

# The Dragons Fire

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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.

**"If you tremble with indignation at every injustice then you are a comrade of mine." and... "At the risk of seeming ridiculous, let me say that the true revolutionary is guided by a great feeling of love. It is impossible to think of a genuine revolutionary lacking this quality".**

**Che Guevara**

## Jericho Movement's Current Work and Progress

Jericho actively maintains direct connections with our political prisoner by visiting or writing them monthly. We also maintain contact and assist their families as available. We monitor health & legal status and provide support and intervention. We hold political education classes, table at events, 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 occurred during the month across the nation. Thinking forward—we will be updating our website, increasing our international reach to build continued solidarity and plan to create additional resources for our Political Prisoners/POW's and their families.

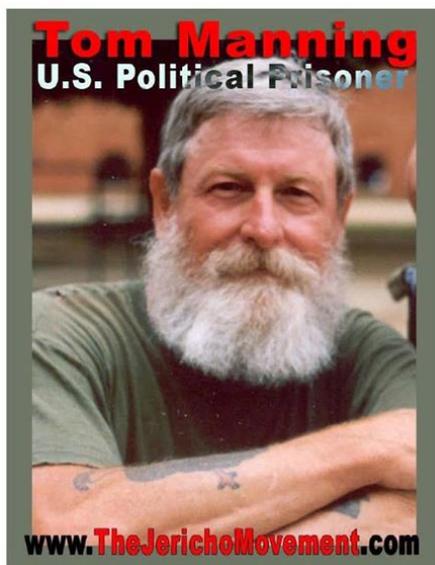
The Jericho Movement has initiated as well as supported and participated in many rallies, events and calls to action this month. **Monthly Reports to Resume in August.**

## Jericho Activities, Highlights and Tributes

### Anti-Imperialist Freedom Fighter Tom Manning has transitioned on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

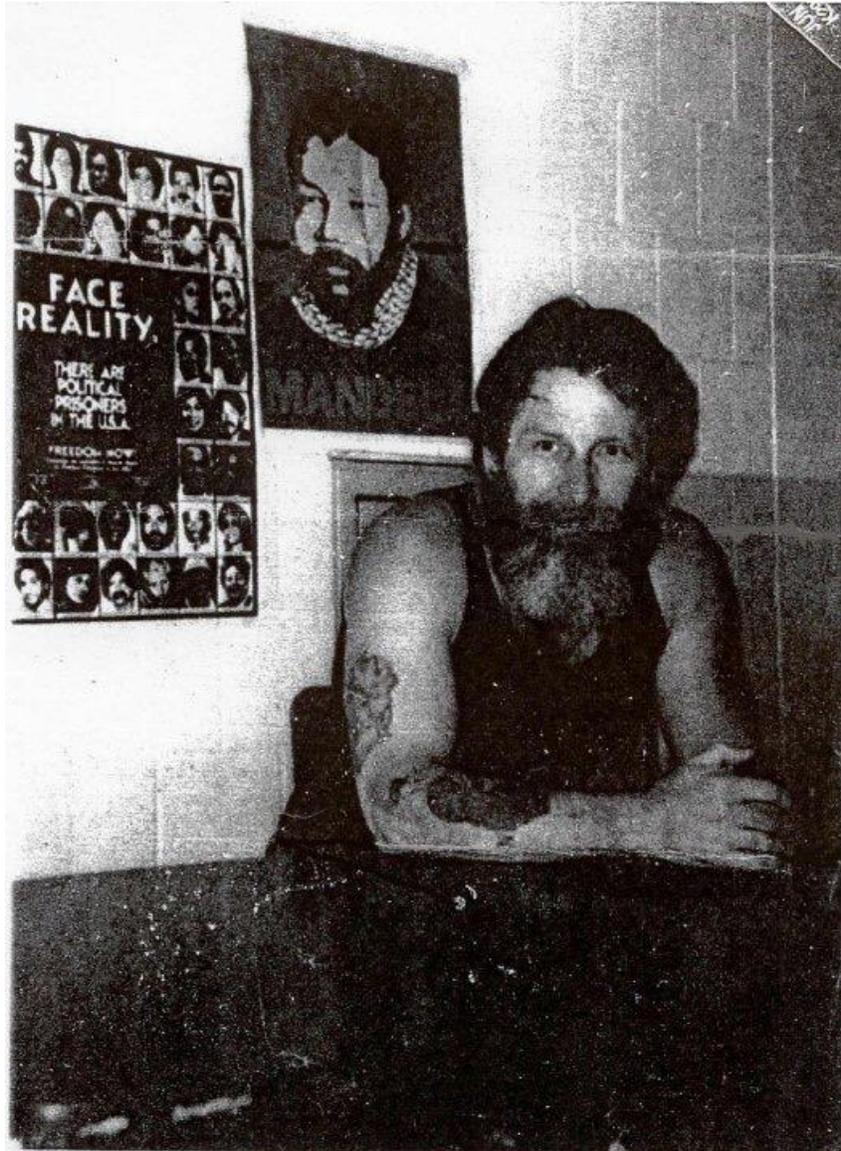
It is with great sadness we send out love, support and condolences to Thomas Manning's family, and friends. May comfort be found in having known such a staunch revolutionary man, human being, comrade. This is such a huge loss. We extend our deepest sorrows, support and love. In Fierce Determination, Your Jericho Family

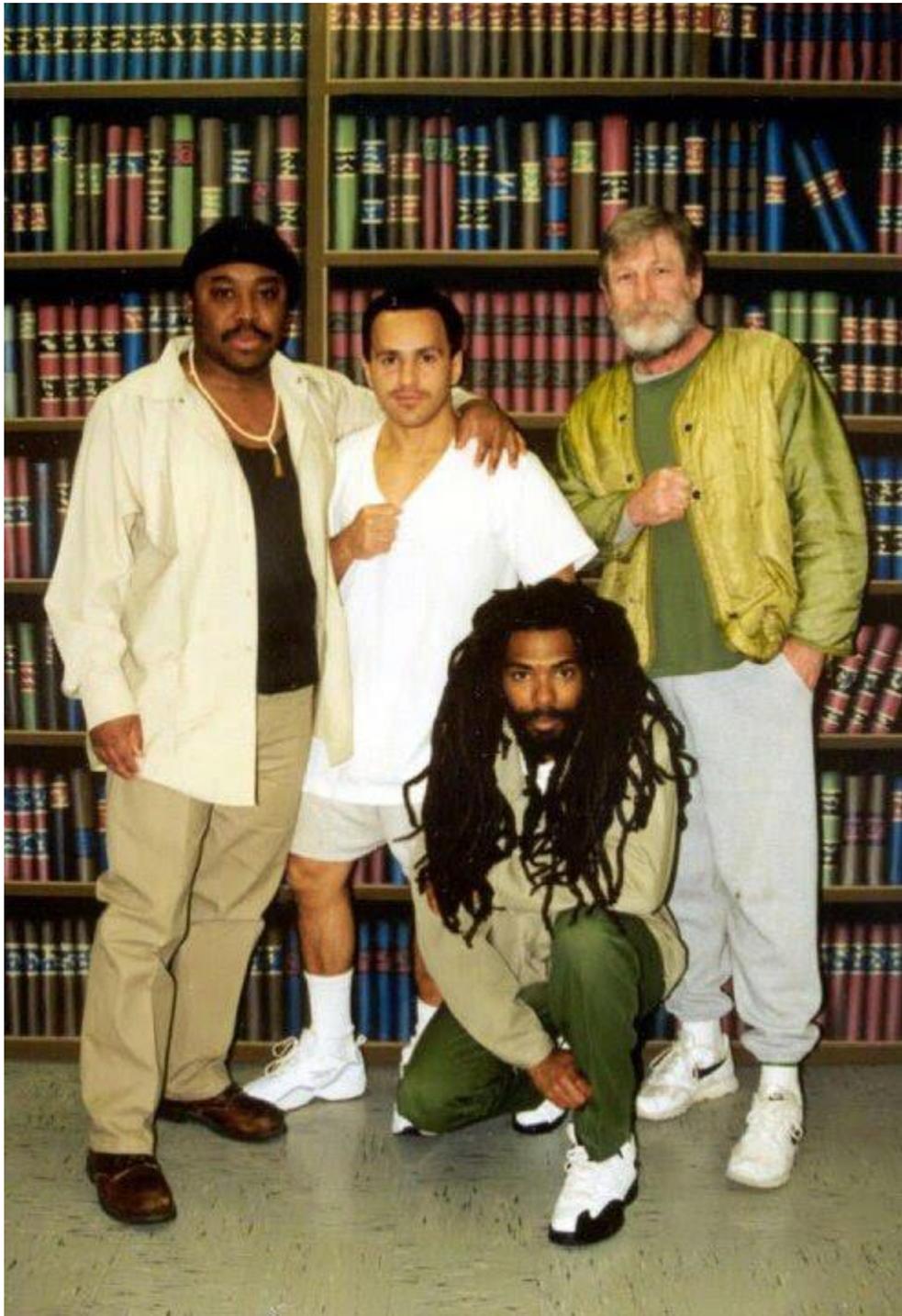
**Birth: June 28, 1946-Transition: July 30, 2019**



