

The Dragons Fire

THE NATIONAL JERICO MOVEMENT NEWSLETTER

in Fierce Determination Since 1996

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“When the prison doors are opened, the real dragon will fly out”

Ho Chi Minh

Revolutionary Greetings,

Welcome to our National Jericho Movement Newsletter. Thank you to all of our members and affiliations who contribute critical information regarding our Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War as well as updates on activities, events and actions.

Moving forward, we stand in fierce determination and solidarity to free our remaining Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War still languishing behind the dungeon walls. Much work has been done by Jericho and other organizations, and there is still much more work to do.

With 20 years behind us and much work ahead, Jericho is growing and is taking on new projects and missions. Our shared vision is that we will reach a time in this country (and others) wherein there will be no more Political Prisoner's/Prisoners of War. We envision the day when they **all** will walk free and into their family's arms-who have been waiting for decades. We hope you join us in making this a reality.

“The function of freedom is to free someone else.”

– Toni Morrison

Jericho Movement's Current Work and Progress

Jericho actively maintains direct connections with our Political Prisoners by visiting or writing them monthly. We also maintain contact and assists their families. We monitor health & legal status and

provide support and intervention. We hold political education classes, table at events, travel to give presentations, interviews and speak on radio shows. We are actively involved in collaborating with and supporting other organizations and events which are in alignment with our missions and values to break down walls of injustice, racism, oppression and Free our Political Prisoners. Jericho meetings and teleconferences occurred during the month nationwide. The Jericho Movement has initiated as well as supported and participated in many rallies, events and calls to action this month. We are currently focusing on the campaign “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela”, supporting our PP’s who are going for parole hearings and addressing several health and legal issues of our Political Prisoners. We are also tending to “end of the year” goals and deadlines, as well as pre-planning for a spring National Jericho conference.

NYC Jericho

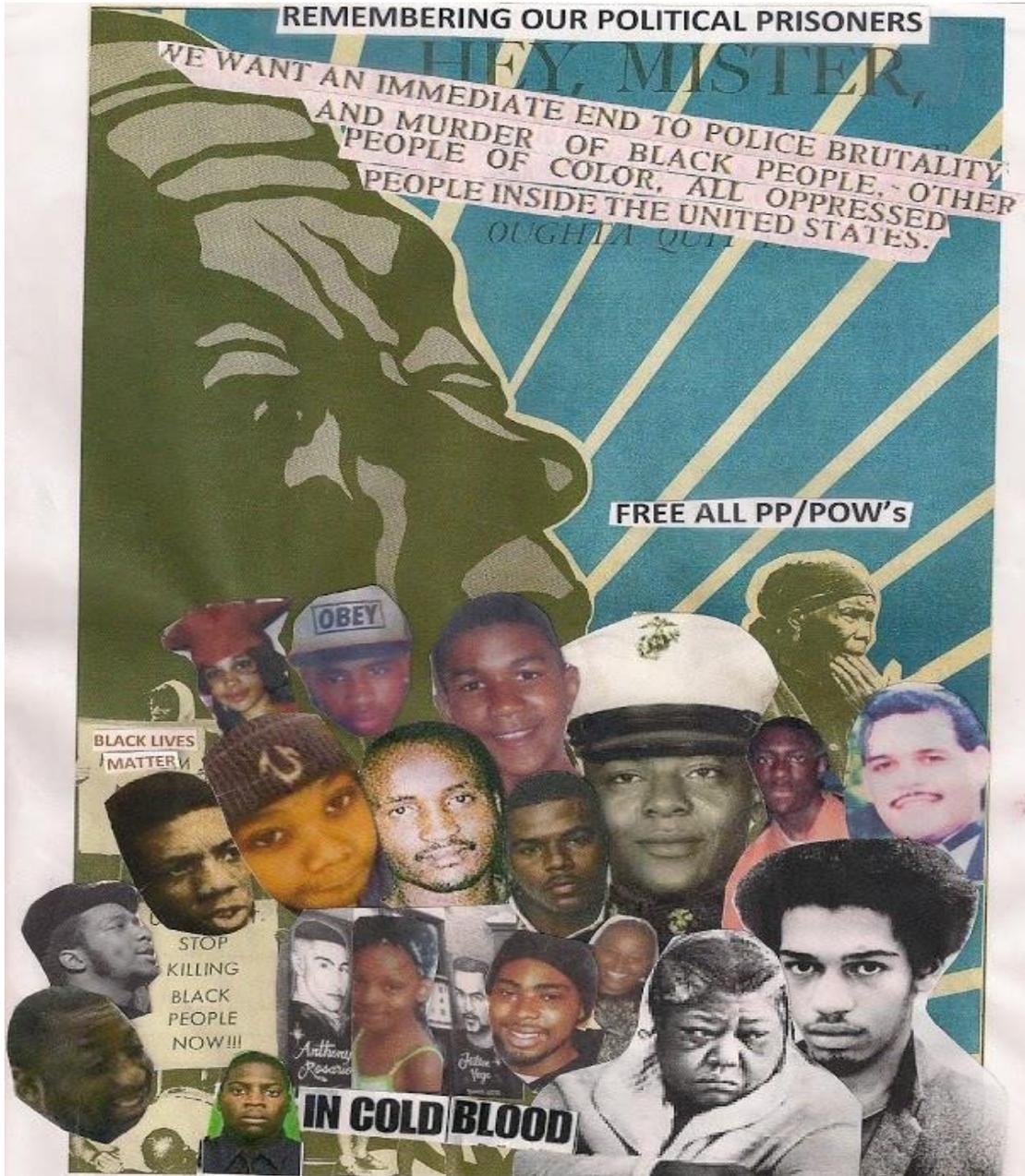
NYC Jericho highlights included visiting Political Prisoner Jalil Muntaqim on various occasions and bringing him September and October food packages. Funds were also sent to Joy Powell for an October food package.

NYC Jericho attended the 50th Annual African American Day Parade on September 15, 2019 as part of the Freedom Fighters Contingent and provided posters of our political prisoner and ancestors for people to carry.



This was the first year we had a float for our elders with funds raised by the National Alumni Association of the Black Panther Party, and it was quite impressive.

We also participated in the annual BPP film fest from October 4 thru 6, 2019 at the Maysles Cinema in Harlem. The theme this year was the seventh of the 10-point BPP program; "We Want an Immediate End to Police Brutality and Murder of Black People." An excellent selection of films dealing with police murder of people of color was presented.





Frankie and Oscar

NYC Jericho also participated in the Grito de Lares march from Columbus Circle to the United Nations on September 21, 2019. This was a loud and boisterous march with the participation of seven former Puerto Rican political prisoners. Oscar Lopez Rivera was the keynote speaker at this event.



Frankie and Ben with Norberto Gonzalez Claudio and his family

We also attended the beautiful memorial for Tom Manning hosted by Jericho Boston. The program was excellent, and the place was full of people of all ages and colors there to pay tribute to Tommy, whose family was present.

Jericho Boston

Jericho Boston highlights included organizing and planning for many events such as Tom Manning's Memorial, A Welcome Home Celebration for the Afrikas, and hosting Indigenous People's Day Film event.

Boston Welcome Home Celebration for the Afrikas!!

WHEN: Tuesday, October 22
WHERE: The City School
TIME: 6:30-9:00 PM



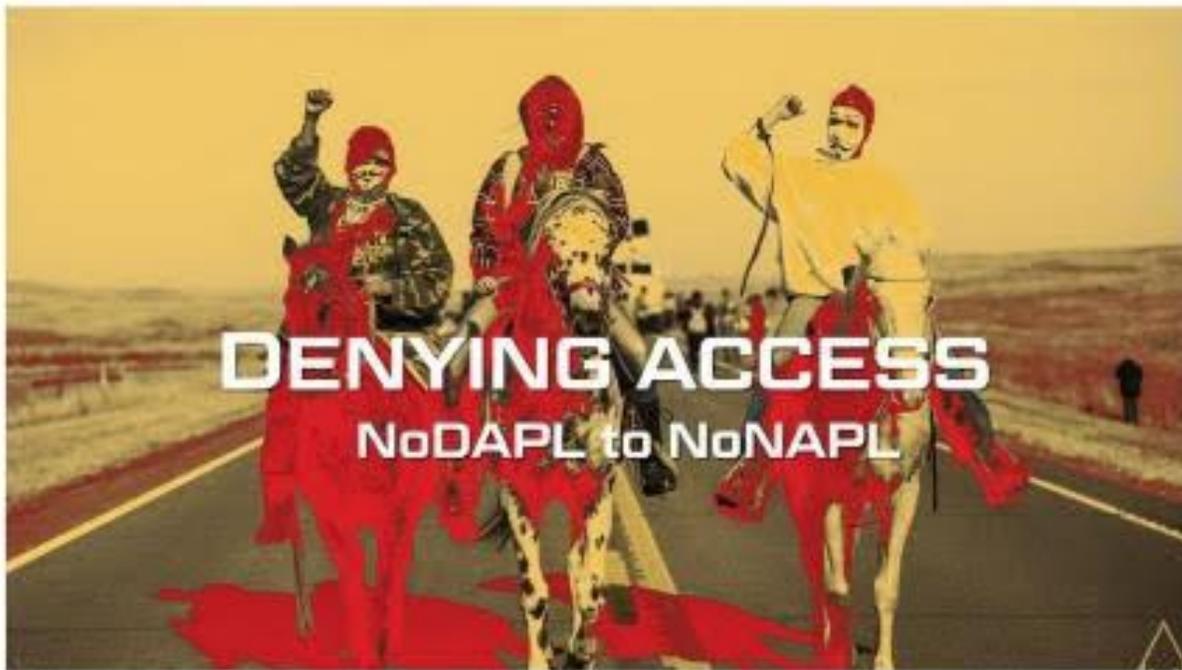
After 41 years in Pennsylvania's Iron House of Pain, Boston so proudly and warmly welcomes:
Janet, Janine and Eddie Afrika, members of the MOVE Organization.
Come help us welcome home these courageous Sisters and Brother who have, not only stood up and resisted 41 years of torture, but come out and hit the ground running continuing the work for social change and for the liberation of the MOVE members who remain incarcerated: Chucky and Delbert.

Join us for good food, conversation, wisdom and direction!
LIBERATION AND LOVE!

This event is being organized by Jericho Boston, Kilombo Novo and The City School

On Monday, October 14
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Jericho Boston Presents:



A Film by Jason Corwin and Tami Watt
Produced by Seneca Media and Communications Center

Denying Access: NoDAPL to NoNAPL is a gripping and emotionally-charged 92 minute documentary chronicling the Water Protectors at Standing Rock and Seneca Territory working to oppose the Dakota Access and Northern Access Pipelines.

WHERE: The City School- 614 Columbia Road Dorchester

TIME: 6:30-9:30

Discussion to follow the film.

This is a FREE Event. Light refreshments will be provided.

Oakland Jericho

Oakland Jericho met with the new CCBPP formation in Oakland and discussed collaboration on several projects and programs including a Youth Program. Oakland Jericho had several Political Prisoner writing sessions and donated monies to Political Prisoner's ongoing campaigns.



Billy X: the BPP 50th year celebration of the founding of the BPP Breakfast Program

Oakland Jericho also attended several events in the Bay Area including a Black Panther History Month Meet & Greet dinner, the BPP 50th year celebration of the founding of the BPP Breakfast Program in Oakland, CA, and Gayle Asali Dickson's Art Exhibit at the Joyce Gordan Gallery.

Special guests at the BPP 50th year celebration of the founding of the BPP Breakfast Program included Dr. Curtis Austin, Charlotte O'Neal-Mama C who represented the UAACC (United African Alliance Community Center) in Tanzania, East Africa, Fredricka Newton, and DJ Johnny Stakes.

The Black Panther Alumni Community Awards were presented by Steve McCutcheon, Dr. Small, Billy X, John Crear, Elmer Dixon, Eana Meng, Lesley Philips, Emory Douglas, and Gayle Asali Dickson.

The New Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party, Eseibio Halliday and Comrades, gave a tribute to Baba Melvin Dickson (Former BPP & CCBPP) and discussed their plans to carry on his work.

It was a memorable and historic evening!



(Top) Mama C: the BPP 50th year celebration of the founding of the BPP Breakfast Program





Elmer Dixon: the BPP 50th year celebration of the founding of the BPP Breakfast Program in Oakland, CA

Gayle Asali Dickson is a former member of the BPP and she was an artist for the Party's newspaper. Gayle was also a teacher for the Oakland Community School. She is an Ordained Minister, a part time teacher, and continues her work as an artist. For more information on her life and art work see <https://angelaleblancernest.com/2017/04/28/m-gayle-asali-dickson-black-panther-party-graphic-artist/>



Gayle Asali Dickson at the Joyce Gordan Gallery



Photos taken at the Joyce Gordan Gallery



Oakland Jericho also assisted with writing the introduction for Sister/Comrade Tomiko Shine's book of essays in tribute to Comrade/brother Abdul Jabbar Caliph, former Co-Chair of the National Jericho Movement. The book of Essays "'Rebuilding and Organizing the African Working Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism" will be available soon. Sister Tomiko's dedication, persistence and love for the people is evident in her many projects, events and advocacy work. Brother Jabbar would be so proud!



Letter Writing Night Event at Potter House in DC- Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign and (below), the Hidden Ummah”.

Islamic Leadership Institute of America Presents

THE HIDDEN UMMAH

A Dialogue on Islam & The Incarcerated Community

Facilitated By

- Alawi Masud**
Program Director, Islamic Leadership Institute of America
- Tomiko Shine**
National Advisor, Aging People in Prison - HRC
- Nabihah Maqbool**
Legal Fellow, Muslim Advocates
- Imam Bilal Prather**
Director, Millati Islami World Service
- Dr. Maha Hilal**
Co-Director, Justice for Muslims Collective
- Tyronne Morton**
National Advisor, Aging People in Prison - HRC

Oct 19th, 2019; 5-7pm
9200 Edmonston Road, Greenbelt MD 20770
<http://bit.ly/thehiddenummah>

COMMENTARY

Why police-stop video matters

At first glance, the viral video in which a white police officer takes a black teenager from a North Philly bus stop and puts him in a police cruiser seemed rather innocuous to me.

After all, police stop people all the time. If the person who is stopped is a young black man and the police release him without physical injury, I normally count that as a win. Still, there are injuries more insidious than the ones that cause physical scars, and I fear that this interaction may have injured this young man in ways we can't see.

The incident took place around 3:25 p.m. Sept. 12 at 23rd Street and Cecil B. Moore Avenue, and in watching the video quickly, I didn't see anything that seemed out of order.

The officer who detained the young man did not harm the teen physically. He never drew his gun or deployed his Taser, and while he pushed the young man's leg when the teen hesitated to get into the police vehicle, the officer never struck him with a fist or an open hand. Instead, the officer poked his head into the back of the police vehicle and uttered the words, "Why are you shaking?"

It was only after I replayed the video and heard this seemingly minor statement that it struck me. Perhaps the young man was shaking because he understood, just as most black people do, that the officer had the power to take his life. Maybe he quickly grasped that this moment in the back of a police vehicle could be his last. Perhaps he was recalling the videotaped deaths of Tamir Rice and Laquan McDonald, both young black males who died needlessly in police interactions.

In that moment, as the officer seemed to mock the young man's



Tomiko Shine holds up a picture of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy fatally shot Nov. 22, 2014, by a rookie police officer in Cleveland. Shine was taking part in a 2014 protest in Washington. Tamir's fate helps explain why a viral video of a Philadelphia police officer's encounter with a black teenager was unsettling to many.

