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**Protest Outside White House to Free the Cuban Five**

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Hundreds gathered outside the White House Saturday to demand the immediate release of the remaining Cuban Five who have been held in US prisons for more than 16 years. The protesters descended on Washington DC from all over the world to stand in solidarity with the Cuban people and to asked President Obama to release the Cuban heroes who were wrongly imprisoned for defending themselves and trying to protect Cuba from US backed terrorism against their homeland. Chanting for justice and freedom, the protesters marched from the White House to the Department of Justice for the **3<sup>rd</sup> annual Five Days for the Cuban Five**.

Over 6000 intellectuals and artists from around the world have voiced their support for the Cuban Five and their release including former US President James Carter who has said, "I believe that there is no reason to keep the Cuban Five imprisoned." A sentiment echoed by Noam Chomsky, who has said, "They weren't criminals, they were heroes. I mean they were exposing the US government crimes that are being committed on US soil; crimes the US government is tolerating and theoretically should be punishing itself."