



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

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## **INVITATION TO A MEDIA CONFERENCE**

**Friday, September 21, 2012 at 11:00 am**

**Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Room 303, Toronto**

Tribunal participants will be present. Individual interviews may be scheduled in advance and will follow the media conference

- **Exposé: U.S. government secretly paid cash to 'independent' journalists to influence the trial that convicted the Cuban Five**
- **Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, 2011: "I believe that the detention of the Cuban Five makes no sense."**
- **Family members and expert witnesses for the Cuban Five to testify before the public at Peoples' Tribunal in Toronto**
- **Worldwide campaign calls on President Obama to use his constitutional authority to set the Cuban Five free**
- **Like other heads of state, Stephen Harper must speak out against the injustice that has kept five men in prison for 14 years, under horrific sentences, for peacefully protecting their country against terrorism**
- **Break the silence — the only way to win freedom and justice for the Cuban Five**

Participating in the Peoples' Tribunal & Assembly:

**Adriana Pérez & Elizabeth Palmeiro**, wives of two of the Cuban Five  
**Miguel Barnet**, distinguished Cuban writer and poet and President of UNEAC, influential Writers & Artists' Union of Cuba

**Cindy Sheehan**, peace activist  
**Marie Clarke Walker**, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists  
**Arnold August**, author, journalist, lecturer & specialist in Cuba, Montreal  
**Saul Landau**, award-winning

writer & filmmaker  
**Tony Woodley**, Executive Officer, Unite the Union, UK  
**Richard Klugh**, Cuban Five legal defense team  
**José Pertierra**, internationally renowned lawyer

**Wes Elliott**, well known native activist

**Ken Neumann**, National Director for Canada, United Steelworkers union

**Denis Lemelin**, National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers

**Raymundo Navarro Fernández**, doctor, trade union leader, Deputy to Cuban parliament

**Naveen Mehta**, General Counsel to United Food & Commercial Workers union

**Lee Maracle**, expert & instructor in Canadian First Nations' culture & history

**Alicia Jrapko**, U.S. National Coordinator, International Committee for Freedom of the Cuban 5

**Gloria La Riva**, Coordinator, National Committee to Free the Cuban Five, in the U.S.

**Stephen Kimber**, journalist, broadcaster, professor & author, Halifax

**William Sloan**, founding member, Canadian branch of American Association of Jurists

**Keith Bolender**, Toronto, author of 'Voices from the Other Side: An Oral History of Terrorism Against Cuba'

**Julian Rivas**, journalist, trade unionist, political and public opinion analyst, Venezuela

**Abelardo Paisán Reyes**, representative of Cuba's National Union of Education Workers (SNTECD)

**Father Hernán Astudillo**, Anglican priest, Toronto  
**Julio Fonseca**, President of the Association of Cubans in Toronto "Juan Gualberto Gómez"

**Isaac Saney**, faculty member, Saint Mary's and Dalhousie universities, & co-chair and spokesperson for the Canadian Network on Cuba

**Juan Carranza**, Salvadoran-born lawyer & founder of law firm Carranza LLP, voted in 2007 as one of the 10 most influential Hispanics in Canada

**Rev. Chris Levan** has been a journalist, university president, & United Church minister, and has taught at University of Alberta & Queens University

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### Open to the public and media

Media are requested to register at the event, and avoid use of flash lighting during formal proceedings

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 **public 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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