

Cubans Have Faced Terrorism Since 1959



Mexico City, October 7 (RHC) — Cuban anti-terrorist fighter Rene Gonzalez recalled that terrorist actions against the island have been taking place since 1959, as Cubans recalled the 1976 bombing in mid-air of a civilian airliner with 73 people on board. In an article published by El Universal newspaper in Mexico City, Gonzalez referred to terrorist attacks in 1962 in Havana, as a boat coming from Miami machine gunned a hotel in the capital. He also recalled the abduction and murder of Cuban fishermen to the north of the island, attacks against coastal towns, sabotages against day-care centers and the murder of teachers by counterrevolutionary groups.

This story, unknown in the rest of the world, is at the very core of Cuba's collective memory, said Gonzalez, who is one of the five anti-terrorist fighters that were given unfair prison sentences by a Miami court after they monitored Florida-based terrorist organizations.

This very collective memory encouraged me to undertake the mission that allowed me to know the author of the terrorist action of 1962. His name is Jose Basulto, said

Gonzalez as he recalled the event when he was still a child.

He said that it became his duty to prevent such terrorist actions from taking place by infiltrating violent groups in Miami.

Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González and René González -- internationally known as the Cuban Five -- were arrested in 1998 in the United States. Rene Gonzalez and Fernando Gonzalez were released after they fully served their prison sentences and are now back in Cuba.



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