“ The People must fight for their own system in all ways—one of those being armed clandestine struggle. We have a long way to go, but we are getting there. I am accused of being a part of the Sam Melville/Jonathan Jackson Unit in the 1970's and the United Freedom Front in the 1980s. I am proud of the association and all it implies”\*







## **Political Prisoner Tom Manning Has Gone to the Ancestors: From Tom's codefendant Ray Luc:**

"Tom Manning's death on July 30 has me in the grip of an emotional riptide. I feel like part of me died with him.

Tom was imprisoned at USP-Hazelton, WV at the time of his death. The ostensible cause of death, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, was a heart attack.

I received Tom's last letter on July 15. He wrote that he was in dire circumstances, his medical needs treated with deliberate indifference, delays in receiving necessary medication, his body weak from lack of oxygen. Supporters scrambled to get a lawyer in to see him, but death arrived first.

Tom battled the Bureau of Prisons criminal negligence of his medical needs for the past 10 years, beginning when he almost died from an untreated knee infection while at USP-Coleman, FL. As a result of that infection, most of his knee was surgically removed and he was wheelchair bound for the rest of his days.

But he was not through fighting.

When he arrived at FMC-Butner, NC for further medical treatment he was kept in solitary confinement under abysmal conditions for 3 years. Much-needed knee and shoulder surgeries were repeatedly delayed until pressure from Tom's supporters forced the BOP to act. But the surgeries came too late, and combined with the lack of necessary rehab insured that Tom remained in a wheelchair.

Tom always had the warrior spirit, right to his last breath. Many more like him, and the ruling class would tremble. The ache in my heart over his passing will be forever.

In remembrance, I offer words I wrote in 2014 for Tom's book "For Love and Liberty," a collection of his paintings:

"When Tom Manning and I first met 40 years ago, we were 27 years old and veterans of mule jobs, the Viet Nam war, and fighting our way through American prisons. We also harbored an intense hatred of oppression and a burning desire to organize resistance.

As members of a community action group called SCAR, we worked its 'survival programs' including a community bail fund, prison visitation program, and a radical bookstore. The Red Star North bookstore drew the venom of police – surveillance, harassment, raid and assault.

Tom and I disappeared underground in the midst of this and COINTELPRO revelations. We remained underground for near 10 years, much of it on the FBI's ten most wanted list. We were tagged as 'terrorist' and 'extremely dangerous' because as 'members of a revolutionary group' we used explosives against targets of empire: predators of apartheid South Africa, Puerto Rico's colonialism, and the slaughter in Central America.

We considered our work anti-terrorist. It was a time, you see, when activists were killed, imprisoned, tortured and exiled. 'Winter in America' as Gil Scott-Heron put it, and raging hell in El Salvador. It was a time when the U.S. sub-contracted its terrorism and if you were on the wrong end of it – you died.

Sometimes when we met underground I noticed Tom sketched on scraps of paper. I was impressed with how well he drew. I said to him – man, you got talent, why not do landscapes, portraits, big pictures! His response – no time for that, for our priority was taking down this wretched system that disrespects and destroys life.

The government's mandate is that Tom die in prison, as our comrade Richard Williams did in 2005 after a long period of medical neglect and solitary confinement.

Tom has risen beyond the gulag's attempt to strip his humanity. You can feel the dignity and spirit of resistance in his paintings. He is one of those carrying heavy burdens, be they the 'sans-culottes' of the world, a Haitian health care provider, or a victim of police bullets. Political prisoners do not exist in a vacuum. They emerge from political and social conflicts. The ruling class and media attempt to criminalize, demonize and marginalize these prisoners, because recognition of political prisoners is de facto admission that serious conflicts exist and remain unresolved.

In 2006 an exhibit of Tom Manning's paintings - 'Can't Jail the Spirit' - opened at the University of Southern Maine. Police organizations throughout the Northeast conducted an intense 'shut it down' campaign. The police were particularly disturbed with the characterization of Tom as a 'political prisoner' and his painting of Assata Shakur on display. When the police got to the university's corporate funders, the USM president capitulated and the exhibit was ordered shut down. The exhibit's supporters then carried Tom's paintings through the city streets and rallied at Congress Square.

'There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard,' reads Psalm 19:3 and the gravestone of Black freedom fighters Jonathan and George Jackson. Voice, through its many forms, articulates vision. Call it subversive art, liberating art, art that challenges the one-dimensional.

Tom's art is a voice among the dispossessed that transcends concrete and razor wire with an affirmation of life.

The paintings of Tom Manning and American Indian Movement activist Leonard Peltier; the creative work of Puerto Rican Independista Oscar Lopez Rivera; the poetry of anti-imperialist Marilyn Buck, which lives on; and the Earth defender poems of Marius Mason; the spoken word of Mumia Abu-Jamal and Mutulu Shakur. They are the voices of our political prisoners, principled and honorable men and women who communicate from isolation and suffering.

We must not let their voices be suppressed. They need to be heard and celebrated by freedom loving people everywhere."

I extend deep gratitude to all those who provided some measure of support and solidarity to Tom during his 34 years in prison.

With Tom's passing, Jaan Laaman remains the sole United Freedom Front prisoner. It's time to bring Jaan home.

FREE ALL OUR POLITICAL PRISONERS

Ray Luc Levasseur

Black August

August 1, 2019

**Chairman's Corner**  
(Please Check Back Next Month)

# Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

## POLITICAL PRISONER OF THE MONTH

(Please Check Back Next Month)

### Medical Updates

**Jalil Muntaqim:** Jalil has two sprained ACL's, a cracked meniscus and 3 places with arthritis. They are recommending gel.

**Delbert Africa:** “The MOVE Organization would like to bring to people's attention a very dangerous situation that is currently occurring with our Brother Delbert Africa . For the past two weeks Delbert has been suffering from severe swelling from the bottom of his waist all the way down to his toes . For the past two weeks prison officials at SCI Dallas has ignored Delbert's request for medical until this past week when several calls were made to his counselor . A medical visit was finally scheduled for this past Wednesday 7/31/2019 where it was explained to Delbert that he has a fluid build up which required to be drained Delbert was immediately taken to an outside hospital, where as of today 8/3/2019 we still do not know where Delbert is .”

