

Castro and his accomplices will have to pay for every tear that they caused

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This Saturday, the 24th of February, marks the fifth anniversary of one of the most cowardly crimes committed by the Castro dictatorship.

I refer, of course, to the murder of Armando Alejandro, Carlos Costa, Pablo Morales and Mario de la Peña — the four young men who died in the downing of the Brothers to the Rescue planes.

A few days ago, for the first time, a recording was released of the communication that occurred between the Cuban pilots responsible for this crime and their superiors on the island, moments before the downing of the plane. This display of cruelty by Castro's executioners is a chilling example of the Cuban regime's bloody character.

No amount of money can replace the lives of the young people killed, who were taking part in a humanitarian mission over international waters. There is no way to compensate the families of the four, for all they have suffered.

We must never forget the pain caused by this terrorist act, which was virtually ignored by the Clinton Administration. We have a responsibility to continue working so that those responsible for this crime are brought to justice, and are made to receive the punishment they deserve.

Castro, who admitted authorizing the downing of the plane, is directly responsible for the deaths of these young people and of so many others who have been killed under his oppressive regime. The dictator is also guilty of promoting, through his communist machine, the complete disregard of human life that was characterized by the cruel and vulgar comments made by the Cuban pilots involved in the attack.

These pilots are not blameless. They, like the German soldiers who participated in the murder of millions of innocent people during the Holocaust, cannot say they were only following orders. The assassins of the youths of Brothers to the Rescue must share responsibility for their actions with their commander in chief, Fidel Castro.

Justice sometimes moves slowly. However, I have faith that our day will soon come. Sooner or later, Castro and his accomplices will have to pay for their crimes and the many tears that they have caused.