

British Lawmakers Support Cuban Antiterrorists Jailed in the U.S.



London, March 7 (RHC)-- Lawmakers from different political parties in the United Kingdom demanded the release of three Cuban anti-terrorist fighters who are still being held in U.S. prisons and also called for more international actions on their behalf.

The initiative was put forth by Baroness Angela Smith, who chairs the All Party Group, supporting the cause of Gerardo Hernandez, Antonio Guerrero, Ramon Labanino; Fernando Gonzalez and Rene Gonzalez.

Known as the Cuban Five, the men were arrested in 1998 in the United States while trying to thwart violent plans against Cuba by Florida-based terrorist organizations.

Smith, a member of the Labor Party, headed a meeting of the All Party Group on Thursday with personalities from different countries, attending an international investigation commission on the case of the anti-terrorist fighters.

Also attending the meeting was Baroness Gloria Hopper, member of the Conservative Party, as well as deputies from Scotland and Northern Ireland, Germany and Belgium.

The forum, held at the House of Commons in London, was also attended by the vice president of the European Parliament Miguel Angel Martinez and by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

On the Cuban side were former parliament president Ricardo Alarcon, the president of the Cuban Friendship Institute, Kenia Serrano, and relatives of the Cuban Five, as well as victims of terrorist actions committed against Cuba.

In remarks during the meeting, Ricardo Alarcon said that the solution to the case of the three jailed anti-terrorist fighters is out of the courts and he recalled that Rene and Fernando were freed only after they served their complete prison sentences.

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