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Cubans have Faced Terrorism since 1959, Rene Gonzalez says

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In an article published by El Universal newspaper, in Mexico, Gonzalez referred to terrorist attacks in 1962 in Havana, as a boat coming from Miami machine gunned hotel in the capital. He also recalled the abduction and murder of Cuban fishermen to the north of the island, attacks against coastal settlements, sabotages against day-care centers and the murder of teachers by counterrevolutionary bands.

This story, unknown by the rest of the world, is at the very core of Cuban collective memory, said Gonzalez, who is one of the five anti-terrorist fighters that were given unfair prison sentences by a Miami court after they monitored Florida-based terrorist organizations.

This very collective memory encouraged me to undertake the mission that allowed me to know the author of the terrorist action of 1962, his name is Jose Basulto, said Gonzalez as he recalled the event when he was still a child.

He said that just as it became his duty to prevent such acts from again taking place by infiltrating violent groups in Miami.

Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González and René González, internationally known as the Cuban Five, were arrested in 1998 in the U.S. and later given unfair sentences. René González and Fernando González were released after they fully served their prison sentences and are back in Cuba.