

MEDIA ADVISORY #8: September 11, 2012

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Breaking the Silence – **PEOPLES' TRIBUNAL & ASSEMBLY** – Justice for the Cuban Five
Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, 2012, Toronto City Hall, Council Chamber

MEDIA CONFERENCE — with all Tribunal participants present
Friday, September 21, 2012 at 11:00 am, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Room 303, Toronto
Individual interviews may be scheduled in advance and will follow the media conference

The public is invited to attend an extraordinary event in Toronto. The Peoples' Tribunal and Assembly for justice for the Cuban Five will be held at Toronto City Hall, Council Chamber, on Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23.

Five Cuban men were jailed in the United States in 1998 — 14 years ago. They had peacefully monitored the network of ultra-right extremist groups in Miami that have been involved in politically motivated terrorist bombings and attacks against Cuba for many years. 3,478 Cuban deaths were caused. When Cuba reported their findings to US intelligence, the US authorities arrested not the terrorists, but the five Cubans who had harmed no one. The Cuban Five were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage against the United States, even though US military men testified that the information obtained from only public sources by the Five could not be construed as espionage. Four of the five remain in jail, one serving a double life sentence.

Amnesty International has voiced serious doubts about the fairness and impartiality of their trial. Former US President Jimmy Carter said last year "I believe that the detention of the Cuban Five makes no sense." Many thousands of organizations and individuals agree, and are intensifying the worldwide campaign for their freedom.

Find out how and why this atrocious miscarriage of justice happened — listen to victims' testimonies of their suffering and witnesses who shed new light on the unjust trial. Join actor Danny Glover, peace activist Cindy Sheehan, two wives of the imprisoned Cuban Five, a Canadian whose brother died in the terrorist bombing of a Cuban hotel in 1997, and many other prominent individuals in the Peoples' Tribunal and Assembly.

On Saturday, Sept. 22, **registration starts at 8:00 am at Toronto City Hall, Council Chambers**, and the **Peoples' Tribunal begins at 8:45 am sharp**. At 4:30 the same day there will also be a **rally across from the US Consulate on University Avenue** demanding freedom for the Five.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, **starting at 10:00 am, the Peoples' Assembly will plan actions** to pressure the Canadian government to join the worldwide call for US President Obama to use his Constitutional authority to immediately release the Cuban Five so that they can return home.

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