:

"As you have done all these years, and as you will continue to do, we will remain in the struggle for as long as it takes, encouraged by your solidarity and support and certain that sooner or later, thanks to efforts like yours, we will gain our freedom."

There are many ways you can support the campaign for justice for the Miami Five in Britain:

- Join the Cuba Solidarity Campaign today
- Invite a speaker to a group event or show one of our campaigning films
- Host a touring exhibition of prison paintings and cartoons by Antonio and Gerardo
- Write to the Five, you can find their addresses at www.cuba-solidarity.org.uk/miami5
- Make a financial donation to the campaign
- Add your name to the international online petition for the Five at www.voicesforthefive.com

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#### Help us to defend Cuba's achievements and campaign against the US blockade and for freedom for the Miami 5. Please join or make a donation to the Cuba Solidarity Campaign today. Your support will:

- Enable us to lobby MPs and governments to speak out about the injustice
- Launch a new campaigning website and online actions
- Organise exchanges and speaking tours between Cuba and Britain.
- Produce materials and briefings on the Miami Five and the blockade
- Enable us to run stalls at conferences and events to break the silence and raise awareness
- Ensure we can act quickly when needed for urgent action appeals

#### **Cuba Solidarity Campaign**

CSC campaigns against the illegal US blockade of Cuba, to defend the Cuban people's right to self determination and for freedom for the Miami Five. We are a broad-based non-party political campaign which relies entirely on fundraising, membership and affiliation to carry out our work.





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