

## **Support the Extradition of Luis Posada Carriles**

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**IAC JOINS THE CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE EXTRADITION OF LUIS POSADA CARRILES TO CUBA**  
Delegates from the IAC to World Meeting in Solidarity with Cuba held in Havana Nov. 10-14 demand an end to U.S. aggression against Cuba

The International Action Center condemns yet another terrorist act against the Cuban Revolution and its leaders. We call on the Panamanian government and its president, Mireya Moscoso, to immediately extradite Luis Posada Carriles to Cuba for his foiled attempt to assassinate President Fidel Castro

In addition, the U.S. government must not be allowed to obstruct justice. The White House must make sure that Cuba be allowed to freely seek full remedy in this case.

In November, over 600 North Americans, including 90 people organized by the IAC, traveled to Cuba to participate in the Second World Meeting in Solidarity and Friendship with the People of Cuba. The conference was held in Havana, Cuba from November 10-14. Over 4,000 people from 117 countries participated in the meeting.

These delegates represent a more accurate picture of how Cuba is seen by the world than the desperate acts of a tiny minority, such as that of Posada Carriles and others like him. The 4,000 spirited people who traveled to Cuba represent millions of people around the world who want to see normal relations between the U.S. and Cuba.

It is the U.S. government and the right wing in Miami who are isolated on the issue of U.S. Cuba relations. On November 9 at the United Nations, for example, 167 countries voted against the U.S. blockade of Cuba. This overwhelming vote shows that it is the U.S. government, not the Cuban government, that is isolated on this issue.

On November 17, Posada Carriles was captured along with three accomplices in Panama in an attempt to assassinate President Fidel Castro while he was traveling in Panama. Posada Carriles is a notorious anti-Cuba right-winger who is responsible for the bombing deaths of dozens of people.

The assassination attempt was revealed at a press conference held by President Castro in Panama on November 17. Castro was in that country attending the 10th Ibero-American Summit on Adolescents and Children. At the press conference, Castro stated that Posada had slipped into Panama on Nov. 5 with false papers and a wide array of weapons and explosives with the explicit purpose of "physically eliminating" him.

The Cuban government made the charge of the assassination attempt in Panama after a careful and meticulous investigation. It came as a result of a high level of organization by Cuban security forces as well as information provided by friends of Cuba. Were it not for this thorough effort, Panamanian authorities might not have been able to capture the gang in time.

Fidel's life was not the only one placed in danger.

Preliminary reports indicate that the assassination might have been carried out Saturday night, November 18, when President Castro was scheduled to speak at the University of Panama with thousands of students in attendance. A sketch of the university and 20 kilograms of plastic explosives were part of the booty seized by the authorities.

Cuban officials are requesting that the convicted terrorist Luis Posada Carriles and his accomplices be tried in Cuba. They are asking that the Panamanian government keep these criminals in jail in the meantime.

In 1976, Posada Carriles was instrumental in organizing the bombing of a Cuban airliner that killed 73 passengers, including a Cuban youth fencing team. He was also behind the 1997 bombing of a Havana hotel that killed an Italian tourist.

The recent assassination attempt is a direct result of the hostile policies fostered and encouraged by the U.S. government towards the Cuban Revolution. The Cuban government has painstakingly proved that Posada Carriles and his accomplices have all the backing of the Cuban American National Foundation (CANF). U.S., Cuban and other historians have well documented that the CIA works with Posada, who has directed many terrorist acts against Cuban missions. He was on the payroll of the U.S. State Department and played a prominent role in the Iran-Contra scandal.

While in prison in Venezuela for his deadly acts, Posada escaped jail with the aid of the CANF and the CIA.

As long as the U.S. government continues its covert and overt hostility against Cuba, the likes of Luis Posada Carriles are free to carry out their bloody acts against the Cuban people and its leaders. CANF has received millions of dollars from Congress to carry out its war against Cuba.

No other immigrant group has reaped the support and backing by the U.S. as has Cubans in this country. >From Radio Marti to allowing Cuban paramilitary groups to openly operate to the support of Brothers to the Rescue, the U.S. government is complicit in many acts of terrorism and sabotage against Cuba.

The IAC calls on those who support justice and fairness to support Cuba's right to try Luis Posada Carrilles. Cuba must be allowed to seek justice for the heinous crimes carried out against the Cuban people. The U.S. government must allow this search for justice to be played out.

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