<https://www.facebook.com/events/727805357673008/?ti=icl>

**Abdul Aziz:** Abdul is not doing good, continuing prostrate problems and lots of medical neglect. More info to follow as we get updates.

**Russell Maroon Shoats:** Maroon is still getting Chemo, but the family is having a hard time getting the records.

**Delbert Africa:** Delbert's legs are swollen because he's having kidney issues

### Legal Updates

**Imam Jamil Al-Amin:** “Aug -11th Circuit Court rules against Jamil Al-Amin. A prosecutor violated the constitutional rights of the 1960s black militant formerly known as H. Rap Brown during his trial for the killing of a sheriff's deputy, but it's unlikely that substantially affected the verdict, a federal appeals court found.”

**Jalil Muntaqim:** Campaign for Commutation of Sentence for Jalil A. Muntaqim, Black Panther Party, Political Prisoner & Parole Letters

"As many of you know, Jalil has been to the parole board ten times since 2002, when he first become parole eligible. Jalil has been denied each time for a variety of reasons, all of which are tantamount to the nature of the crime—something that will never change. After the last parole hearing and denial, pursuant to NYS Constitutional Article IV, Section 4, Jalil filed an Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served with NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. Governor Cuomo has the authority to grant the Application and order

Jalil's immediate release from NYS DOCCS custody. Since the Application's submission it has been revealed that the NYS Board of Parole had a "secret deal" with the NYC Police Benevolent Association (PBA), permitting them to submit opposition letters directly to the Board of Parole from their website. These opposition letters negatively influenced the decision-making process, ensuring Jalil would not receive a fair and impartial parole hearing. During Jalil's 2014 parole hearing, he was told that "current and former members of law enforcement" were parole commissioners, many of whom decided to deny his release. On December 4th & 5th, 2016, The New York Times published an extensive exposé entitled "The Scourge of Racial Bias in New York States Prisons" that informed: "The racism can be felt from the moment a black inmate enters New York's upstate prisons." This implacable racism has been institutionalized in the entire parole system, permitting subjective biases of parole commissioners to influence parole decisions. Since the submission of the Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served, Governor Cuomo has received many letters and communications urging him to grant Jalil's Application. However, due to the revelation of political collusion between the Board of Parole and the PBA, and the PBA/media backlash and scrutiny of the Parole Board's release of Jalil's co-defendant, it has become necessary to launch this May Day Initiative in support of Jalil's Application. Jalil exceeds all requirements for release. His release on parole has been supported by activists, academics and community leaders from across the country and around the world, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the family of one of the victims. The political nature of his conviction has prevented parole commissioners from giving fair and impartial consideration to his release, despite the overwhelming community support.

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

During his 47+ years of his imprisonment, Jalil has accomplished the following: Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, Certificate of Architectural Drafting, Certificate of Computer Literacy.

He has established many programs, such as the first Men's Group for therapeutic training in the NY State prison system, an African/Black Studies program, a computer literacy class, a Sociology class and a poetry class. He has received two commendations for preventing prison riots. He has raised money for the children's fund, was office manager of the computer lab and a teacher's aide for GED classes.

Jalil is also the recipient of several certificates for rehabilitation programming, and is a published author, poet, educator and blogger.

As a human rights advocate, he had the first U.S. prisoners national petition heard and recorded by a Special Committee at the United Nations on U.S. prisons and the existence of U.S. political prisoners. He has litigated several civil rights complaints on behalf of prisoners. In 2000, Essence magazine featured an article on father-daughter relationships. The article, entitled "Daddy Says," quoted Jalil stressing the importance of maintaining these relations even during incarceration.

### **Call to Action: We request that people do the following for Jalil throughout the month of August:**

(also see Call to Action section) we are requesting that Friends and Supporters call, tweet, email and write NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's office and appeal to him to grant Jalil's Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served. We also request that this August Initiative be widely posted on social media platforms, encouraging freedom loving people around the world to join in this initiative. Since this will be ongoing throughout the month of August, we propose that people tweet and/or email Governor Cuomo every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and call and write the Governor every Tuesday and Thursday. Communications to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's office must refer to Jalil as: ANTHONY JALIL BOTTOM, 77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, New York 12733-0115. Write the Governor:

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, Executive Chamber State Capital Building, Albany, New York 12224 Call the Governor: 1-518-474-8390, Tweet the Governor:

@NYGovCuomo Email the Governor: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form> For more information concerning Jalil's case, check his website: [www.freejalil.com](http://www.freejalil.com) and <http://thejerichomovement.com/>

**Parole letters:** Jalil will have a parole hearing in September 2019. To write a letter in your own words in support of parole for Jalil, address to: Senior Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator, Sullivan Correctional Facility, 325 Riverside Drive, Fallsburg, New York 12733

**BUT SEND TO:**

Nora Carroll, The Parole Preparation Project, 168 Canal Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10013

The subject line should be "Anthony Bottom 77-A-4283"

We are making an effort to include letters of support for Jalil that are personalized and from people who are familiar with him and his work. If you want further instructions for how to write a strong, personalized letter of support, please email [carroll.nora@gmail.com](mailto:carroll.nora@gmail.com).

Also, please send a copy of your letter to Jalil for his files: Anthony Jalil Bottom #77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, NY 12733-0116.

**The Virgin Island 3 Brothers:** Report from Jericho Chair: The Virgin Island 3 Brothers have an opportunity to go to board for first time. They have submitted applications in the past, but it never made it to PB. The Parole Commissioner said they never got the parole applications. (???). Jihad and others got attorney to get the applications properly filed. We will do fundraising to get money for lawyer expenses. Paulette has been going to visit them regularly.

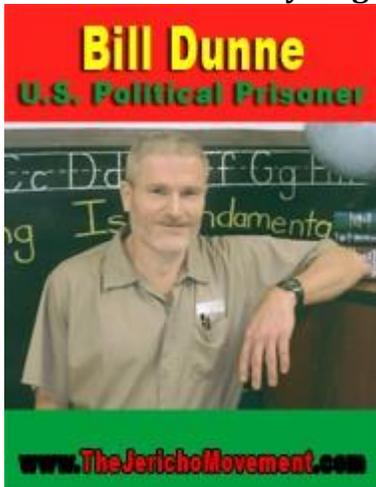
**Delbert Africa:** Delbert is going to the Parole Board in September for a PB Hearing

## Birthdays

**Please send a card!**

### August Birthdays

**Bill Dunne: Birthday-August 3<sup>rd</sup>**



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.

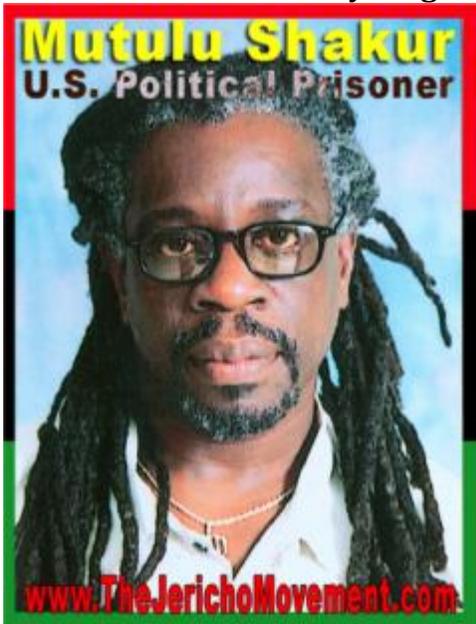
Bill also continues to stay active politically, helping edit and write 4Struggle Magazine, organizing the yearly Running Down the Walls 5K for political prisoners, and serves on the ABCF Prisoner Committee.

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mutulu Shakur 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.