JOSE LUIS MAGANA / AP

fear, I thought of the emotional trauma black people have endured at the hands of police. It was then I understood why this video, which has been viewed more than 1.6 million times on Twitter, has drawn such a visceral reaction from the African American community.

Many black folks see ourselves in that young man.

I know this because I asked my radio audience on WURD to share the emotional scars they've suffered as a result of their own interactions with police. When I did, the floodgates opened. Black men, in particular, called in to talk.

One caller said that when he was a teenager, he saw an officer jump out of a police car and punch another black teen in the face before getting back in the car and driving away. Another

caller said that when he and his brother were 10 and 9 years old respectively, police picked them up and took them to be identified by a white woman whose purse had been snatched. When the woman said the boys weren't the perpetrators, the officers took the boys to an area deep in Fishtown — then a poor white neigh-

borhood — and left them there to find their way home during an era when doing so was dangerous.

Another caller said that he was falsely accused of raping a white woman in the 1990s and that police in the suburbs refused to look at evidence that would have proved the witness was lying. His voice cracking as he choked back tears, he said that he was eventually cleared of the charges, but that the incident nearly destroyed him.

That's why this video of a young black man being mocked by a white police officer is so impactful. It brings memories flooding back for black men who have buried their own emotional scars.

Perhaps for the unidentified teenager in the video, there will be justice. Or maybe we will learn that the stop was justified after police complete the Internal Affairs investigation they've begun in connection with the incident.

Whatever happens, I believe there will be emotional scars that will affect the young man's perception of police officers, and unfortunately, those scars may take a lifetime to heal.



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Jericho Highlights and Tributes



The National Jericho Movement Chair, Jihad Abdulmumit speaking at the Black August event in Baltimore Maryland.

“2019 marks 400 years since the beginning of our being held captive in North America and the Maafa for which there has never been any form of repair. This Black August Summit addressed the important issues of our 400 year presence here by hearing expert testimony about the Prison Movement, Political Prisoners, our Youth and Reparations. Speakers, scholars, activist and revolutionaries included Dr. Ray Winbush, Dr. Jared Ball, Chairman Jihad Abdul Mumit, Ifatunmise Chi, Lashonia Thompson El, Tanisha Murden and others. Our goal for this year is to continue to commemorate the Black August tradition, inspire the spirit of resistance in the movement and produce collective action that will free our political prisoners”
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/black-august-memorial-commemoration-committee-17145710675>



Memorial for Political Prisoner Tom Manning

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019

The City School, 614 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02125

The memorial for Tom Manning was a heartfelt event with many friends, family and comrades in attendance. Ray Luc and Jericho Boston were the two main organizers. Kazi Toure (Jericho Boston) reported that the memorial opened up with the Native acknowledgment of land. There were many great speakers with a lot of love. Dequi read Jericho's statement and Paulette read Leonard's statement about how Leonard and Tom would paint together. Comrade Daniel McGowan came with folks to honor Tom, as well as comrades from ABC. Many Political Prisoners from all over wrote tributes to Tom which were presented at the memorial.

Announcing A Zine Collection In Memory Of Political Prisoner Tom Manning.

“Some friends have put together a zine collecting the public statements made in memory of long term political prisoner Tom Manning since he passed away in prison on July 30th. **It was released on September 29th to join in spirit with all those who gathered for Tom's memorial that day in Boston.**

Tom was a comrade, an elder and a teacher for generations on both sides of the walls. Many of us will always continue to carry Tom's spirit in our hearts and our work. We thought that having these beautiful statements collected in a zine would be one way to honor Tom and to help our many different projects and spaces keep Tom present with us. We also wanted to collect the statements to uplift and support the political prisoners who wrote about Tom and heed their words about our struggles as we mourn a movement elder.” <https://itsgoingdown.org/a-zine-in-memory-of-political-prisoner-tom-manning/>

Links to both a printable and readable PDF for sharing widely can be found online at:

<https://sacprisonersupport.wordpress.com/2019/09/30/in-memory-of-political-prisoner-tom-manning-a-memorial-zine/>



In Loving Memory, Honor and Tribute: Toni Morrison



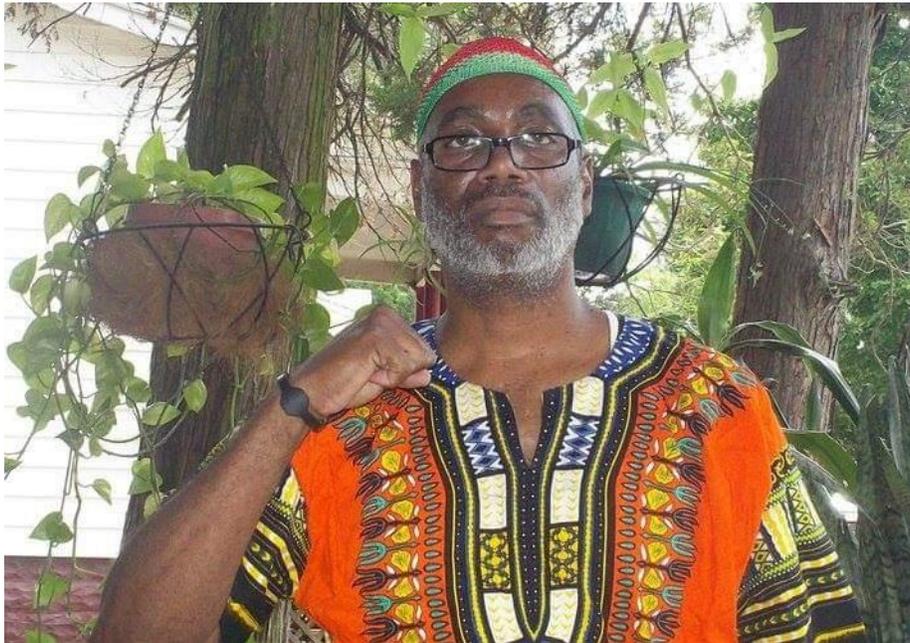
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Beloved Nobel-Winning Voice of America Toni Morrison Passes Away August 09, 2019

“Morrison’s work gave voice to the Black world, to the American experience. A revolutionary who understood the nuance of existence and embodied the struggle of the Black world.”

<https://therealnews.com/stories/beloved-nobel-winning-voice-of-america-toni-morrison-passes-away>

In Loving Memory, Honor and Tribute: Abdul Jabbar Caliph



Beloved Comrade, Brother and Co-Chair of National Jericho. Your transition on October 9, 2018 was a great loss... A mentor and brother to many, you are greatly missed. Your insight, determination, fierce spirit, compassion and love for the people lives on, you taught us well.... As a true Freedom Fighter, I

can still hear you saying, “I’m not going anywhere until all our prisoners are home....” You transitioned with your fist in the air. Rest in Power brother, we will carry on your work.

In Loving Memory, Honor and Tribute: Melvin Dickson



Beloved Comrade, brother, Baba...a former Black Panther, Co-Founder of the Commemoration Committee for the BPP, Chair of Oakland Jericho- you transition on October 25th, 2018. Your legacy lives on in the communities you served, and in the hearts, minds and actions of those you taught. Seen as baba by many, your 45 plus years of service to the cause is remembered by several generations far and wide. You truly lived for the people. You are greatly missed. You longed to end oppression, and now you are finally free....rest in power baba Melvin.

Chairman's Corner

No News this Month

Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

POLITICAL PRISONER OF THE MONTH

Jihad Abdulmumit (Former PP)

Jericho's Chair and former Political Prisoner celebrated his 20th Freedom Anniversary on September 24th, 2019. Political Prisoner Jihad Abdulmumit, was released from prison 20 years ago. A former member of both the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army, Abdulmumit served 23 years in federal prisons as a political prisoner before he finally gained his freedom. Jihad Abdulmumit is a community activist, motivational speaker, author and playwright. He was born in 1954 in Somerspoint, New Jersey. Most of his childhood and teenaged years were spent in Plainfield, New Jersey with his parents and brother. As a youth he became intensely involved in the Black Liberation Movement and Vietnam War protests. He joined the Black Panther Party at sixteen and eventually went underground in the ranks of the Black Liberation Army. In the mid-seventies prior to his incarceration, Jihad was also the Coordinator of the Rochester Federation of Youth in Rochester, New York – a youth organization that sponsored community economic development projects and weekly political education and black history classes and worked with juvenile delinquents and high school drop outs.



Jihad Abdulmumit, a former Black Panther Party Member and Richmond activist, lead lecture attendees in a chant used during his time with the BPP.

Jihad was a domestic political prisoner and prisoner of war and served 23 years of his life in prison for his involvement in the Black Liberation Movement. Most of his time was served in Lewisburg and Leavenworth Federal penitentiaries. He has written, directed and produced dozens of children and adult plays for spiritual, social, and political awareness, motivation and upliftment. He presently lives in Richmond, Va. with his wife and three children. He is a community activist, playwright and health care provider, class communities, specifically health issues, political prisoners, and HIV/AIDS awareness. He works as a Community Case Manager at a free health clinic and gives HIV/STI workshops in schools and prisons, does HIV testing in jails/prisons, and case manages HIV + inmates upon release their release. He and his wife own their own community theater company – For Our Children Productions – which produces several original social/political themes orientated

performances a year. He has an MBA, with a concentration in Health Services from Strayer University. He is also the Chairperson for JERICHO, a vanguard organization that supports domestic political prisoners/POWs and calls for their freedom/amnesty from prison.

“There is some continuity between today’s Black movement and the Sixties, however, “today’s struggle lacks the infrastructure in-the-hood-building” of the Panther era, said Jihad Abdulmumit, chairman of the Jericho Movement, which defends political prisoners. “Now, there’s demonstrations here and there, and newspaper articles and seminars -- which is not gonna get it -- but it does hold the issues out for some people,” said Abdulmumit, in an interview with Black Agenda Radio producer Kyle Fraser.” Listen to Jihad speak on Black Agenda Radio: Jihad Abdulmumit: Black Radical Movement Needs Infrastructure” <https://blackagenda.com/jihad-abdulmumit-black-radical-movement-needs-infrastructure?fbclid=IwAR1hZizvdg4tF-Fc8eHK0cql24bWP3mT6zIdI64opjRB7xbki9QKDa9qAYE>



We are honored to have Jihad leading Jericho with fierce determination and a visionary direction for fighting for freedom for all Political prisoners! You are a warrior for justice, and you live what you teach. You lead by insight, experience and a deep love for the people. Our Comrade, brother, friend-we wish you the highest blessings on your anniversary-and always. May Allah continue to guide you in your great mission. ~ with Love & Determination, your Jericho family.

Medical Updates

Russell Maroon Shoats: Maroon is now getting chemo and his family reports he is taking it well. “As a Political Prisoner and fighter for over 50 years, I’ve now reached a point where those close to me can no longer shoulder the things they’re called on to do without broader community support. Recently I was operated on, where it was discovered that I’m suffering Stage 4 colorectal cancer. This is a CALL for donations to help us cover costs of treatment. Please donate here:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=tFIDnmFiv5nMpW_sxni5RupbWhOBcxeRXkVsYtbHS7DZ-IkNpon1UO0GN-k0K03gD5NFu0&country.x=US&locale.x=

Mumia Abu Jamal: Mumia had cataract surgery in one eye, it went well, one more to go.

Jalil Muntaqim: Jalil went for an echocardiogram scan and is awaiting results.

Alvaro Luna Hernandez: Alvaro is now getting treatment (long overdue) for Hep C.

Legal Updates

Ed Poindexter: “Black Panther leader Ed Poindexter has been in prison 49 years for a crime he did not commit. Now new evidence of prosecutorial misconduct has emerged from files in the courthouse basement. Reopen the case! “ <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/09/20/omaha-two-alibi-not-disclosed-by-prosecutor-is-new-evidence-to-reopen-1971-black-panther-case/>

Ed’s case has overlooked evidence. A young woman testified that she was with Mondo at the time, it did not get picked up in appeal. Michael Richardson has been addressing this. Prosecutor claimed to reopen the case.

Sundiata Acoli: Sundiata went to the Parole Board Mon, Sept 9th, 2019 in NJ Appellate Division. We are waiting to hear of the decision.

Jalil Muntaqim: Jalil went to the Parole Board again on October 9th. We are awaiting a decision. His September 10th hearing consisted of two parole board members resulting in a split decision.

Maumin Khabir: Maumin was turned down for compassionate release at his parole board hearing.

Delbert Africa: Delbert will be going to the Board soon, please sign the petition to bring him home. <https://www.change.org/p/state-correctional-institution-dallas-free-delbert-orr-africa>

Mumia Abu Jamal: Mumia has evidence that has been withheld which will enable him to get back in court. While there is no idea how long this will take, he is excited to go back to court with the evidence.

Virgin Island 3 Brothers: May have a Parole Board hearing in December of 2019. Jihad and Paulette are actively working on their case. More info to follow.

Jeremy Hammond: was found in Contempt, October 10, 2019

“Imprisoned Activist Jeremy Hammond found in Contempt for Failure to Testify Before Federal Grand Jury in the EDVA Same Virginia Grand Jury Probe Holding Chelsea Manning on Contempt also finds Hammond in Contempt. Alexandria, VA — Imprisoned information activist Jeremy Hammond has been found in contempt today for refusing to answer 7 questions in front of a Federal Grand Jury in the Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA). Earlier this year Chelsea Manning was remanded into custody for failure to provide testimony before the same Grand Jury.

The following is a statement from the Jeremy Hammond Support Committee regarding these developments:

“Today, in Federal Court in the Eastern District of Virginia, Jeremy Hammond was found in contempt for refusing to answer questions posed to him by a grand jury. This grand jury is the same grand jury currently holding Chelsea Manning in contempt for bravely refusing to answer their questions. “Until

future hearings we will not know what Jeremy's sanctions for contempt could be. We also do not know what questions the grand jury is investigating. What we do not know, however, is whether or not the federal prison sentence he was serving for which he was due to be released from just two short months from now, will be suspended as the result of sanctions imposed for being found in civil contempt. "By removing him from FCI Memphis before his time in RDAP was completed, the government has added a minimum of six months onto Jeremy's sentence. Judge Trenga has the option of jailing him indefinitely for contempt. The decision to compel Jeremy to testify despite his outspoken, long-standing anarchist beliefs and support for myriad brave grand jury resisters, only to place him under contempt when he adheres to those same core beliefs should be seen as little more than cruel and punitive.

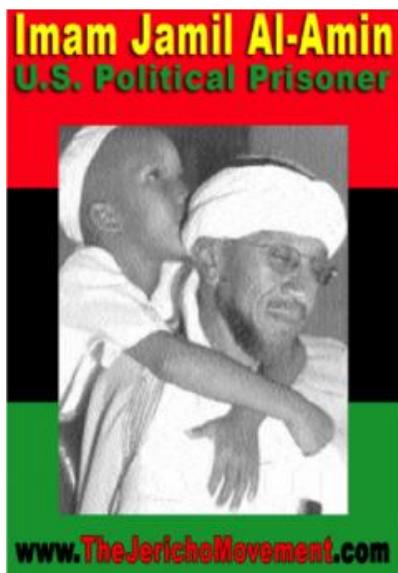
"Jeremy has held strong to his beliefs over the past seven years. In fact, being subjected to the horrors of the legal system over and over again has been one of the defining factors that has strengthened Jeremy's beliefs. There is nothing a grand jury could do or say that could compel Jeremy to testify. Jeremy made it clear from the beginning of his case that he had no intention of cooperating with the government, and that hasn't, and will never change. Any attempts to try to force him to testify through prolonged incarceration serves to do nothing but further punish Jeremy for his political beliefs. This highlights one of the many problems with grand juries, and one of the many reasons why they should not exist, and why it is the correct and moral stance to resist them." <https://freejeremy.net/>

Birthdays

Please send a card!

