

The Dragons Fire



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

Ho Chi Minh

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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 Prisoners/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.

“Now the torch bearers who articulated the logic of struggle against the oppressor nation have either been confined in prison cells for a long time or have a comfortable job. This is no indictment against the movement itself, because just as rapidly as it declined, it can experience a great resurgence given the right opportunities. However, we must make great strides, reorganizing ourselves to embrace the difficulties we face. I have no solutions but I will say this: There are some great political minds contained in America’s prisons, which are growing old as their era of life departs, this resource needs to be tapped before it expires. Do not abandon the political prisoners and POWs, they are still insightful with their knowledge and experience.”

Kojo Bomani Sababu

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 with and assist 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 occur during the month nationwide.

We are currently focusing on the campaign “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela”, raising funds to support our PP’s financially, and addressing health and legal issues. We are actively involved in the Covid-19 prison crisis and are attending numerous online meetings, calls to action, as well as strategizing on gaining the release of our Political Prisoners. In addition to our new PA Chapter, we are happy to announce our new NC Jericho Chapter!

Jericho Highlights and Tributes

MOVE's Minister of Defense Delbert Africa moved on Monday Night, June 15th

“On the Move! MOVE's Minister of Defense Delbert Africa moved on Monday night, June 15th, at home surrounded by his MOVE family. We'll give more information later!

ON THE MOVE!

From the Philly Inquirer: “He will be remembered as a freedom fighter, an activist. An uncompromising, revolutionary, freedom fighter who fought for the lives of all,” Pam Africa said. “When he came out, that’s how he came out. As strong as he was, mentally.”

We stand united with the MOVE family at this time of sadness and loss.”



Minister of Defense Delbert Africa

Chairman's Corner



In Honor and Memory of Brother Delbert Africa 1946 - 2020

The National Jericho Movement and all its Chapters and Affiliates send its condolences and respect to our MOVE family, friends, and comrades of Comrade Delbert Africa.

We celebrated the release of Delbert in January of this year only to be saddened by his passing from preventable cancer six months later. The 1978 iconic symbol of resistance where Delbert stood before police storm troopers at Powelton Village has emboldened revolutionaries and activists to this day.

And now his passing will do the same.



Delbert, please know that through your life we have drawn strength, mustered courage, and drilled down on our determination to free all Political Prisoners!!!

Loved, missed, and never to be forgotten!

Delbert Africa, one of the MOVE 9, died on Monday, June 15, 2020.

He was 74.



Delbert Africa and his daughter, Yvonne Orr-El, speak during a press conference after he was released from prison — Tribune Photo/Abdul R. Sulayman

Jihad Abdulmumit
National Jericho

Covid19, Protests, locked away....Our People are in Need

Revolutionary Greetings: Comrades, Sisters, Brothers, Friends, and Supporters:

We are living in trying and unique times. With the ongoing Covid19 pandemic and the righteous uprising of people in the streets who are tired of Black and Brown people being murdered by cops and other white supremacist ilk, we can only hope that “a change is gonna come”. Hopefully, when all is said and done it will be a change that shakes down and destroys the foundations and shutters of the fascist, racist, oppressive systemic structure that has been the status quo since the inception of the country.

As dismantling power structures can be like fighting a war, we are already seeing young people arrested for protesting in the George Floyd uprisings. Some are getting threatened with 45 years. No doubt, we may see a temporary surge in new Political Prisoners as The People seek to topple unjust and criminal elements which have been destroying so many lives.

Due to Covid19, we are also seeing higher infection rates and deaths in the Black community compared

to white populations. This only further illustrates the inequitable distribution of quality health care, food deserts, and a racist health care system. Thus far, three of our Political Prisoners have had Covid19 and are recovering. It is a dangerous situation for our people on the inside as they are not able to social distance or keep safe in prison conditions. Covid19 is rampant in the prison system.

We are also experiencing an increasing loss of freedoms, employment, and of course socialization.

While we seek to protect each other and ourselves in this pandemic, mental health issues, inability to obtain foods, medicines, pay rent and bills--all spell disaster.

It is imperative that during this time Jericho is able to respond to our Political Prisoners' needs as well as their families, the community, and those who are being arrested for protesting and calling upon us for help. Healthy food packages have been especially important, as are funds for our newly released Political Prisoners, as well as those who are arrested due to the protests and are currently fighting for their freedom. Our Political Prisoners families are also more in need now and we hope to fill in that gap.

Please consider Jericho as you contemplate where your donations will go. We are struggling daily to ensure our people have the resources they need to make it through these turbulent and uncertain times.

Jericho uniquely:

1. Actively maintains direct connection with each political prisoner by visiting and writing them;
2. Provides financial assistance to them and their families as needed;
3. Advocates for their increasing medical needs, particularly as everyone gets older;
4. Works on amnesty campaigns – legal and political;
5. Educates people and communities across the United States with the strategic objective of building a mass movement to free all political prisoners, stop political incarcerations, end mass incarceration, and close down special housing and isolation units;
6. Builds working alliances and coalitions with other like-minded people and organizations;
7. Establishes open communication with political prisoners so that they have a direct say in the direction of the organization.

Your financial support at this time is needed for Jericho's continued work and effectiveness in these trying times of a pandemic and righteous uprisings for freedom and justice. We thank you in advance for your kind donation (see last page of newsletter for ways to donate, thank you!)

Free all Political Prisoners!

In Struggle and Gratitude,

Jihad Abdulmumit, National Jericho Movement Chair

Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

Medical Updates

Jeremy Hammond: “Jeremy has been moved. He is currently at Tallahatchie County Correctional and will likely be there another week, under quarantine, so please hold mail to him until further notice.”

Jalil Muntaqim: We will keep people informed as to what is happening with our brother Jalil. If you have not yet signed the community letter in support of Jalil's release, you can do so at the following link:https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/e/1FAIpQLSfx2CRPV1KMqGJkekATCese8Wlz_UQPxZl6pwh7IWEo-2Mlw/formResponse

Please take the time to write a letter to Jalil or send him a get well card so that he knows he is in our

hearts and on our minds:

Anthony Bottom #77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, NY 12733-0116

Read the excellent San Francisco Bayview article on Jalil's situation:

<https://sfbayview.com/2020/05/jalil-muntaqim-tests-positive-for-covid-19-and-is-hospitalized-in-new-york/>

Update: Jalil is currently back on his block at Sullivan and has been doing some exercises in the yard. He is recovering slowly and was glad to get a much-needed food package from NYC Jericho. Jalil is still recovering from Covid19, it has affected his lung and will take several months to heal.

Kamau Sadiki: “Brother Kamau Sadiki was sent to an outside Hospital. He has been transferred to Augusta University Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia. He will be having vascular surgery stemming from severe and ongoing infection in his left foot and leg. At this point Kamau is asking for prayers from everyone. Hopefully he will be treated humanely. More detailed info to follow.”

Legal Updates

Marius Mason: “Compassionate Release Denied For Marius Mason. To quote Paul L. Maloney, the judge deciding Marius’ fate: “...regardless of the severity of the infection, only one inmate at Danbury has died from COVID.” Marius' request for compassionate release has been denied, despite testing positive for COVID, being over 50, having underlying medical conditions, and serving the majority of his sentence. How many more people have to die, Judge Maloney?” (June 27).

Jeremy Hammond: Jeremy has been moved:

Jeremy Hammond #18729-424, Talahatchie County Correctional Facility, 415 US Highway 49 North Tutwiler, Mississippi 38963

*This is his fed inmate number but we have been told that mail send using it will get to him.

Jalil Muntaqim: Commutation Campaign to Governor Cuomo for Jalil Muntaqim. After the last parole hearing and denial, pursuant to NYS Constitution 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 State’s 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, the governor has refused to do so, despite the heightened danger to all prisoners during the current pandemic. 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.

During the 48+ 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.

We request that people do the following for Jalil:

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 initiative be widely posted on social media platforms, encouraging freedom loving people around the world to join.

Since this will be ongoing, 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 <https://thejerichomovement.com/>

Upcoming Parole Hearing Sept 2020

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Thanks to Jalil's supporters, various articles about this case were written:

<https://sfbayview.com/2020/05/jalil-muntaqim-tests-positive-for-covid-19-and-is-hospitalized-in-new-york/>

<https://www.essence.com/feature/jalil-muntaqim-black-panther-covid-19-letitia-james/>

<http://www.franknews.us/debates/402/402>

<http://www.franknews.us/interviews/403/addicted-to-punishing-people-of-color>

<https://theintercept.com/2020/05/27/coronavirus-elderly-prisoner-jalil-muntaqim/>

<https://www.colorlines.com/articles/hospitalized-covid-19-advocates-fight-jalil-muntaqims-release-prison>

<https://www.refinery29.com/en-us/2020/05/9841953/jalil-muntaqim-prison-release-appeal-covid-19>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/jun/01/jalil-muntaqim-former-black-panther-covid-19-prison#maincontent>

<https://theappeal.org/new-york-state-wont-grant-temporarily-release-to-former-black-panther-hospitalized-with-covid-19/>

<http://bostonreview.net/race/dan-berger-jalil-muntaqim-carceral-state>

Also, please watch this excellent video of a speech by Assembly member Charles Barron, a staunch supporter of Jalil for many years:

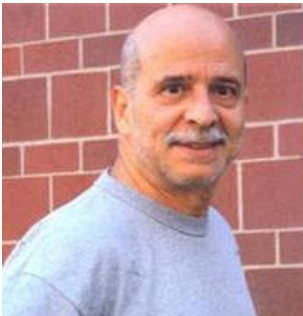
<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Charles-Barron/video/>

June 10, 2020: Assemblyman Barron opposes legislation that would create an office of special investigation within the office of the attorney general and is calling for an independent prosecutor.

Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

July Birthdays

Simon Trinidad- Birthday-July 30th



Contact Information/Prison Address

Mr. Simón Trinidad, 27896-016 a/k/a Juvenal Ovidio Ricardo Palmera Pineda
 US Penitentiary Florence-ADX P.O. Box 8500, Florence, CO 81226-8500 United States
 THE FARC

“Ricardo Palmera, popularly known as Simon Trinidad in Colombia, is a political prisoner of the U.S. government. Simon Trinidad is being tortured in solitary confinement in the Florence, Colorado supermax prison. Trinidad beat the U.S. government in three out of four court trials. Trinidad is held in solitary confinement violating his human rights. Trinidad is held as a political prisoner by the U.S. government under Special Administrative Measures (SAMS), meaning his rights are more restricted than other prisoners. The FARC is saving a chair for Trinidad as one of the top five negotiators at the peace table.” “The imprisonment of Ricardo Palmera is a direct result of U.S. intervention in Colombia's civil war. The FARC formed in 1964 after Colombia's elites and their U.S. allies violently attacked an independent peasants' movement. Ricardo Palmera joined the FARC in 1989 after seeing most of his friends and comrades of the Patriotic Union political party murdered or exiled. The Colombian Military and their death squads murdered more than 4000 candidates, members, and elected officials of the Patriotic Union. Today, the FARC is a rebel army of 28,000 fighting for national liberation. It consists mainly of peasants and one-third of its fighters are women. However, FARC members come from all walks of life, including leaders like Professor Palmera. The FARC fight for social justice, seeking democratic social and economic change, organizing the poor to overthrow the rich and become the rulers of society. The FARC opposes the U.S. Empire -- where U.S. corporations steal the oil, coal, minerals, gems, and agricultural products that belong to the Colombian people. The FARC appeals to the American people to demand peace, not war, from Bush and other leaders.” See <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/simon-trinidad> The National Committee to Free Ricardo Palmera at www.freericardopalmera.org or <https://www.facebook.com/SupportTheColombiaPeaceProcess?fref=ts> Info@freericardopalmera.org
 International Prisoner

June Birthdays

No Political Prisoner Birthdays in June



*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

Statement from Hanif Shabazz Bey May 29, 2020

Fake News

“As the nation remains incensed and shocked beyond belief at the recent brutal murder of Bro. George Floyd, now in the aftermath of the inhumane action and the upheaval that has arisen, the mainstream media should be scrutinized in its attempts to prevent unity between the different ethnic groups.

Now they are propagating that anarchists and “white nationalists” are exploiting the rebellions, by going into the so-called Black communities and setting fires to Black-owned businesses. Most of the people being “interviewed” by the mainstream media, and commenting on the activities, are African-Americans and their underlying theme is usually “Black Lives Matter” which fans a nationalistic fervor. The media is focusing on the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, who are recent victims of police brutality, while giving little or no focus on the Anglo woman killed sometime ago in Minneapolis by an African-American police officer.

It is a fallacy that all Anglos on the streets are out there to exploit the activities. Many of these individuals are freedom loving individuals out there fighting for social justice, and to end systemic racism.

I have to believe that the media plays down the amount of Anglo victims who lose their lives to police violence. Even though Anglo-Americans outnumber African-Americans “10 to 1” in this country, the media would have us to believe that there are more police attacks on African-American citizens.

It is all just a sign that the purpose of all the mainstream media is to protect the interests of the ruling class, and keeping the masses divided along ethnic lines.”

Hanif Shabazz Bey #5161331
S/n Beaumont Gereau, Citrus County Detention Facility
2604 W. Woodland Ridge Dr., Lecanto, FL 34461
May 29, 2020

When you write to Hanif, address the envelope to Beaumont Gereau, letter to Hanif.

Panthers forever: revolution at home and in exile
Authors Yoav Litvin, Charlotte & Pete O'Neal - July 9, 2020



“In the following interview, Pete and Charlotte O’Neal speak about their revolutionary trajectory and share thoughts on the current uprisings in the US and the world.”

Photo by Barbara Davidson. All images courtesy of Pete and Charlotte O’Neal.

(Due to length, this is the last half of the interview- for the full interview see:

<https://roarmag.org/essays/panthers-forever-revolution-at-home-and-in-exile/>)

Photo by Barbara Davidson. All images courtesy of Pete and Charlotte O’Neal.

“How do you feel about what is going on in the streets right now? Has anything changed in the United States since the Panther days?”

Pete O’Neal: I think the youth has opened the door to something very beautiful and inspiring and I believe it will bear fruit. Many decades ago Malcolm X said something that only now I fully comprehend:

America today finds herself in a unique situation. Historically, revolutions are bloody, oh yes they are. They have never had a bloodless revolution. Or a non-violent revolution. That don’t happen even in Hollywood [laughter] You don’t have a revolution in which you love your enemy. And you don’t have a revolution in which you are begging the system of exploitation to integrate you into it. Revolutions overturn systems. Revolutions destroy systems. A revolution is bloody, but America is in a unique position. She’s the only country in history, in the position actually to become involved in a bloodless revolution... today, this country can become involved in a revolution that won’t take bloodshed. All she’s got to do is give the black man in this country everything that’s due him, everything. When I was younger I did not believe that. But the BPP planted the seeds; now it’s time to sow. Point seven of the BPP ten-point program was our *raison-d’etre*:

We want an immediate end to Police brutality and murder of Black people, other people of color, all oppressed people inside the United States.

For over 50 years in exile I’ve watched the brutality and abuse of Black people continue. And it’s become clearer to the entire world with the availability of recording technology. The murder of brother George Floyd really lit the fuse for many young people. They have inspired and motivated people around the world to rise up against white supremacist, capitalist oppression. Back in the 60s, it took the Vietnam war to produce comparable upheaval. The rise in consciousness nowadays is one of the most beautiful things I’ve ever seen. I would not be so presumptuous as to tell the organizers how to run their party. However, I would strongly suggest that they plan beyond the demonstrations and the protests because they are not sustainable in the long run. Something bigger must drive and inspire the masses.

Charlotte O’Neal: I feel proud, like the torch is being passed. It is beautiful. I have young people

contacting me all the time, asking me for advice. I see their spirit and it's a mirror of mine. I feel the revolution is in good hands. I have a lot of hope. It's like the 60s are back!

Police were formed as slave catchers, patty rollers, and the racist culture just continued into police departments. The only reason it seems like an escalation is because people are able to document it. When I see young people of every color shape and form, conscious people coming together it makes me overjoyed. The BPP had white, red, yellow, black, brown and pink comrades. And they were really our brothers and sisters. To this day I call everybody brother and sister until they show me otherwise. That's what we learned as members of the BPP.