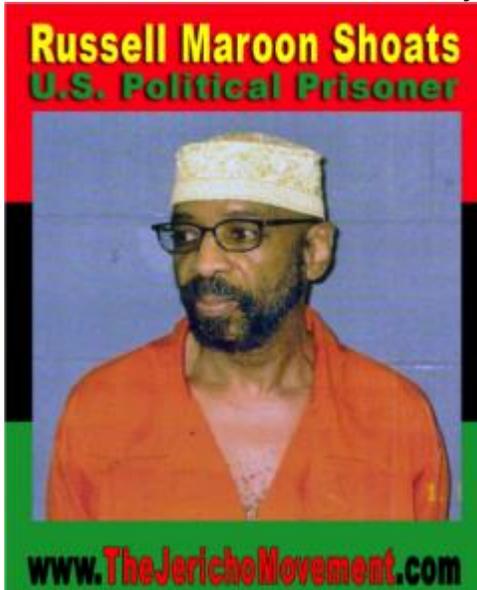
Through his political work, Dr. Shakur has been associated with the Committee to Defend Herman

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 / PADO/SCI Dallas

Russell Shoats AF3855, PO Box 33028, St. Petersburg, FL 33733

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>

## July Birthdays

Nina Droz Franco-Birthday July 30<sup>th</sup>



FCI Tallahassee

501 Capital Circle, NE, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

“Nina Alejandra Droz Franco was arrested by the Puerto Rico Police as she sat on the street to block a line of riot cops during the disturbances that followed the mass march that took place on May 1st, 2017. Later that day, ATF took over the investigation. On May 2, she was transferred to federal custody and charged with damaging or attempting to damage by means of fire a building engaged in activity affecting interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i). Specifically, she was accused of trying to set fire to the Banco Popular building in the “Golden Mile” area, which on May Day was the target of the rage of hundreds of protesters who smashed its glass windows and wrote on its walls.”

<https://www.prolibertad.org/nina-droz-franco>

**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/POW's (Past & Present) Art, Writings, Statements, Interviews

(Please Check Back Next Month)

## Community Calls for Action

### \*\*\*Delbert Africa: UPDATE: AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>-2019

“Delbert Africa was released from Geisinger Hospital back to SCI Dallas infirmary and he was allowed to make a phone call on Aug 8, the 41st anniversary of the 1981 police attack which resulted in the false charges and conviction of the MOVE 9.

On Aug 9, two carloads of MOVE supporters from Philadelphia and NJ, plus another carload from NYC, converged on Geisinger Hospital in Wilkes Barre, PA to support Delbert Africa. We were met by an unexpectedly welcoming staff who willingly gave us the medical forms we requested.

Meanwhile, two MOVE members were able to meet with Delbert for two hours at SCI Dallas. As reported in a Philadelphia Tribune interview below, “He’s weak. He’s got a lot of tubes hooked up to him and his legs are swollen because he’s having kidney issues.”

The carloads from Geisinger met up with the MOVE members at SCI Dallas before heading back to our respective cities. Cindy from Food Not Bombs - Solidarity provided a lunch.”

See photos of Aug 9 actions at Geisinger Hospital in Wilkes Barre and at SCI Dallas:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/109799466@N06/albums/72157710205253731>

Philadelphia Tribune article:

[https://www.phillytrib.com/news/local\\_news/move-expresses-growing-concerns-over-imprisoned-delbert-africa-s-health/article\\_08acae30-4b3b-5ee9-94bd-4131d1e6b827.html#utm\\_source=philly-trib.com&utm\\_campaign=%2Fnewsletters%2Fheadlines%2F%3Fasldfjasdf%26-dc%3D1565431220&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=headline](https://www.phillytrib.com/news/local_news/move-expresses-growing-concerns-over-imprisoned-delbert-africa-s-health/article_08acae30-4b3b-5ee9-94bd-4131d1e6b827.html#utm_source=philly-trib.com&utm_campaign=%2Fnewsletters%2Fheadlines%2F%3Fasldfjasdf%26-dc%3D1565431220&utm_medium=email&utm_content=headline) “

### Emergency Press Conference For Delbert Africa!



Philadelphia Student Union

501 S. 52nd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19143

Wednesday August 7, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/888018021582951/>

“We are still urging people to call Department of Corrections Secretary John Wetzel at 717-728 -2573 and demand that Delbert Orr Africa AM 4985 be able to immediately call his MOVE Family and Blood Related Daughter. The MOVE ORGANIZATION is holding this press conference to inform

people of the fact that Delbert Africa was taken out of SCI Dallas and transported to an outside hospital, where he has been held incommunicado for a period of 7 days. Delbert has not been allowed to call his MOVE Family or Blood Daughter. Prison officials and Hospital officials will not release any information on Delbert or his condition. We are highly suspicious of what's going on here. In 2015 our Brother Phil Africa was taken to an outside hospital from SCI Dallas with a minor stomach virus and held incommunicado for 5 days; upon returning was placed in hospice care and died the following day. In 1998 Merle Africa, after recovering from a stomach virus, was told by prison officials she was dying, only to die a few hours later. The same pattern is repeating itself here with Delbert scheduled to go before the Pa Parole Board this September. This government does not want to give ground and let another innocent MOVE Member out on parole, so they are working in conjunction with prison and hospital officials to murder Delbert. Orié Lumumba: We are going to go live tomorrow with the press conference. We are encouraging people to please put together watch parties tomorrow and share the press conference.”

**ONA MOVE- We want people to demand that Delbert Orr Africa Am4895 be allowed to call his MOVE Family and let them know what's going on.**

“The MOVE Organization would like to bring to people's attention a very dangerous situation that is currently occurring with our Brother Delbert Africa. For the past two weeks Delbert has been suffering from severe swelling from the bottom of his waist all the way down to his toes. For the past two weeks prison officials at SCI Dallas have ignored Delbert's request for medical until this past week when several calls were made to his counselor. A medical visit was finally scheduled for this past Wednesday 7/31/2019 where it was explained to Delbert that he has a fluid build up which required to be drained. Delbert was immediately taken to an outside hospital; as of today 8/3/2019 we still do not know where Delbert is. For several days now Delbert has been kept incommunicado from calling his MOVE Family, His Blood Daughter, and even his lawyer. Prison officials and also hospital officials will not give any one information pertaining to where Delbert is at.

Something very suspicious is happening here and it appears the same pattern that occurred with Phil Africa in 2015 where a simple stomach virus turned to a weeklong trip to the outside hospital held incommunicado from family and friends to return back to the prison and be placed in hospice care and to only die a day later. In 1998 Merle Africa who had a stomach virus was forced in her cell and told she was dying only to die a couple of hours later.

This system has no issue with murdering MOVE people and that's what they are trying to do with Delbert now. They have already given ground by letting innocent MOVE people out on parole and they do not want to do this with Delbert. As we said before, this system has always seen Delbert as the leader and isolated him and this latest tactic is no different. Delbert is set to go before the board this September after winning his appeal; now this happens.

As of now, we have heard that it has been stated based on the medical report given from Outside medical they are stating that Delbert has Anemia, High Potassium, High Psa's, Acute malignancy of lower intestines, Kidney Trouble, and Suspicion of prostate cancer. The only thing that Delbert has agreed to with any treatment or exams is the submission of a catheter to be used.

Delbert has requested a phone call to his MOVE Family, which neither the prison nor the hospital will allow. We are highly suspicious that this prison has done something to Delbert to bring on these symptoms so quickly. They could not kill Delbert August 8th after the brutal beating they gave him and now they want to finish the job before he can come home on parole.

These officials are so arrogant; this is the same way they murdered Phil Africa and Merle Africa .