October Birthdays

Imam Jamil Al-Amin: Birthday-October 4th 1943



Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Contact Information

Prison Address

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Affiliation: Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Captured: 2000- Life No Parole (Georgia to Federal custody)

The prosecutor in the Atlanta case after the conviction said, "After 24 years we've finally gotten him," which means the prosecutor was counting back to the day when Jamil walked out of a prison in New York City. So this case in Atlanta...was and is an extension of the targeting." - Karima Al-Amin, Attorney & Wife in extensive San Francisco Bay View article [photo: Imam Jamil with his son Kairi when he was a child – Kairi is now an attorney practicing law with his mother, Karima Al-Amin.]

<http://imamjamilactionnetwork.weebly.com/> <https://twitter.com/imamjamilalamin>

Author

David Gilbert October 6, 1944



ANTI-IMPERIALIST POLITICAL PRISONER

Contact Information/Prison Address

#83A6158 -Wende Correctional Facility, 3040 Wende Rd., Alden, NY 14004

Affiliation: ANTI-IMPERIALIST POLITICAL PRISONER

Captured: October 20, 1981. Sentence: 75 years to life.

“The starting point for me is identifying with other people. That solidarity, that tenderness, mandates standing with the oppressed---the vast majority—against the power structure...The Civil Rights Movement also showed me more of a sense of humanity and nobility of purpose than I found in the white suburbs where I grew up.”*

Political Autobiography, David Gilbert - 10/13/08

“The starting point for me is a deep identification with other people. That solidarity, that tenderness, means always standing with the oppressed. The children suffering malnutrition in Africa, the women and girls sold into sexual bondage in Thailand, the orphans scavenging in the streets of Sao Paulo, the gay man beaten to death in Wyoming, those still homeless in New Orleans due to the man-made disaster that followed hurricane Katrina ... they are all precious human beings whose lives matter. Reality burst into my consciousness with the Greensboro sit-in of February 1960, when I was 15. I guess I had been unusually naive in fervently believing in America’s rhetoric about democracy and equality. That promise was totally belied by the blatant racism, as well as the U.S. practice of imposing brutal dictatorships on Third World nations around the globe. The Civil Rights Movement also showed me a more profound sense of humanity and nobility of purpose than anything I’d found in the white suburbs where I’d grown up. In 1962 I joined the Congress of Racial Equality, and in 1965 I started the Committee to End the War in Vietnam at Columbia University. I was a founding member of the SDS

(Students for a Democratic Society) chapter there in 1965, wrote the first national SDS pamphlet to name the system as “U.S. Imperialism” in 1967, and participated in the Columbia strike of 1968. By the late 1960’s, the rise of the women’s movement combined with firm, constructive efforts by women comrades showed me the importance of opposing sexism and of striving to live our humanist values in our personal relationships. In 1970, responding to the murderous government assault on the Black Liberation Movement and on the unending, massive bombings of Vietnam, some of us went underground to raise the level of resistance, forming the Weather Underground Organization, which functioned for 7 years. By the end of the 1970s, after the WUO dissolved, I tried to work more directly as an ally of the black liberation struggle. On 10/20/81 I was captured when a unit of the Black Liberation Army and allied white revolutionaries attempted to take funds from a Brinks truck, with the tragic results of a shoot-out in which a guard and two policemen were killed. Subsequently, Mtayari Shabaka Sundiata was killed by police, while many other comrades were captured and given long sentences. I was convicted under New York’s “Felony Murder” law. That means that even with no allegations of doing any shooting, any participant in a robbery bears full legal responsibility for all the deaths that occur. I was given 75 years to life and cannot even be considered for parole before 2056. Any hope for my eventual release is totally bound up with qualitative social change for all, advances big enough to lead to the recognition of PPs in the U.S. and/or major reform of draconian sentencing structures. In prison, I’ve tried to continue to contribute to the struggle through my political writings and through correspondence with younger generation activists. Also, after my co-defendant Kuwasi Balagoon died of AIDS on 12/13/86, I became a pioneer in initiating peer AIDS education programs in prisons and did intense AIDS counseling and education work for the next 13 years. Kathy Boudin and I have a son, Chesa, who was only 14 months old when we were busted. He was raised as part of the family of our close friends and has grown to be an accomplished, caring and thoughtful young man. Thanks to him and also the many fine family and friends who’ve stood by me, I’m blessed with a tremendous amount of love in my life. Recently family and friends have formed a group to provide support and look out for my legal interests. They can be reached at: Friends of David Gilbert, P0 BOX 7326, Capitol Station, Albany, NY 12224 or freedavidgilbert@gmail.com. Author

Jalil Muntaqim-Birthday: October 18, 1951



BLACK PANTHER PARTY-BLACK LIBERATION ARMY

Contact Information/Prison Address

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P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, NY 12733-0116

Affiliations: Black Panther Party, Black Liberation Army

Captured: AUGUST 28, 1971: 25 years to Life - Denied Parole NINE times

"Given the fact, neither the capitalist economic system or electoral politics benefits the majority of Americans, but rather serves the interest of corporate entities that according to law are persons, as Americans are considered commerce property, there is no wonder there is a need for a new American Revolution!" Jalil was 19 years old when he was arrested. He is a former member of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army. For the past 45 years, Jalil has been a political prisoner, and one of the New York Three (NY3), in retaliation for his activism in the 1960s and early 1970s.

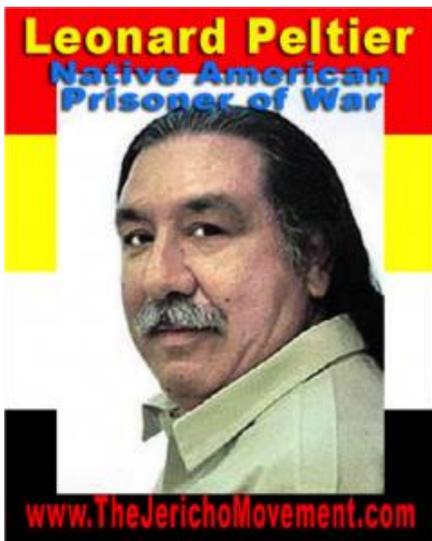
Many of Jalil's writing can be found on his website <http://freejalil.com/>

<http://www.kersplebedeb.com/mystuff/profiles/ny3.html>

Author

September Birthdays

Leonard Peltier: Birthday-September 12, 1944



American Indian Movement -ANISHINAABE/LAKOTA

Contact Information/Prison Address

#89637-132 USP Coleman I

P.O. Box 1033, Coleman, FL 33521

Affiliation: American Indian Movemet

Captured: Feb. 6, 1976- 2 life sentences

"You do not have the ability to see that the Government must suppress the fact that there is a growing anger amongst Indian people and that native Americans will resist any further encroachment by the military forces of the capitalist Americans."

<http://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info>

Author, U.S. Prisoner

Maumin Khabir: Birthday-September 15



Muslim- Republic of New Afrika

Contact Information/Prison Address

#09891-000--Federal Medical Center Rochester

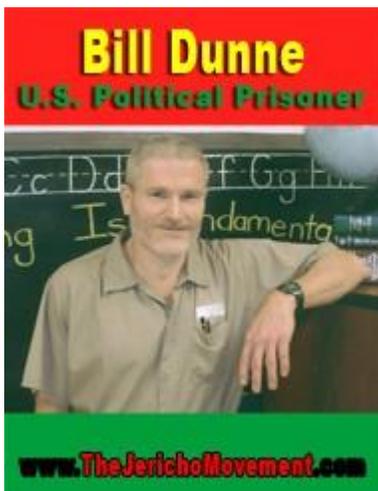
P.O. Box 4000, Rochester, MN 55903 Affiliation: El Rukin- Republic of New Afrika

Captured: 1986: In Exile 9 yrs. Captured 1995: Life sentence

"Mayes claims that he has been "A citizen of the sovereign Republic of New Afrika" and that his "secession from the United States of America is the motivating factor behind the government's prosecution" and has no criminal basis. Mayes asks the court to recognize him "as a political prisoner in accordance with the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Protocol 1."

August Birthdays

Bill Dunne: Birthday-August 3rd



Contact Information/Prison Address

#10916-086 FCI Victorville Medium I, P.O. Box 3725, Adelanto, CA 92301

Affiliation: Class War Prisoner

Captured: 1979. Release date: 2043

"I am a collectivist, long having recognized that in numbers there is strength and capability and security and satisfaction. There is more humanity in cooperation than in isolation... With mutual struggle, we can forge the diverse elements of our side of the barricade into a powerful weapon against the depredations of imperial capital. It can be the tool of emancipation from exploitation and oppression of that class enemy that afflict us all." Bill Dunne is an anti-authoritarian sentenced to 90 years for the attempted liberation of an anarchist prisoner in 1979.

Legal Case

Bill Dunne was arrested in 1979 when he and Larry Giddings attempted to free fellow revolutionary Artie Ray Dufur. The two successfully freed Artie, but were arrested after an exchange of fire with police as they were fleeing the scene. Bill and Larry were charged with auto theft and aiding and abetting the escape, for which Bill received an 80 year federal prison sentence. In 1983 Bill attempted to escape prison and was given another 15 years in prison.

Life in Prison

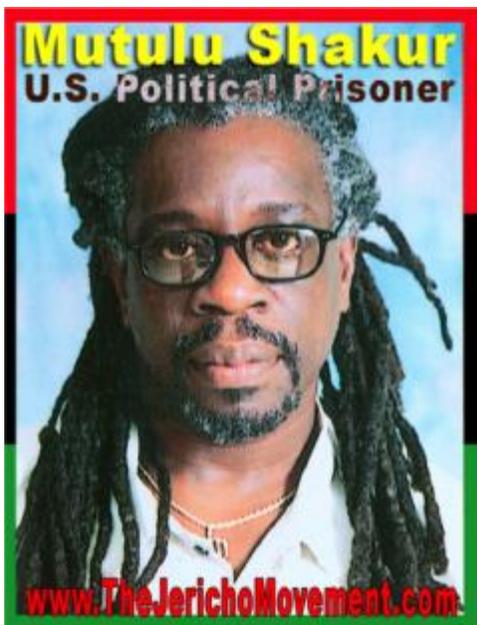
Bill spent seven and a half years in lockdown at the infamous maximum security Marion prison for his attempted prison break. During his time in Marion he helped social prisoners pursue their education, both politically and academically. In one case he helped prisoner Ernesto Santiago receive his GED. Bill also continues to stay active politically, helping edit and write 4Struggle Magazine, organizing the yearly Running Down the Walls 5K for political prisoners, and serves on the ABCF Prisoner Committee.

Author, U.S. Prisoner

My Articles BLOG January 10, 2015 DUNNE, BILL The Empire Hits!

The U.S. Parole Commission conducted a hearing for a 15 year reconsideration of my case on 5 November 2014. The last 15 year continuance ("hit") was set to expire in December 2014. The hearing examiner went through the usual things: offender characteristics; the circumstances of my 1979 offenses; a 1983 escape attempt; ancient disciplinary infractions."

Mutulu Shakur- Birthday: August 8th 1950



Contact Information/Prison Address

#83205-012 Federal Correctional Complex, P.O. Box 3900, Adelanto, CA 92301

Affiliation: Republic of New Afrika

Captured: 1986: Sentenced to 60 years.

“There is a need for a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the U.S. to resolve the history of slavery, oppression, racism, segregation, lynching and the issue of political prisoners of the Civil Rights Black Liberation Struggle who fought against these gross human rights abuses. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was also a process set up in South Africa to redress the gross violations of human rights by the apartheid regime. It was a tool to assist a peaceful transition to a democratic society but public acknowledgement of the gross human rights abuses by the government and its agent... The idea of crimes against humanity comes under International Law and the Geneva Convention adopted by the world at the U.N. the liability of such violators lies on nations as well as individuals who fight against the violators of human rights.” <http://mutulushakur.com>

Dr. Mutulu Shakur is a New Afrikan (Black) man whose primary work has been in the area of health. He is a doctor of acupuncture and was a co-founder and director of two institutions devoted to improving health care in the Black community.

Mutulushakur was born on August 8, 1950, in Baltimore, Maryland as Jeral Wayne Williams. At age seven he moved to Jamaica, Queens, New York City with his mother and younger sister. Shakur's political and social consciousness began to develop early in his life. His mother suffered not only from being Black and female, but was also blind. These elements constituted Shakur's first confrontation with the state, while assisting his mother to negotiate through the maze that makes up the social service system. Through this experience Shakur learned that the system did not operate in the interests of Black people and that Black people must control the institutions that affect their lives.

Since the age of 16, Dr. Shakur has been a part of the New Afrikan Independence Movement. As a part of this movement, Dr. Shakur has been a target of the illegal Counterintelligence Program carried out by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (COINTELPRO). This was a secret police strategy used in the U.S. starting in the 1960's to destroy and neutralize progressive and revolutionary organizations. It is believed that Dr. Shakur's resistance to this program led to his arrest and trial.

During the late sixties Dr. Shakur was also politically active and worked with the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), a Black Nationalist group which struggled for Black self-determination and socialist change in America. He was also a member of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika, which endorsed the founding of an independent New Afrikan (Black) Republic and the establishment of an independent Black state in the southern U.S. Dr. Shakur also worked very closely with the Black Panther Party, supporting his brother Lumumba Shakur and Zayd.

In 1970 Dr. Shakur was employed by the Lincoln Detox (detoxification) Community (addiction treatment) Program as a political education instructor. His role evolved to include counseling and treatment of withdrawal symptoms with acupuncture. Dr. Shakur became certified and licensed to practice acupuncture in the State of California in 1976. Eventually he became the Program's Assistant Director and remained associated with the program until 1978.

From 1978 to 1982, Dr. Shakur was the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Black Acupuncture Advisory Association of North America (BAAANA) and the Harlem Institute of Acupuncture. Where, at Lincoln, Dr. Shakur had managed a detox program recognized as the largest and most effective of its kind by the National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Acupuncture Research Society and the World Academic Society of Acupuncture, at BAAANA he continued his remarkable work and also treated thousands of poor and elderly patients who would otherwise have no access to treatment of this type. Many community leaders, political activists, lawyers and doctors were served by BAAANA and over one hundred medical students were trained in the discipline of acupuncture.

By the late 1970's Dr. Shakur's work in acupuncture and drug detoxification was both nationally and internationally known and he was invited to address members of the medical community around the world. Dr. Shakur lectured on his work at many medical conferences and was invited to the People's Republic of China. In addition, in his work for the Charles Cobb Commission for Racial Justice for the

National Council of Churches, he developed their anti-drug program.

