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Amid jubilation by relatives and friends, a 'Hanukkah miracle' for Alan Gross, *Washington Post*

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Alan Gross was just about at the end of the line.

Imprisoned in a Cuban military hospital for five years with arthritis and vision problems, he reportedly had lost 100 pounds, grown despondent and announced that he wanted no more visitors.

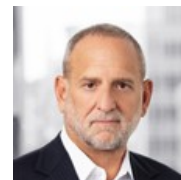
In desperation, he went on a hunger strike in April.

Gross, 65, who lived in Potomac, Md., was [arrested in Cuba five years](#) ago this month while working as an international aid contractor to improve Internet service and set up an intranet for Cuban Jewish communities. Cuba accused him of trying to destabilize its government by bringing sophisticated technical equipment into the country, and sentenced him to a 15-year jail term.

On Wednesday, he was released. He arrived in the United States, amid jubilation from relatives, friends and Jewish groups, as the government announced that it was restoring full diplomatic relations with Cuba for the first time in decades.

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