Is love going to bring down this deeply entrenched, capitalist, racist systems or do we need to accept that violence is part and parcel of the revolution we seek?

Charlotte O'Neal: It is unfortunate, but violence seems to wake up those in power. Violence and financial decline, which often go together. As a mother, a nurturer and a warrior woman, it is very distressing; I don't want to see children traumatized by violence.

As Black Panthers we spoke of community control of police. Now, this radical concept is entering the mainstream. Defunding police would free up money to fundamentally change communities.

Art is a powerful, non-violent tool of conveying revolutionary messages, as well as personal expressions of love. As an artist myself, I've participated in a range of solo and collaborative works highlighting oppression and the power of communal cooperation, most recently with students from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in a project titled Contested Homes: Migrant Liberation Movement Suite. The spoken word in the following includes excerpts from my poem "Paying Homage in Our Own Way," which is from my first poetry book titled Warrior Woman of Peace:

What insight can you afford as a fugitive? Are you still seeking a pardon after all these years?

Pete O'Neal: I wish to inspire people to think about political prisoners. For example, BPP members and Omaha natives Edward Poindexter and Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa (slave name: David Rice) were convicted of murdering Omaha Police officer Larry Minard in a highly controversial case some claim was a result of COINTELPRO operations (aka the Rice-Poindexter case). In fact, Mondo denied any involvement in Minard's death and was in Kansas City at a rally to support me against the gun charges I was facing at the time. The state's parole board and human rights organizations such as Amnesty International have recommended their release; though local politicians have refrained from doing so. In 2016, Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa died in custody and I sent his ashes to the top of Kilimanjaro. As long as I have been in exile Poindexter has been sitting in a cage.

I have never ever asked for a pardon. My cousin Emmanuel Cleaver is a congressman and I tell him and everyone else that I'd prefer a pardon for a political prisoner. I've been blessed for the last 50 years to wake up each morning under a beautiful African sun. I've made babies and raised them. Meanwhile, comrades have been locked up in cages.

If you had the opportunity to speak with the leaders of the current uprisings in the US and the world, what would you tell them?

Charlotte O'Neal: One of the most important things is an emphasis on mentorship and the power of positive example. I think it is crucial to build up the confidence of the young people on the streets, so that they know where to direct their rage and love. I think it is very important to teach young people practical skills. It's not all about being on the megaphone or even marching. I would emphasize the importance of community work and urban gardens as manifestations of revolutionary work. We have to return to a culture of respecting the land, of respecting water, the earth and appreciating our African traditions and spirituality.

Pete O'Neal: Listen here, revolutionary brothers and sisters. Charlotte and I are almost ten thousand miles away, but our hearts are with you. We march with you in spirit! We are in total solidarity with what is going on and we remain part of the revolutionary process.

The BPP was the vanguard of the revolution. Now, you are the vanguard, we will support you in any way we can. Count us in." See <https://roarmag.org/essays/panthers-forever-revolution-at-home-and-in-exile/>

Community Calls for Action

Demand Freedom for Ed Poindexter



Ed's Story

In April of 1971, Edward Poindexter and Mondo we Langa, formerly David Rice, were sentenced to life in prison for the bombing death of an Omaha police officer- a crime they did not commit. Evidence has revealed that Ed and Mondo were targeted by law enforcement and wrongfully convicted due to their affiliation with the Black Panther Party, a civil rights and anti-fascist political group.

Nearly 50 years later, Ed is still in prison and maintains his innocence. He has earned several college degrees, taught anti-violence classes to youth, authored screenplays, and more. At nearly 76 years of age, he is at high risk for health complications. His last chance for freedom is to receive a commutation of sentence from the Nebraska Board of Pardons.

Take Action Now

Call, email & write a letter to each member of the Nebraska Board of Pardons, and request that they commute Ed's sentence and facilitate his immediate release.

Governor Pete Ricketts
P.O. Box 94848
Lincoln, NE 68509
402-471-2244
ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov

Attorney General Doug Peterson
2115 State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509
402-471-2683

Secretary of State Robert B. Eynen
P.O. Box 94608
Lincoln, NE 68509
402-471-2683

Sample Letter

Dear Governor Ricketts,

I am writing in regards to Edward Poindexter, #27767. Ed has served nearly 50 years in prison, where he has had exemplary behavior and many accomplishments. He is 75 years old and at high risk for medical complications. I am therefore requesting that the Board of Pardons issue Ed a commutation of sentence to length of time served.

Sincerely,
Jane Doe

freedomford@gmail.com

[@freedom4ed](https://www.facebook.com/freedom4ed)

You can read more about Ed here: <https://prisonersolidarity.com/prisoner/edward-poindexter>

Please support these recently released Political Prisoners!

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>

Fundraiser to Free Political Prisoner Sundiata Acoli, 83, from 47 years in prison May 5



“Dear Friends and Supporters of Sundiata Acoli: The New Jersey Appellate Court denied Sundiata’s release on parole in a decision dated Dec. 27, 2019. He gets a mandatory appeal to the New Jersey Supreme Court. Sundiata’s attorney must get transcripts and will have other expenses, including printing, and of course his legal fees, as he prepares the next phase of this case. A minimum

amount of \$20,000 is the fundraising goal. His attorney needs funds now. He has done a great job so far, on behalf of Sundiata, and no doubt will continue to do so.

FREE SUNDIATA ACOLI

Please give generously to ensure that lack of funds does not contribute to any delay in pursuing freedom for Sundiata, who is 83 years old and has been in prison for 47 years. Sundiata deeply appreciates the support, and commitment to getting him released. Much thanks in advance, on his behalf. How we can help FREE SUNDIATA ACOLI: Make checks or money orders payable to Sundiata Acoli Freedom Campaign (or SAFC). Mail them to: Florence Morgan, 147-25 Northern Blvd. #5Q, Flushing, New York 11354. Or, if paying via Pay Pal, use this email: SAFC766@gmail.com. And use this link to pay using the “pay with debit or credit card” option: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=DVMHWEW8D7SWW&source=url. Be safe, healthy, and be encouraged. Attorney Florence Morgan can be reached at flomorgan@nyc.rr.com. Editor’s note: In addition to your monetary donation, send our brother some love and light: Sundiata Acoli (Squire), 39794-066, FCI Cumberland. P.O. Box 1000, Cumberland MD 21501.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2020/05/fundraiser-to-free-political-prisoner-sundiata-acoli-83-from-47-years-in-prison/>

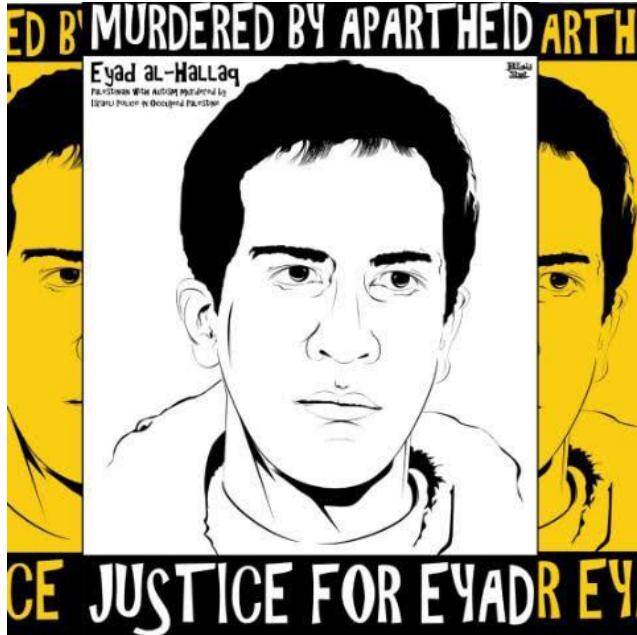
National Solidarity Events to Amplify Prisoners Human Rights AUGUST 21 - SEPTEMBER 9th

“To all in solidarity with the Prisoners Human Rights Movement:

We are reaching out to those that have been amplifying our voices in these state, federal, or immigration jails and prisons, and to allies that uplifted the national prison strike demands in 2018. We call on you again to organize the communities from August 21st - September 9th, 2020, by hosting actions, events, and demonstrations that call for prisoner human rights and the end to prison slavery. We must remind the people and legal powers in this nation that prisoners' human rights are a priority. If we aren't moving forward, we're moving backward. For those of us in chains, backward is not an option. We have nothing to lose but our chains. We rage with George Jackson's "Blood in my eyes" and move in the spirit of the Attica Rebellion! August 21st - September 9th, 2020 AGITATE,

EDUCATE, ORGANIZE Dare to struggle, Dare to win! We are--"Jailhouse Lawyers Speak" NLG EMAIL CONTACT FOR LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL LAW PROJECT: micjlsnlg@gmail.com PRISON STRIKE DEMANDS” For full article & actions see: <https://jailhouselawyerspeak.wordpress.com/2020/02/11/prisoners-national-demands-for-human-rights/>

JUSTICE FOR EYAD



Art by Intifada Street

“INTIFADA STREET is an explosion of artistic expression that aims to reflect the more than average discontent one feels about the injustice in the world. It owes a lot to the Resistance Art that has carried the fight in raising awareness of inequalities in the world for generations.

So in that spirit of revolutionary art Intifada Street aims to carry the flag and introduce resistance art to a new generation of people – YOU. Intifada Street – It has arrived...” See

<http://www.intifadastreet.com/intifadastreet/4590201879>

Commentary by Hamza (Intifada Street, Artist, Revolutionary)



hanz_revo MURDERED BY APARTHEID – JUSTICE FOR EYAD. As a proud uncle or two autistic nephews I am naturally very over protective of them. I suppose I appreciate this world can be very cruel and certainly is not one for the faint hearted. And as children of colour, in a racist and xenophobic capitalistic society I am concerned for their well being. The younger of the two Isaam, is non verbal. Isaam, is twelve years old but he couldn't tell you if he's in pain. Just that thought, that he's unable to express himself is deeply concerning. And now, if I imagine him in an occupied apartheid system that has no qualms of shooting Palestinian children dead then all of a sudden that fear is intensified multiple times over. Eyad al-Hallaq, who suffered from autism, was murdered by Israeli police. As a revolutionary artist I know justice cannot be found from an unjust system. Any system whether it be White Supremacist or Zionist that has its basis due to imperial, colonial white settler history that's born out of genocide and ethnic cleansing ain't a system to do that. So don't be misled by the call for JUSTICE FOR EYAD. This is a humble attempt to help raise awareness to those that don't know, of what they should know. FREE PALESTINE 🇵🇸 #eyadhallaq #eyad #justiceforeyad #autism #autistic #murder #apartheidmurders #intifadastreet #intifadastreet #freepalestine

All of Us or None: STOP KILLING US - a protest against policy murder & violence. July 1st
11:30am



“We’ll also be talking about our July 1 action at the CA Capitol: STOP KILLING US - a protest against policy murder & violence. One of our core demands, in addition to defunding the police and prison industrial complex, is the elimination of involuntary servitude from the California.”

NY Guide To Your Week! #DefundNYPD Tuesday, City Hall, 5PM!

“**Mon, 6/22 @ 9AM:** Albany Housing Action! Capital Region members, leaders, and allies: Please join us for a physically-distanced action to fight the re-opening of housing courts and wrongful evictions! Where: Outside Albany City Court (24 Eagle Street) RSVP: Click here to join us! Contact: Luke 917-702-8781 / Luke@vocal-ny.org

Tuesday, 6/23 @5PM: Join us at City Hall to demand a NYS budget that #DefundNYPD by \$1B and invest in Black and Brown communities. We will also have an online action. RSVP:

<https://bit.ly/OccupyToDefundNYPD>

Contact: Jawanza, 917-488-4961 or jawanza@vocal-ny.org

Wed, 6/24 @ 6PM: VOCAL-Upstate NY Meeting! Members, leaders, & allies from Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse & Westchester: Please join us for our weekly Upstate chapter meeting to review campaign updates and continue planning our Upstate Town Hall on Defunding Police & Investing in Communities! RSVP: Click here to join us! Contact: Luke 917-702-8781 / Luke@vocal-ny.org”

JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO

DEFUND NYPD

BY AT LEAST \$1 BILLION AND INVEST IN HEALTHCARE,
EDUCATION, HOUSING & SOCIAL SERVICES

OCCUPY CITY HALL
NYC City Hall // Tuesday, June 23 at 5pm

Meet up at the corner of
CHAMBERS & CENTRE STREET

Go vote & then join us,
or join us from home
for an online action

bit.ly/OccupyToDefundNYPD
Note: URL is case-sensitive!
*The City budget will
be finalized by June 30!*

Fight for the passage
of a City Budget
that Invests in
Black & Brown
communities

Ongoing: There is one thing we can all do for New York while we are stuck indoors; the 2020 US Census! \$650 billion in federal funds and political representation will be impacted. Fill out the form you have received in the mail, do it online at <https://my2020census.gov>, or over the phone by calling 844-330-2020.”

#DefundNYPD Bulletin June 27

Daily Action Email Until The June 30th NYC Budget Deadline

LUNCHTIME ACTION RIGHT NOW (YES, RIGHT NOW)

CALL: Your City Council Member CALL: Speaker Corey Johnson CALL: The Mayor's Office

You can do all of this in less than 10 minutes. We've got a 30-second script below.

THE 30 SECOND SCRIPT: HELLO, MY NAME IS [NAME] AND I AM A CONSTITUENT OF [DISTRICT] AND I AM CALLING TO DEMAND URGENT ACTION TO DEFUND THE NYPD BY AT LEAST \$1B BEFORE THE UPCOMING JUNE 30TH BUDGET DEADLINE. THOSE FUNDS NEED TO BE REDIRECTED IMMEDIATELY IN FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO CRITICAL SERVICES LIKE HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, AND YOUTH SUPPORT SO WE CAN HAVE AN EQUITABLE RECOVERY FROM THE DEVASTATION OF COVID-19. CAN I COUNT ON YOU TO REPRESENT OUR COMMUNITY AND FIGHT FOR \$1B OUT OF THE NYPD BEFORE JUNE 30TH? NEW YORK CITY IS WATCHING.”

Funds needed for Brooklyn Floyd protest defendants

Currently, the three people arrested on federal charges at Brooklyn protests are being held in MDC Brooklyn, a federal jail in South Brooklyn. The tabloid media has done what it does and dug into the

backgrounds of these 3 people, trying to make them look horrible. Just remember that these are 3 individuals that are more than what you read in the newspapers. All three of the people face life in prison based on excessive sentencing. I am sharing their online fundraising links so you can donate and those funds can help people get food, stamps etc from commissary and help pay for lawyers.

Samantha Shader <https://www.gofundme.com/f/gt58x-help-sam>

Urooj Rahman https://fundrazr.com/71fsC0?ref=ab_9YIic4zrflG9YIic4zrflG

Colinford Mattis https://fundrazr.com/supportcolinford?ref=ab_9YIic4zrflG9YIic4zrflG

Demonstrations Tomorrow, 11 am to #HALTsolitary June 25, 11 am

“It has been one year since solitary confinement killed Layleen Polanco. Five years since solitary killed Kalief Browder. Five and a half years since solitary killed Ben van Zandt. This list of tragedies goes on and on. And we can wait no longer for New York to end this racist and deadly practice.

Join us tomorrow, Thurs., June 25, 11 am to demand New York State's political leaders enact the #HALTsolitary Confinement Act immediately. In-person, socially distant actions (masks & six feet apart) at: Gov. Cuomo's New York City office (633 3rd Ave.), Sen. Majority Leader's Yonkers office (28 Wells Avenue, Bldg 3), Assembly Speaker's Bronx office (1446 East Gun Hill Road), The State Capitol in Albany (Washington Ave entrance), Tompkins Public Library, Ithaca (101 E Green St.) Niagara Square, Buffalo, State Office Building, Hauppauge, LI (250 Veteran's Memorial Highway)

If you can safely join in person, please do! Sign up to help us plan, or just show up:

<https://bit.ly/HAJTJune25InPerson>

If you can't make it in person, join by Zoom: <https://bit.ly/HAJTJune25Zoom>

DOWNLOAD & SHARE FLYERS FOR TWITTER, INSTAGRAM AND ELSEWHERE IN THIS FOLDER, INCLUDING instagram images for NYC/Yonkers and statewide, and twitter images for NYC/Yonkers/Bronx, Albany, Buffalo, and All Statewide Actions. DOWNLOAD HANDOUT TO USE DURING THE ACTIONS HERE (if can be handed out safely with necessary health precautions taken).”