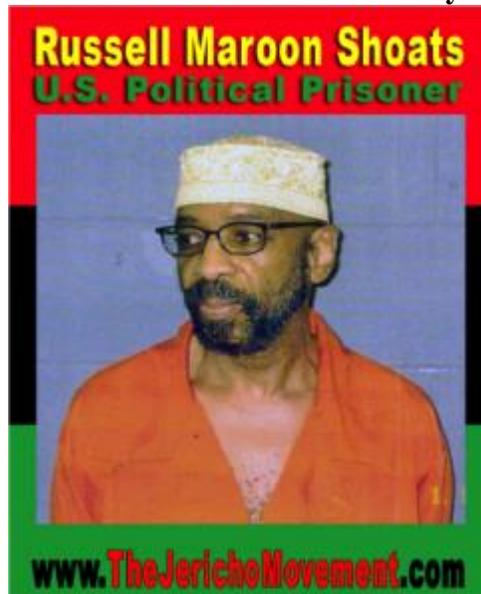
Dr. Shakur has furthermore been a dedicated worker and champion in the struggle against political imprisonment and political convictions of Black Activists in America. He was the founding member of the National Committee to Free Political Prisoners. He has been a leader in the struggle against the illegal U.S. and local American law enforcement programs designed to destroy the Black movement in America and has worked to expose and to stop the secret American war against its Black colony. Through his political work, Dr. Shakur has been associated with the Committee to Defend Herman Ferguson, a Black activist and educator charged with conspiracy in the RAM conspiracy case of the 1960's; the National Task Force for COINTELPRO Litigation and Research, which researched and initiated suits against the FBI and American law enforcement agencies for criminal acts, spying and counter-insurgency warfare tactics; and the National Conference of Black Lawyers. He has also endorsed support for the legal defense of political prisoners and prisoners of war, including Imari Obadele, Ph.D., Rev. Ben Chavis, Geronimo (Pratt) JiJaga of the Black Panther Party, and Assata Shakur and Sundiata Acoli of the Black Liberation Army.

In March 1982, Dr. Shakur and 10 others were indicted by a federal grand jury under a set of U.S. conspiracy laws called "Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization" (RICO) laws. These conspiracy laws were ostensibly developed to aid the government in its prosecution of organized crime figures; however, they have been used with varying degrees of success against revolutionary organizations. Dr. Shakur was charged with conspiracy and participation in a clandestine paramilitary unit that carried out actual and attempted expropriations from several banks. Eight incidents were alleged to have occurred between December 1976 to October 1981. In addition he was charged with participation in the 1979 prison escape of Assata Shakur, who is now in exile in Cuba (the question of Dr. Shakur being charged with participation when in fact they alleged he masterminded her escape reveals the true face of COINTELPRO).

After five years underground, Dr. Shakur was arrested on February 12, 1986.

Dr. Shakur is the father of six children. His son Tupac was assassinated in 1996. He has solid evidence that it was a continuation of COINTELPRO. The F.B.I., the Federal Bureau of Prisons and law enforcement made every effort to keep him separated from his son Tupac."

Russell Maroon Shoats -Birthday: August 23, 1943



Black Unity Council-Black Liberation Army
Contact Information/Prison Address

Smart Communications / PADOCS/SCI Dallas

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Affiliation: Black Unity Council-Black Panther Party, Black Liberation Army

Captured: 1970-Life.

“Russell Maroon Shoatz is a dedicated community activist, founding member of the Black Unity Council, former member of the Black Panther Party and soldier in the Black Liberation Army. He is serving multiple life sentences as a U.S.-held prisoner of war.”

<http://russellmaroonshoats.wordpress.com>

**The National Jericho Movement sends our Beloved PP's/POW's
Love, Respect, and Honor as we Celebrate your Birthday
with Continued hope and Determination for Freedom...Now!**



Political Prisoners/POWs (Past & Present) Art, Writings, Statements, Interviews

Bill Dunn: Tribute to Tom Manning

“Tom Manning, Soldier of the Struggle,

Comrade,

Friend,

Brother,

Artist,

Human,

Mighty tree in the forest who has fallen. The sound reverberates through everyone who aspires to positive practice in service to the struggle he shared.

I knew Tom more through his exemplary practice across decades and his comrades' experience of him than by having had the opportunity to hang out and roll out some practice with him. Except one time: a

twelve and a half hour bus ride from the Federal Transit Center at Oklahoma City to the U. S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas.

We sat next to each other during the entire trip. Notwithstanding the agents of repression, the chains, and the bars separating us from freedom just a window away, we freed ourselves by making revolution all the way. He was farther along in his understanding of what that meant in theory and practice and showed himself to be all of the above in elucidating that praxis.

I will not forget that trip. Some of Tom Manning will always ride with me as I try to make progress in the struggle. He will help paint the most equitable social reality in which all people will have the greatest possible freedom to develop their full human potential that is our destination.

Tom Manning !Presente!

The future holds promise!

Bill Dunne
FCC Victorville FCI-1
9 August 2019
Nagasaki Day

The future holds promise!

Love, Bill”

Jeremy Hammond

“Jeremy Hammond Issues Statement Explaining Why He is Resisting the EDVA Grand Jury
Alexandria, VA — Imprisoned information activist Jeremy Hammond was found in contempt yesterday for refusing to answer 7 questions in front of a Federal Grand Jury in the Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA). Chelsea Manning was similarly remanded into custody for failure to provide testimony before the same Grand Jury. Hammond, who was already serving his 7th year of a 10 year Federal Prison sentence after pleading guilty for releasing information about the Private Intelligence Firm Strategic Forecasting (Stratfor), has issued the following statement detailing his reasons for resisting the EDVA’s grand jury:

“As many of you know, I was just a few months from my scheduled release from federal prison when I was unexpectedly dragged in chains and planes to this raggedy detention center in Alexandria, Virginia. I am outraged that the government is threatening additional jail time if I do not cooperate with their grand jury investigation. Their draconian intimidation tactics could never coerce me into betraying my comrades or my principles. In the spirit of resistance and with great contempt for their system, I am choosing silence over freedom.

“I am fully prepared for the consequences of my decision just as I have been each and every time I was faced with similar choices before. Long ago when I realized that government and capitalism were too hopelessly corrupt and unjust to be reformed through legal or electoral means, I chose to engage in civil disobedience and direct action. I knew then that my actions could land me behind bars, yet I fought on anyway; after a dozen arrests and even a prior federal prison sentence for hacking, I chose once again to use my computer skills to attack the systems of the rich and powerful as part of the Anonymous federal case I am doing time for today.

“When I pled guilty, I took responsibility for my actions and my actions alone. I never agreed to be debriefed or testify in any way, unlike the government’s informant Hector Monsegur, aka Sabu, whose reward was one year of probation while I received the maximum sentence allowable by law. It was a painful choice, but ten years in their dungeons was the price I was willing to pay so I could maintain my integrity. I have never regretted my choices the entire time I have been incarcerated, and having seen and experienced first-hand the abuses and inherent injustice of the prison industrial complex, my commitment to revolution and abolition has only become more deeply entrenched.

“Now, after seven and a half years of ‘paying my debt to society,’ the government seeks to punish me further with this vindictive, politically-motivated legal maneuver to delay my release, knowing full well that I would never cooperate with their witch hunt. I am opposed to all grand juries, but I am opposed to this one in particular because it is part of the government’s ongoing war on free speech, journalists, and whistleblowers. I am insulted that those in power claim that I have an “obligation that every citizen owes his government” to testify. As an anarchist, I am not part of their social contract, and do not recognize the legitimacy of their laws and courts. Instead, I believe in a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quote I had taped to the wall of my prison cell for years: ‘One has an obligation to disobey unjust laws.’ “It is difficult to view any of this governments’ laws as just when they are so selectively enforced, and when the government turns a blind eye to its own misconduct, misconduct that is on display every day that Trump is in the White House. In my case, the government, through its informant, Sabu, instigated numerous hacks, asking me to break into governments and companies all over the world. Nearly a decade later, this misconduct remains ignored. The NSA continues to surveil everyone and launch cyber attacks. Trump and his corrupt cronies continue to hold the world hostage to their megalomaniacal imperialist pig whims while simultaneously refusing to comply with subpoenas and inquiries into their vicious abuses of power. Meanwhile, Chelsea Manning and I are doing hard time in this dump for the “crime” of refusing to allow our spirits to break, after “serving” our sentences for exposing government and corporate corruption.

“This absurd hypocrisy and desperate ruthlessness reveals a crumbling legal system, a system that has robbed me of the majority of my adult life but could never take my humanity. I will continue to do the right thing, no matter how long it takes. I know how to do time, and I will never be intimidated by their threats. Ever!! I refuse!!

““Our integrity sells for so little, but it is all we really have. It is the very last inch of us, but within that inch, we are free.” – Alan Moore, V for Vendetta”

Additional Information

Jeremy is being represented by attorneys Susan Kellman, Sarah Kunstler, and local counsel Jeffrey D. Zimmerman. His legal team also includes Elisa Y. Lee and Beena Ahmad. For information on how you can support Jeremy, and for updates on his case please visit freejeremy.net or follow the Jeremy Hammond Defense Committee on twitter @freejeremynet “ <https://freejeremy.net/2019/10/11/imprisoned-information-activist-jeremy-hammond-issues-statement-explaining-why-he-is-resisting-the-edva-grand-jury/> “

Russel Maroon Shoatz

Here’s Maroon’s latest update to his global support network.

“Greetings:

I was transferred from the Northeast to the Southwest of Pennsylvania on August 22nd of this year. Now being kept in the prison infirmary, in a section designed to cut costs of treating this state’s prisoners suffering from cancer. Was administered chemotherapy for three days this week. The oncologist here told me that will continue—three days, every three weeks, for six months—ALL done right here in this prison. Afterwards, I’m told, I will be taken to an outside hospital and undergo a test to evaluate what was accomplished. Tolerating the chemotherapy so far.

Since it's clear that the prison system is bent on "cost savings," my family and supporters are now, and will continue to, closely monitor, evaluate, and respond to my treatment and condition. That includes outside medical and legal people, as well as immediate family members who have stepped up in order to place as much support around me as possible. In that regard, I want to extend to all of those who are contributing to this multi-pronged "medical advocacy" my heartfelt thanks.

Perhaps this experience will allow me to better understand the shortcomings of continuing to imprison the elderly and infirm and allow me to more effectively debunk such senseless policies.

In Solidarity!

Maroon”

Donate here. Please give generously in this moment of heightened urgency: <https://russellmaroon-shoats.wordpress.com/donate/>

We invite you to write Maroon directly and send him words of encouragement:

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Community Calls for Action

Active Political Prisoner Release Funds

Please dig deep and contribute to some of these release funds for recently released (or soon to be released) political prisoners! Please share

Delbert Africa

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/free-delbert-orr-africa>

Nina Droz Franco

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/nina-quiere-retomar-su-vida>

Eddie Africa

<https://fundrazr.com/eddie-africa>

Connor Stevens

<https://fundrazr.com/d1PY2c>

Janet and Janine Africa

<https://fundrazr.com/janet-janine>

Debbie and Mike Africa

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-debbie-amp-mike-rebuild>

Heba Al-Labadi, “a 24-year-old Palestinian-Jordanian tortured by Israeli interrogators for weeks, is on her 17th day of a hunger strike against her "administrative detention" without charge or trial. She faces her next hearing in an Israeli military court on Thursday, 17 October. Your letters of support will send a powerful message to both her and the Israeli jailers.” For more info: <https://samidoun.net/2019/10/take-action-write-to-heba-al-labadi-tortured-administrative-detainee-on-hunger-strike/>

Write to:

Heba Al-Labadi

Kishon Detention Center

PO Box 175, Kiryat Tivon
Israel

Russell Maroon Shoats- “#BlackAugustAlert #Share As we mentioned last month, Maroon recently underwent surgery and had an extended stay in the prison infirmary. We share with you now Maroon’s latest message on his health:

“As a Political Prisoner and fighter for over 50 years, I’ve now reached a point where those close to me can no longer shoulder the things they’re called on to do without broader community support.

Recently I was operated on, where it was discovered that I’m suffering Stage 4 colorectal cancer.

This is a CALL for donations to help us cover costs of treatment. If the lying politicians can amass thousands of small donations, it speaks ill of our struggle against injustice if we will not support our own in similar ways! Spread THIS call and help us!” Straight Ahead!

Political Prisoner, Russell Maroon Shoats/z

While the news of Maroon’s ill health is of course disheartening to us all, we’re committed to doing everything in our power to ensure he receives comprehensive treatment for this latest diagnosis. Your support is critical to our efforts.

We’re reaching out to our extended community of support with a request for immediate donations towards Maroon’s medical costs. We hope to gain a holistic understanding of the treatments he’s received and make informed decisions about his medical care moving forward.

Donate here:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=tFlDnmFiv5nMpW_sxni5RupbWhOBcxeRXkVsYtbHS7DZ-IkNpon1UO0GN-k0K03gD5NFu0&country.x=US&locale.x=

Please give generously in this moment of heightened urgency.

We invite you to write Maroon directly and send him words of encouragement. Maroon’s Earthday is August 23! “

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<https://russellmaroonshoats.wordpress.com/2019/08/22/urgent-maroons-health-and-request-for-support/> “

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS-Yes-this is a CALL TO ACTION!!

“If you want to know more about your rights when stopped by the police or while Copwatching check out These Streets Are Watching. <https://youtu.be/sxIRL3QCaRI> We produced it 15 years ago, but the information is still very timely.”

Leonard Peltier- Let's get Leonard Peltier's case back into court!!!!

“We are global family attempting to raise funds to gain clemency for Native American political prisoner Leonard Peltier. At this time The International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee has 3 pending actions in this almost 45 year battle for freedom .

The Defense Committee has reached dire straights financially and needs The Freedom Families help to achieve our common goal ... It's what we do ..ALL OUR LOVE

TOGETHER AS ONE !!

FREE LEONARD PELTIER NOW !!”

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/let039s-get-leonard-peltier039s-case-back-into-court?>



Community News, Articles and Updates

Lock down at Coleman continues into October:

“After the 4th weekend of lockdowns* I feel it is important to bring you all up to date on our work at the National office. Our last visit with Leonard (July 6th.) we had a serious discussion regarding his health. His doctors are concerned about his lungs as there are major areas of black mold through the prison. And it seems to be most prevalent in the ventilation system. We are going to be working with other inmates’ family members to help bring about an investigation on this issue.

We also talked about his visit with Lenny Foster, who had been to the UN for the Indigenous Peoples Week. He presented a report on Leonard’s case with emphasis on his health and the denial of Leonard’s transfer. the UN Special Rapporteur Dr. Victoria Corpuz from the Philippines’ has expressed interest in visiting with Leonard and we are hoping this will take place before the end of the year.

I want to let all of you know where we are on the legal front. As you know early last month Leonard was denied his transfer to FCI Oxford, Wisconsin. However, he hasn’t given up on his transfer and is following the BOP’s appeals process, Warden, Regional and National which must be completed before we can go to the Federal Court in Tampa, to disprove their statement that Leonard’s security level is out of line with his age, health and time served & good time to go to a FCI. Once we have a court date we will let everyone know when and where the hearing will take place.

The Washington art show case (1st Amendment) is proceeding well. Our attorney Larry Hildes, has received discovery from the government and we are expecting deposition notices will happen sometime soon. He notified us that the trial date has been set for Jan. 20, 2020 at the Federal Courthouse in Tacoma, WA. Last Tuesday attorney Hildes did an interview with KPFA in SF and the interview starts at 3:00. Michael Kuzma, our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) attorney notified us that Hon. Leslie G. Foschio has said that we should be receiving the first part of the FOIA documents, within the next 30 to 90 days and the complete 6,000 documents (withheld for 44 years due to National Security) to us by Nov. 2020. These last two weeks have been a hard time for Leonard as we have had to notify him of the passing of his wonderful 91 year old Auntie, Ida Stiffarm (Robideau) of Spokane WA. Leonard would say she was the historian of the family and her home was always open to him and his friends when he traveled through her area. He had hoped to have her come for a visit, but due to her age and

funds, he was never able to see her before her passing. And then last week I had to tell him that his fellow artists and political Prisoner Tom Manning, died of a heart attack at USP Hazelton at the age of 72. He and Leonard did many years together at USP Leavenworth and shared the art room and helped each other develop creative painting. Tom had many serious health problems many of which the BOP let slide which caused greater problems, as he got older and many of his fellow prisoners think this neglect led to his death. This medical neglect by the BOP has many of Leonard's friend and family worried that a similar situation could happen to Leonard.

