

Jailed Anti-terrorist says Fernando Gonzalez is a Giant



Havana, February 28 (RHC)-- Cuban anti-terrorist fighter Gerardo Hernandez, who is still being held in a U.S. prison, expressed his satisfaction for the release from a federal jail of his compatriot Fernando Gonzalez after fully serving an unfair prison sentence.

In a message that Hernandez sent from a California high security prison where he is serving a double life sentence plus 15 years, he wrote that those who love and admire Fernando are now celebrating his release and their struggle for freedom will now be reinforced.

Hernandez described his compatriot as a giant and praised his example. He recalled that when Fernando Gonzalez was arrested on September 12, 1998, he was about to return to Cuba for his wedding with Rosa Freijanes, a ceremony that did not take place, and then Rosa dedicated her life to him all these years.

Fernando is the second of the five Cuban anti-terrorist fighters that were given unfair sentences in the United States for protecting their country from terrorist actions designed by Florida-based violent organizations.

Rene Gonzalez returned to Cuba after having served his sentence and joined the struggle for the release of his four compatriots.

Fernando was released from the Arizona-based Stafford Penitentiary on Thursday after serving 15 years, five months and five days in prison, and he was put under U.S. immigration services to begin with the process of his deportation to Cuba, while Gerardo Hernandez, Ramon Labañino and Antonio Guerrero remain in U.S. prisons.

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