No to Annexation - No to Zionism! Events and actions around the world



“Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network urges all organizations in support of Palestinian liberation to endorse the call to action by Samidoun Network in occupied Palestine and in the diaspora, originally released in Arabic, against the prospect of Israeli annexation of the occupied West Bank, and to mobilize internationally on Wednesday, 1 July, the day the Israeli state threatens to escalate its ongoing project of colonialism, dispossession and ethnic cleansing. Below, we are publishing a large list of actions in countries and cities around the world, organized in response to several calls to take action to confront Israeli

annexation and defend the rights of the Palestinian people. We also urge you to add your local events and actions to this list.” See <https://samidoun.net/2020/06/1-july-call-to-action-to-confront-israeli-annexation-struggle-for-a-free-palestine/>

Day of Rage: Actions around the world to say, "No to annexation! No to Zionism!" July 1 and onwards



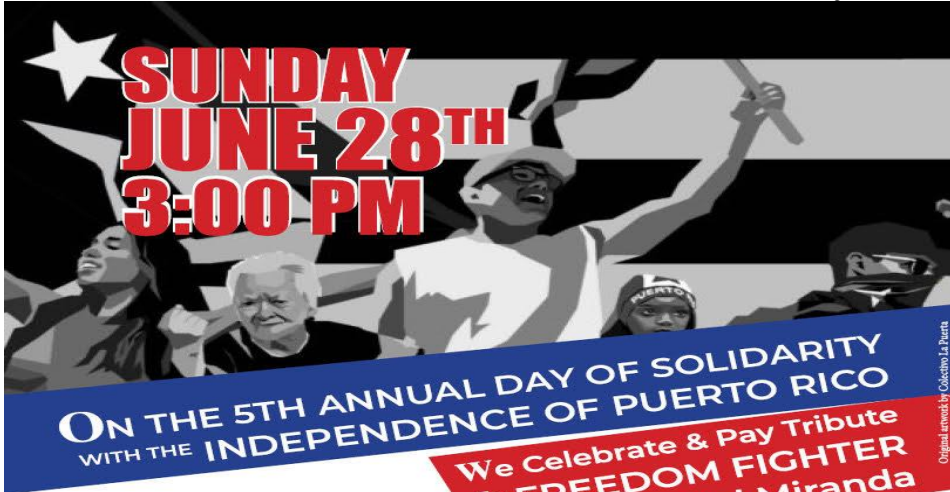
Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network urges all supporters of Palestinian liberation to join the events and actions on the global Day of Rage for Palestine, 1 July, and the following days. Already, thousands of people around the world have rallied and marched for Palestine and against Israeli annexation, and more actions continue to be organized everywhere, from Ramallah to New York to Toronto to Johannesburg to San Jose to Berlin, Madrid, Los Angeles and Amsterdam.

1 July marks the date when the Israeli state threatens to escalate its ongoing project of colonialism, dispossession and ethnic cleansing. For 72 years, Palestinians have been struggling for liberation and return against the racist, Zionist project of Israel – backed to the hilt in its crimes by U.S., European and other colonial powers’ imperialism. By taking to the streets, we can make clear that we say: No to Annexation, No to Zionism! At the same time, we say: Yes to Palestinian Resistance, Yes to Liberation!

COVID-19 Has Officially Entered Cuomo's New Prison Nursing Home: Take Action Today! July 8

“Thanks so much to everyone who attended our press conference outside Adirondack Correctional Facility. More than 150 of us joined virtually and in person to demand Gov. Cuomo and state legislative leaders release everyone from Cuomo's new prison nursing home. Unfortunately, we learned today that COVID-19 has officially entered the prison. One incarcerated older person tested positive for the virus and others are being quarantined. In response to this terrifying update, please TAKE ACTION TODAY: SHARE RAPP's statement on twitter in response to news that COVID has entered the facility, and share these new articles covering Monday's press conference from the Intercept, North Country Public Radio, and Adirondack Daily Enterprise. TAG Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Heastie, and Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins. Demand Cuomo grant clemency to everyone at the facility, and that Heastie and Stewart-Cousins pass Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole. PROMOTE the hashtags #FreeOurElders #FreeThemAll Get involved in our work to #FreeOurElders #SupportOurElders: Learn more at RAPPcampaign.com. Volunteer. Donate.

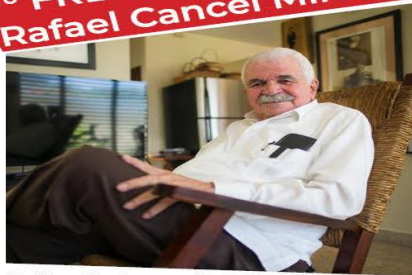
Call to Action: Stand with Puerto Rico! June 28 /July 25



During the 5th annual Day of Solidarity with the Independence of Puerto Rico, we will commemorate the **Life and Legacy of Don Rafael Cancel Miranda** and will examine the overall colonial situation in Puerto Rico and the movement for independence. We will focus on the current Economic Struggles, the adoption of the New Civil Code, an update on what is happening in Vieques, the attacks on Education, and the mishandling of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Sunday, June 28th, 2020 at 3pm

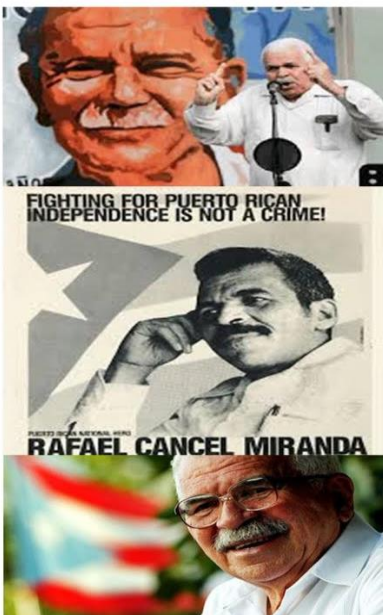
Join us on the Call to Action Facebook group page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Acalltoactiononpuertorico/>



Call to Action on Puerto Rico
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 Facebook: A Call to Action on Puerto Rico

Designed by César Omar Sánchez

USA OUT OF PUERTO RICO!
JOIN US AS WE DENOUNCE 122 YEARS OF U.S. COLONIALISM!



EL BARRIO FREEDOM MARCH!

In the Spirit of Don Rafael Cancel Miranda, ProLibertad invites you to March for Puerto Rican Independence!

Saturday, July 25th, 2020 is the 122nd Anniversary of the Invasion and Colonization of Puerto Rico!

- 122 years of Exploitation!
- 122 years of Repression and Oppression!
- 122 years of U.S. White Supremacy and Racism!
- 122 years of RESISTANCE AND REBELLION!**

Saturday, July 25th, 2020 @ 1pm
E. 125th St and Lexington Avenue

We will march down to the Julia de Burgos Mosaic on E. 106th St.

**WEAR YOUR MASKS AND GLOVES!
 BRING WATER!**

**BRING YOUR FLAGS, PANDERETAS,
 AND BANNERS!**

ProLibertad is proud to announce that we will be joined by Prophet and The Abrazos Army!
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NY Guide To Your Week! #DefundNYPD #OccupyCityHall



“On Tuesday afternoon, VOCAL-NY and other organizations held a protest at City Hall to demand City Council and the Mayor cut at least \$1 billion from the NYPD budget this year to invest into Black and Brown communities in the form of healthcare, housing and social services. We never left City Hall! Since Tuesday night we have stayed to lift up our specific demands and to create/hold space for the maximal demands of the movement sweeping the country so powerfully at this time. If you live in NYC and are able to, please join us!

“Wednesday, 7/1 @ 6PM: VOCAL-Upstate NY Meeting - Members, Leaders, & Allies from Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse & Westchester are all invited! Your voice and perspective is needed! RSVP: Click here to join us! <https://vocal.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=2812>
Contact: Luke 917-702-8781 / Luke@vocal-ny.org

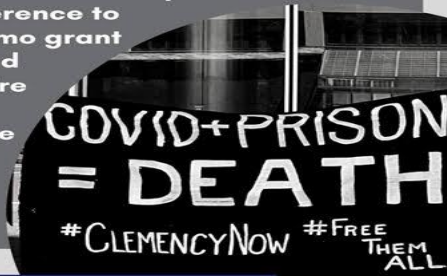
Fri, 7/3 @ 5:30 PM: Capital Region Freedom Tour Kicks Off! Members, leaders, & allies: Join us along with our allies from All Of Us for the first stop of our tour to jails throughout the region to deliver our community-derived demands to end police brutality & defund the police! Contact: Luke 917-702-8781 /” Luke@vocal-ny.org
<https://vocal.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=2811>

RAPP Campaign: July 6, 2020: Join us & local activists outside Andrew Cuomo's new prison nursing home by the Canadian border

#FreeThemAll: Say No to
Cuomo's Prison Nursing Home

MONDAY, JULY 6 • 5:30 PM

Governor Cuomo just cleared out Adirondack Correctional Facility to turn it into a prison nursing home. Placing high risk people in the same facility in the middle of a pandemic will surely become a death sentence for too many elders. Join activists for an in-person and virtual press conference to demand Gov. Cuomo grant #ClemencyNow and #FreeThemAll. We're also demanding that the Legislature pass the Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole Bills.



OUTSIDE ADIRONDACK CORRECTIONAL FACILITY •
ZOOM: bit.ly/adirondack-rally

“Join us & local activists outside Andrew Cuomo's new prison nursing home by the Canadian border.

In the interest of public health & racial justice, we're calling on Cuomo, Andrea Stewart-Cousins & Honorable Speaker of the New York State Assembly Carl E. Heastie to #FreeOurElders #FreeThemAll”

Join via zoom: <http://bit.ly/adirondack-rally>

#HALTsolitary Campaign: Town Hall 7/23

#HALTsolitary VIRTUAL TOWN HALL: Thurs., July 23, 6:30-8pm: Please help organize people in your local area, including new people who have never had a connection to the campaign, to join this national virtual town hall on solitary confinement and the movement to end this racist and deadly torture. Please share this flyer. Come learn from leaders of the #HALTsolitary campaign who have survived solitary or have family who have suffered in solitary. Topics at the town hall will include: solitary in New York, a national perspective, the HALT Solitary Confinement Act, ways to get involved in the campaign, specific action steps to take right now to demand New York's political leaders enact HALT, and how the movement to end solitary ties into a broader movement to dismantle the entire incarceration system. CONTINUE MAKING CALLS & POSTS THIS WEEK: The legislature is having committee meetings today and this week and deciding which bills will be brought to a vote. Call and Tweet today and all this week to demand NY's political leaders bring #HALTsolitary to a vote, #FreeOurElders, and dismantle this entire racist and horrific system. Please use the social media guide above related to tomorrow's march and call NY's political leaders.

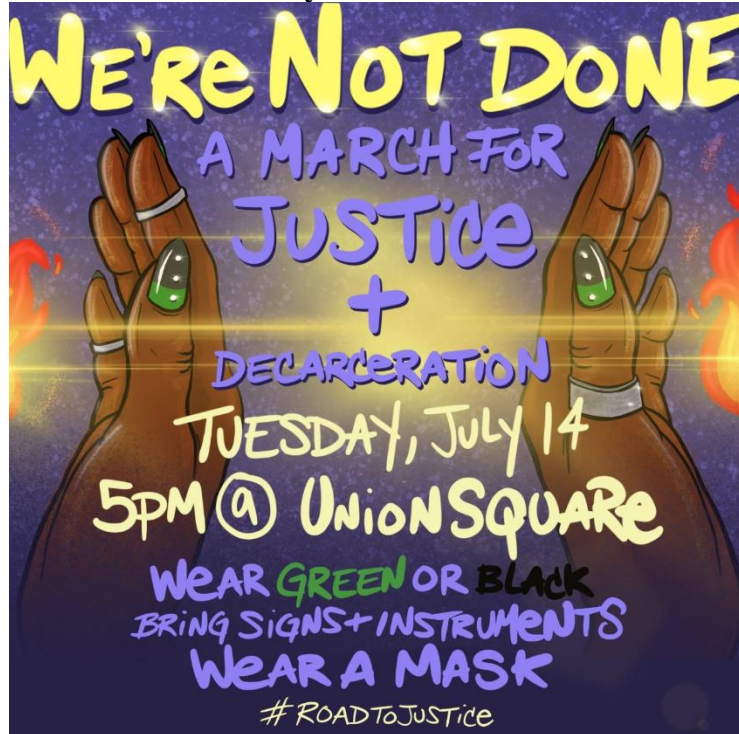
Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins 518-455-2585, @AndreaSCousins

Assembly Speaker Heastie 518-455-3791, @CarlHeastie

Your Own Senate & Assembly Reps (find at openstates.org)

Governor Cuomo: 518-474-8390

March in NYC on July 14 at 5PM To Demand Justice in Albany



“We're Not Done: March in NYC on July 14 at 5PM To Demand Justice in Albany Please join us for a march through NYC on Tuesday, July 14th beginning at 5pm to demand lawmakers in Albany pass a package of five bills to address the crisis of racist state violence from policing to courts, jails, and prisons. In the wake of uprisings against racist police violence, we're calling on the Governor, State Assembly and Senate to push forward a #RoadToJustice on our collective path to #FreeThemAll. We are specifically calling on lawmakers to pass 1) Elder Parole; 2) Fair and Timely Parole; 3) the HALT Solitary Confinement Act; 4) Repeal Walking While Trans Ban; and 5) Protect Our Courts Act. These five bills would end death-by-incarceration sentences, the torture of solitary confinement, the criminalization of trans people just walking

down the street, and ICE targeting undocumented people in courts. They would also move us steps forward in our broader fight for racial justice and abolition. Join us in Union Square (E. 17th Street) at 5pm. We'll start with a speak out and then march to Governor Cuomo's NYC office. Bring your PPE, instruments, and signs. Leading up to and during the march, share our promotional materials on Facebook and Twitter and amplify our demands using this social media guide:

<https://cuomoletthemgo.com/road-to-justice-social-media-guide>

CALL TO ACTION: Days of Resistance for Palestine, August 7-9, 2020



“We invite all Palestinian community organizations, Palestine solidarity groups and movements and campaigns for social justice to endorse this call to action! Samidoun Network is releasing the following call to action for August 7-9, 2020 to build on all of the committed organizing taken up by so many organizations and activists around the world on and around July 1 and the Day of Rage against Israeli annexation. Annexation is a continuing threat – especially if the Israeli state thinks that it can pass unnoticed without continued resistance. The struggle is not over; in many ways, it has just begun. We urge you to continue mobilizing to defend the land and people of Palestine and join us in the Days of Resistance, **August 7-9.**”

Get involved: Endorse the statement here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT3bduPO1aINxKdDD9BnlhfisuyWyCdB5HZe7UGvhX59oEw/viewform> Add your event here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNaThNLE4IvJkYBt_NidTS8goYdvJsDXq_rHKrPWjCRq9QWg/viewform?usp=sf_link If you are organizing an event, would like materials for your action,

or have questions, please contact us at samidoun@samidoun.net or message us on Facebook” See

<https://samidoun.net/2020/07/call-to-action-days-of-resistance-for-palestine-august-7-9-2020/>

US HANDS OFF CUBA July 26th 1pm-3pm



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@ProLibertadFC

[ProLibertadTV/YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Telephone: 718-601-4751

This Action Will Respect and Comply With All Mask-Wearing and Social-Distancing Requirements!

Community Events & Resources (June 15th-July 15th)

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, June 16, 2020-9-10pm EST

“Call in 1 (347) 857-3293

1. NEWS ANALYSIS---- An anatomy of oppression requires an anatomy of colonialism/imperialism i.e. An anatomy of the American Capitalist System: Ralph Poynter, Tom Siracuse, Joel Meyers, Gwen Goodwin, Paul Gilman, Henry Hagins
2. Updates from the Political Prisoner Death Camps- Anne Lamb (NYC Jericho), Gil Obler (Free Mumia Coalition-NYC)
3. Sarah Adams Liberation Poetry-In remembrance of Sister Lynne
4. Special guests: Dolores Cox: “What next after COVID19?”