In closing this report to all of you I want to direct your attention to the go-fund-me that was started by The Freedom Riders to help defer our Legal expenses or you can always use the donate button on www.whoisleonardpeltier.info. And for that special occasion check out Leonard's art or our merchandise. And know that even the smallest amount helps keep the office and the legal fund alive. Thank you for all your wonderful support, calls and letters!

Paulette -National Office

Sheridan-Board President

*Since I wrote the newsletter there was a large gang fight in the Coleman yard and the Lockdown has been extended-please drop Leonard a note on white paper with a white envelope to let him know that people outside have his well being at heart

GoFundMe <https://www.gofundme.com/f/let039s-get-leonard-peltier039s-case-back-into-court?>

Tom-LP"

Imam Jamil Al-Amin targeted by the FBI By Dianne Mathiowetz posted on October 10, 2019

"A two-day conference, "Re-Learning H. Rap Brown," was held in Atlanta Oct. 4 and 5. Those dates mark the globally known Black freedom fighter's 76th birthday and the 50th anniversary of publication of his ground-shaking book, "Die Nigger Die," a searing account of white supremacy and racist violence. Multiple panels composed of movement veterans, scholars, family members and former political prisoners provided historical information, personal stories and insights into H. Rap Brown's leadership, first as a SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) chairperson and then as the esteemed Muslim cleric, Imam Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin". For full article see <https://www.workers.org/2019/10/43983/>

DJ FREE LEONARD: DJ Free Leonard released a new EP with Baby Eazy E! We are "The Lineage". Available on All Digital Outlets! Please share, comment!

https://open.spotify.com/album/5REdJnmGXwvwdwddCTajDy?si=BSis_KiFRCE1m3TnQUYIwg

New How-To Write Political Prisoner video (9 min) - please share!

"Burning Books and Page One just released this 9-min instructional video on how to write political prisoners! This is intended as a tool for local political prisoner letter writing events and individuals looking to learn more about writing political prisoners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nu-qpGOWsSg>

Please spread the word and share this around! The more people watch this the more correspondence our political prisoners will get!!!

Special thanks to the Buffalo Committee Against State Repression, the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, the Friends of Jeff Luers, and the Family and Friends of Daniel McGowan."

Gag Order Renewed: Ban on Addameer from publishing any information on several detainees under interrogation October 11, 2019

“The Israeli occupation authorities renewed a gag order on the cases of several detainees under interrogation for another month. The renewed gag order is until 10 November 2019. Yesterday, 10 October 2019, the Magistrate Court in Jerusalem approved the Israeli intelligence unit’s petition to renew the gag order for the entire requested period, banning the publication of any details regarding the detainees’ cases. The hearing was only held with one party (the Israeli intelligence unit) and barred the detainees’ legal representatives, denying them from the basic right to repeal the gag order. It should be noted that the defense team was also excluded from court proceedings in the initial gag order hearing on 10 September 2019, which put in place a one-month gag order that expired on 10 October 2019. Despite the gag order, Israeli media and the Israeli intelligence department have continuously published information to the public about the cases. This inconsistent enforcement of the gag order, in which Israeli sources have exercised freedom to publish, can only be understood as a way to influence public opinion, particularly as the detainees have yet to be charged” For full article see <http://www.addameer.org/news/gag-order-renewed-ban-addameer-publishing-any-information-several-detainees-under-interrogation>

Dakota Access Pipeline Activists Face 110 Years in Prison Alleen Brown - October 4, 2019

“Two women who vandalized the Dakota Access pipeline in an effort to halt construction have been indicted on charges that carry up to 110 years in prison and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines. They are among the harshest penalties environmental activists have faced in the last decade. Civil liberties lawyers say the charges are in line with industry-inspired scare tactics meant to deter citizens from participating in direct-action protests or acts of sabotage against oil and gas companies. As the deadly impacts of carbon emissions grow ever clearer, the fossil fuel industry has increased pressure on lawmakers and government officials to penalize those who would inhibit their projects’ operations. At the same time, a growing number of activists have demonstrated willingness to break laws in order to highlight the urgency of the climate emergency and other ecological crises. Ruby Montoya and Jessica Reznicek, who stand accused of damaging pipeline valve sites using a welding torch, “tires ignited by fire, and gasoline-soaked rags,” are part of that trend. The arrests come more than two years after Montoya, 29, and Reznicek, 38, publicly took responsibility for a series of acts of sabotage that they said was necessary to protect the rivers and waterways under which the Dakota Access pipeline passes. Both women had been involved in the Indigenous-led struggle to stop the pipeline, which attracted thousands of people to opposition camps in North Dakota and Iowa in 2016 and 2017.” For full article see <https://theintercept.com/2019/10/04/dakota-access-pipeline-sabotage/>

Leonard Peltier: “Leonard's paintings will be included in an art show at Studio 50 in LA.. Please check it out. Leonard's spokesperson Chase Iron Eyes from Pine Ridge will be on a panel. Hope you can attend. Miigwech Paulette ILPDC National Office”

Carceral Liberation? A Panel Discussion and Art Show on Native American Imprisonment

The panel discussion and exhibition will illuminate the injustices of imprisonment in the Indigenous context, and conversely, how Native peoples have navigated these impositions for their futurities. The title of these events, "Carceral Liberation?" refers to the paradox of Indigenous people who acquire Native cultural knowledge while imprisoned.



"Wacipi Te'hinda Winiyaqec by Leonard Peltier (Anishinaabe)"

Panel Discussion
Thursday, October 10, 2019
 6 to 8 p.m.
 Choi Auditorium in Johnson Hall
 Occidental College
 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles, CA

Featuring:
Jimi Castillo (Tongva/Acjachemem)
Leta Wise Spirit (Hunkpapa)
Chase Iron Eyes (Oglala)
Randall Murphy (Choctaw/Lakota)
Makha Blu Wakpa (Itazipcho)
 Moderated by **Tria Blu Wakpa,**
 UCLA Assistant Professor in Dance Studies

Opening of Art Show
Saturday, October 12, 2019
 7 to 10 p.m.
 Avenue 50 Studio
 131 North Avenue 50
 Los Angeles, CA

Featuring Artwork and Words by
Native Artists and People Currently Incarcerated
 Land Acknowledgment by
Jessica Calderon (Tongva and Chumash descent)
 Drumming by **Philip Hale (Navajo)**

Curated by **Tria Blu Wakpa**
 Show runs **October 12 - November 2, 2019**

Both Events are Free and Open to the Public



UCLA's Department of Worlds Arts and Cultures/Dance at UCLA acknowledges the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, So. Channel Islands) and are grateful to have the opportunity to work for the taraaxatom (indigenous peoples) in this place. As a land grant institution, we pay our respects to Honuukvetam (Ancestors), 'Ahihirom (Elders), and 'eyoohinkem (our relatives/relations) past, present and emerging.

Bill Dunne: 40 years of incarceration – let's tell the world about Anarchist Political Prisoner, Bill Dunne by Sacramento Prisoner Support - October 4, 2019

“This October 14th marks 40 years that Bill Dunne has been locked up. It was on that day in 1979 that he and two other comrades of his were arrested outside of the King county jail in downtown Seattle during an escape. Bill was sentenced to 90 years for aiding in that escape and since then he has seen some of the harshest prisons in the Washington state prison system as well as the federal system. In 1982 he was sent from the Washington state system to the federal system and landed in the United States Penitentiary (U.S.P) in Lewisburg, PA. The following year he tried to escape from that particular

U.S.P and for that he was given an additional 15 years onto his sentence and 7 and a half were to be spent in the control units at U.S.P Marion, IL. After he did his time at U.S.P Marion and up until recently he has been in quite a few maximum security penitentiaries in the federal prison system.” For full article see https://sacprisonersupport.wordpress.com/2019/10/04/40-years-of-incarceration-lets-tell-the-world-about-anarchist-political-prisoner-bill-dunne/?fbclid=IwAR3MHfLrFOT-WM_oWBDUS304maJpkGzQGxiqCkee8_Qwy6nKJCeMSSheun8

Conference for Imam Jalil

A conference was for Imam Jamil Al-Amin in Atlanta.

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Black is Back Coalition & Mobilization in D.C. Date and Time: Sat, Nov 2, 2019, 12:00 PM –Sun, Nov 3, 2019, 6:00 PM EDT

“The Black Is Back Coalition for Social Justice, Peace and Reparations will mark its tenth anniversary with a march on the White House and national conference under the banner, “Turn Imperialist Wars Into Wars Against Imperialism.” Although Donald Trump and Barack Obama are very different presidents, the enemy remains the same: US imperialism, says Coalition chairman Omali Yeshitela. “It’s necessary, not just to simply protest and condemn what the US government is doing, but to open up new fronts of struggle here in the United States,” said Yeshitela.”

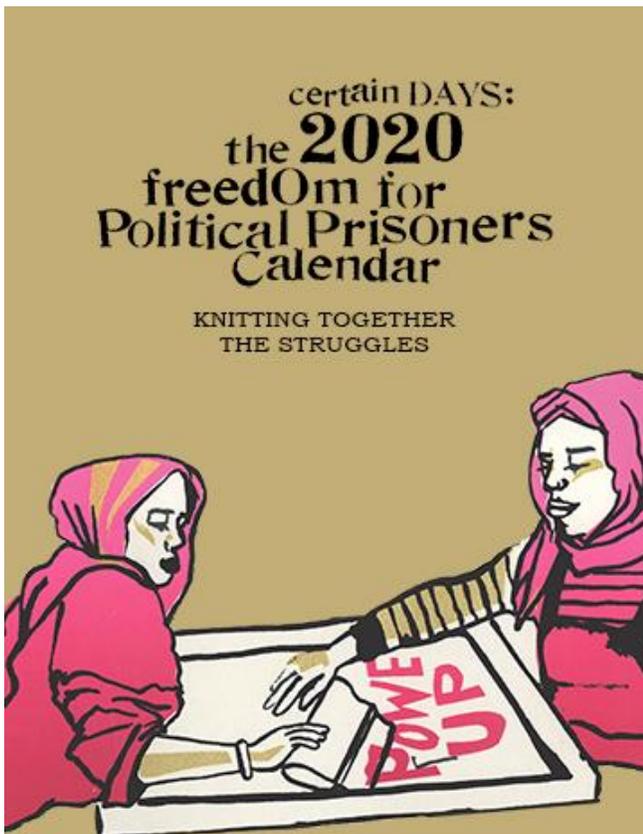
<https://blackagenda.com/black-back-coalition-fight-us-imperialism-home-and-abroad>

“Join the Black is Back Coalition for Social Justice, Peace, and Reparations for our annual march on the White House in Washington D.C. About this Event “Now is the time to throw off all hesitation, open up new fronts of struggle and to launch every protest, demonstration, and anti-imperialist action – from the ballot box to the barricades -- as an act to deepen the crisis of imperialism. Every protest against police and white civilian murder of our people, every mass mobilization to demand the end to the cruel, bloody economic war against Venezuela, Zimbabwe, Cuba, Iran, Korea and Russia must be seen as our part in turning the imperialist wars into wars against imperialism!” For further info and to register see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/turn-imperialist-wars-into-wars-against-imperialism-march-on-white-house-tickets-70379257253>

Ed Poindexter: Black Panther leader Ed Poindexter has been in prison 49 years for a crime he did not commit. Now new evidence of prosecutorial misconduct has emerged from files in the courthouse basement. Reopen the case! <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/09/20/omaha-two-alibi-not-disclosed-by-prosecutor-is-new-evidence-to-reopen-1971-black-panther-case/>

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Alvaro Luna Hernandez

His new address:

Alvaro Luna Hernandez #255735

Polunsky Unit

3872 FM 350 South

Livingston, TX 77351

(note: he calls this unit "the Guantanamo of Texas Prisons" The transfer is for treatment of Hep C in hopes that it's not too late because he's been trying to get treated for a long time!)

Mumia Abu Jamal: Abu-Jamal defense files new appeal in Pa. Superior Court, accusing prosecution of misconduct Kristen Johanson - September 06, 2019

"PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — Defense attorneys for Mumia Abu-Jamal have filed their latest appeal attempt in Pennsylvania Superior Court, and have accused the original Philadelphia prosecutor of misconduct during his 1982 murder trial. Abu-Jamal was convicted of killing police officer Danny Faulkner. This latest court filing is an effort to make way for a new trial.

Abu-Jamal's lawyers say his original defense attorney didn't properly cross-examine key witnesses, and that the prosecution "unconstitutionally suppressed evidence," and that another eye-witness lied under oath, and they can prove it." For full article see

<https://kywnewsradio.radio.com/articles/news/abu-jamal-defense-files-new-appeal-pa-superior-court>

Stopping the hidden problem of suicide behind bars By Stacy Rojas | September 6, 2019

"There has been an onslaught of media attention to the suicide of Jeffery Epstein. Millions of people are wondering what sort of neglect or corruption made it possible for him to take his own life when guards were supposed to be checking his cell every 30 minutes. But suicide is pervasive in jails and prisons across the United States. The difference is that little attention is paid when these deaths are happening to people of color and the poor, to women and LGBT people, to people who have been targeted and criminalized by the state for much of their lives. When it comes to suicides inside prison, abuse and neglect is often to blame for what are preventable deaths. Unlike the death of a billionaire playboy, these deaths usually remain invisible to the public". For full article see

<https://www.ocreger.com/2019/09/06/stopping-the-hidden-problem-of-suicide-behind-bars/>

Black August Resistance - Day 5 – Jitu Sadiki

"Beginning in August 1979 a small cadre of comrades housed in Soledad's SHU (Secured Housing Unit), O-wing, myself, Dadisi Yero, Zaharibu, Jamani, Zezu and a few others whose names I can't immediately recall, we initiated our first commemoration of Black August. After the death of Jeffrey Khatori Gaulden in San Quentin prison there was a long period of mourning and anger, even among those of us who had not personally known him, just as we had not personally known Comrade George Jackson and other stalwart warriors/guerillas, but their selfless acts of courage and sacrifice were known and their indomitable spirit of resistance was felt, providing motivation and inspiration to deepen our individual and collective commitment to the existing Black Liberation Movement raging across amerikkka and resistance to the immediate repression we were experiencing within the belly of the beast". For full article see <https://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/2019/08/19/black-august-resistance-jitu-sadiki/>

MALCOLM X FREEDOM FIGHTER TRIBUTE RETURNS! UPDATED!

“On Saturday, August 24th, the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee will join with the National Black Panther Party Alumni Association to present its 24th Annual Dinner Tribute to ‘Our Political Prisoners And Their Families!’ This endearing gathering will take place at the Langston Hughes Community Library, located at 100-01 Northern Blvd, Corona Queens. Doors will open at 3pm. Dinner will be served at 4pm. The program will begin at 5pm. The theme for this year’s tribute is ‘Faith-The Ultimate Weapon!’ and will honor clergy who have stood by our Political Prisoners through their ordeal of captivity. Among the honorees are two of the most outspoken elder statesmen of New York’s Black Clergy, Rev. Herbert Daughtry of House Of The Lord Church and retired Chaplain Father Lawrence Lucas. Representing a new generation of Social Justice ministers will be Rev. Lukata Mjumbe, who is now Pastor of the historic Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church in Princeton, New Jersey. Rev. Mjumbe is the godson of Panther political prisoner Sundiata Acoli. Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church has been an anchor for African Americans in that area, slave or free for over 150 years. It is best known for once being sheperded by William Robeson, the father of the immortal human rights champion Paul Robeson, who served as Pastor in the early 20th century.