As we have stated before, they have isolated our Brother so they can kill him. They won't let anyone speak to him. This is very dangerous!!! We need people now to call

SCI Dallas Superintendent Kevin Ransom 570 675-1101

Geisenger Hospital 570 808-7300

We want people to demand that Delbert Orr Africa Am4895 be allowed to call his MOVE Family and let them know what's going on. Even Though it's the weekend we are still asking people to call and Monday we are going full blast .

The MOVE Organization People can reach: Sue Africa 215 387-4107, Carlos Africa 215 385-2772, Janine Africa 610 704 4524”

**Jalil Muntaqim: Call to Action:** “We request that people do the following for Jalil throughout the month of August: (also see Call to Action section) we are requesting that Friends and Supporters call, tweet, email and write NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s office and appeal to him to grant Jalil’s Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served. We also request that the August Initiative be widely posted on social media platforms, encouraging freedom loving people around the world to join in this initiative. Since this will be ongoing throughout the month of August, we propose that people tweet and/or email Governor Cuomo every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and call and write the Governor every Tuesday and Thursday. Communications to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s office must refer to Jalil as: ANTHONY JALIL BOTTOM, 77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, New York 12733-0115. Write the Governor: The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, Executive Chamber State Capital Building, Albany, New York 12224 Call the Governor: 1-518-474-8390, Tweet the Governor: @NYGovCuomo Email the Governor: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form> For more information concerning Jalil’s case, check his website: [www.freejalil.com](http://www.freejalil.com) and <http://thejerichomovement.com/>

Parole letters: Jalil will have a parole hearing in September 2019. To write a letter in your own words in support of parole for Jalil, address to: Senior Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator, Sullivan Correctional Facility, 325 Riverside Drive, Fallsburg, New York 12733

BUT SEND TO:

Nora Carroll, The Parole Preparation Project, 168 Canal Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10013  
The subject line should be "Anthony Bottom 77-A-4283"

We are making an effort to include letters of support for Jalil that are personalized and from people who are familiar with him and his work. If you want further instructions for how to write a strong, personalized letter of support, please email [carroll.nora@gmail.com](mailto:carroll.nora@gmail.com).

Also, please send a copy of your letter to Jalil for his files: Anthony Jalil Bottom #77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, NY 12733-0116

**Chuck Africa:** Sign Petition & Support Parole for Chuck Africa Political Prisoner

"Charles Sims Africa #AM 4975 has been in prison since age 18. He is now 59 years old and a recovering cancer patient. He has been eligible for parole since 2008 but continually denied because of his political views. Charles has 8 codefendants. Two has died in prison, four has been released from prison onto parole. Chuck’s sister Debbie Sims Africa is one of the four codefendants released onto parole. Since coming home from prison, Debbie is thriving. Our community of support has supported Debbie to excel and we are committed to do the same for Chuck so that he can excel as well."

Click Link & Sign [https://www.change.org/p/pennsylvania-governor-support-chuck-africa-for-parole?source\\_location=petitions\\_browse](https://www.change.org/p/pennsylvania-governor-support-chuck-africa-for-parole?source_location=petitions_browse)

**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.

## Join a Car Caravan to Deliver Mumia Petitions to PA Department of Corrections

### It's time to deliver Mumia Petitions to the PA Dept of Corrections



### Car Caravan leaves 31<sup>st</sup> & JFK Blvd at 8 am, Wednesday, July 24

Join a car caravan to deliver thousands of signed "ACT NOW TO SAVE MUMIA'S EYESIGHT AND TO DEMAND HIS RELEASE!" petitions to the Department of Corrections in Mechanicsburg, PA on Wed., July 24.

Mumia's vision has rapidly deteriorated. It has been confirmed that Mumia currently suffers conditions that seriously threaten his eyesight. These include glaucoma, a vitreous detachment and cataracts in both eyes. This threat seriously jeopardizes his life and well-being, as well as his journalistic profession.

An outside eye doctor is recommending surgical procedures to remove the cataracts on both eyes, but months of delays echo the years of delays Mumia experienced getting treatment for hepatitis C. By the time the DOC was finally forced by Federal Court to treat Mumia with the Hep C cure, it was too late to prevent cirrhosis of the liver.

Mumia is not alone in enduring these cruel and unusual assaults on the health of those ageing and ill behind prison walls. According to Bureau of Justice statistics, over 130,000 of U.S. prisoners are elderly, a 400% increase between 1993 and 2013. Mumia himself has noted the significant number of those confined at his own prison who suffer similar life-threatening illnesses that require immediate attention. Across the nation elderly prisoners experience a torturous journey toward the end of their lives without any "compassionate release." Once again, as we fight for Mumia's right to treatment and for his release, we fight for the freedom of all the imprisoned from mass incarceration's cruel and unusual conditions.

Mumia Abu-Jamal should receive cataract surgery immediately!

Mumia should be released now not only because he can receive better healthcare outside of prison but also because he is an innocent man!

You can sign the petition at: [shorturl.at/divA9](http://shorturl.at/divA9)

If you can join in the caravan or provide a vehicle, leave a message at [mobilization4mumia@gmail.com](mailto:mobilization4mumia@gmail.com).

"Wednesday JULY 24 at 8AM-Caravan leaves from 31 & JFK Blvd (across from Mega Bus) in Philadelphia. We will be delivering thousands of signed "Act now to save Mumia's eyesight and to demand his release" petitions to the Department of Corrections in Mechanicsburg, PA  
Sign the petition at: [shorturl.at/divA9](http://shorturl.at/divA9) For information contact [Mobilization4Mumia@gmail.com](mailto:Mobilization4Mumia@gmail.com)"

7/27 Puerto Rico and Cuba events!

**FREE THE PUERTO RICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS!**

**SOUTH BRONX FREEDOM MARCH!  
JOIN US AS WE DENOUNCE 121 YEARS OF U.S.  
COLONIALISM!**



**In the Spirit of Lolita Lebron in her Centennial, we march for Puerto Rican Independence and for the Freedom of the Puerto Rican Political Prisoners!**

This July 25th, 2019, will be the 121st anniversary of the U.S. Invasion of Puerto Rico! Join The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign as we march through the South Bronx, the heart of the Puerto Rican community in NYC, raising consciousness and educating our community! **BRING YOUR FLAGS, PLACARDS, POSTERS, BANNERS, NOISE-MAKERS, AND PANDERETAS!**

**Saturday, July 27th, 2019 @ 1pm-2:30 pm**

**Meet us at E.149th St. and Grand Concourse in front of  
Hostos Community College**

**We will be marching to St. Mary's Park!**



**The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign**

For more information contact us at [ProLibertad@Hotmail.com](mailto:ProLibertad@Hotmail.com) or 718-601-4751.  
Website: [www.ProLibertad.org](http://www.ProLibertad.org) Facebook: [Facebook.com/ProLibertadFC](https://www.facebook.com/ProLibertadFC)  
Twitter: [@ProLibertad](https://twitter.com/ProLibertad) Instagram: [@ProLibertadFC](https://www.instagram.com/ProLibertadFC)

# 66th

## Anniversary of the assault on Moncada

### The event that launched *the Cuban Revolution*

CELEBRATE THE ORIGINS OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION ON THE  
60th ANNIVERSARY OF ITS TRIUMPH ON JANUARY 1, 1959!