WWP invites you to a Webinar TONIGHT, dedicated to the memory of Delbert Africa

“Thursday, June 18, 8pm ET/5pm PT



“With: Trent Willis - President, Local 10 International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Larry Holmes - 1st Secretary, Workers World Party, Ananya Sabharwal - Austin Branch, Workers World Party, Isabella Juneteenth and the Black Lives

Matter Rebellion In Memory of Delbert Africa June 18th 5pm PT “On Juneteenth, commemorated on June 19, African Americans mark the anniversary of the day in 1865 when union troops arrived in Galveston Island to inform the enslaved people in Texas that the heinous system of slavery had ended. A lot has happened between 1865 and today for African Americans such as: Black Reconstruction, Jim Crow lynchings, segregation and other forms of racist oppression.” “Sparked by reaction to the racist police lynching of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, the uprising against police terror and the white supremacy it rests upon has moved consciousness to the left among the U.S. population at almost warp speed. Police brutality in all forms — but especially the murders of Black people — has been put on trial. And so has racism in general, past and present On Juneteenth, commemorated on June 19, African Americans mark the anniversary of the day in 1865 when union troops arrived in Galveston Island to inform the enslaved people in Texas that the heinous system of slavery had ended. A lot has happened between 1865 and today for African Americans such as: Black Reconstruction, Jim Crow lynchings, segregation and other forms of racist oppression.” See

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jzATPeojQU-CUNhMq6yuLA

Join the Juneteenth West Coast Port Shutdown! June 19th 10am

West Coast Port Shutdown! Juneteenth - The Struggle for Freedom Continues! END Systemic Racism,

Stop Police Terror, and STOP Privatization of the Port of Oakland! The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Longshore Division will stop work at all 29 ports on the West Coast for eight hours to commemorate Juneteenth, the holiday celebrating the end of slavery. Join Locals 10, 34, 75, 91 for a day of solidarity and resistance. An Injury to One is an Injury to All! Meet on Friday, June 19, 10am at 1717 Middle Harbor Road. We will caravan and march to Oscar Grant Plaza.” See https://www.answercoalition.org/?utm_campaign=juneteenth_2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=answercoalition

The 24 Hour Plays: Viral Monologues Supports RAPP Campaign Jun 23, 2020

“Here’s the deal: Theater people are working to help social justice/anti-racist organizing. They do monologues based on stories by people who are formerly incarcerated, etc, and then perform them online. Tonight’s bunch is dedicated to RAPP.

Here’s the info: TUESDAY, June 23, 6:00 pm and available through Saturday, June 27 • The 24 Hour Plays: Viral Monologues <https://24hourplays.com/viral-monologues/> • tonight’s installment benefits Release Aging People in Prison • on Instagram, Facebook and Youtube @24hourplays • Link for donations to RAPP” <https://24hourplays.com/viral-monologues/#rapp>

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4. Special guests: Dr. Zenobia Brown, “COVID19 update – Implications on race” & Dolores Cox: Political Analysis & Current events

Imaginary Agitators: Trump's labeling of antifa as a domestic terror organization-Video

“Thank you all to those of you who joined us for last week's webinar! In case you missed it or want to watch again, "Imaginary Agitators: Trump's labeling of antifa as a domestic terror organization" is available for streaming on our website and at our Vimeo channel! Watch previous NLG webinars here. Description: Join the NLG and its NYC chapter for a panel discussion on the Trump Administration’s designation of “antifa” as a terrorist organization. Amidst the popular uprisings demanding accountability in the murder of George Floyd and radical approaches to end police brutality, the Administration and its allies have attempted to direct attention away from popular unrest and towards an imagined enemy. Learn about the history of antifascism, how the government abuses terrorism designations, and how this campaign against antifa affects protesters, activists, and movements for racial justice and liberation” <https://www.nlg.org/resources/public-webinars/>
<https://vimeo.com/429727257>

From the Plantations to the Prisons-National Campaigns to Abolish Slavery-June 24th

**ONE COMMUNITY
ONE MIC**
INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE
PLANTATIONS TO PRISONS
JOIN US THIS WED. 6/24
@ 12 NOON PST

<https://bit.ly/AOUON1Community1MicRSVP>

**"INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE
IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT TO
PUNISH CRIME"**
-California Consitution, Article 1, Section 6

ALL OF US OR NONE
TODOS O NADIE

“Join us for AOUON’s live One Community, One Mic to share strategies and to organize change in these tumultuous times. All of Us or None has 29 active chapters across the United States. As COVID-19 rips through all of our communities, we are in unprecedented times. Join us on Zoom for One Community, One Mic, as we check in bi-weekly with

AOUON members and special guests to see how both the pandemic and the national reaction to police violence is impacting our Communities.

This week’s focus is on the transfer of Slavery & Involuntary Servitude from the Plantations to the Prisons. While the 13th Amendment still codifies slavery in prisons, recently Colorado finally removed the slavery clause in its constitution, and here in California we’re gearing up to erase Indentured Servitude out of ours.

WHAT: All of Us or None’s One Community One Mic WHEN: Every Other Wednesdays at Noon (PT)
WHERE: <https://bit.ly/AOUON1Community1MicRSVP> RSVPing for this OCOM will keep you registered for future weekly sessions. Video recordings of the One Community, One Mic sessions will also be available on AOUON Facebook following the events. For more information about One Community, One Mic, contact LSPC Communications Fellow London Croudy at: london@prisonerswithchildren.org”

Building Equity Project-Puerto Rico Update with ProLibertad June 25th 7pm EST

“The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign

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Puerto Rico Update with Prolibertad

June 25, 2020, 7:00PM ET

Via ZOOM

In 2017, Puerto Rico was hit with category 5 Hurricane Maria. In 2019, the island suffered a number of powerful earthquakes. Now, island residents are facing the COVID-19 pandemic. In this online program, activist and journalist **Ben Ramon, Prolibertad**, will provide an update on how the Caribbean island is coping with these crises. The report back will be followed by a Q & A session and cultural presentations from local poets **Nancy Mercado, Angel Martinez, and Rafael Landron**.

This program is presented in part of the Building Equity Project supported by the New York Community Trust.

For more event information:*

<https://facebook.com/events/s/puerto-rico-update-with-prolib/822490724906001/?ti=icl>

Leonard Peltier News and Events Sunday 6-21 and Friday the 26th

“Dear Family, Friends & Supporters “We want to share with you two major events happening for Leonard: Sunday 6-21 and Friday the 26th, the 45th year since the attack on the Jumping Bull’s land. On Sunday 6-21 our friend and supporter Mia Feroletto published a speculator edition of “New Observations” magazine, including over 40 of Leonard’s paintings and articles by Chase Iron Eyes, John Fusco and other friends of Leonard’s. Please enjoy this wonderful magazine.

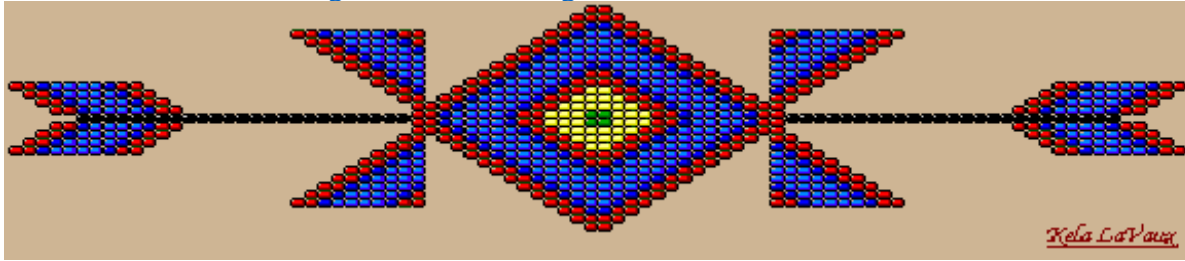
The Pine Ridge Reservation: Prisoner of War Camp #344

New Observations Magazine is proud to showcase the art of Leonard Peltier in Issue #135, The Pine Ridge Reservation: Prisoner of War Camp #344. Over forty of his paintings have been included in the magazine ranging in subject matter from children, Native American elders, horses and buffalo, to his life in prison. An extraordinary story of the history and culture of Indigenous people is woven together depicting joys and happiness as well as the pain and sorrow of life on and off the reservation. Leonard's gifts as an artist are unmistakable. New Observations Magazine has been published since 1985.

Leading members of the contemporary art and thinking communities have contributed their work from the beginning to share with us their perspective on a wide range of subjects. This issue contains articles

from Chase Iron Eyes, Charmaine White Face, Cindy Catches, Dana Thompson, Joanna Malinowska, John Fusco and many others as well as stunning photography from Keri Pickett, John Willis, Mitch Epstein and the Insight Photography Project and their work with Lakota youth on the Pine Ridge Reservation.”

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Leonard Peltier Podcast @LEONARD_pod

“Episode 1 of the new podcast series "LEONARD: Political Prisoner" will premiere on Friday, June 26. Season 1 features interviews with Edgar Bear Runner, Kevin Sharp, Jean Roach, Chase Iron Eyes, Milo Yellow Hair and more. New episodes will be released once a week on Fridays. Currently the podcast is available on Spotify, Soundcloud and Buzzsprout. It will be coming soon to Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Stitcher and more. Please check the website www.whoisleonardpeltier.info for a audio teaser on the podcast. The ILPDC Board, attorney’s, paralegals, and Directors thank you all for your continued support even through these troubling times. Please visit our web site at www.leonardpeltier.info and consider purchasing some of the available merchandise or to make a donation to help us with legal expenses. As always please write Leonard who is now in his fifth month of lockdown at the prison. For more information please contact the committee.”

ILPDC-National Office, 116 W Osborne St, Tampa, FL 33603 contact@whoisleonardpeltier.info
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Leonard Peltier 89637-132, USP COLEMAN I, U.S. PENITENTIARY, P.O. BOX 1033
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Malcolm X Pan Africanism Focus of Powerful Virtual Roundtable Sunday June 28
MXCC TO HOST POWERFUL VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE, MALCOLM X PANAFRICANIST
UNITY THEN AND NOW.

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f LIVE View at: **Malcolm X Commemoration Committee**
4 PM EST

This evening is dedicated to Political Prisoner DR. MUTULU SHAKUR with a Fundraising Goal of \$500! -Contribute at: <https://www.PayPal.me/PPOWs>

**REMEMBERING
MALCOLM X & The OAAU
ORGANIZING
FOR PAN-
AFRICANISM PAST AND PRESENT**

PANELISTS:
Baba James Small
Charles Barron
Prof. William Sales
Roger Wareham, Esq.
Bayyinah Bello
Yvette Lepolata Modestin
Jesus Chucho Garcia
Akinyele Urmoja
Sekou Odinga

CELEBRATING the OAAU's 56th ANNIVERSARY!

On Sunday, June 28th, the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee (MXCC) will host a special virtual

roundtable to mark the 56th anniversary of the launching of the Organization of Afro American Unity (OAAU)! The roundtable is entitled ‘Remembering Malcolm X And The OAAU: Organizing For Pan-Africanism-Past And Present. This moving talk will be hosted ‘Live!’ on Facebook at 4pm on the Facebook page of the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee. The gathering is free, but the night is dedicated to beloved political prisoner Dr. Mutulu Shakur, who is suffering from Bone Cancer. Organizers are trying to raise at least \$500. for the pioneering acupuncturist. Participants can donate at <https://www.paypal.me/PPOWs>. Among the guest presenters are Professor Bayyinah Bello of Fondasyon Felicitee and author of *Sheroes Of The Haitian Revolution*, Professor William Sales, who gave us *From Civil Rights To Black Liberation: Malcolm X And The Organization of AfroAmerican Unity*, former Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army political prisoner Sekou Odinga, who previously joined the OAAU, Yvette Lepolata Modestine of Encuentro DiasporaAfro and author of *Nubian Butterfly*, Akinyele Umoja, author of *We Will Shoot Back* and the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, Attorney Roger Wareham of the December 12th Movement International Secretariat, Assemblyman Charles Barron of East New York-Brooklyn and special guest, all the way from Venezuela, Jesus Chucho Garcia of the AfroVenezuelan Network! “We cannot let this hugely important dimension of Malcolm’s legacy to continue to be diminished. “The charge he gave us before he left us was a revolutionary Pan Africanist charge! “So in the fight against Police Brutality, in the fight against Ethnic Cleansing, in the fight for Reparations, from wherever we are in the world, the path to advancing our struggle at this incredible crossroads moment is that same PanAfrican path again if we are standing on his shoulders, and on the shoulders of ancestors like him.”

Letter-writing to Russell Maroon Shoatz June 30th

WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free “Typical of the state broadly, and this city specifically, the response to an uprising against the cumulative white supremacist history of policing has been harsh repression. Folks are being held at MDC Brooklyn and are facing LIFE IN PRISON for allegedly destroying property. If we have to repeat it, we will: NO PIECE OF PROPERTY IS EQUIVALENT TO THE ONGOING RACIST MURDER OF BLACK FOLKS BY COPS! NYC ABC will provide support as needed and appropriate. If you decide to write to someone recently arrested, please remember they are pre-trial and everything you write to them will be scrutinized and could wind up in a courtroom, so take extra care.”

‘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.’

“More information at <https://russellmaroonshoats.wordpress.com> “

Please take the time to write a letter to Maroon (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online):

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

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 - Call in 1(347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET

Without SOLIDARITY in the People’s MOVEMENT, the Struggle is lost!”

1 NEWS ANALYSIS---- An anatomy of oppression requires an anatomy of colonialism/imperialism i.e. An anatomy of the American Capitalist System: Ralph Poynter, Tom Siracuse, Joel Meyers, Gwen Goodwin, Paul Gilman, Henry Hagins

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3. Sarah Adams Liberation Poetry- In remembrance of Sister Lynne

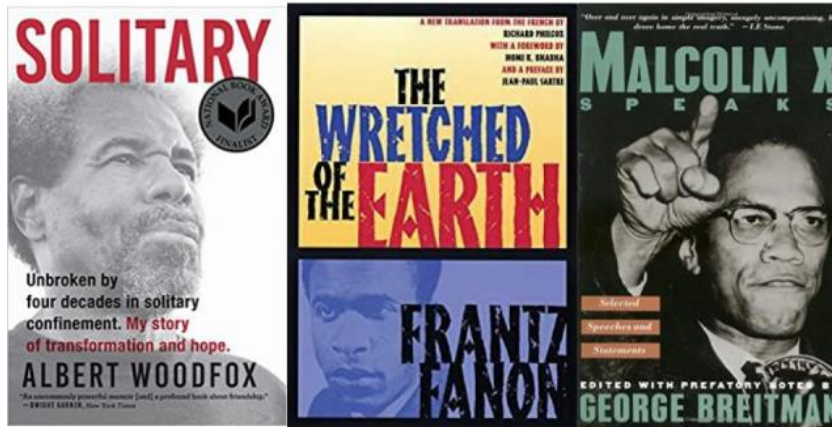
4. Special guest: Dr. Zenobia Brown-“COVID19 update , Implications on race”

5. Special guest: Dolores Cox- Political Analysis & Current events:

6. Special guest: Mark Torres-people pueblo party

7. Joseph Peery: advocate for the homeless (Chicago)

BOOK SALE! Freebird book drive for NYC Books Through Bars



July's pick features the personal story of **Albert Woodfox**, who endured 40 years of solitary confinement in Louisiana's Angola Prison. Purchase a copy of Woodfox's memoir, *Solitary*, along with the always-in-demand *Wretched of the Earth* by **Frantz Fanon**, and Grove Press will donate a copy of **Malcolm X Speaks**.

The overall savings to you is 40% off retail.* See <http://www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html> PLEASE NOTE that the books purchased through Freebird are ones that will be delivered directly to Books Through Bars so that they can fulfill requests from incarcerated readers. If you wish to purchase these books for yourself, we recommend going through Bookshop.org

Censored News on Policing and Prisons – Free E-Book July 1

“Could better news coverage have helped prevent the killing of George Floyd?”

