



A documentary by **BERNIE DWYER** and **ROBERTO RUIZ REBO**

In 2003 the US media made hay over the jailing of 75 so-called independent journalists in Cuba.

The Day Diplomacy Died tells the story of four ex-Cuban state agents who worked undercover to expose the real truth. They speak out for the first time on film about why the Cuban government locked up these 75 “independent” journalists, trade unionists and librarians. They tell of the inner workings of the dissident groups they had infiltrated and of the various, and often frightening, plans hatched to destabilize Cuba. The mainstream press never fully investigated the role played by the US and their diplomats in Havana, although Cuba produced abundant evidence demonstrating that the imprisoned 75 were actually on the payroll of the US taxpayer for the purpose of disrupting Cuban society. *The Day Diplomacy Died* features interviews with two former heads of the US Diplomatic Staff in Havana, and Ricardo Alarcon, president of the Cuban Parliament (and former Ambassador to the United Nations), who briefly outlines the history of failed diplomacy between the US and Cuba. We also hear from Washington-based human rights lawyer Jose Pertierra, who explains how Cuba, under international and Cuban law, has the right to protect its country’s sovereignty from interference by its biggest and most powerful enemy.

Co-chair of the National Network on Cuba (NNOC) Alicia Jrapko will answer questions about the film and report on pressing issues discussed at the November NNOC conference held in New York. Alicia also continues her work with the International Committee for the Freedom of the Cuban Five and will give an update on the status of the Five Heroes.

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