Hear: Representative, Cuban Mission to the United Nations  
· *Bob Cuild* – Updates on your right to travel to Cuba  
· *Gail Walker* – Director, IFCO/PASTORS FOR PEACE, just returned  
IFCO Caravan to Cuba  
· **VENCEREMOS BRIGADE**

**Date: SATURDAY, JULY 27**

131 West 33rd Street, Manhattan, second floor  
(between 7th and 6th Avenues in Manhattan, near Penn Station)

*Music*

*Reception 6:00 to 7:00 PM with food and refreshments  
Program 7:00 to 9:00 PM*

Sponsored by New York-New Jersey Cuba Si Coalition  
Join [cubasi@googlegroups.com](mailto:cubasi@googlegroups.com)

Suggested Donation \$10.00 (No One Turned Away For Lack Of Funds)

**For More Information and Flyers (917) 887-8710**

websites: [www.july26coalition.org](http://www.july26coalition.org) | [www.unacuba.org](http://www.unacuba.org) | email: [info@july26coalition.org](mailto:info@july26coalition.org)

Thursday July 25th, 2019 is the 121st anniversary of the U.S. invasion and colonization of Puerto Rico! Denounce this atrocious act! BRING THE MOVEMENT BACK TO THE COMMUNITY! Demand the release of our Political Prisoners! DEMAND ROSSELLO RESIGN! Bring your rage to our streets! #freeninadroz #rickyrenuncia #freepuertorico #anabelenesnuestra

### **Sign Petition: Ramsey Orta**

As you hear people screaming “Fire Officer Pantaleo” remember this is an officer that murdered a man on camera. Let’s not celebrate that 5 years later this officer has been “suspended”. And let’s not forget that the person who showed the world what really happened sits in solitary confinement in a New York

State Prison. Justice was NOT served. They have actually shown us how little they are willing to do. A man was murdered, and another man is sitting in a prison cell because he had the courage to do something. What are we going to do? 5 years after Eric Garner and Mike Brown what has really changed? Nothing. And it never will until we come together and really do something about it. All hands on deck! Don't follow your leaders! Follow your heart! We can live in a world where police are obsolete. But we gotta be looking out for each other. There are a million Eric Garner and Ramsey Orta, and we need to be supporting ALL of them. Ramsey's parole hearing is coming up over the next ten days. Please keep him in your prayers. If you haven't. Sign this petition to Free Ramsey Orta. We will be sending it to the judge within the next few days so please share on your social media accounts as well! <https://sites.google.com/view/free-ramsey-orta/home>  
You can also write to Ramsey at Ramsey Orta 16A4200 Collins Correctional Facility Middle Road p.o box 340 Collins NY 14034

## **Community News, Articles and Updates**

### **What's Really in the First Step Act?**

"3,100 federal prisoners take first steps of freedom. The Justice Department also announced Friday that it was directing \$75 million from the Bureau of Prisons to continue to implement the First Step Act. THE NEW YORK TIMES About 1,100 inmates already have been released since the law took effect last year. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL About 900 of those slated for federal release may be subject to new detention by local officials or immigration agents. NPR TMP Context: What's really in the First Step Act?" For full article see <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2018/11/16/what-s-really-in-the-first-step-act?>

### **NLG Releases Report Documenting Human Rights Violations of Asylum Seekers at the Southern Border**

"NEW YORK—The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) has released the report, Stranded: Forced Migration, Illegal Barriers to Asylum, and the Humanitarian Crisis in Tijuana, documenting human rights abuses of migrants observed during a March 2019 NLG International Committee fact-finding delegation. The team traveled to Tijuana, Mexico, and San Diego, California with the aim of investigating and illuminating the injustices and human rights violations confronting asylum-seekers and their advocates in Tijuana. Read the full report below or download the PDF here <https://www.nlg.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/NLG-Tijuana-Report-FINAL.pdf>

### **Author asks Don Kleine, Gov. Ricketts to reopen probe of 1970 bombing that killed Omaha officer**

"LINCOLN — The author of a recently released book on the booby-trap bomb murder of an Omaha police officer in 1970 says the real killer or killers have escaped justice.

Michael Richardson, who spent more than a decade digging through FBI and police records for his book, recently asked Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine and Gov. Pete Ricketts to reopen an investigation into the slaying of Police Officer Larry Minard.

Richardson, an Omaha native who covered part of the 1971 trial that convicted David Rice and Ed Poindexter of the murder, said he's convinced by his review of the case and records not previously released that the pair was framed because they were black militants at a time when racial tensions were ripping apart the nation, as well as Omaha." For full article see

<https://www.omaha.com/news/metro/author-asks-don-kleine-gov-ricketts-to-reopen-probe->

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### **Solitary Confinement Caused “Complete Mental and Physical Collapse” of Man in Virginia Prison, Lawsuit Contends** by Joshua Manson

“A potentially far-reaching federal lawsuit filed last week claims that a vulnerable young man was so ravaged by his 600 days in solitary confinement at Virginia’s notorious Red Onion prison that he lost the ability to speak coherently, recognize his own mother, or understand who or where he was. The suit names as defendants not only the state corrections department and prison wardens, but also the mental health care professionals who were aware of his deterioration and allowed the torment to continue. The lawsuit was filed on July 11 in federal district court in Richmond by the MacArthur Justice Center, on behalf of Tyquine Lee. Now 26, Lee has suffered from psychological and cognitive disabilities since he was a child. He has been classified by the government as “disabled” since age eight, and by age ten he had been hospitalized four times for “behavior associated with his mental illness.” For full article see <https://solitarywatch.org/2019/07/15/solitary-confinement-caused-complete-mental-and-physical-collapse-of-man-in-virginia-prison-lawsuit-contends/>

**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!  
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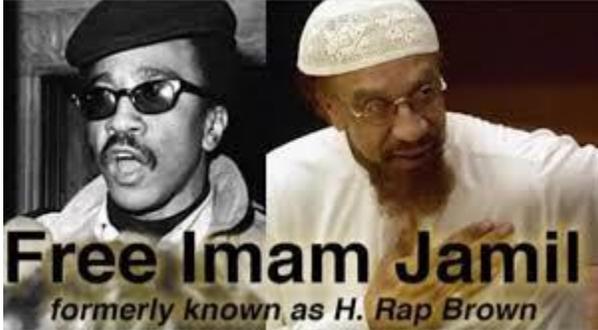
### **MXCC WANTS YOU TO HOLD AUGUST 24TH**

“The Malcolm X Commemoration Committee wants everyone to hold Saturday, August 24th for our Annual Dinner Tribute to Our Political Prisoners! Details coming soon!... For more information about the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee and to make bus reservations for the pilgrimage, please call 718 512 5008 or email us [mxcc519@verizon.net](mailto:mxcc519@verizon.net)... ‘Like’ us on Facebook. Interested in donating to the work of the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee, especially to our Political Prisoner support work, you may contribute through PayPal at [www.paypal.com/me.pnows...](http://www.paypal.com/me.pnows...)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO BLACK AUGUST SUMMIT 2019.** Sat, August 17, 2019 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
Maryland Church of God in Christ, 5100 Denmore Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215

“This year’s Black August East Coast event to be held in Baltimore Maryland will be a Summit free and open to the community. 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 will address the important issues of our 400 year presence here by hearing expert testimony about the Prison Movement, Political Prisoners, our Youth and Reparations. We will hear from speakers, scholars, activist and revolutionaries Dr. Ray Winbush, Dr. Jared Ball, Chairman **Jihad Abdul Mumit**, Ifatunmise Chi 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/e/black-august-summit-2019-tickets-65284933995?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=esfb&utm-source=fb&utm-term=list-ing&fbclid=IwAR02XaYXwiYwIIMTsdxktTNgixSoNo\\_ICSRqctgjbvRnWCN-ek10ecD4v44](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-august-summit-2019-tickets-65284933995?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=esfb&utm-source=fb&utm-term=list-ing&fbclid=IwAR02XaYXwiYwIIMTsdxktTNgixSoNo_ICSRqctgjbvRnWCN-ek10ecD4v44)