The urgent and long overdue public discussions about how to end police brutality and dismantle the prison-industrial complex should include deliberation about our news media. *Censored News on Policing and Prisons* presents independent news dispatches and research articles on police violence and the prison-industrial complex, as highlighted and analyzed by Project Censored” See

<https://www.projectcensored.org/product/censored-news-on-policing-and-prisons-e-book/>

Mumia Marathon! July 3-4

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Call in 1 (347)857-3293 @ 9-10pm

“MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: “Your Mission, if you accept it, is to instill REALITY into the Black Lives Matter Movement.” WE ARE TAKING A SHORT BREAK & OUR LIVE PROGRAM WILL BE RETURNING TUESDAY AUGUST 18, 2020

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4. Special guest: Dolores Cox: Political Analysis & Current events
5. UNANNOUNCED/PENDING”

Native America and Covid-19: A Conversation with Chase Iron Eyes, Tokata Iron Eyes, and Madonna Thunder Hawk July 8 | 12:00 PM EDT | 9:00 AM PDT

CONVERSATION WITH THE NATION AND
Chase IRON EYES, Tokata IRON EYES,
Madonna THUNDER HAWK

HOSTED BY
Zoë Carpenter
 Contributing Writer, *The Nation*

Native America
and Covid-19

07/08

12:00 PM EDT
 9:00 AM PDT



“Please join a special Nation Conversation on Wednesday July 8 at 12pm EDT with leaders of the Lakota Sioux—Chase Iron Eyes, Tokata Iron Eyes, and Madonna Thunder Hawk— discussing how Native America is coping with the outsized impact of Covid-19 and how the pandemic has exacerbated the social, economic, and health disparities of Native American life.

Tribal communities have been hit hard by Covid-19, which has dramatically exacerbated existing inequalities and strained tribal schools and healthcare systems to the breaking point. Native American populations also face lack of ready access to testing and shortages of personal protective equipment. But the added burdens of chronic disease and persistent underfunding of American Indian health systems have put the nation's indigenous population at higher risk of poor outcomes from the disease. At the same time, the fossil fuel industry is trying to exploit the Covid-19 crisis to expand pipeline

projects. This promises to be a powerful and crucial conversation. Sign up now!" See https://secure.everyaction.com/P-OA5EB7dE6TOvZFu_rzQA2

July 13th Virtual Letter Writing Party for Leonard Peltier!

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LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

LEONARD PELTIER

MON. JULY 13, 7PM EDT / 4PM PDT: LIVESTREAM

FREE LEONARD PELTIER!

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 Birthday: September 12, 1944
 Affiliation: American Indian Movement
 Imprisoned: Feb. 6, 1976 - 2 life sentences
 IN PRISON 44 YEARS

“Join the exciting livestream party on Monday, 7/13 at 4pm Pacific / 7pm Eastern to send letters to Leonard Peltier. Next week, the La Riva / Peltier 2020 campaign in coordination with support/defense committees, will begin hosting a series of virtual letter writing parties to learn about and support political prisoners. Here is the link to view the livestream: bit.ly/write2leonard

The US government has long attacked political organizations and wrongfully imprisoned radical leaders who have opposed state-sanctioned oppression and injustice. While real criminals like Wall Street executives and war mongering politicians roam free, dozens of social justice activists are behind bars for crimes they did not commit. And millions are imprisoned for being working-class poor. Click "Get Reminder" here <https://www.facebook.com/pslweb/posts/10157800660107515> to receive a push notification at the start of the livestream. The first Livestream Letter Writing Party will focus on Leonard Peltier, Indigenous leader — Lakota and Anishnaabe — and political prisoner who has spent the last 44 years behind bars. Leonard is the Vice Presidential candidate for the PSL and has dedicated his life and sacrificed enormously to the fight for Indigenous sovereignty and a world free of exploitation and racism. In the coming weeks, we will have letter-writing parties for Mutulu Shakur, Jalil Muntaqim, Mumia Abu-Jamal, Rev. Joy Powell, and others. Free them all! Tune in on Facebook or Twitter @PSLweb or on Youtube.com/LiberationNews”

Letter-writing to Xinachtli-July 14th

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, July 14th, 2020 WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free

As efforts build to coordinate support for those arrested and facing repression as a result of the uprising against cops killing Black folks (and policing in general), the state is using federal grand juries and sending agents to knock on doors in hopes of gathering evidence. Locals cops and overzealous bootlicking reactionaries have murdered protestors in an attempt to directly stop them and intimidate others. And of course the state is using this moment in history to further punish those already imprisoned—with lockdowns, transfers, neglect, and outright brutality. One way to support those in prison is through the simple act of writing a letter. This week NYC ABC, in collaboration with Page One Collective, are encouraging you to write to Chicano political prisoner Xinachtli.

Please take the time to write a letter to Xinachtli (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with

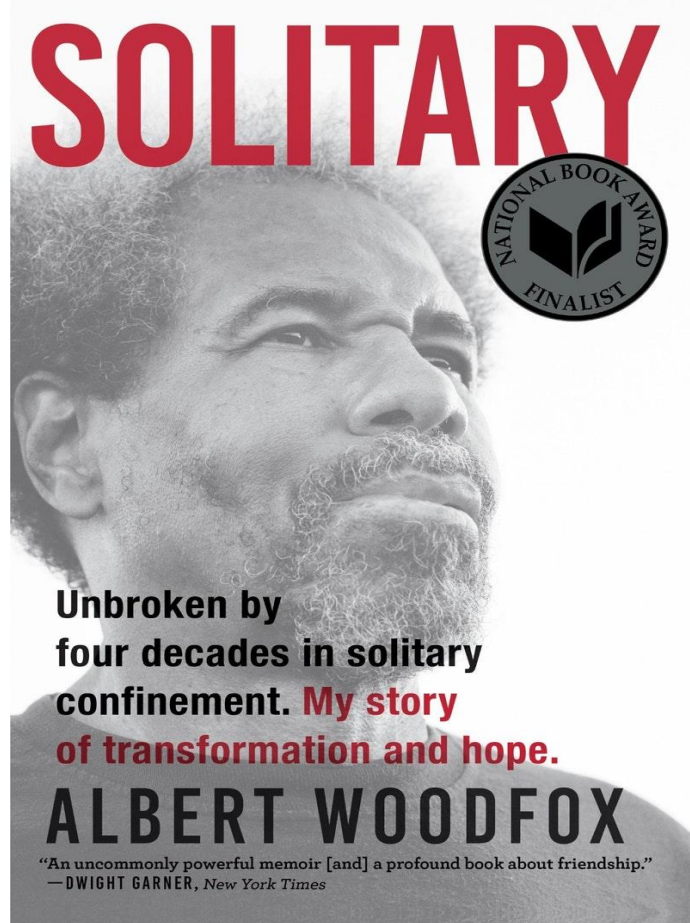
us online):

Xinachtli* #255735, James V Allred Unit, 2101 FM 369 North, Iowa Park, Texas 76367

*Address envelopes to Alvaro Luna Hernández, cards/letters to Xinachtli.' See

<https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/07/10/Xinachtli2020>

A Talk with Albert Woodfox: Albert Woodfox: Author Talk; A Freebird/Books Through Bars Event- July 15th 6pm EST



“Albert Woodfox discusses Solitary, his Pulitzer-nominated memoir about his 40 years of solitary confinement in Louisiana's Angola Prison. Woodfox will be in conversation with his editor at Grove Press, George Gibson.

The event is to help raise awareness for NYC Books Through Bars, a non-profit program that helps deliver books to the incarcerated.

If you would like to read Solitary, or any of the books personally relevant to Woodfox while he was in prison, you can purchase copies at

<https://bookshop.org/lists/albert-woodfox-s-book-recommendations>

For making a donation of Solitary to Books Through Bars, you can purchase a 3- book bundle here:

<http://www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html>

Register at <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/author-talk-with-albert/register>

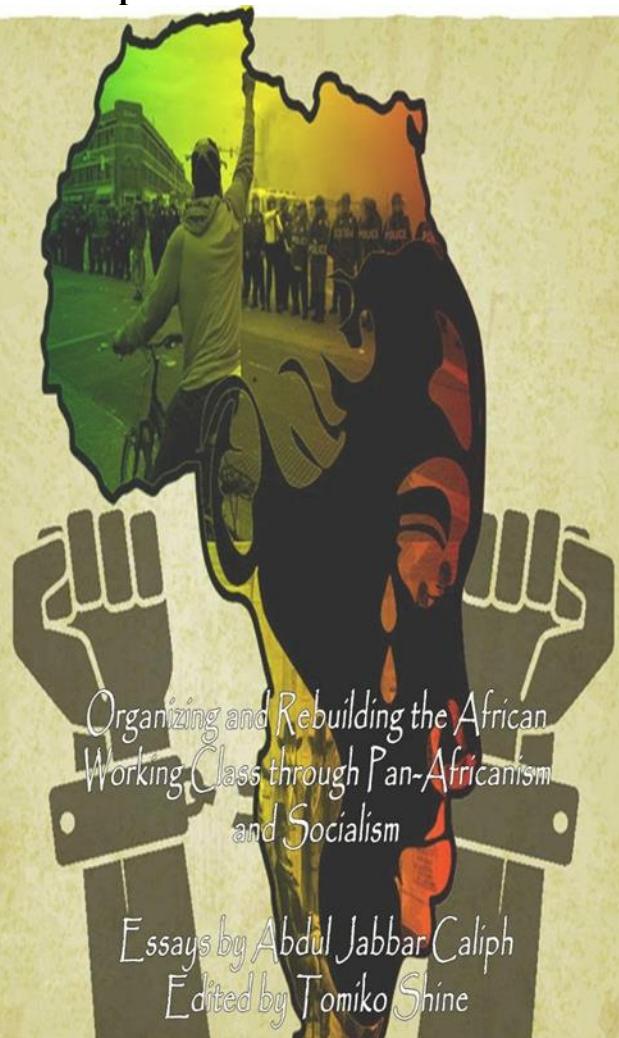
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**“Organizing and Rebuilding African Working Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism, a
 Collection of Essays
 by Abdul Jabbar Caliph**



Abdul Jabbar Caliph (May 16, 1961 – October 8, 2018); was co-chair of National Jericho Movement, Chair of UJIMA, Founder/Director of Maryland State Jericho Amnesty Movement, George Jackson University, Advisor of MDRAPP (MD Release Aging People in Prison), Advisor to APP-HRC (Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign), Co-Creator of the Assata Shakur Liberation Day, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and Chief Editor African World Report Online.

Tomiko Shine is a Cultural Anthropologist with a focus on identity/narrative of people of African descent. She is Founding Director of *Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign*; a human rights organization that advocates for the human rights and release of aging men and women imprisoned for decades across the United States.

Pan-Africanism and Socialism



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News, Articles, and Updates

The Fire This Time June 8

“These protests are too widespread to go away. There will be no peace without justice on multiple fronts. At the end of May streets once emptied by COVID-19 have filled with protesters in over 700 U.S. cities and towns. They demand justice in the wake of a new wave of state-sanctioned violence against black people—in particular the brutal murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and Ahmaud Arbery—that recall with sickening familiarity the police murders of Eric Garner, Aiyana Stanley-Jones, and so many other black Americans. They were mothers, fathers, daughters and sons, leaving behind grieving friends and family members and a collective sense of outrage. The Trump administration’s ineffectual, race-baiting, and militaristic response to the uprising has only served to heighten the crisis.” See <https://portside.org/2020-06-16/fire-time>

New Report Finds That 500% Increase in Use of Solitary Confinement During COVID-19 Puts Hundreds of Thousands of People at Risk June 15, 2020

“Washington, D.C.—The Unlock the Box Campaign announced today the release of a new Special Report entitled “Solitary Confinement Is Never the Answer,” documenting the impacts and risks associated with the estimated 500 percent increase in the use of solitary confinement as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Special Report notes that the number of people held in solitary confinement in the United States ballooned to an estimated 300,000 people in April, as compared to an estimated 60,000 people held in solitary confinement each day prior to the outbreak.” See <https://solitarywatch.org/2020/06/15/new-report-finds-that-500-increase-in-use-of-solitary-confinement-during-covid-19-puts-hundreds-of-thousands-of-people-at-risk/>

Police Must Answer to the Community 15 Jun 2020 Black Agenda Radio with Margaret Kimberley and Glen Ford

“The demand for community control of police ushers in a new stage of struggle, in which ‘young people are imagining a world where these tremendous institutions of imperialism and the police state are gone,’ said Max Rameau, an activist with Pan African Community Action (PACA), in Washington, DC. The PACA proposal would oversee police hiring, firing and operations by a board chosen from communities at random, like jurors.” See <https://www.blackagendareport.com/police-must-answer-community>

Beware “Domestication” of Protest 15 Jun 2020 Black Agenda Radio with Margaret Kimberley and Glen Ford

“Opponents of transformational change are seeking to “domesticate” the protest movement with bland calls for “justice” for George Floyd, who is dead and beyond justice, said Ajamu Baraka, national organizer for the Black Alliance for Peace. “What we can do is put a critical view on the system that created the conditions that resulted in Floyd’s life being taken.” Activists also have an opportunity to build solidarity with global victims of U.S imperialism. “We have a responsibility as citizens of Empire to put a brake on the U.S. state,” said Baraka.” See <https://www.blackagendareport.com/beware-domestication-protest>

Repaying the Movement for Her Freedom 15 Jun 2020 Black Agenda Radio with Margaret Kimberley and Glen Ford

“Bresha Meadows faced long imprisonment in the shooting death of her abusive father when she was 14 years old, but was sentenced to a year in juvenile detention and six months at a mental facility because of the intercession of Survived and Punished and other activists. Now free, Meadows hopes to lead a life of social activism. “That’s my calling,” said the 18 year-old Ohioan. “If it was not for the activists and social media, I don’t think that I would have gotten out.” See <https://blackagendareport.com/repaying-movement-her-freedom>

Angela Davis: ‘We Knew That the Role of the Police Was to Protect White Supremacy’ June 15

“It is 1972, and Angela Davis is answering a question about whether she approves of the use of violence by the Black Panthers. She is sitting against a backdrop of powder-blue breeze blocks, the walls of a California state prison cell. Dressed in a red turtleneck, with her signature afro and a lit cigarette, she stares at the Swedish interviewer – almost straight through him – as she delivers her reply: “You ask me whether I approve of violence? That just doesn’t make any sense at all. Whether I approve of guns? I grew up in Birmingham, Alabama. Some very, very good friends of mine were killed by bombs – bombs that were planted by racists.” See <https://portside.org/2020-06-24/angela-davis-we-knew-role-police-was-protect-white-supremacy>

New York police officials disband plainclothes unit Involved in Many Shootings June 15, 2020

“The commissioner is reassigning about 600 officers from teams that target violent crime. He called it a “seismic shift” in police culture. The New York police commissioner announced on Monday that he was disbanding the Police Department’s anti-crime units: plainclothes teams that target violent crime and have been involved in some of the city’s most notorious police shootings. Roughly 600 officers serve in the units, which are spread out across the city and work out of the department’s 77 precincts and nine housing commands. They will immediately be reassigned to other duties, including the detective bureau and the department’s neighborhood policing initiative, the commissioner, Dermot F. Shea, said.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/15/nyregion/nypd-plainclothes-cops.html>

Delbert Africa, MOVE member released from prison in January after 41 years, has died

Mensah M. Dean - June 16, 2020

“Delbert Africa, a longtime member of MOVE who was released from prison in January after serving 41 years for his part in the group’s 1978 clash in Powelton Village with Philadelphia police, has died. Africa, 73, died at home in Philadelphia Monday surrounded by family and fellow MOVE members, Pam Africa, a MOVE member, said Tuesday.

He died of prostate and bone cancer, said his daughter, Yvonne Orr-El, who was among a handful of speakers at a news conference during which she and others alleged that he did not receive medical treatment in prison for 18 months after first noticing symptom.

“Had my father received the treatment he needed, the healthy, strong, smiling, humorous, sarcastic man that I called my father would still be here today,” Orr-El, of Chicago, said standing in front of a MOVE-owned home in the 4500 block of Kingsessing Avenue.

“What happened to Delbert was just another example of George Floyd. Delbert was deliberately, methodically, calculatedly murdered by prison officials,” said his MOVE sister, Janine Africa. “When he came out here to these doctors and hospitals on the streets, they even said that the prisons did a lot of wrong things to Delbert. ” A spokesperson for the state Department of Corrections said she could not discuss a specific inmate’s medical care, but said that, in general, “DOC officials provide medical care that is in line with community standards.”