Legendary performer Ngoma, who just dropped a video of his recent release ‘Real Black Panthers Ain’t in Wakanda’ dedicated to Panther political prisoners, will be among the performers, as will Apollo Theatre poetry legend Regtuinah Reg and Panther cub Ksisiy Sadiki who will perform an excerpt from her one-woman show ‘First Born,’ dedicated to her father, Panther political prisoner Kamau Sadiki.

This year’s gathering comes on the heels of the release of several MOVE political prisoners, Debbie Africa, Mike Africa, Janet Africa, Janine Africa, and Eddie Africa, after 41 years in prison. It also comes on the heels of the death of political prisoner Tom Manning, on the heels of Jalil Muntaqim being denied Parole for the 11th time, and most recently, on the heels of a Federal Court refusing to grant any relief for Imam Jamil Al-Amin, over clear Constitutional Violations in his trial, even though the court conceded the correctness of the appeal. Al-Amin is also recovering from a mild stroke and Delbert Africa just survived a life-threatening medical emergency. The Malcolm X Commemoration Committee is actively involved in the Parole Campaigns for Jalil Muntaqim, Delbert Africa and Chuckie Africa as they each come up for Parole again in September. “One of the really maddening things facing many of our political prisoners is that some of them have actually done their time, no matter how you come down on the issue. “Some of them have done their time, Jalil, Veronza, Mutulu, Sundiata, and more still, and yet they are still forced to languish in captivity,” said an angry Zayid Muhammad, the organization’s founding press officer. This year’s gathering also marks the first time it has been held during Black August, the monthly appreciation of Black Resistance to Oppression dedicated to martyred Panthers George and Jonathan Jackson and to supporting Political Prisoners. Political Prisoners Mutulu Shakur and Russell ‘Maroon’ Shoats have Black August birthdays.” <https://youtu.be/-qJyOZjuwYA>

The Malcolm X Grassroots Movement Black August Panel Discussion of 2019 COME & JOIN US IN BK "AFTER" THIS REVOLUTIONARY MALCOLM X GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT



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Parole Preparation Project Quarterly Newsletter | Summer 2019 “Click here <https://mail-chi.mp/7dd1f4f283e7/updates-from-the-parole-preparation-project-855497> to view the Parole Preparation Project's quarterly newsletter! We have lots of exciting updates to share. Please also save the date for our 6th Annual Welcome Home Party and Fundraiser, which will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7pm. Location and details TBA! “

Community Dedication and Celebration of Los Seis Sculpture September 2019

“Join UMAS y MEXA de CU Boulder to celebrate the dedication of the community-created Los Seis Sculpture in front of TB-1! The sculpture was created to honor the lives of six Chicano student activists and CU Boulder alumni: Una Jaakola, Reyes Martínez, Neva Romero, Florencio Granado, Francisco Dougherty, and Heriberto Terán. Learn more about their legacy here: <https://www.colorado.edu/studentgroups/umasymexa/about>

NOTE ABOUT THE PROGRAM: While the majority of the program will take place inside the CASE Building (1725 Euclid Ave, Boulder CO 80309), we will be meeting at the Los Seis sculpture in front of TB-1 to begin.” <https://calendar.colorado.edu/event/community-dedication-and-celebration-of-los-seis-sculpture#.XWrzHZNKib8>

‘It’s the racial stuff’: Illinois prison banned, removed books on black history and empowerment from inmate education program Peter Nickeas - August 15, 2019

Officials at an Illinois prison suspended an educational program for inmates, launched two internal investigations and removed 200 books from a prison library because many had “racial” content or addressed issues like diversity and inclusion, according to records obtained by the Tribune.

Danville Correctional Center officials also prohibited for use in the University of Illinois program several classic books of African American history, including “The Souls of Black Folk,” the anti-slavery novel “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” and the memoir of former slave and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Hundreds of pages of records released by the Illinois Department of Corrections in response to Freedom of Information Act requests paint the clearest picture yet of the origins of the dispute between IDOC and the Education Justice Project. And while the department’s public statements about the controversy emphasized that the books had not been appropriately reviewed, internal IDOC emails and other documents show that the program was swiftly suspended, and the books removed after the race-related themes of the some of the content were flagged.” For full article see <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-illinois-prison-books-removed-inmate-education-20190815-6xlrnfwmovdxnbc3ohvsx6edgu-story.html>

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The Capricious Use of Solitary Confinement Against Detained Immigrants Ian Urbina - September 6, 2019

“FOIA documents and a whistle-blower uncover how the Obama and Trump administrations used solitary in ways that critics say are arbitrary, cruel, and in violation of federal rules.

Contraband sugar packets, calling a border guard a “redneck,” menstruating on a prison uniform, kissing another detainee, identifying as gay, requesting an ankle brace—these are just some of the reasons Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have placed detained immigrants in solitary confinement. ICE and Department of Homeland Security documents obtained by The Atlantic provide one of the clearest snapshots to date of what immigrant-rights advocates say is the agency’s excessive, arbitrary, and punitive use of this form of isolation. Spanning from 2014 through 2018, the documents—which include tens of thousands of pages of internal emails, facility-inspection reports, summary reports on detainee conditions, written complaints filed by immigrants and their lawyers, and statistics on the general detainee population—also offer a rare accounting of the number of immigrants held in solitary confinement.” For full article see

https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/09/ice-uses-solitary-confinement-among-detained-immigrants/597433/?utm_source=facebook&utm_content=edit-promo&utm_term=2019-09-06T11%3A00%3A06&utm_campaign=the-atlantic&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR3RzPF27jEGWdeR1VKnHbU9-OI-1VGr4Nerpmvo689GYubk3TZ4V6ct0g4

2 Palestinian Prisoners End Hunger Strikes on Conditions of Release September 5, 2019

“Huthayfa Halabiyeh, 28, from the town of Abu Dis near Jerusalem, has been on hunger strike for 67 days, and was recently admitted to hospital due to deterioration in his health. Today his fast ended after reaching an agreement with the Israeli authorities on his release. Head of the Prisoners Commission, Qadri Abu Baker, told Wafa that Halabiyeh’s lawyer and the Israeli Prison Service (IPS) reached an agreement setting a date for his release”. For full article see <https://imemc.org/article/2-palestinian-prisoners-end-hunger-strikes-on-conditions-of-release/>

NOTE: If you send the updates to Eric King, Jeremy Hammond, or Russell Maroon Shoatz, they have been moved:

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Jeremy Hammond #18729-424 FTC Oklahoma City
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73189

Smart Communications/PA DOC Russell Maroon Shoatz #AF3855
SCI Fayette
Post Office Box 33028
St Petersburg, Florida 33733

Herman Bell 22 Aug - State Appellate Court Rejects Challenge From Murdered Cop's Widow to Parole of Slayer

“In the parole case of Herman Bell, Associate Justice Robert Mulvey of the Third Department wrote in the court's decision that, while Piagentini had the right to submit her statement to the board, she didn't have standing to control or challenge its decision. MORE: by Dan M. Clark (New York Law Journal) A request to reconsider the release on parole supervision of Herman Bell, who was convicted in the

murder of two police officers nearly five decades ago, was rejected Thursday by a state appellate court in Albany. The Appellate Division, Third Department wrote in the ruling that the widow of one of the murdered officers did not have standing to challenge the Parole Board's decision.

"As the inmate/parolee and the board are the only parties to a parole determination, and the board cannot challenge its own determination, the inmate/parolee is the only person with standing to challenge the substantive determination regarding parole," the court wrote.

Bell was released from state prison last year after serving more than four decades for the murders of officers Joseph Piagentini and Waverly Jones in 1971. He was convicted on those charges in 1975." For full article see <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/09/updates-3-sept-2019.pdf>

Eric King Update

Eric is facing a 20 year hit for being the recipient of an assault by a guard. The following updates give a timeline and offer way to help. MORE: August 23rd - Eric In Transit to Colorado. Eric was picked up this morning to be taken to Colorado. We do not know what facility he is heading to. Hope to have an address soon. Eric is going to need all of the love he can get because the next step will be court and to face whatever the state is throwing at him. He should be placed in a private non-BOP facility and his commissary money will not follow him. August 27th - We Need To Keep That Spirit Alive: anarchist prisoner Eric King and partner speak on the Final Straw

This week on The Final Straw, we feature two main guests, anarchist prisoner Eric King and a member of his defense committee who is also Eric's partner. This podcast is being released on the 3rd day of the International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners from August 23-30th. While the majority of the show will be filled by anarchist political prisoner, Eric King, well be wrapping it in words from his partner, who also sits on his support committee. For the hour of our broadcast, Eric talks about his health, his political stance, dealing with nazis on the inside, his views on the anti-fascist struggle on the outside, the loss of Tom Manning and supporting political prisoners, counter-recruiting nazis and other topics. You can find his writings, art, and updates on his situation at SupportEricKing.org." For full article see <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/09/updates-3-sept-2019.pdf>

Mumia Abu Jamal: 'This Shit Ain't New!' Philly cop corruption cover-ups By Betsey Piette posted on October 10, 2019

"Over 50 demonstrators gathered in Center City on Oct. 4 to rally for an end to mass incarceration and cop corruption cover-ups under the slogan: "This Shit Ain't New! Cop Corruption Cover-ups Continue." The protest took place at the bitterly contested statue of Frank Rizzo, notoriously racist and fascistic former police commissioner and later mayor of Philadelphia.

Speakers called for freedom for Mumia Abu-Jamal, the remaining imprisoned MOVE 9 members, and all unjustly convicted prisoners. They were responding to the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police's staged show of concern held earlier that day at FOP headquarters for "victims of crime." The FOP highlighted Maureen Faulkner, widow of the cop whose death was used to send activist-journalist Abu-Jamal to Death Row. Police from the "victims" event later rallied at the office of Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner, calling for his removal from participation in Abu-Jamal's ongoing appeals process." For full article see <https://www.workers.org/2019/10/43989/>

Administrative Torture: Free Heba al-Labadi, a Jordanian Citizen in Israeli Prison Ramzy Baroud - October 9, 2019

"On August 20, Heba Ahmed al-Labadi fell into the dark hole of the Israeli legal system, joining 413 Palestinian prisoners who are currently held in so-called administrative detention.

On September 26, Heba and seven other prisoners declared a hunger strike to protest their unlawful detention and horrific conditions in Israeli prisons. Among the prisoners is Ahmed Ghannam, 42, from the village of Dura, near Hebron, who launched his hunger strike on July 14.

Administrative detention is Israel's go-to legal proceeding when it simply wants to mute the voices of Palestinian political activists, but lacks any concrete evidence that can be presented in an open, military court. Not that Israel's military courts are an example of fairness and transparency. Indeed, when it comes to Palestinians, the entire Israeli judicial system is skewed. But administrative detention is a whole new level of injustice." For full article see <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20191009-administrative-torture-free-heba-al-labadi-a-jordanian-citizen-in-israeli-prison/>

Rally at SFO - Wed, Oct 9 - Homeland Security - What happened to Muslim Filipino

"Rally at SFO to demand that the Department of Homeland Security and Customs & Border Protection stop hiding the truth about what happened to Muslim Filipino human rights defender Jerome Aba, who has spoken out about the physical and psychological torture he endured while held by CBP at SFO from April 17-19, 2018. For over one year, DHS and CBP have failed to answer our questions about their detention of Jerome. Instead, they have given concerned community members the run around, made conflicting statements to the media, and flouted our Freedom of Information requests. On October 9, the National Lawyers Guild will file a federal lawsuit demanding that DHS and CBP turn over all records pertaining to Jerome. Join the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines-Northern Cal, National Lawyers Guild-San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, and BAYAN-USA at the airport to demand accountability and say to DHS and CPB: stop the cover up!" For full article see <https://www.facebook.com/ichrp.norcal>

Mumia Abu Jamal: The fight to free Mumia enters historic new phase By Ted Kelly posted on September 20, 2019

"For decades, the movement to release African-American political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal has been on the front lines in the fight against white supremacy and capitalist mass incarceration. Generations of new revolutionaries have grown up in this struggle, and Mumia's longtime supporters have in turn become their mentors as the most creative and seasoned organizers of the progressive movement. Now in 2019, thanks to these activists, a historic new phase of the struggle has begun. Abu-Jamal's legal team filed new briefs this month as part of recently won appellate rights, granted by the courts late last year. The new filings reveal concrete evidence of gross prosecutorial misconduct on the part of the Philadelphia District Attorney's office and its clear collaboration with the city's notorious police department to frame Mumia for the 1981 shooting death of a white Philadelphia cop." For full article see https://www.workers.org/2019/09/20/the-fight-to-free-mumia-enters-historic-new-phase/?fbclid=IwAR3VV6pP8vIV9RZ5U0UFM3wzOgzTexywL0ePpTpK_NDKAR5PWUrmeA5Aul8

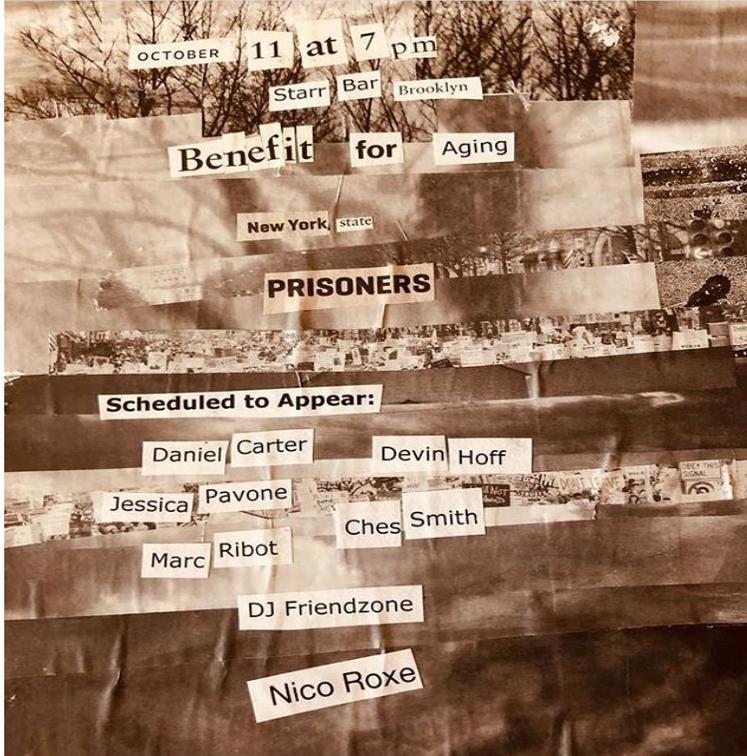
Mumia Abu Jamal: In response to latest Mumia appeal, Philly cops lash out at district attorney By Ted Kelly posted on September 26, 2019

"In the face of mounting legal victories and an energized movement in the streets to free Mumia Abu-Jamal, the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police is now attacking District Attorney Larry Krasner for failing to challenge a request by Abu-Jamal's attorneys for a new evidentiary hearing. Maureen Faulkner, widow of slain police officer Daniel Faulkner, has been enlisted by the FOP to attack Krasner, despite his initial efforts to help her perpetuate Abu-Jamal's unjust imprisonment. Maureen Faulkner has been featured on the regular cop-friendly local media outlets calling for Krasner to recuse himself from Abu-Jamal's appeal. The police lawyers who speak in Faulkner's name filed a petition with the Pennsylvania Superior Court to have Krasner removed from the case and replaced by conservative Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro. The complaint alleges that Krasner has not been vigorous enough in his attempts to keep Abu-Jamal behind bars. For full article see <https://www.workers.org/2019/09/26/in-response-to-latest-mumia-appeal-philly-cops-lash-out-at-district-attorney/>

140 Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike for 14th day over cancer-causing devices September 23, 2019

“Dozens of Palestinian prisoners behind bars in Israeli jails are continuing their open-ended hunger strike for the 14th consecutive day to protest the presence of cancer-causing mobile phone jammers in prisons. According to a report by the Palestinian Information Center on Sunday, the hunger strike began after the Israeli prison service recently installed many cell phone jamming devices in its detention centers and later boosted the level of their hazardous radio signals”. For full article see <http://english.pnn.ps/2019/09/23/140-palestinian-prisoners-on-hunger-strike-for-13th-day-over-cancer-causing-devices/>

A Benefit for Aging (and recently released) NY State Prisoners.