**Court rules against militant formerly known as H. Rap Brown** by Kate Brumback, AP — Jul 31, 2019



“A prosecutor violated the constitutional rights of the 1960s black militant formerly known as H. Rap Brown during his trial for the killing of a sheriff’s deputy, but it’s unlikely that substantially affected the verdict, a federal appeals court found. The finding came Wednesday in the case of the man now known as Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, who gained prominence more than 50 years ago as a Black Panthers leader who famously said, “Violence is as American as cherry pie.” He later converted to Islam, changed his name and was living in Atlanta as an imam in March 2000 when authorities say he shot two sheriff’s deputies, killing one. Al-Amin alleges that a prosecutor at his trial violated his constitutional rights and the court failed to take adequate steps to fix that violation. A federal judge rejected his challenge and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed that ruling.” For full article see [https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/court-rules-militant-rap-brown-64679973?fbclid=IwAR2jO-3VcRxygXTQ34RhrOkxNgyCtT7MlhafG99u\\_pBuGTX0o\\_zgAOLFcdg](https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/court-rules-militant-rap-brown-64679973?fbclid=IwAR2jO-3VcRxygXTQ34RhrOkxNgyCtT7MlhafG99u_pBuGTX0o_zgAOLFcdg)

**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."

**Comrade Malik invites Black activists and Freedom Fighters from under every banner: On Aug. 18, make your way to Terre Haute, Indiana!**

"Kwame “Beans” Shakur is a revolutionary scholar, activist and New Afrikan Liberation Collective Cadre member. He is teaming up with a progressive pastor from Terre Haute, Indiana, as well as some dedicated community activists, in order to organize the First Annual REBUILD: New Afrikan People’s Assembly Conference. This will be held at the Booker T. Washington Community Center on Aug. 18, 2019, in beautiful Terre Haute, Indiana. The main topic of the People’s Assembly Conference is REBUILDING!" "For full article see <https://sfbayview.com/2019/06/comrade-malik-invites-black-activists-and-freedom-fighters-from-under-every-banner-on-aug-18-make-your-way-to-terre-haute-indiana%ef%bb%bf/>

### **Legal Defense Outreach Program- life-saving humanitarian work along the southern border**

“Thank you so much for your support of our son, Dr. Scott Warren, as he continues to face criminal charges for his life-saving humanitarian work along the southern border. We are bewildered and dismayed that the government has decided to pursue prosecution of this case for a second time. Your support and solidarity mean the world to us and to Scott as we continue to undergo this ordeal and to fight for a world in which everyone can act on principles of basic human decency without worrying that it will land them in jail. The bulk of Scott's support campaign has been run by one of the organizations he works with, No More Deaths. We wanted to take a second and let No More Deaths share directly with you an opportunity to help in the lead-up to the re-trial this fall

In November, our friend and comrade Dr. Scott Warren will face trial for a second time on two counts of felony harboring for offering food, water, clean clothes and beds to two men from Central America. This re-trial is a blatant attempt to intimidate people everywhere who believe care and compassion should not be criminalized. In this time of heightened government repression of humanitarian aid, outreach efforts are a crucial part of defending Dr. Warren and No More Deaths against further attack. To that end, No More Deaths is hosting a short-term volunteer program in support of our legal defense campaign. From September to November 2019, we welcome volunteers from around the world for two weeks or longer to come support our community outreach efforts in southern Arizona”

Sign Up here <http://forms.nomoredeaths.org/outreach-volunteer-program/>

**COLEMAN ON LOCKDOWN!** Awaiting further Developments...

### **Cyntoia Brown, sentenced to life at 16, released from prison on August 7<sup>th</sup> 2019**

“She was released from the Tennessee Prison for Women in northwest Nashville around 3:30 a.m. CT, her attorneys confirmed. Brown, who was institutionalized for nearly half her life, is free after serving 15 years of a life sentence for the 2004 murder of a Nashville real estate agent. She will be on parole for 10 years.” For full article see <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/08/07/cyntoia-brown-released-nashville-prison-after-serving-15-years/1941329001/>

### **UPCOMING EVENT AT BURNING BOOKS, BUFFALO, NY**

The Buffalo Committee Against State Repression presents Black August  
7pm, Wednesday, August 21, 2019  
Burning Books, 420 Connecticut Street, Buffalo

### **Spotlight: Kevin Cooper’s case exemplifies decades of systemic failures** July 19, 2019 by Sarah Lustbader

“Kevin Cooper’s name has been in the papers in recent weeks, as it has been on and off for 35 years. This time, it was because Kim Kardashian visited him in prison, part of her advocacy for those she believes were wrongly convicted.

Cooper was sentenced to death for the hacking murders of Douglas and Peggy Ryen, their 10-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old neighbor. The Ryens’ 8-year-old son, Josh, survived his throat being slashed.

A reality show star is among Cooper’s best hopes for exoneration, and the media is generally focusing not on the case, but on backlash against her. These are only the two most recent examples of how Cooper’s case exemplifies so much that is wrong with our system. Since his 1983 arrest, Cooper’s treatment has exposed one systemic failure after another.” For full article see <https://sfbayview.com/2019/07/spotlight-kevin-coopers-case-exemplifies-decades-of-systemic-failures/>

## **THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFERED FOUR ARGUMENTS FOR REINSTATING THE DEATH PENALTY. THEY ALL FAIL**

“The federal government offered four arguments for reinstating the death penalty. They all fail. Yesterday, Attorney General William Barr announced that the federal government would begin executing people for the first time since 2003. He seemed to justify this decision in four ways: first, the death penalty is what the American people want, second, these people have committed acts so heinous that no one should care if they live or die, third, the system is fair and accurate, and fourth, killing prisoners will bring peace to victims. “Congress has expressly authorized the death penalty through legislation adopted by the people’s representatives in both houses of Congress and signed by the president,” Attorney General Barr said. “Under administrations of both parties, the Department of Justice has sought the death penalty against the worst criminals, including these five murderers, each of whom was convicted by a jury of his peers after a full and fair proceeding. The Justice Department upholds the rule of law—and we owe it to the victims and their families to carry forward the sentence imposed by our justice system.”

All of these arguments fail.” <https://theappeal.org/the-federal-government-offered-four-arguments-for-reinstating-the-death-penalty-they-all-fail/>

## **Philadelphia Running Down the Walls 2019**

Public-Hosted by Philly ABC and The MOVE Organization

“Participants must register at: <https://phillyabc.wordpress.com/rdtw/>

Philadelphia Anarchist Black Cross presents our second annual Running Down The Walls (RDTW)! Join us for another revolutionary 5K run/walk/bike/skate and day of solidarity. If you would like to participate in light yoga and warm-up stretches before, please arrive by 10am and bring a mat if you can.”

**“Join us to hear from Janna Jihad Tamimi, 13 year-old Palestinian activist, one of the youngest accredited journalists in the world - and Ambassador of Shamsaan, a South African children’s rights organization.”**

عالم بدون جدران  
**WORLD WITHOUT WALLS**  
**MUNDO SIN FRONTERAS**

Thursday, August 1st  
Greenlining Institute  
360 14th Street, Oakland  
6:30 - 9pm

**JANNA JIHAD**  
13 year-old Palestinian  
activist and journalist.  
Will speak in Oakland  
during her tour of the U.S.

FROM PALESTINE  
TO MEXICO  
ALL THE WALLS  
HAVE TO GO

“Janna will be joining us as part of her month-long speaking tour of the United States.”