Pam Africa said Africa would be remembered as “an uncompromising, revolutionary, freedom fighter who fought for the lives of all.”

Delbert Africa was one of nine MOVE members imprisoned for the 1978 clash. After being released in January he said he looked forward to reuniting with the surviving MOVE members to continue the work of challenging what he called an unjust criminal justice system....” See

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/delbert-africa-move-member-dead-20200616.html>[inquirer.com](https://www.inquirer.com/news/delbert-africa-move-member-dead-20200616.html)

A Short History of U.S. Law Enforcement Infiltrating Protests June 16

“When Harry, George, Tom, and Joe showed up at a warehouse outside Philadelphia rented by protesters, organizers were immediately suspicious. The men claimed to be “union carpenters” from the Scranton, Pennsylvania, area who built stages — just the kind of help the protesters needed. They were preparing for the Republican National Convention in 2000, where the party would be nominating George W. Bush. Across the country, allied organizers were planning similar protests for the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles. One of the hallmarks of the social justice movement at the time was its puppets. Organizers were coming off successful protests in Seattle in November 1999 against the World Trade Organization, and in Washington, D.C., in April 2000, against the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, and had managed to reshape the politics of globalization. Soaring papier-mache puppets, rolled through the streets on individually constructed floats, projected a festive air, capturing sympathetic media coverage and countering the authorities’ narrative that the protesters were nihilists simply relishing in property destruction.” See

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/updates-16-jun-2020.pdf>

Federal Bureau of Prisons Goes into National Lockdown Over Protests June 16

“The Federal Bureau of Prisons announced Monday that they are putting all 165,575 of their inmates on full lockdown for the first time in twenty-five years. Their reasons — civil unrest and the ongoing protests around the nation that were sparked when a white police officer killed a black man in Minneapolis on May 25 during an arrest. This is only the second time all federal prisons have been on full lockdown in the history of the U.S., according to Prison Legal News, a department of the Human Rights Defense Center. The BOP says they’re taking the action out of “an abundance of caution” as protests.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/updates-16-jun-2020.pdf>

Solidarity Statement with the Uprising from Ferguson Prisoner June 16

“The following is a statement in support of the ongoing rebellion from Ferguson prisoner, Josh Williams. #justice4georgefloyd Let’s get this trending once again. Another black man has been taken from us by white racist cops and once again they will see our power. I send my shout out to everybody out there fighting. I say to you: keep it going, the fight is going to get hard but stay in the fight. We are Michael Brown, we are Eric Garner, let’s fight. #IcantBreathe #HANDSUPDONTSHOOT. I want to address the nation again and those who are in power as I sit and watch the protest. I call out President Trump on his bullshit ass comment. I say to you: those people who you call thugs, those people who you call criminals, are my people. Those people who are out there and doing what they doing, they doing it out of anger, they acting out of emotion, so calling them thugs is out of the question.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/updates-16-jun-2020.pdf>

Prison Break: Political Prisoners and COVID-19 June 16

“Death tolls continue to rise as COVID-19 wreaks havoc across the globe. While Paul Manafort and Michael Cohen received early releases (on home confinement) due to the pandemic, millions of others remain behind bars with little hope of release. Political Prisoners Marius Mason and Jalil Muntaqim have recently tested positive for COVID-19. Muntaqim, who at 68 years old having served 49 years in prison is one of the longest-serving political prisoners, contracted the virus while awaiting an appeals hearing on an order that would have had him released from prison in April. You can listen to the audio but a ruling has not yet been announced. On a positive note, Ramsey Orta, scheduled to be released in July, was granted temporary release on May 29. Turning your Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners calendar from May to June, you will find two pieces by current anarchist political prisoners. The artwork for the month is a vibrant and colorful piece by Marius Mason, an anarchist, environmental and animal rights political prisoner. The essay for the month is written by vegan, anarchist political prisoner Eric King, and touches on the intersectionality at the center of ongoing liberation movements. Be sure to show your support for these political prisoners, on June 11, the International Day of Solidarity with Marius Mason and all Long-term Anarchist Prisoners.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/updates-16-jun-2020.pdf>

Brooklyn Man Was Arrested for Curfew Violation. The FBI Interrogated Him About His Political Beliefs. June 16

“Joel Feingold was in his apartment in Brooklyn when he heard the sound of police beating protesters outside of his building Wednesday night. Having spent much of the week in the streets joining the waves of demonstrations against police brutality currently sweeping the nation, Feingold rushed outside. He was swiftly tossed to the ground by a senior New York City police officer in a white shirt, thrown in a police van, and placed under arrest along with four other individuals for having ostensibly violated a recently imposed curfew on NYC residents.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/updates-16-jun-2020.pdf>

New zine on Black Liberation political prisoners June 16

“The Page One collective has a new zine of currently imprisoned veterans of Black liberation movements. Print and hand out at protests! Send it to your mom. Spread the word. Write these folx, bring up their names, keep their struggles alive: pageone.noblogs.org/files/2020/06/BL_PPzine5.pdf
<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/updates-16-jun-2020.pdf>

Current Political Prisoners of Black Liberation Movements: New Zine from Page One Collective

“In honor of the ongoing struggle for Black Lives and Black Liberation, the Page One Collective is offering this zine on Current Political Prisoners of Black Liberation Movements. You can download it here”: https://pageone.noblogs.org/files/2020/06/BL_PPzine5.pdf
<https://kersplebedeb.com/posts/current-political-prisoners-of-black-liberation-movements-new-zine-from-page-one-collective/>

“I begged them to let me die.” How Federal Prisons Became Coronavirus Death Traps. June 18

“Bureau of Prisons officials were unprepared for the arrival of the coronavirus and then slow to respond when federal prisoners and agency employees began to be stricken with COVID-19. Corrections officials ignored or minimized symptoms reported by prisoners, transferred them around the country in defiance of shelter orders, refused to adequately protect staff who had been exposed to the virus and even failed to follow their own health protocols. To make matters worse, Keri Blakinger and Vice’s Keegan Hamilton report, BOP officials allegedly sought to hide the extent of the problem as lawmakers, judges and others demanded answers.” See
<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/06/18/i-begged-them-to-let-me-die-how-federal-prisons-became-coronavirus-death-traps>

The Prison Was Built to Hold 1,500 Inmates. It Had Over 2,000 Coronavirus Cases. June 18th

“Prison overcrowding has been quietly tolerated for decades. But the pandemic is forcing a reckoning. Jason Thompson lay awake in his dormitory bed in the Marion Correctional Institution in central Ohio, immobilized by pain, listening to the sounds of “hacking and gurgling” as the novel coronavirus passed from bunk to bunk like a game of “sick hot potato,” he wrote in a Facebook post.”
 See <https://www.propublica.org/article/the-prison-was-built-to-hold-1500-inmates-it-had-over-2000-coronavirus-cases>

Union Leads West Coast Port Shutdown On Juneteenth June 19

“Former political prisoner Arthur League talks about the ILWU shutdown and the campaign to free Black political prisoners, some of whom have been imprisoned for over 50 years.” See
<https://therealnews.com/stories/union-leads-west-coast-port-shutdown-juneteenth>

Federal Jail Show People Desperate for Medical Attention Amid the Pandemic — and Waiting Weeks to Get It June 21, 2020

“A federal judge last week denied a request by people held in a federal jail in Brooklyn to order officials to improve their efforts to prevent a coronavirus outbreak in the facility. The incarcerated people had alleged a level of medical neglect at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn that rose to the degree of unconstitutional cruel and unusual punishment. They sought a temporary injunction ordering jail officials to improve medical care and disease prevention at the jail, as well as appointing a special master empowered to oversee those changes.” See
<https://theintercept.com/2020/06/21/mdc-brooklyn-coronavirus-medical-requests/>

Renegade Culture Podcast: Killer Cops and the New Era of Lynchings

“The latest episode, <https://soundcloud.com/renegade-culture/killer-cops-and-the-new-era-of-lynchings>
 On the latest episode we rap about the murder of Rayshard Brooks in Atlanta, the arrests of the killer cops, the 5 lynchings that have taken place in the last couple weeks and Trump goofy ass "making

Juneteenth famous". Follow us on Soundcloud, Apple, and social media. Hosted by Kalonji Changa and Kamau Franklin, Produced by Naka "The Ear Dr" Recorded at Playback Studios in the Historic West End of Atlanta, Ga Check out the website at www.renegadeculture.org. Check out some of our organizational efforts at www.siafumovement.org and community movement builders. Make donations to support our media and community programs at communitymovementbuilders.org"

'I CAN'T BREATHE': ISRAEL'S WAR TECHNOLOGY CONTRIBUTES TO THE SUBJUGATION OF AMERICAN PEOPLE

"From the 'Palestinian Chair', and other forms of torture methods used by the US army to the militarization of the American police and the massive 'security apparatus' used to spy on and monitor ordinary Americans, Israel's war technology is now part and parcel of the everyday American life. In this episode of Palestine Chronicle TV, editors Ramzy Baroud and Romana Rubeo discuss the Israeli involvement in shaping state-sponsored violence, which is currently at full display in American streets. From crowd control tactics to the knee-on-neck hold, which killed African American man George Floyd on May 25, PC editors will provide a range of evidence that implicates Israel in the routine violence meted out against US citizens." See <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/i-cant-breathe-how-israels-war-technology-contributes-to-the-subjugation-of-american-people-pc-tv/>

Opium Sabbah (Oakland Jericho Member)

"Opium Sabbah brings a rich and diverse musical legacy to his music. Son of the legendary Cheb i Sabbah, Opium Sabbah was raised listening to the spiritually rich and exotic music of India and North Africa. He watched and listened as his father pioneered a new genre of world music, and was introduced to musicians, vocalists and producers who would later influence his own musical career." <https://opium.bandcamp.com/>

Jalil Muntaqim's Cousin Shy'an G is a Hip Hop Artist

"Jalil has a young cousin, Shy'an G, who is a hip hop artist performing in the Bay area in California. He requests that we watch her performances and send her some support.

Here is her YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWJ-SJI08HCM2pgYKTQVQEA/>

Lots of talent in the Bottom family!"

"DJ Free Leonard is creating Spoken Word, DJ, Music Videos" Become a Patron!

See <https://www.patreon.com/DJFreeLeonard>

Check out Dave Brown's Poetry!

Dave is Jalil Muntaqim's brother and part of Oakland Jericho.

I Can't Breathe

<https://www.facebook.com/100000497680681/posts/3853767207983164/?d=n>

Hands up Don't Shoot

<https://www.facebook.com/100000497680681/posts/3836977099662175/?d=n>

Black National Anthem

<https://www.facebook.com/100000497680681/posts/3844122845614267/?d=n>

Stop Resisting

<https://www.facebook.com/100000497680681/posts/3826614184031800/?d=n>

Why Disbanding Plainclothes Police Units Isn't Enough

"There's reason to be skeptical of the NYPD's claim it disbanded its notorious plainclothes units, says Brandon Soderberg, author of the upcoming book I Got A Monster: The Rise and Fall of America's

Most Corrupt Police Squad.” See <https://therealnews.com/stories/why-disbanding-plainclothes-police-unit-not-enough-nypd>

Black Agenda Report: Will Blacks Oppose or Defend US Empire? June 22

“Defense of Haitian independence was the first foreign policy focus of African Americans, said Brandon Byrd, professor of history at Vanderbilt University and author of “The Black Republic: African Americans and the Fate of Haiti.” With the US now an imperial superpower, Blacks must “question not only the US as a national project, but also question what role we as African Americans have in that national project.” See <https://www.blackagendareport.com/will-blacks-oppose-or-defend-us-empire>

Eric King Update June 29

“How would it make you feel to know that Eric had a previously active grievance filed against the officer who slammed Eric’s head into the concrete while his hands were cuffed behind his back? Or that FCI Englewood currently does not have an officer assigned to the facility who investigates officers who violate prisoners? Or that this officer has given Eric SIX bullshit disciplinary write-ups (aka a “shot”) in the last 6 months? How about that when a prisoner complains about an assault or attempted assault it needs to be investigated and the officer needs to be removed from contact by policy? And if they have ZERO concern for his safety, then we defer to the policy in which if a staff member claims they were assaulted by a prisoner and a protection order goes into place and the prisoner is not put in a situation where they interact with that guard from that point forward.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/updates-14-jul-2020.pdf>

Big Tech Is Using the Pandemic to Push Dangerous New Forms of Surveillance June 22

“For more than two decades, the ankle shackle has remained the standard electronic monitoring (EM) device. While cellphones, tablets, smartwatches and laptop computers evolved, the black plastic band remained — bulging out under socks and scraping the skin off criminalized legs. Even at this stage of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, many of these devices require a landline phone to function. They retain ancestral ties to the analog age.” See <https://truthout.org/articles/big-tech-is-using-the-pandemic-to-push-dangerous-new-forms-of-surveillance/>

The Nebraska Pardon Board has been asked to free Ed Poindexter after 50 years in prison for a wrongful conviction. June 23

‘LINCOLN — A group of supporters of Ed Poindexter, convicted in the booby-trap killing of an Omaha police officer 50 years ago, made an emotional appeal Monday to release him from prison to promote healing and because he’s near death.” See https://www.omaha.com/news/crime/supporters-look-for-benevolent-release-for-ed-poindexter-say-it-would-help-heal-racial-wounds/article_c5f81b80-f906-57d1-bc3d-4aab175d5659.html

Inside the U.S.’s Largest Maximum-Security Prison, COVID-19 Raged. Outside, Officials Called Their Fight a Success.

“Inmates at Angola prison in Louisiana told ProPublica of widespread illness, dysfunctional care and deadly neglect as the coronavirus outbreak hit.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/inside-the-uss-largest-maximum-security-prison-covid-19-raged>

My Family Saw a Police Car Hit a Kid on Halloween. Then I Learned How NYPD Impunity Works June 23

“Last Halloween, my wife and then-6-year-old daughter were making their way home after trick-or-treating in Brooklyn. Suddenly, an unmarked NYPD car with sirens wailing began speeding against

traffic up a one-way street, our neighborhood's main thoroughfare. The officer seemed to be going after a few teenage boys.

Then, in an instant, the car hit one of the kids.