Friday October 11, 7pm at Starr Bar, 214 Starr Street, Brooklyn, NY.

“All Of Us or None ensemble featuring:

Daniel Carter (legendary free-jazz horn player)

Marc Ribot (guitar wizard and composer, Anti records artists)

Jessica Pavone (composer/violist/Tzadik recording artist)

Devin Hoff (bass player to the minor stars)

Ches Smith (ECM records artist/former Theory of Ruin drummer)

Nico Roxe (ambient modular)

DJ Friendzone (all the hits)

<https://www.devinhoffmusic.com>

<https://devinhoff.bandcamp.com/> “

Save the Date: Freedom Dance 2019! October 26

CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF FREEDOM FOR ASSATA SHAKUR and OUR 11TH FREEDOM DANCE!

Saturday, October 26, 2019, 8 pm to 1 am, National Black Theater, 2031 Fifth Avenue, Harlem (between 125th and 126th Streets) \$20 entrance; food and beverages available for sale-DJ Lumumba (a/lk/a Revolution) **ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT US POLITICAL PRISONERS**

Buffalo, NY: Columbus Was Never Great Rally! and More than a Word Screening

“What- Columbus Was Never Great Rally

When- Monday October 14th at 11am

Where- Columbus Statue at corner of Porter and Niagara st in Buffalo

“Why- All across the country, cities are taking steps to remove monuments and change the name of parks and other public facilities that celebrate the brutal slave-holding legacy of the Confederacy and its most prominent figures. These communities have recognized that honoring the Confederacy serves to cover up the moral outrages of slavery and dismiss the voices of African-Americans whose ancestors were held in bondage, systematically kidnapped, beaten, and sexually assaulted. Similarly, we call for the City of Buffalo to change the name of Columbus Park and to remove the monument that now stands there in honor of Christopher Columbus. Columbus did not “Discover” anything - the Americas were inhabited by a great diversity of people and cultures. Instead, Columbus established the beachhead for ruthless conquest and settler colonialism and inaugurated the genocidal devastation of whole continents. Buffalo needs to stop honoring this and stand on the right side of history.

Sign the Petition- <https://www.change.org/p/mayor-byron-brown-change-name-of-columbus-park-remove-statue>

Let's stop celebrating this history. Let us demand that we no longer honor such actions.

MONDAY OCTOBER 14th at 11 AM

What- Film Screening of 'More than a Word' and Discussion about upcoming possible rally at Bills and Washington team facilitated by Pete Hill

When- Thursday October 17th at 630pm

Where- Burning Books 420 Connecticut st

Why- Film Screening of 'More than a Word' a film about Native American-based mascots, especially the Washington R_dskins, and their impact on real-life attitudes, issues, and policies. “More Than a Word” offers an inside look at these contentious issues through the campaign and legal cases against the Washington R*skins, and traces how racist terminology became embraced and beloved by sports teams and fans.

Facilitated by Pete Hill, All Our Relations Program Director at NACS. Immediately following the screening discussion surrounding possible rally at upcoming bills game versus the Washington team November 3rd.”

Leonard Peltier: Greetings Friends and Family, I received a legal mail letter from Leonard yesterday. It is hard on his health to have no exercise and the lighting is so weak that reading and writing are hard on his eyes. He also said it looks like the lockdown won't be lifted until sometime in Dec. This lockdown is so intense that even his Elder unit is confined to their cell 24/7 and allowed a half-hour to shower every 3 days. He would like you to write to the warden of Coleman 1 and ask why Leonard & the Elder unit is under such a strict lockdown? You would send your letters to:

Warden Cheatham, U.S. PENITENTIARY Coleman 1, P.O. BOX 1023--COLEMAN, FL 33521

Remember white paper and no stickers on the white envelope.

We have been busy during this time and I want to share with you the new Trial-Transcript Search tool on our website. I want to thank our supporter Jim in Albuquerque who made this possible. Leonard has wanted this tool for all his supporters who have wanted to read the trial and find specific areas of interest. We will be putting up the Extradition papers within the next few weeks as we need to get them scanned for our webmaster. The transcripts are located:

www.whoisleonardpeltier.info/trial-transcripts

Please let us know if you have any problems using this new feature

ART SHOW

Thursday October 10th, 6-8pm in Choi --To all our supports in the Los Angeles area 3 of Leonard's paintings will be included in an art show called "Carceral Liberation?" which refers to the paradox that many Indigenous people are introduced to Native cultural practices, such as ceremonies, powwows, language acquisition and beadwork classes, while in prison. Following the panel, an art show featuring the work and words of Indigenous artists and people who are incarcerated will open on October 12 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Avenue 50 Studio. Featuring: Jimi Castillo (Tongva/Acjachemem) Leta Wise Spirit (Hunkpapa) Chase Iron Eyes, J.D. (Oglala) Randall Murphy, J.D. (Choctaw/Lakota) Makha Blu Wakpa, Ph.D. (Itazipcho) Moderated by Tria Blu Wakpa, UCLA Assistant Professor in Dance Studies. We hope you can attend both the discussion and the art show and then write Leonard and tell him about your experience. It will be uplifting for him to know you how you enjoyed his art.

And Friday, November 15th to Friday, January 3rd 2020 the Chicago Indian Center 3401 West Ainslie Street, Chicago will hold a show of Leonard's work call Visions of Home, which will include almost all of Leonard's art work that is on our website. This art will be for sale and make a wonderful holiday gift and help replenish our legal fund which is sad at this time. We will have a wonderful opening on Friday night with the Drum and a few speakers including Chase Ironeyes. I am looking forward to greeting Leonard's supporters and my old friends in the Chicago area!

The legal front is still a work in progress and the legal team is researching legal documents for the lawyers to use to complete a brief that we hope to file by mid-November, early December. I will be able to share more information once it has been completed and filed but I can say it has the possibility of getting Leonard back into court. I want to thank the 2 new researchers from Clearwater who have joined the team which has helped with the division of labor.

I want to thank all of you that have helped us through your donations on Facebook and used Amazon Smile, and PayPal to bring in financial help for Leonard's legal fund. I have let Leonard know of your support and this kindness has helped keep his spirits up during this long lock down when he is feeling so isolated.

With Respect & Thanks Doksha"

Paulette Dauteuil - National Director

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The Hidden Ummah - A dialogue on Islam & The Incarcerated Community

Sat, October 19, 2019 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM ED, ILIA Greenbelt Chapter 9200 Edmonston Road Greenbelt, MD 20770

"A community forum on integration, including the lack of integration, of the community of Muslims that found Islam while incarcerated. About this Event: The Islamic Leadership Institute of America (ILIA), working with the Aging Peoples in Prisons Human Rights Campaigns (APPHRC), will be holding a panel discussion on the experiences of American Muslims who are incarcerated in prisons, and in particular those who have found Islam while in prison. Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, and 35,000 – 40,000 inmates find Islam each year while in American prisons. In order to start a dialogue on this momentous shift, and integrated this largely unacknowledged community with the wider--primarily immigrant--Muslim community, this panel discussion will be focusing on Muslims and their experiences and plight while incarcerated. The first part of the discussion will involve one speaker asking the panel questions regarding Islam in prisons, then the discussion will open so members of the audience can posit their own questions for the panel to answer. The event is free and will be held at ILIA's Greenbelt Location, from 5-7pm.

Islamic Leadership Institute of America Presents

THE HIDDEN UMMAH

A Dialogue on Islam & The Incarcerated Community

Facilitated
By

Alawi Masud
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Tomiko Shine
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Nabihah Maqbool
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Imam Bilal Prather
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Millati Islami World Service



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Oct 19th, 2019; 5-7pm
9200 Edomonston Road, Greenbelt MD 20770
<http://bit.ly/thehiddenummah>

The panel consists of: Tyrone Morton, the National Advisor for APPHRC who himself found Islam while incarcerated; Imam Bilal Prather, who works as a Muslim Chaplain for prisons in D.C.; Dr. Maha Hilal, the co-Director of Justice for Muslims Collective; and Nabihah Maqbool, a legal fellow with the organization Muslim Advocates. Thousands of Muslim Americans find Islam while incarcerated each year, and it's time to start a discussion on how to welcome these Brothers and Sisters who make up our Ummah as well." <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-hidden-ummah-a-dialogue-on-islam-the-incarcerated-community-tickets-75608082811>

In honoring Black History Month, the author lists 10 superlative books by radical voices instrumental in cohering modern black thought.

“As we enter into the annual celebration of all things black for a month, it is the perfect time for a reminder of the diversity in black political thought. We have disagreed with each other more than we have with white people and there exist a number of different ways that we have understood and fought for liberation. As we enter into the annual celebration of all things black for a month, it is the perfect time for a reminder of the diversity in black political thought. We have disagreed with each other more than we have with white people and there exist a number of different ways that we have understood and fought for liberation. The politics of black radicalism are misunderstood and misrepresented, often written off as anti-white, violent and led by men intent on dominating women. In this lazy caricature we have dismissed one of the most important political movements, and the aim of my book, Back to Black, is to reclaim black radicalism, which is as vital for this generation as it has ever been.” For full article see <https://portside.org/2019-10-10/top-10-books-about-black-radicalism>

‘Expect anything’ — the steadfast service of a Gaza paramedic Ahmad Kabariti

“Nada Shaikh Deeb, a 23-year-old volunteer paramedic in Gaza, has attended every protest at the fence since March 2018. Even after an Israeli officer taunted her following the killing of paramedic Razan al-

Najjar. "You've still got time to catch up with Razan," he said. "Expect anything." For full article see https://mondoweiss.net/2019/10/expect-anything-the-steadfast-service-of-a-gaza-paramedic/?utm_source=Mondoweiss+List&utm_campaign=7d4b4e711a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_10_14&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b86bace129-7d4b4e711a-309258378&mc_cid=7d4b4e711a&mc_eid=c33793d0b1

Washington Department of Corrections Engages in Retaliation Following 700+ Person Food and Work Strike at Clallam Bay Prison

“Community members call on DOC to protect human rights for incarcerated individuals and cease retaliation. Community groups from around Washington are calling on the Department of Corrections (DOC), Governor Inslee, and the Clallam Bay Corrections Center (CBCC) administration to stop retaliating against incarcerated people and to protect their human rights. Among their concerns are 36 people who were transferred to prisons across the state and who are now in solitary confinement as a result of their alleged involvement in a food and work strike that began at CBCC on October 7. The [demands](#) of the strikers range in focus from food quality to concerns about wages and policies that violate first amendment rights.” For full article see https://abolishcages.wordpress.com/2019/10/11/a-call-to-action/?fbclid=IwAR0Zm8i66YY3mKp1T4Xuwz_bEp6qYfz7ji-voh-Od9PqL5fPg2C4Vql-oAo

Philadelphia Running Down the Walls Report Back

“Philly ABC is happy to report the success of their second annual Running Down The Walls in support of political prisoners, held on September 7th, roughly 2 years from the date that the group formed. We again chose a late summer date for the event, but we hope to align our 2020 RDTW with other ABC chapters. We also joined the ABCF earlier this year to more closely work with our long-term comrades in the LA and former Philly ABC chapters. We gathered at 10 am in FDR park for a yoga warm-up led by Sheena Sood. It was a beautiful morning, warm and sunny with a nice breeze coming off the lake. Two laps around the park loop is conveniently almost exactly 5K. Like last year, we split into 3 groups: walkers, joggers and runners. Walkers left the starting line around 11 am, followed by the joggers at 11:10 and the runners at 11:20. Afterward, we gathered for a group photo, speeches by Mike Africa Jr. (son of Debbie and Mike Africa who were also participating in the event), Janet and Janine Africa, and refreshments provided by Food Not Bombs Solidarity. Together we raised a total of \$1940 to split between the ABCF Warchest, and the Never Give Up! Project.” For full article see <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/updates-15-oct-2019.pdf>

40 years of incarceration – let’s tell the world about Anarchist Political Prisoner, Bill Dunne

“This October 14th marks 40 years that Bill Dunne has been locked up. MORE: It was on that day in 1979 that he and two other comrades of his were arrested outside of the King county jail in downtown Seattle during an escape. Bill was sentenced to 90 years for aiding in that escape and since then he has seen some of the harshest prisons in the Washington state prison system as well as the federal system. In 1982 he was sent from the Washington state system to the federal system and landed in the United States Penitentiary (U.S.P) in Lewisburg, PA. The following year he tried to escape from that particular U.S.P and for that he was given an additional 15 years onto his sentence and 7 and a half were to be spent in the control units at U.S.P Marion, IL. After he did his time at U.S.P Marion and up until recently he has been in quite a few maximum security penitentiaries in the federal prison system”. For full article see <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/updates-15-oct-2019.pdf>

***“COME & MARCH WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CONTINGENT
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 AT HARLEM'S 50th ANNUAL
AFRICAN AMERICAN DAY PARADE FALLEN BLACK PANTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS***

**GEORGE JACKSON, AFENI SHAKUR, SAFIYA BUKHARI, GERONIMO PRATT
ABDUL MAJID, TWYMON FORD MYERS, FRED HAMPTON & BUNCHY CARTER...
"WANT YOU" TO MARCH & REPRESENT THEM @ THIS MAJOR HARLEM,
NYC EVENT ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH! COME & MARCH WITH THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS CONTINGENT AT HARLEM'S 50th ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN DAY
PARADE**

(Largest Black Parade In America) * Showcase of Positive Black Achievements

* Black Dignitaries and Celebrities

* Kings & Queens and Organizations Reflecting African Culture

* Salute to Black Colleges

* Floats and Marching Bands from 15 States

* Stop Racism and Racial Profiling

* Freedom For All U.S. Held Political Prisoners/Exiles

* Celebrating The Black Panther Party 53th Anniversary

We will gather @ 12:00 NOON on W.112th street between Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd and St.

Nicholas Ave. *For those who want to help decorate, our crew will be there @ 10:00 am

For Information & To RSVP Contact: Panthershepcat@aol.com and/or send a "phone text" to: (929) 270-9241”

Fifty Years of Fred Hampton’s Rainbow Coalition Jacqueline Serrato September 27, 2019

“A look back on how multiracial Chicago-style coalition building has influenced organizing to this day. The trajectory of fearless grassroots, youth-driven, intersectional organizing set in motion by the 1969 Rainbow Coalition still resonates today. On a February afternoon in 1969, Chairman Fred Hampton and his contingent of Illinois Black Panthers went looking for a Puerto Rican kid by the name of Cha-Cha in Chicago’s Lincoln Park neighborhood. Hampton had just read in the paper that the Young Lords street organization had shut themselves in the 18th District police station—along with the police commander and the media—to protest the ongoing police harassment of Latinx residents.

