

PRESS RELEASE

The Pro-Defense Committee for Freedom and Human Rights in Latin America, announces that it will take before The Hague International Court of Justice and before the International Ministry of London, Dr. Orlando Bosch's case as well as his companions' Luis Posada, Hernan Ricardo and Freddy Lugo. The Committee considers that the present government of Venezuela presided by Dr. Jaime Luisinchi, as well as the two preceding governments headed by Mr. Carlos Andres Perez and Dr. Luis Herrera Campins -all democratic- have violated in this case the norms and principles of international justice as well as the human rights of these four political prisoners, by keeping them in prison for seven and a half years, even though they have not been proven guilty of the crime for which they were accused.

[This crime, as it is known, is the explosion of a Cuban Communist Government airline airplane on October 7, 1976-- which act did not occur in Venezuela, but in Barbadian Territorial Waters, and which origin has not been proven neither by the government of Venezuela nor by the international experts.]

The committee considers that these three Venezuelan governments, have demonstrated a profound contempt of the norms of justice and of law which are part of any civilized regime, by repeatedly transferring the jurisdiction of this case from the civil court to the military court and vice versa, and the same time violating the human rights of these four citizens.

The Committee has prepared a dossier which documents each one of the abuses, illegalities and misrepresentations of this process. This dossier will be presented before these two international organizations trusting that they will adopt a resolution that will force the present government of Venezuela to finish this absurd process, which is the most scandalous case of abuse of political and human rights which exists in the hemisphere today. The Committee considers it proper to declare publicly their opinion that they believe that the present Venezuelan government, as well as the two preceding ones, have been acting against the law and basic rights due to non-acceptable political considerations dictated by the terrorist blackmail of Fidel Castro.

The Committee has confidence that the interventions of the Hague International Court of Justice and of International Amnesty will obtain what has not been attained so far by the democratic public opinion of Latin America. This is: Freedom for Dr. Orlando Bosch and his three companions, victims of tyranny in a free country, democratic combatants which have been deprived by seven and a half years of any free movement and of any independent expression.

PRO-DEFENSE COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA

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