

Rene Gonzalez Denounces Media Silence Surrounding Cuban Five Case



Havana, January 14 (RHC)-- The Cuban anti-terrorist fighter Rene Gonzalez denounced on Monday the blatantly biased treatment the U.S. media has given to the legal case against him and his four compatriots, labelling it one of the most silenced event in the history of U.S. journalism.

In a message posted by Rene Gonzalez on the solidarity website Voices for the Five, he said that the unjust and arbitrary trial against Gerardo Hernandez, Ramon Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando Gonzalez and himself was deliberately hidden from the U.S. public by large media corporations.

The trial's coverage was minimal, he denounced, despite being one of the longest ever in the United States, and being related to issues such as terrorism, conspiracy to commit murder, and the long political dispute between Cuba and the United States.

Subsequently, the imprisonment of these men, internationally known as the Cuban Five, was deemed unfair and politically motivated in more than 3,500 reactions posted at www.voicesforthefive.com, highlighting the fact that they were punished for preventing terrorist actions against Cuba sponsored by extremist groups based in Miami.

Rene Gonzalez, who is in Cuba after serving his prison sentence and some probation time, thanked the website's subscribers for their support in the fight for the release of his brothers, who remain in U.S. prisons since their arrest in 1998. He also called on world activists to participate in an upcoming International Commission of Inquiry in London to investigate the case.

He said that the commission, to be held in the British capital on March 7th and 8th, will be essential in breaking the wall of silence built around the Five's case, and to expose the violations and injustice committed during the judicial process.

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