The Illinois chapter of the Black Panthers established themselves on the West Side of Chicago in 1968 and functioned under a [ten-point program](#) of self-empowerment and service. Their Oakland, CA founding members were already involved in multiracial movement building through the left-wing and anti-war Peace and Freedom Party.” For full article see <https://portside.org/2019-10-03/fifty-years-fred-hamptons-rainbow-coalition>

A Statement on the Passing of Tom Manning by Indigenous Political Prisoner, Leonard Peltier

“Tom Manning’s unexpected passing that occurred at the United States Penitentiary in Hazelton, West Virginia back on July 30th of this year continues to bring those closest to Tom as well as all his supporters to want to share regarding the incredible person he is. MORE: Here is a statement by indigenous political prisoner, Leonard Peltier on the passing of Tom Manning. Clearly these two revolutionaries being locked up for years together at the same prison lead to a connection that will last forever. Greeting relatives, friends, loved ones, and supporters of Tom Manning. I want to say a few words regarding the passing of Tom Manning. I could say condolences and all that to you, but I want you to know that Tom Manning was a good friend of mine. I don’t know first hand of all the particulars of his past life that he came to be in this prison. Some of these he came to share with me, but I can tell you from experience, this man was a kind and thoughtful person who cared greatly for the freedoms of all mankind and felt like we all should take responsibility for protecting those freedoms. The Tom Manning I knew, as I mentioned before, was a man of character renown and an artist that I could relate to on just about every level. His artwork reached out and spoke to your heart and brought you the faces of those who resisted oppression and reminded you of the humanity that has been persecuted and

locked away in prisons because of their dissension against the corporate controlled governments of the world who only look at mankind and nature as a resource for gaining wealth. I will forever remember Tom Manning, the man I knew and loved as a brother and with deep regret I mourn his passing. My heart is with all of you who have these feelings. I really don't know what else to say other than anyone who knew Tom Manning, the man, will need some level of condolences. In the Spirit of Crazy Horse and Tom Manning!" <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/updates-1-oct-2019.pdf>

The Climate Disaster Inside America's Prisons

"Inmates are among the most vulnerable populations on our warming planet—and among the most ignored. MORE: by Kim Kelly (The New Republic) Global warming far and away is the most pressing issue facing the United States (and the rest of the planet). The fast-approaching climate reckoning is bigger than the presidential election, bigger than our imperialist forever wars, bigger even than the virulent fascist threat that's taken root in the White House and spread its tendrils across the globe. It is no longer an exaggeration to say that the world is dying. Time is running out to pull back from the point of no return before it swallows us all whole. For millions of Americans, that point is already here—and unlike the majority of people, they have no way to escape its horrors. When natural disasters hit, incarcerated people are often the first to be abandoned; as the climate crisis worsens, so will their suffering. The specter of climate change is a hazardous fact of life for the prisoners forced to labor in sweltering Texas fields, the ones fighting wildfires for pennies in California, and those recently left trapped in the path of Hurricane Dorian when South Carolina prison officials declined to evacuate them ahead of the storm". For full article see <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/updates-1-oct-2019.pdf>

Rally to Free Ramsey Orta and Jail Killer Cop Daniel Pantaleo

"We have received word that many concerned forces are coming together for a birthday rally for **Justice for Ramsey Orta** on Wednesday, September 18 in New York City.

What: Rally for Ramsey Orta

When: Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 2:00 PM

Where: Foley Square, lower Manhattan, New York City (intersections of: Lafayette, Worth, and Centre Streets)

Taken from the flyer under circulation:

"... Without Ramsey Orta, no one would even know what happened to Eric Garner... He not only witnessed the murder of his friend, but recorded it for the whole world to see. Ramsey changed history by doing that...

"The NYPD has had it in for Ramsey ever since he released the video. They planted evidence, and failed to produce evidence (video tapes) they way they had. They attempted to kill him with rat poison when he was on Rikers Island. They targeted, then arrested Ramsey and his family. Ultimately, in order to protect his mother from prosecution, he agreed to a plea deal of four years jail time. He's been harassed and persecuted ever since he entered jail..."

To correspond with Ramsey:

Ramsey Orta 16A4200, Collins Corr Facility, Middle Road P.O. Box 340, Collins N.Y 14034

For more information or to donate to Ramsey's PayPal: Officialramseyorta@gmail.com "

The Black Panther Party of 1966 and the New United Panther Movement: Continuity and Renewal-SF, Thursday, October 17th

"The New Afrikan Black Panther Party developed first from within the prisons of Amerika and is now building programs and organizations in communities across the country. Their concept of a United Panther Movement embraces all peoples and seeks to build a movement that can thoroughly transform

society. We seek to open a discussion about the ongoing possibilities and challenges of the continuing quest for liberation and justice.

**The Black Panther Party of 1966 and
the New United Panther Movement:
Continuity and Renewal**

Thursday, October 17th - 6:30pm

Eric Quezada Center - 518 Valencia Street, San Francisco



Shaka Zulu, chair of the New Afrikan Black Panther Party, was recently released from prison and is on a national tour from his base in Newark, New Jersey. Since Shaka Zulu's release, the NABPP has been organizing "No Prison Fridays" protests in Newark. These mass

rallies, which quickly grew from a few dozen to several hundred protesters from local communities, began in opposition to official plans to build a youth prison in Newark on South Orange Avenue, a couple of blocks from Westside High School. The NABPP is building Serve the People programs to assist communities in developing their own resources and labor power toward restoring them as base areas of cultural, political and economic revolution." For full article see <https://freedomarchives.org/event/the-black-panther-party-of-1966-and-the-new-united-panther-movement-continuity-and-renewal/>

In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Campaign

Jericho is spearheading the "In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela" campaign proposed by political prisoner and co-founder of the National Jericho Movement Jalil Abdul Muntaqim. This initiative appeals to the international community, including the International Commission of Jurists, to call for special hearings within the United Nations to review the cases of Political Prisoners. Several meetings have already occurred in collaboration with interested others, and much headway is being made regarding organizing efforts. The campaign "In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela" is busy framing ideas about how to proceed with the charges for a tribunal and then bring that to main committee and start getting professionals involved nationally. For November's meeting, please contact: nycjericho@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved. We invite you to support this initiative. **Everyone is encouraged to check out the website** <http://spiritofmandela.org>

"Set your calendars now: The International Tribunal on U.S. Human Rights Violations and Political Prisoners (ITUSHRPP) is set to take place in **October 2021**. We intend to document, in detailed evidentiary form and utilizing all available contemporary human rights precedents, the gross violations faced by colonized people and those who have defended basic self-determination principles. But this will not be a narrow or dry legalistic affair. This people's Tribunal is designed to both educate and mobilize, so renewed fight back movements can emerge and be strengthened. We are aware that we stand on formidable shoulders.

In the 1940's, W.E.B. DuBois first petitioned the newly-formed United Nations regarding the rights of U.S.-born people of African descent; in the 1950's Paul Robeson was one of a number who "Charged Genocide" against the U.S. government to the global body. Minister Malcolm X's formation in 1964 of the Organization of Afro-American Unity was part of a direct campaign to put the case of "the 22 million Black people who are the victims of Americanism" before the Organization of African Unity and the U.N. On Human Rights Day 1978, attorney Lennox Hinds— working on behalf of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ, and

the National Alliance Against Racism—petitioned the UN’s Human Rights Commission, resulting in a team of seven international jurists investigating cases of gross violations pertaining to U.S. political prisoners. Throughout the 1980’s and 1990’s, Dr. Luis Nieves Falcon and a wide array of petitioners held a variety of Tribunals in Europe, the U.S., and Puerto Rico, with verdicts indicating further abuses of the U.S. prison, police, political, and military systems. And in 2014, the UN Human Rights Committee issued a report criticizing the U.S. for 25 distinct violations of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. We are aware that the people’s voice—including the voices of our long-incarcerated elders—must be heard.

Mutulu Shakur asserted the need for a U.S. process of truth and reconciliation, and many have begun to discuss and implement grassroots forum for truth-telling, where witnesses listen and reflect upon voices “from the margins” to organize for an end to structural and militarized state violence. Jalil Muntaqim has called for campaigns “in the spirit of Mandela,” where the international social and political context which helped revise the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners in 2015 be utilized in the case of those incarcerated in the U.S. Our International Tribunal will call for testimony from both sides of the wall, both on issues of the torturous conditions of political imprisonment and on the root colonial and neo-colonial conditions and repression which inevitably lead to growing numbers of political prisoners. We will not separate the work to free our prisoners with the work to free the land, and for ultimate liberation of all.”

As we continue to launch the In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela, Bring Back the International Jurists Campaign, we are providing links to some important documents. One of these is the United Nations Mandela Rules, unanimously passed by the Security Council in December of 2015. Another important document is Jalil Muntaqim's essay regarding the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the International Jurists. Please see links and Docs at: <http://www.freejalil.com/2017juristsUN.html> **also in German!!** [Click here to read the Report of International Jurists—Visit with Human Rights Petitioners in the United States, August 3-20, 1979.](#)

Political Prisoner/Prisoner of War, Jalil Muntaqim states in his blog “recently the Jericho Amnesty Movement embarked on a new national and international campaign to persuade the U.N. International Jurists to initiate a formal investigation on human rights abuses of U.S. political prisoners. To further demand the U.S. Corporate Government implement the U.N. Minimum Standards on the Treatment of Prisoners, and for the immediate release of our political prisoners. This especially calls for the release of those with COINTELPRO convictions who have languished in prison for 30 to 50 years. These political prisoners were contemporaries of Nelson Mandela; when he was fighting against Apartheid in South Afrika, they were fighting against Jim Crow segregation and second-class citizenship in the U.S. This Jericho campaign motto is “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela” and activists across the country are urged to join and support in whatever way they are able in political solidarity toward the building of the National Coalition for the Human Rights of Political Prisoners”. (<http://www.freejalil.com/blog47.html>).

Please read our invitation below and contact us if you are interested in endorsing, sponsoring or otherwise becoming involved in “The Spirit of Nelson Mandela” initiative.

“Greetings of Peace!

“It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones.” —Nelson Mandela

The IN THE SPIRIT OF NELSON MANDELA COALITION invites you to join our campaign to develop an International Coalition to acknowledge, recognize and push for the release of US held Political Prisoners. The conditions under which US political prisoners are forced to live, and the length

of their sentences violates international law and the UN Nelson Mandela Rules. In December 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted its landmark resolution 70/175 entitled “United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules”) (<https://www.penalreform.org/priorities/prison-conditions/standard-minimum-rules/>). These Rules condemn the United States’ policies and practices of punitive solitary confinement, medical neglect and long-term solitary confinement. This particular international initiative stems from a call from Political Prisoner and co-founder of the National Jericho Movement to Free All Political Prisoners, Jalil Abdul Muntaqim. Although efforts to present our issues in the international arena certainly aren’t new—Malcolm X urged such in the 1960s—this Initiative begins with a much-needed renewed energy, focus and commitment.

While constantly organizing and soliciting endorsers and sponsors, our first campaign objective was to contact the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) (<https://www.icj.org>) to initiate a formal investigation into the holding of Political Prisoners in the United States. Representatives from the ICJ had come to the United States before in 1979 to visit Political prisoners Sundiata Acoli and Ed Poindexter. Some forty years later these prisoners still remain in prison. Ultimately, we hope to use this investigation to bring the following results:

- Generate international awareness and attention
- Implore the United Nation to convene a Truth and Reconciliation Tribunal to explore, expose and address the social, economic and political historic conditions of people of color, and particularly black people in the United States, revolutionaries and movement organizations that struggle against these conditions, and the government’s brutal and illegal response to those organizations and people resulting in the deaths and incarcerations of hundreds
- Build political and legal pressure to call for the release of Political Prisoners

We realize that we have a difficult job ahead, but the more national and international solidarity we garner, the greater the chances for victory. We hope you will join the campaign by -

1. Agreeing to support by clearly identifying your organization and contact person;
2. Providing your accurate email and phone number (We will keep you informed of developments of this initiative); and
3. Partaking of the unique experience of collectively brain storming strategies to bring this struggle to the international arena and to the United Nations.

Your input is valued at any level.

In solidarity,

The National Jericho Movement
In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Coalition”



FREE ALL U.S. HELD POLITICAL PRISONERS!!!

Moving Forward

As we move towards accomplishing our goals, we seek to continue to form new alliances to help build a more unified front both nationally and internationally. We look forward to expanding our scope of services as well as increasing our dedicated members, especially reaching out to the youth to carry on the torch of justice for not only our beloved freedom fighters who are now elders **still** in these dungeons, but also for those Political Prisoners who are to come in the future-and surely, they will, given the escalating oppression and fascism that is swiftly seeping through every “right” in this country. Unless a sudden change permeates the power structures, the number of political prisoners will grow. COINTELPRO is still alive and running many missives in which to entrap those who oppose the tyrannical, oppressive & racism regime. In the many decades of their operations they have become even more cunning and sophisticated. Our hope is to unify the people who truly want to move forward towards a better future for all, **not just some**-and to use the power of unified numbers to stand as strong as a spider web against those who have chosen a destructive path to abolish human rights.

As our Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War are aging and too many have already died behind these dungeon walls, it is imperative that we as a collective, continue to go even harder in the quest for their freedom. They have been waiting patiently... for 30, 40, 50 years. “For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”—**Nelson Mandela**

As Jericho has withstood many obstacles in the past 20 years, we are still here, and we will not fall back. We are relentless in bringing our beloved freedom fighters' home.

Gratitude and Appreciation

It is with great gratitude that we express our sincere appreciation to you-our supporters. Without your help, we could not accomplish all that we do for our Political Prisoner's/Prisoners of War. From helping their families visit them, to assisting with legal and medical needs, to putting monies in their commissary as well as providing forums wherein we can hold events to educate others about our Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War, your support helps make this possible. We know it, and our Political Prisoner's/Prisoners of War know it as well. There is power in the people, and this is where freedom lies.

It is because of people such as yourselves, who so graciously give of your time, your donations as well as your thoughts towards this cause, that brings us closer to the day when we can finally say-They are Home at Last....Can you imagine? After sacrificing for the community-the community is the one who brings them home. After languishing in a steel dungeon waiting for freedom for decades, when that door finally swings open and they finally step into their family's arms for good, it will be a powerful day indeed.

We are all links that join together as one. No act, no deed is too small. Together we are strong, powerful. We just have to keep going-as they did back in the days when they were fighting the same old oppressive, racist regime.

“Freedom can never be taken for granted. Each generation must safeguard it and extend it. Your parents and elders sacrificed much so that you should have freedom without suffering what they did. Use this precious right to ensure that the darkness of the past never return.”—Nelson Mandela.

Thank you for safeguarding and extending the fight for justice, freedom and human rights. There is a light down the way, it is called our children's eyes. May they know a better world.

As you know, the obstacles to helping free our political prisoners are immense. It is to challenge the super power and its many facets. It is to fight repression through education, organizing, mobilizing, and creating a movement that embraces freedom and dignity for all people and freedom for all political prisoners.

Your financial support at this time is needed for Jericho's continued work and effectiveness. If you cannot support financially, please do continue to read our newsletters, share them widely, tell others about our Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War-volunteer to help us if you can, for everything matters and no sincere deed is left unnoticed. We are the ones, for a prisoner's options are limited, we have the key, we just have to figure out together, how to unlock those doors.

Free all Political Prisoners!

In Struggle and Gratitude, The National Jericho Movement

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