## **MOVE supporters rally in New York City to free all political prisoners July 25, 2019**

“Supporters filled the first floor of the People’s Forum in Manhattan on July 19 to welcome Janet and Janine Africa, two members of the MOVE Organization who were released from prison this summer after nearly 40 years behind bars. The two shared harrowing accounts of their decades as political prisoners as well as strategies for resisting the racist, sexist capitalist system, and praised the spirit of MOVE Organization founder John Africa” For full article see <https://www.workers.org/2019/07/25/move-supporters-rally-in-new-york-city-to-free-all-political-prisoners/>

## **Prosecutor Don Kleine refuses to reopen 1971 case of Black Panther leader Edward Poindexter by richardsonreports**

“Edward Poindexter will not get another day in court if Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine has his way. Kleine was recently asked to reopen the 1971 conviction of Poindexter for the murder of Patrolman Larry Minard by the author of FRAMED: J. Edgar Hoover, COINTELPRO & the Omaha Two story. The book details as never before the inside story of the murder investigation manipulated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to obtain a conviction of Black Panther leader Poindexter and co-defendant David Rice, later Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa.” For full article see <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/07/31/prosecutor-don-kleine-refuses-to-reopen-1971-case-of-black-panther-leader-edward-poindexter/>

## **The Warden Tried to Cover Up a Crisis at His Freezing Brooklyn Jail — Then He Got Promoted**

“It’s been five months since a crisis of freezing and inhumane conditions at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York, when a power failure brought darkness to a detention center already inundated by the January cold. The Bureau of Prisons and the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Justice both pledged to investigate conditions at the federal jail but have yet to release their reports.” For full article see <https://portside.org/2019-07-27/warden-tried-cover-crisis-his-freezing-brooklyn-jail-then-he-got-promoted>

## **California’s Elected Sheriffs Are Accountable to No One And That’s a Problem**

“The county sheriff is the problem child among California elected officials. No office is less accountable, or more reliable in producing scandal.

Once elected, sheriffs in all 58 counties have power over jails and policing, and act pretty much as they please. When sheriffs do wrong, there is little that Californians can do to stop them. Under our state’s structure, a sheriff in California can’t really be fired. And those most liable to complain about a sheriff—inmates and those accused of crimes—have trouble gaining the public’s ear, let alone its sympathy.” Please see full article here <https://portside.org/2019-07-27/californias-elected-sheriffs-are-accountable-no-one-and-thats-problem>

## **GOV. CUOMO’S CLEMENCY OUT OF GRASP FOR MANY BEHIND BARS**

“[Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s clemency program is leaving prisoners and their attorneys so frustrated at what they call slow progress that some law firms are reluctant to tackle new cases.

State prisoners have submitted at least 6,489 applications for reduced sentences since 2016 after the governor announced a more merciful approach to dealing with requests, records obtained through a Freedom of Information Law filing show. The overwhelming majority of inmates, many of them serving life terms, made just a single application. Cuomo has so far granted 18 commutations,

shortening sentences to either provide for incarcerated people's release or to make them eligible for parole hearings. In the most prominent case, Cuomo visited Brinks robbery driver Judith Clark at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility before granting her application in late 2016." For full article see [https://thecity.nyc/2019/08/gov-cuomos-clemency-out-of-grasp-for-many-prisoners-in-nys.html?utm\\_campaign=mailchimp&utm\\_source=daily&utm\\_medium=newsletter](https://thecity.nyc/2019/08/gov-cuomos-clemency-out-of-grasp-for-many-prisoners-in-nys.html?utm_campaign=mailchimp&utm_source=daily&utm_medium=newsletter)

### **RAPP UPCOMING EVENTS**

“WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2019, 6:00-8:15 pm • NY RAPP Coalition meeting • 168 Canal St., 6th Fl, NY NY 10013 • pizza & discussion • all welcome! Please share the attached flyer with your networks.  
WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2019 • 7:00 pm • A special St. Maximilian Day Mass honoring elders behind bars • St. Patrick's Cathedral Lady Chapel, Fifth Avenue at 51st St., Manhattan  
WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2019, NYC • SAVE THE EVENING for a panel on ending life imprisonment • Marc Mauer and Ashley Nellis, authors of “The Meaning of Life: The Case for Abolishing Life Sentences,” will speak along Jose Saldana of RAPP and Saleem Holbrook of Pennsylvania's Campaign Against Death by Incarceration (CADBI) and the Abolitionist Law Center. Both are formerly incarcerated long-termers working to end life imprisonment. • details of place and time coming soon”

### **Israeli Authorities Summon 3-Year Old Child for Interrogation**



Picture Retrieved from <https://israelpalestineneews.org/israeli-authorities-summon-3-year-old-child-for-interrogation/>

“During an invasion of the East Jerusalem neighborhood of al-‘Isawiya Monday night, Israeli forces stormed the home of 3-year old Mohammad Rabi ‘Alian, and handed a summons to his parents for him to appear the following day for interrogation about possible stone throwing. In the latest violation of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, Israeli authorities on Monday issued a summons for a 3-year-old child to be brought to the Jerusalem police station for interrogation.

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**Never Again: What about the Palestinians?** by Kim Petersen / July 22nd, 2019. Dissident Vvoice. “concentration camp: a guarded compound for the detention or imprisonment of aliens, members of ethnic minorities, political opponents, etc., especially any of the camps established by the Nazis prior to and during World War II for the confinement and persecution of prisoners.” “The people seeking a new life in the United States are mainly an ethnic group commonly referred to as Latinos. Many of these migrants/asylum seekers are being fenced in detention centers with decidedly spartan conditions. Ergo, the affixation of the term concentration camp to the ICE detention centers seems unassailable according to dictionary definition. As to why Dictionary.com would inexplicably state “especially” Nazi camps is puzzling given that the Brits set up concentration camps during the Boer War at the end of the 19th century and the United States broke treaties and interred Indigenous peoples. In fact, many countries, Canada included, operated concentration camps contemporaneously with or prior to Nazi Germany.” For full article see <https://dissidentvoice.org/2019/07/never-again-what-about-the-palestinians/>

### **Galveston Police officer on horse pulls a black man on a leash**

“The Trump Effect visits Galveston Texas. I got a Facebook message that said a kid took a picture of a black man that was being pulled by an officer on a horse with a leash. It does not matter if the black man in the photograph is a criminal -- he was a trespasser. The depiction of his interface with police officers is unforgivable and deserving of much more than a simple reprimand. These officers should be fired. I called the Galveston Police Department and after awaiting a callback for some time, they sent me a press release. Among some of the gibberish they sent me in the press release, they claim the rope was not a leash. Of course, it was a rope connected to his handcuffs — effectively a leash. Even the terrorist who killed 22 people in El Paso was escorted to the police car humanely.” For full article see <https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/8/5/1877039/-Galveston-Police-officer-on-horse-pulls-a-black-man-on-a-leash?detail=emaildkre>

**24th Annual Dinner Tribute to Our Political Prisoners and Their Families  
Malcolm X Commemoration Committee and the National Black Panther Party Alumni  
Association present 24th Annual Dinner Tribute to ‘Our Political Prisoners And Their Families’  
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. The gathering will also feature performances by legendary elder poet and instrumentalist Ngoma, Apollo Theatre poetry legend Regtuinah and Panther cub Ksisay 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 with Delbert Africa in the throes of a life-threatening emergency. Press officer Zayid Muhammad will be in Pennsylvania this week at an emergency rally for Delbert Africa. "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. Tickets for the Tribute are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. They can be gotten in advance through PayPal by using the link [www.PayPal.me/PPOWs](http://www.PayPal.me/PPOWs), or by sending a check or money order payable to The Malcolm X Commemoration Committee, P.O. Box 380-122, Brooklyn, NY 11238. For more information, please call 973 202 0745"

## 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" met in NYC on July 20<sup>th</sup>. There was not a meeting in August. For September's meeting, please contact: [nycjericho@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Please consider signing up to be a being a Monthly Sustainer!  
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