

Film on the International Commission of Inquiry Now Available



Havana, May 16 (RHC) – The film ‘Justice in London’ which covers the wide range of events held in London during the International Commission of Inquiry into the case of the Cuban Five in March 2014, has been made available for netizens, the Voices for the Five group announced.

Irma, daughter of Rene Gonzalez, the first of the Cuban Five to be released, is just one of over 20 witnesses featured in this magnificent film.

The film features special guests to the Commission including Olga Salanueva, wife of Rene, US novelist Alice Walker, former US Attorney General Ramsey Clarke and Ricardo Alarcon, former President of the Cuban National Assembly.

It features the testimony of victims of the terrorist attacks that have been carried out against Cuba since 1959, and legal scrutiny of the United States government’s manipulation of the case, including their pay-offs to journalists so as to prejudice the jury pool and “inadequate facilities” for the Five’s defence.

Rene Gonzalez, denied a visa by the British government to attend in person, speaks to the Commission via Skype.

This official film report directed by renowned Cuban director Roberto Chile for ICAP (the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples) and narrated by Irma Gonzalez is now available at www.voicesforthefive.com

The panel of prominent judges invited from India, South Africa and France finish off their verdicts by the end of the Inquiry by urging the President of the United States, Barack Obama, to “pardon immediately all these Five persons and release, immediately and unconditionally, the three persons that continue to languish in prison in the United States”.

Gerardo Hernandez, Ramón Labañino, Fernando González, Antonio Guerrero and René González – known internationally as the Cuban Five, were arrested in Miami in 1998 while attempting to stop terrorist attacks against the Cuban people. Attacks, that since 1959, have killed nearly 3,500 Cubans.

To save lives, Cuba sent these men to Miami to infiltrate and monitor the groups. At the request of the US government, the information they gathered was passed to the FBI in 1998.

But instead of arresting the terrorists, the FBI used the information to identify and arrest the Five anti-terrorists on September 12, 1998 in Miami, where they were illegally held in solitary confinement for 17 months.

An unfair trial and harsh prison sentences resulted in terms of between 15 years to double life for the men.

Although René González and Fernando González who had the shortest sentences, were released after serving their terms in October 2011 and February 2014, they did not receive justice. And the others still remain in US jails.

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