

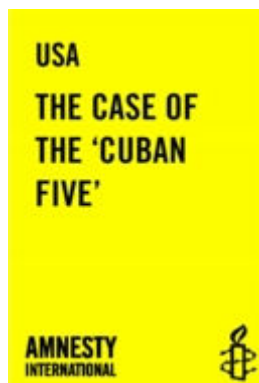


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National Committee To Free The Cuban Five

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Amnesty International issues major report on the case of Cuban Five Calls on US government to review case and mitigate any injustice



Amnesty International has for the first time released an extensive report on the case of the Cuban Five. The report outlines their concern for the fairness of the trial of the Five, with special mention of the lack of evidence against Gerardo Hernández, on the charges against him relating to the shutdown of two Brothers to the Rescue planes. Amnesty followed up the report with a letter sent to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder noting their concerns. **Amnesty International has called on the government to review the case and mitigate any injustice through the clemency process or other appropriate means,** should further legal appeals prove ineffective.

Among the evidence cited by Amnesty is the fact that journalists who wrote prejudicial articles in Miami against Cuba at the time of the trial were paid employees of the US government as part of their work for anti-Cuba media outlets, Radio Marti and TV Marti. This information came as the result of a **Freedom of Information Act petition** filed by the **National Committee to Free the Cuban Five**. The Committee revealed this crucial documentation in a Washington, D.C. press conference in June.

As it had since 2003, Amnesty also called on the U.S. government to grant visas to Olga Salanueva, wife of René González, and Adriana Pérez, wife of Gerardo Hernández, who have been denied permission to visit their husbands since 2000 and 1998, respectively. Amnesty's 2008 Annual Report did address issues about the unfairness of the trial of the Five, but **this new report is the first time they have issued such an extensive analysis of the case, as well as accompanying it**

with a demand that the U.S. government review the case under the clemency process.

**Make the message to Washington visible:
Join us in placing a full-page ad in the *Washington Post***

The release of Amnesty's important new report makes clear the critical nature of pressing the message on Washington now: Free the Five! Money and pledges have started to come in to help us fulfill our goal of placing a full-page ad in the *Washington Post* demanding freedom for the Five. **Much more is needed!** Fundraising events have been scheduled in several cities already, including Vancouver, BC, New York City, and San Francisco and we encourage all groups to follow that example. **We need to make the message loud and public: Free the Cuban Five!**

- [Donate for the Washington Post ad](#)
- [Read the Amnesty report](#)

Support for the Five continues worldwide

Events making the message of the Five public are increasing in number around the world. Just in the past few days, major public events have been held in Paris, London, Rome, and Vancouver. Details about these and other activities for the Five can always be found on the calendar on our website. We also routinely post notices about upcoming events on Facebook, so be sure to [become a fan of the National Committee on Facebook](#) to get those updates.

- [Calendar](#)
- [Irma González on BBC](#)

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**Free the Cuban Five Now!
Allow the families' visits!
Grant entry visas to
Adriana Pérez and Olga Salanueva!**