It was the first of many jarring things my family saw the NYPD do that night. Afterward, I tried to find out more about what exactly had happened and whether officers would be disciplined. There was footage and plenty of witnesses, and I happen to be an investigative journalist. I thought there was at least a chance I could get answers. Instead, the episode crystallized all of the ways in which the NYPD is shielded from accountability." See <https://www.propublica.org/article/my-family-saw-a-police-car-hit-a-kid-on-halloween-then-i-learned-how-nypd-impunity-works>

In the Middle of a Pandemic, Prisoners at San Quentin Are Punished for Being Sick Jun 23

"At around 2 a.m. on May 4, Ronald Carter heard his cellmate cry out in agony. "He said he felt dizzy, heated, and couldn't even hold his head up, so I turned the fan on him," he said. Carter, 55, and his cellmate, Edward Scott, 52, live in San Quentin State Prison's North Block, where more than 700 prisoners occupy 414 cells—nearly twice the designed capacity." See <https://theappeal.org/san-quentin-state-prison-coronavirus-solitary-confinement/>

Black Votes Matter asks Nebraska Pardon Board to release Ed Poindexter June 24

by richardsonreports

"Preston Love, Chairman of Black Votes Matter, appeared before the Nebraska Pardon Board and requested the release of Ed Poindexter from the Nebraska State Penitentiary where he is serving a life sentence for the 1970 murder of an Omaha policeman. Poindexter, former head of Omaha's Black Panther affiliate chapter called the National Committee to Combat Fascism, was convicted at a controversial trial in 1971 for the bombing death of Patrolman Larry Minard. Poindexter had been targeted by Operation COINTELPRO, an illegal program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and was convicted after the FBI Laboratory withheld a report on the identity of an anonymous caller who lured Minard to his death in a bomb ambush at a vacant house. The confessed bomber, Duane Peak, never served a day in prison in exchange for implicating Poindexter who steadfastly maintains his innocence. The trial was marred by conflicting police testimony and six different versions of Peak's confession." See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/06/24/black-votes-matter-asks-nebraska-pardon-board-to-release-ed-poindexter/>

U.S. must return political prisoner Simón Trinidad to Colombia June 24, 2020

"Murderous violence and oligarchy were at the center of Colombian political life during the 20th century. Colombians by the millions were marginalized, impoverished, and/or displaced from small land holdings. Violence and the failings of liberal democracy turned Simón Trinidad into a revolutionary. Few in the United States and Europe know about him. Colombia's allies in both places overlook the Colombian terror regime. Simón Trinidad matters; his time has come. This leader of the former Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) faced bizarre and unfounded criminal charges in a U.S. court. He's being held under the cruelest of conditions in a federal prison in Florence, Colo.; he will die there unless he is released. Trinidad will be 70 years old on July 30. An international campaign is demanding that the U.S. government return Simón Trinidad to Colombia. What follows is an appeal on behalf of that campaign. Here are some facts:..." See <https://www.peoplesworld.org/article/u-s-must-return-political-prisoner-simon-trinidad-to-colombia/>

Eric Garner-Eric assaulted by guard at FCI Englewood-June 24th

"On June 18th Eric was taken into the showers while shackled, and attacked. The guard took the metal detection wand and swung at his each of Eric's ankles. As Eric would lift his leg to avoid being hit, this officer would swing at the other. The guard then picked Eric up and dropped him on his head onto the concrete in the shower. He woke up after losing consciousness for 10 seconds thinking they were

pouring water on his face, but it was his own blood. Eric was transported to Swedish Medical Center and was given six stitches and diagnosed with a moderate to severe concussion. The hospital would not give him the results of the scan or release them to his family or lawyer because they told him “he is government property.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/updates-30-jun-2020.pdf>

Update on Our Collective Work to Release All Elders from Adirondack Correctional Facility

June 25

“Thanks so much to everyone who signed their organization(s) on to our rapid response letter opposing Governor Cuomo's plan to transfer incarcerated older people to Adirondack Correctional Facility, which calls on the Governor and Legislature to release everyone incarcerated at the prison. The final letter is attached. The Daily News just published this story that included our collective letter, as well as the perspective of Darlene MacKenzie whose brother was recently transferred to Adirondack. Darlene lives in Maryland and won't be able to make the drive to visit her brother now that he is incarcerated near the Canadian border. Right after the news became public, RAPP put out this statement. If you're on social media, please share it on Twitter and Facebook.” See

<https://www.nydailynews.com/coronavirus/ny-coronavirus-adirondack-prison-20200625-untmjdnubufh2f44yuuodgbe-story.html>

Adirondack Statement:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PLyB54bW0v4sh7GekA6m6plV6l4q4jdnFxpBesmQ44/edit?usp=sharing>

A State-by-State Look at Coronavirus in Prisons June 25

“Nearly 49,000 prisoners and prison employees have tested positive for COVID-19, according to our updated tally through June 23. At least 585 prisoners have died of the coronavirus.” See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

UC health experts: San Quentin coronavirus outbreak could pose threat to entire Bay Area

By Kellie Hwang and Mike Massa - June 25, 2020

“A team of UC Berkeley and UCSF health experts warned prison medical officials nearly two weeks ago that they'd need to cut the population of San Quentin State Prison in half to avoid a potentially “catastrophic” outbreak there. But prison officials didn't heed the warning and, since then, confirmed coronavirus infections among prisoners have rocketed from 48 to 456, far outpacing any other facility in the state and overwhelming a system that waited too long to react.” See

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/local-politics/article/UC-health-experts-San-Quentin-coronavirus-15364257.php>

What Are Cops Really Thinking When Routine Arrests Turn Violent? June 26

“Why do they do it? Cops have been caught on video, over and over, assaulting Black Americans — bruising their bodies and breaking their bones during routine encounters that escalated. What makes officers engage in rough arrest tactics that seem unnecessarily brutal?”

“You have to use a lot of force, or you are going to die.” There is a strong consensus among police officers, and those who routinely defend their conduct, that police culture is built on a code that rewards the exercise of dominance over suspects during arrests. And most cops have a ready-made response to critics who wonder why so many officers still use so much force, including so much excessive force, on the street: don't resist an arrest and we won't have a problem. But of course it's much more complicated than that. Black civilians, for example, are far more likely than their White counterparts to experience police violence during arrests.” See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/06/26/what-are-cops-really-thinking-when-routine-arrests-turn-violent>

California governor grants clemency to 21 prisoners as thousands infected with Covid-19

June 26

“California’s governor has granted clemency to 21 prisoners as Covid-19 outbreaks have continued to infect thousands behind bars in an escalating public health crisis. Gavin Newsom, who has faced mounting pressure to release people en masse from state prisons, announced Friday that he is granting commutations to 21 people, a move that reduces their sentences and creates a potential path for their release. He also announced pardon grants for 13 people, a step that restores some rights for those who have already served sentences.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jun/26/california-clemency-covid-19-governor-prisons>

Police Are Arresting Protesters Over Facebook Posts-And It’s Just The Beginning June 26

“Taya Graham: We’ve learned that federal law enforcement was monitoring and making arrests based upon a single Facebook post. To get more insight on how this happened and the implications I’m joined by my reporting partner, Stephen Janis. Stephen, thanks for joining us...”

See: <https://therealnews.com/stories/police-arrest-protesters-facebook-posts-surveillance-technology-social-media>

Prison Radio: Women Fighting COVID-19 Inside and Out June 27th

“Prisons do more than just isolate our families from us and our communities. Prisons obscure. They violently blur and falter the lines of communication and connection to our families. Prisons make it immensely difficult to promote the wellness of our loved ones - this is more critical than ever as COVID-19 rages. At Prison Radio, we applaud the community-led efforts to keep incarcerated women safe. The California Coalition for Women Prisoners highlight the interlocking impacts that COVID, misogyny, and the prison industrial complex have on women and their families. For weeks, they’ve been conducting online workshops and phone zaps to demand a prevention of the spread of COVID-19 in the Central California Women’s Facility & California Institution for Women through better safety measures and mass releases. Like Prison Radio, CCWP brings the voices of our most vulnerable into the public debate. They’ve recently published the diary entries of incarcerated women in the age of this pandemic, urging us to bear witness and utilize our powers to work towards a world that better protects women and mothers incarcerated. This world is much closer than we’d think. It is actualizing itself, through each act of resistance on the inside and outside. Over 200 people in the Mesa Verde Detention Center in Bakersfield waged a hunger strike for two weeks and won release for a number of prisoners this past week by exposing the fact that the administration could not effectively prevent the spread of COVID inside.” See <https://womenprisoners.org/2020/06/womens-prison-journal-state-prisoners-daily-diary-during-pandemic/>

RAPP Responds to Gov. Cuomo's Attempt to Make Prison Nursing Home June 27

“Governor Cuomo recently announced plans to effectively turn Adirondack Correctional Facility into a prison nursing home, putting incarcerated elder New Yorkers at serious risk of death. The Daily News just published this story that included a letter that RAPP and more than 75 other organizations signed on to demanding that Cuomo and legislature leaders release everyone incarcerated at Adirondack. The article also includes the perspective of Darlene MacKenzie whose brother was recently transferred to Adirondack. Darlene lives in Maryland and won't be able to make the drive to visit her brother now that he is incarcerated near the Canadian border. Right after the news became public, RAPP put out this statement. If you're on social media, please share it on Twitter and Facebook. Please be on the lookout for more ways for us to take action together in support of releasing everyone from Adirondack.

#FreeOurElders #FreeThemAll” See <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-PLyB54bW0v4sh7GekA6m6plV6l4q4jdnFxpBesmQ44/edit>

Who is standing in the way of police reform now? June 28

“The same constituencies that have thwarted it in the past. Police union officials and veteran cops who loudly refuse to help or permit changes to the “culture” of policing.” “Police chiefs and mayors push for reform. Then they run into veteran officers, unions and ‘how culture is created.’” “The push to rethink American policing since George Floyd’s death in Minneapolis in May has quickly gained traction. Cities and states have banned chokeholds and certain other uses of force, Congress is considering legislation to do the same, and some local officials have moved to reduce police funding.” See https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/police-chiefs-and-mayors-push-for-reform-then-they-run-into-veteran-officers-unions-and-how-culture-is-created/2020/06/28/7d2ff812-b2ef-11ea-8f56-63f38c990077_story.html

Supreme Court clears way for federal executions to resume June 29

“Federal executions are a go, for now, starting in July. The Supreme Court Monday refused to accept for review a challenge to the resumption of federal executions planned by the Trump administration. Four are scheduled for this year, including three next month.” See <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2020/06/29/federal-death-penalty-supreme-court-allows-executions-resume/3199174001/>

San Quentin: Covid-19 cases at California prison surge to 1,000 Abené Clayton - June 29

“More than 900 cases diagnosed in last two weeks. Attorneys say outbreak can be traced to transfer of people to prison. San Quentin state prison has more than 1,000 cases of coronavirus. The number of coronavirus cases in California’s San Quentin state prison has crossed a thousand, with more than 900 cases being diagnosed in the last two weeks alone.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jun/29/san-quentin-coronavirus-cases-covid-19>

Protesters in West Philly call for release of radical Black activists who ‘fought’ Rizzo June 29

“Roughly 200 protesters at West Philadelphia’s Malcolm X Park kicked off the first of 13 public actions Sunday afternoon, each demonstration representing a demand made by the Black Philly Radical Collective. The demands from the coalition of Black liberation groups include calls to decrease the Philadelphia Police Department’s budget over the next five years, as well as ending cash bail and probation and parole systems that “target” community members. Organizers Sunday focused on freeing Mumia Abu-Jamal, Russell “Maroon” Shoatz, Joseph Bowen and Fred “Muhammad” Burton, whom they call “political prisoners,” all serving time for the killing of white police officers. The convictions of Shoatz, Burton and Bowen all occurred while Frank Rizzo was Philadelphia’s police commissioner, infamous for his record on police brutality, especially against communities of color. Organizers said releasing these men would take recent efforts to remove a statue and mural of Rizzo a step farther in undoing that legacy.” See https://www.phillytrib.com/news/local_news/protesters-in-west-philly-call-for-release-of-radical-black-activists-who-fought-rizzo/article_4bce6124-4223-51d7-b7b5-435807aa0087.html

How Prisons in Each State Are Restricting Visits Due to Coronavirus June 30

“Our chart on prison visitation rules during the pandemic. We’ve updated our state-by-state data on the policies corrections officials have put into place to restrict visitors amid coronavirus concerns. Nineteen states continue to bar all prison visitation. Thirty states have suspended prison visitation except for “legal” visits from attorneys. Only three states now have lifted their restrictions and are permitting family members again to visit their loved ones behind bars—with new public health restrictions. In collaboration with the Associated Press, here is the latest tally” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/03/17/tracking-prisons-response-to-coronavirus>

ICE is Leaving Immigrants to Die in Detention, and Retaliating When They Speak Out–June 30

“The spread of COVID-19 to immigrant detention facilities poses a mortal danger to everyone who is unjustly detained. For months now advocates, organizers and those detained have urged elected officials and governmental agencies to take affirmative steps to prevent needless deaths and suffering inside immigrant detention facilities.” See <https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/06/30/ice-is-leaving-immigrants-to-die-in-detention-and-retaliating-when-they-speak-out/>

'Set Them All Free': Child Detention in American and Israeli Prisons June 30

“Referring to the gravity of the coronavirus pandemic, a federal judge in Los Angeles on June 26, 2020, ordered the release of migrant children detained in the country’s three family detention centers. Some have been held since last year. The mandate refers to children who have been held for more than 20 days in centers run by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, two in Texas and one in Pennsylvania. According to the ruling, 124 children were living in those places since June 8, and some of them have tested positive for the virus. This number is separate from the US Department of Health and Human Services centers for unaccompanied children that contained around 1,000 children in early June.” See <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/set-them-all-free-child-detention-in-american-and-israeli-prisons/>

WHO WATCHES THE WATCHMEN? June 30

“Why is everyone so afraid of the police? Who do the police answer to? It seems like the police in Amerikkka are the ones who run this whole country. They literally have a license to abuse and kill without any sort of oversight. In the face of protests against police brutality, they have no problem escalating the violence. The complete disregard for human life, especially Black and Brown and Red lives, is shocking and, they don't seem to have any regard for the safety of those who are protesting. Providing the very need for protest in real-time.” “There is a chasm between the sanctified savior fantasy of police in this country and the ugly, violent, brutal reality. The media shapes a narrative in both film, television, and in the news media that portrays them as noble embattled heroes, worthy of respect. It would be easy to take the cynical view, the police are the front line shock troops that are more concerned with protecting capital rather than human life, that the State is trying to create a Stockholm Syndrome for the public. If people support their own oppression, then the subjugation of the State on behalf of capital is that much easier. How does this end? What institution has any credibility with the public that can rein in the police? The protesting, the rioting, and the looting will continue to go on because the police have decided that more brutality and punishment should be doled out to protesters and, there isn't anyone who the police answer to, so this decision to escalate tensions is completely their own. The protests began because the murder of George Floyd became the straw that broke the camels back. The police, in all their hubris, and with the full support of the State seem to want to prove to the people that they control their own destiny and, now, the protests have moved beyond the murder of George Floyd to be a battle against policing itself.” See <https://nothingtobegainedhere.wordpress.com/2020/06/30/who-watches-the-watchmen/>

San Quentin Prisoners Go On Hunger Strike Amid Massive COVID-19 Outbreak July 1

“About 20 people in the prison’s Badger section have been on hunger strike for the past few days, three people incarcerated there say. As the novel coronavirus spreads rapidly through California’s San Quentin State Prison, around 20 prisoners have launched a hunger strike to protest inhumane conditions inside, three men incarcerated in the facility said. The hunger strike began on Monday, according to the men, who are incarcerated in the prison’s Badger unit. As of Wednesday, 1,135 prisoners—almost a third of San Quentin’s incarcerated population—have active COVID-19 infections. At least one prisoner has died.” See <https://theappeal.org/san-quentin-hunger-strike-coronavirus-outbreak-california-prison/>

COVID-19 is a death sentence for many California prisoners. Gov. Gavin Newsom must act July 2

“In 2019, Gov. Gavin Newsom imposed a death penalty moratorium in California. Will it matter? The COVID-19 outbreak unfolding at San Quentin State Prison – and in other jail and prison facilities around the state – may impose death sentences on people who never received them from the courts. As of Friday, over 1,300 of San Quentin’s 3,000 inmates had tested positive for the virus and one had died. Dozens were hospitalized, but hospitals had started to reject further transfers from the prison, according to the Marin Independent-Journal.” See <https://www.sacbee.com/opinion/editorials/article243938567.html>

Anatomy of a counter-insurgency: Efforts to undermine the George Floyd uprising July 3

“On May 25, 2020, police in Minneapolis Minnesota murdered George Floyd in cold blood. Responding to allegations of counterfeit money, police arrested Floyd, with one officer kneeling on his neck for nearly nine minutes, ultimately suffocating him. The killing was captured on video and quickly spread across the internet. Protests soon followed. The first protest organized in Minneapolis was on May 26. By May 28 the protests had spread to the nearby cities of St Paul and Duluth with riots occurring in Minneapolis that evening. Mostly notably, the third precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department was besieged and burned. Minnesota activated the National Guard on May 29 in response to the unrest.¹ The American state’s disastrous response to COVID-19, massive unemployment, and indiscriminate police killings that disproportionately target people of colour provided the impetus for an enormous and unprecedented outpouring of rage; protests, many of them violently targeting the police, spread across the United States like wildfire.” See <https://mronline.org/2020/07/03/anatomy-of-a-counter-insurgency/>

No ID, No Job: How Coronavirus Left Parolees in Excruciating Limbo After Leaving Prison July 5

“When the 29-year-old parolee walked out of the New Jersey state prison where he had been incarcerated for the last six years, he felt that he had stepped “into a frozen world.” He was released on parole on March 11, as coronavirus cases in the state began to spike, just 10 days before Gov. Phil Murphy implemented a statewide stay-at-home order. If the last three months of pandemic lockdowns have felt for many like time in suspension, for the man I will call Raoul, they have been an excruciating state of limbo: freed from the horrors of incarceration but unable to access the basic tools with which to restart his life, like a state ID or driver’s license. “If you don’t have an ID, you just can’t do anything,” said Raoul, who asked me not to use his real name so he could speak frankly about his position as a parolee without fear of retribution from the state.” See <https://theintercept.com/2020/07/05/coronavirus-parole-prison/>

