

Brothers to the Rescue to fly to “Martyr’s Point” during the summit

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The organization Brothers to the Rescue, which has been so significant in the drama or the tragedy of the Cuban exiles that have sought liberty in anything that floats in the ocean, announced that from November 12 through 15 they will make a number of flights to “Martyr’s Point,” the point in international airspace where the members of this organization, Armando Alejandro, Carlos Costa, Mario de la Peña, and Pablo Morales, were murdered by the Castro regime on February 24th 1996.

Even though the details of these flights will be not be announced until the future, Brothers to the Rescue has declared in six points the “symbolism and purpose” of the flights.

1. Send a message of solidarity and assistance to the independent non-governmental organizations and members of the opposition in Cuba that will unite their efforts during the summit. This will give all the world, including foreign dignitaries and the international press, the clear evidence of the vibrant and unrecognized democratic alternative to the current totalitarian regime.
2. Remind the foreign dignitaries, who represent governments that have been democratically elected, of the inherent contradiction in this Summit, where a dictator who has violated for 40 years the right of the people of Cuba to free and open elections, is the host.
3. Demand of the foreign dignitaries and participants in the Summit:
 - That the voice of the opposition will be heard before and after the Summit. That the foreign dignitaries should become a voice for those that are gagged.
 - That they take a strong collective position in defense of the human rights of the people of Cuba, including those persecuted and imprisoned for their dissident beliefs and activities in promoting a change toward democracy in Cuba through non-violent means. Demand the liberty of the authors of The Homeland Belongs to Us All and all the other political prisoners.
 - Ask Castro that he fulfill all of the agreements made during the last eight Ibero-American summits, from the first in 1991 to the eight in October of 1998, which he has signed.
4. Assure that:
 - The enormous price in lives paid by the Cuban people in the last 40 years is not forgotten, including those murdered in firing squads, military actions in Angola and other foreign lands, refugees that have drowned in the Florida Strait, and martyrs in the fight to bring democracy to Cuba.
 - The ruin of Cuba is attributed to the absolute power and the intransigence of one single man, Fidel Castro. Castro is not the victim of the United States, he is the enemy of the people of Cuba.
 - That those that attend the Summit to promote and protect their investments in Cuba, that benefit from stolen property and the current market of slave labor, must settle accounts in a free Cuba.
 - That the dignitaries leave the Summit with the conviction and satisfaction that they have contributed and will continue to contribute to the irreversible struggle of the Cuban people to transcend the current regime and bring democracy to Cuba through non-violent means.

5. Affirm the right of all Cubans to freely enter and leave their country of birth, including Article 13 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which Cuba is a signatory.
6. Seek truth and justice in the murder of our fallen brothers, Armando, Carlos, Mario, and Pablo. This murder was investigated by the United Nations and the Organization of American States, and the identity of the majority of the perpetrators is known. However, the crime still remains without resolution or punishment.

The flights can be followed on the Internet, where their position will be reported live through Global Positioning System (GPS). Brothers to the Rescue invites the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct whatever inspection is required in advance so that they will not interfere with our operations, as has happened in the past," stated Brothers to the Rescue. Members of the American Civil Liberties Union will witness the flights. And all of the information has been sent to the proper authorities, including the Department of State and the Coast Guard service of the United States.