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Spouse of Cuban Five prisoner to speak in Toronto, April 20, 2013



Adriana Pérez, wife of one of five Cuban intelligence officers arrested and sentenced to long prison terms in the United States for their efforts to monitor violent anti-Cuba groups in Miami, will be speaking at a special event in Toronto at the Steelworkers Hall, 25 Cecil Street, on Saturday, April 20.

Pérez is married to Gerardo Hernández, one of the men known as the Cuban Five. Sent to Florida in the mid-1990s to infiltrate anti-Castro organizations involved in a wave of terrorist activities against Cuban citizens, the five were exposed, arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit espionage. After a widely condemned trial, Hernández and the others – Ramón Labañino, René González, Antonio Guerrero Rodríguez and Fernando González – were sentenced in 1998 to excessive jail terms in difficult conditions.

Hernández was given the harshest punishment, two life terms plus 15 years. Pérez will speak about his case and the U.S. government's continual refusal, in violation of international standards, to allow her to visit her husband. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and admission is free.

Since their arrests a world-wide campaign to free the Five has attracted the support of international politicians and personalities, including many in Canada. The trial and sentences have been criticized by the United Nations and various human rights organizations as unjust.

The event is being hosted by the United Steelworkers and the Friends of the Cuban Five.

For more information or to arrange interviews with Adriana Pérez, contact Keith Bolender at 905-760-9684. For more information about the Cuban Five and the case, visit www.freethe5peopletribunal.org; or www.freethefive.org

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