Mount Rushmore protest leader charged with two felonies July 6

“Kimberly Tilsen-Brave Heart is interviewed by reporters from MSNBC after her brother, Nick Tilsen, made his initial court appearance Monday at the Pennington County Courthouse in Rapid City. A packed courtroom of supporters learned Monday morning that one of the protest leaders who helped shut down the highway to Mount Rushmore on Friday is facing five criminal charges, including two felonies.” See https://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/mount-rushmore-protest-leader-charged-with-two-felonies/article_363e00b2-3a22-5de9-937f-2c518d3c5b6d.html

#WhiteCoatsForBlackLives Wants Racial Justice In The Medical Field July 7

“The healthcare industry has a long and well-documented history of racist treatment of Black and Indigenous people. Now, doctors join the movement for Black lives.” See <https://therealnews.com/stories/whitecoatsforblacklives-racial-justice-medical-field-healthcare>

Pressure rises for Newsom to release more people from San Quentin, other prisons July 7

“San Quentin is one of nation's biggest coronavirus outbreaks. What Newsom does now may affect entire Bay Area. As the coronavirus rages through California’s crowded state prisons, threatening those inside and straining community hospitals, pressure is building on Gov. Gavin Newsom to avert a wider public-health crisis by drastically cutting prison populations — including at San Quentin in Marin County, now home to one of the country’s biggest COVID-19 outbreaks. Since last week, two federal judges who monitor California’s prison complex, Kimberly J. Mueller of Sacramento and Jon S. Tigar of Oakland, have signaled that they are losing patience with the state’s handling of the pandemic. Both judges said in recent court filings that they may reconvene a special three-judge panel that has the power to order releases of incarcerated people.” See

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/Pressure-rises-for-Newsom-to-release-more-people-15390119.php>

Lakota treaty defenders block highway to Mount Rushmore Trump traffic July 7



“Indigenous protesters blocked roadway to Trump rally at Mount Rushmore, July 3” Photo from: <https://www.workers.org/2020/07/49860/>

“On the heels of a campaign rally at the site of the 1921 Tulsa, Okla., white-mob massacre of Black Wall Street, President Trump continued a tour of white supremacy symbols with a July 3 rally and fireworks at Mount Rushmore. This monument to settler colonialism is in the Black Hills, the Paha Sápa, also known as He Sápa — lands sacred to the Lakota Nation, lands also historically significant to the Cheyenne, Arapaho and Omaha Nations. Under the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty, the Black Hills are unceded territory of the Oglala Lakota. Mount Rushmore is 25 miles southwest of Rapid City, S.D., and about 40 miles west of Pine Ridge Reservation. Before the event, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Chairman Harold Frazier said, “The president is putting our tribal members at risk [of COVID] to stage a photo op at one of our most sacred sites.” See <https://www.workers.org/2020/07/49860/>

Victory for #WaterProtectors in the #NoDAPL Fight July 7



“In an incredible victory for water protectors, a federal judge ruled today that the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) company must stop the flow of oil and empty all oil from the pipeline within the next 30 days. The court earlier ordered the government to conduct a full-fledged Environmental Impact analysis examining the risk DAPL poses to the Standing Rock, Cheyenne River, Oglala and Yankton Sioux Tribes, and the environment. The court order recognizes the potentially disastrous effect of an oil spill under Lake Oahe, and DAPL's

poor track record in detecting and stopping leaks. The court said, "Fearing severe environmental consequences, American Indian Tribes on nearby reservations have sought for several years to invalidate federal permits allowing the Dakota Access Pipeline to carry oil under the lake. Today they finally achieved that goal — at least for the time being." See

<https://earthjustice.org/news/press/2020/judge-orders-dakota-access-pipeline-to-shut-down>

(“Photo attribution: Sacred Stone Camp”. From Email)

Three Palestinian Prisoners are in Hunger Strike Protesting Administrative Detention July 7

“Three Palestinian detainees in Israeli jails are currently on hunger strike in protest against their administrative detention without charge or trial, today said the Palestinian Prisoner Society (PPS). Odi Shehadeh, from Deheisheh refugee camp in Bethlehem, has been on hunger strike for 15 days in a row at Ofer military camp near Ramallah; Fadi Ghneimat, from the town of Surif, in the south of the West Bank, has been on hunger strike for 14 days and is being held at Ofer, and Mahmoud Saadi, from Jenin refugee camp in the north of the West Bank, has been on hunger strike for six days and is being held at Hadarim prison, said PPS.” See <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/three-palestinian-prisoners-are-in-hunger-strike-protesting-administrative-detention/>

The Marshall Project: Prisoners are still dying of COVID-19 July 8

“Prisoners are still dying of COVID-19 and corrections officials are still failing to provide adequate care. At least 84 Texas prisoners have died after falling ill with COVID-19 and many of those deaths were preventable. The blame shouldn't fall only on corrections officials but also to the governor-appointed members of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, which steadfastly refused to authorize the early release of medically-vulnerable prisoners.” “He was supposed to be in prison less than a year. Instead, he died after catching the coronavirus. At least 84 Texas state prisoners have died after contracting the coronavirus, including men who were serving short sentences or set to soon go home. As the death count rose, advocates unsuccessfully called on the governor and parole board for early release.” See <https://www.texastribune.org/2020/07/07/texas-prison-coronavirus-deaths/>

Cuomo Created a Prison Nursing Home Way Upstate July 8, 2020

“The Adirondack Correctional Facility is tucked away in the mountainous North Country of New York State, less than a two-hour drive from the Canadian border. Three years ago, it was converted to incarcerate teens aged 16 to 17, automatically prosecuted as adults under pernicious state law. As of this May, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, all of the young people were transferred out of the facility: It will now serve as a nursing home prison. In the last month, 96 elderly male prisoners have been transferred to the isolated Adirondack prison. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the plan as a way to ensure safety for aging incarcerated people, who are particularly vulnerable to Covid-19 complications. The northerly New York region has seen some of the lowest coronavirus rates in the state. But, as of Wednesday morning, at least one person incarcerated at the prison had already tested positive for the coronavirus, local news reported.” See <https://theintercept.com/2020/07/08/elderly-prisoners-new-york-cuomo/>

Advocates call for early release of all inmates at 'prison nursing home' in the Adirondacks July 8

“A state prison in the North Country is now home to nearly 100 inmates all over the age of 55. Officials say they transferred inmates to Adirondack Correctional because of the low coronavirus infection rate in the North Country. Advocates gathered near the prison earlier this week and called on Governor Cuomo to grant clemency to the inmates, who they say are at a high risk of getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19.” See <https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/41842/20200708/advocates-call-for-early-release-of-all-inmates-at-prison-nursing-home-in-the-adirondacks>

Dataminr Helped Police Use Tweets to Surveil BLM Protests July 9

“Police Surveilled George Floyd Protests With Help From Twitter-Affiliated Startup Dataminr. Leveraging close ties to Twitter, controversial artificial intelligence startup Dataminr helped law enforcement digitally monitor the protests that swept the country following the killing of George Floyd, tipping off police to social media posts with the latest whereabouts and actions of demonstrators, according to documents reviewed by The Intercept and a source with direct knowledge of the matter. The monitoring seems at odds with claims from both Twitter and Dataminr that neither company would engage in or facilitate domestic surveillance following a string of 2016 controversies. Twitter, up until recently a longtime investor in Dataminr alongside the CIA, provides the company with full access to a content stream known as the “firehose” — a rare privilege among tech firms and one that lets Dataminr, recently valued at over \$1.8 billion, scan every public tweet as soon as its author hits send. Both companies denied that the protest monitoring meets the definition of surveillance.” See <https://theintercept.com/2020/07/09/twitter-dataminr-police-spy-surveillance-black-lives-matter-protests/>

Alabama jail refuses inmates COVID-19 masks because ‘they’re going to eat them’ July 9

When Moore was arrested, the Madison County Sheriff’s Office, which operates the jail, had not reported any cases inside the facility. But late last week, Sheriff Kevin Turner confirmed in a news release that a jailer had tested positive for the coronavirus. Jail employees, the sheriff said, would now be required to wear masks. A Huntsville police spokesman this week said officers are also now wearing masks. However, in most instances, Madison County inmates still aren’t being given masks or allowed to wear their own.

Brent Patterson, a spokesman for the sheriff’s office, cited safety concerns among the reasons inmates aren’t allowed masks. Inmates could harm themselves or others with masks that have metal nose pieces, he said, while other masks that don’t have metal pieces could be tied together to make ropes. “You give them face masks (with) a nose piece — metal pieces in them — they’re going to eat them,” he said. “They’re going to swallow them.”

If that happened, Patterson said, the public would question why inmates were given potentially dangerous weapons — face masks.” See <https://www.al.com/news/2020/07/alabama-jail-refuses-inmates-covid-19-masks-because-theyre-going-to-eat-them.html>

California Governor To Release 8,000 People From Prisons Amid Coronavirus Outbreaks July 10

“California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) is set to announce the release of some 8,000 people from prisons across the state as several prisons face deadly coronavirus outbreaks. Officials will release some people through “expedited” paroles, and also let out some people who are at high health risk for severe complications from the virus, the San Francisco Chronicle first reported. The incarcerated people in question will get out over the next few weeks, according to the Mercury News. The governor’s announcement, expected later Friday, comes after repeated calls from activists and officials to release prisoners, particularly amid a rapidly worsening COVID-19 outbreak at San Quentin prison in the San Francisco Bay Area. As of Friday, 1,335 of about 4,000 people incarcerated at San Quentin had active coronavirus cases, and seven had died. There have been 205 cases among staff. It is still unclear exactly how many of the people set to be released are from San Quentin.” See <https://huffpost/california-governor-release-prisons-coronavirus-202236959.html>

Family of Palestinian political prisoner infected with Covid-19 in US jail appeals for saving his life July 12

‘Seagoville, Texas (QNN)- The family of the Palestinian-American political prisoner, Mufid Abdulqader Mishal, appealed to urgently save his life as he has been tested for Covid-19 virus. In a press release issued on Sunday, the family said Mishal as well as other prisoners in Seagoville jail in Texas, who tested positive for the virus, are subjected to inhumane treatment after they tested positive for the virus seven days ago. The prisoners were infected through one of the jailers.” See <https://qudsnen.co/family-of-palestinian-political-prisoner-infected-with-covid-19-in-us-jail-appeals-for-saving-his-life/>

Appeals court says federal execution can proceed despite victims’ relatives opposing it during pandemic July 12

“Federal execution back on. A federal appeals court Sunday revived the government’s attempt to complete the first federal execution in 17 years, overturning a trial judge’s injunction that had stayed the killing of Daniel Lee Lewis slated for later today in Indiana.” See https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/appeals-court-says-federal-execution-can-proceed-despite-victims-relatives-opposing-it-during-pandemic/2020/07/12/21415aee-c49e-11ea-a99f-3bbdff1af38_story.html

Black Agenda Report: Black Caucus Protects Cops, Not the People July 13

“Most of the Congressional Black Caucus are “opportunists” who have “joined the neoliberals to derail any real attempt at challenging the devastating power of the police,” said Clarence Taylor, a professor emeritus of history at New York City’s Baruch College. Prof. Taylor is author of “Fight the Power: African Americans and the Long History of Police Brutality in New York City.” Brooklyn Black Rep. Hakeem Jeffries and Queens Rep. Gregory Meeks are especially untrustworthy, said Taylor.” See <https://www.blackagenda.com/black-agenda-radio-week-july-13-2020>

THE MALCOLM X COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE July 17

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Committee**

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**'APPRECIATING THE DIARY
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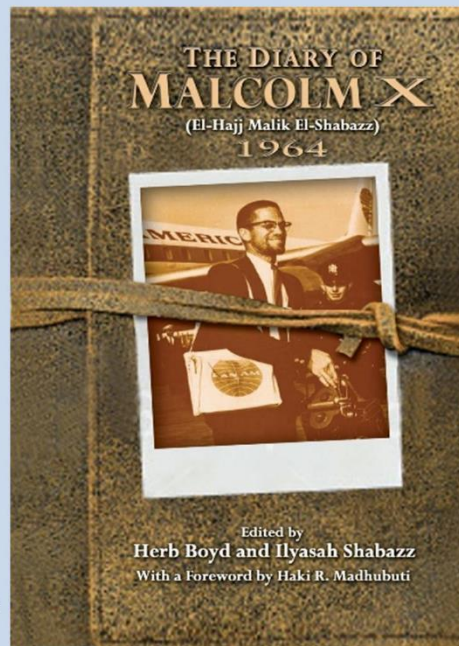
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**As we Observe the Anniversary
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'The Diplomacy' of
Malcolm X!

On Friday, July
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Malcolm X
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(MXCC) will host
another powerful
virtual roundtable...
'The Diary And
Diplomacy of
Malcolm X!'

This gathering will
spotlight the heroic
efforts of Malcolm
X on his legendary
trips abroad to
secure support for
the Black Liberation
Movement in the
United States as a

Struggle for Human Rights by applying Pan African and International Human Rights Principles and to also be a beacon of Revolutionary International Human Solidarity for all of the Anti-colonial National Liberation Struggles of that epic moment. The discussion will expand on how that was captured in Malcolm's legendary travel Diary.

Special guests for the evening will be the co-authors of the book, *The Diary of Malcolm X*, longtime journalist Herb Boyd and author-educator-activist Ilyasah Shabazz, the third daughter of Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz. Joining them to expand this engaging discussion will be Malcolm X Scholars, Professor Abdul Alkalimat, co-convenor of the historic Malcolm X Speaks In The 90s Conferences and Baba Zak Kondo, author of *Conspiracies: Unravelling The Assassination of Malcolm X*. "I was excited beyond words when Herb and Ilyasah put 'The Diary' out," said Zayid Muhammad, MXCC's founding press officer. "I am perplexed and disappointed that it has yet to garner the attention it deserves. "Do we not realize that Malcolm rescued our liberation movement from almost total co-optation by white philanthropy and placed it squarely among all of the other revolutionary movements and trends of that incredible moment!" "That needs to be far more appreciated than it is," he finished.

It was on July 17th, 1964 that Malcolm X delivered his historic 'Memorandum on Behalf of 22 Million AfroAmericans to the Organization of African Unity,' a high point of his Diplomacy.

This virtual gathering will take place at 6pm and will be captured and shared Live! On Facebook on the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee's Facebook page.

The evening will be dedicated Panther political prisoner Jalil Muntaqim, now in his 49th year in prison! Muntaqim was granted a medical compassionate release by a Sullivan County judge only to have his conviction reinstated on an appeal by NY Attorney General Letitia James and the Department of Corrections. He has since contracted the dangerous Covid19 and is now fighting for his and for his freedom. Support his efforts to secure his freedom by donating at <https://www.paypal.me/PPOWs>. For more information about the event or the work of the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee, please call 973 202 0745"

In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Campaign

Jericho is spearheading the “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela” IT (International Tribunal) 2021 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 researching the charges for the tribunal, among other activities. The outreach committee formed an academic team to help with curriculum to ramp up the program and provide primary materials.

“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!**

Get Ready for I.T. 2021!



I.T. 2021

(International Tribunal October 2021)

Dear Friend,

Please begin to prepare for the “International Tribunal” organized by the *In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Coalition*. At this early date we solicit your assistance in the brainstorming, planning, and donating. We value your input and what you do and have done for the movement and championing real issues impacting communities across America, prisons, and people of color. In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Initiative is the brainchild of Freedom Fighter and Political Prisoner Jalil Abdulmuntaqim (Anthony Bottom). Hopefully you will agree to assist, and if you do, please feel free to engage at your own level of comfort and capacity.

Date: October 22 – October 26, 2021
Location: Medgar Evers College, New York

Formally indicting the United States government and its States with historical, systematic and ongoing human rights violations against people of color, working class people, and the planet!

Outcomes

Reparations

Establishment of People’s Senate

International Solidarity

Truth & Justice Commission to Free All Political Prisoners

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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.”

Jericho meets virtually to work on the campaign "In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela/I.T. 2021". Due to Covid19, we are restructuring our meetings to online. For future meeting 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>

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. [Click here to read the Report of the 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”.

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 superpower 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!

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