

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.

**"Settle your quarrels, come together, understand the reality of our situation, understand that fascism is already here, that people are dying who could be saved, that generations more will live poor butchered half-lives if you fail to act. Do what must be done, discover your humanity and your love in revolution."
Fallen Black Panther Field Marshal, Comrade George L. Jackson (1941-1971)**

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. We are happy to announce our new PA Jericho Chapter.

Jericho Retreat: Jericho was in the process of planning our yearly retreat in Rhode Island, July 2020, but plans are now on hold due to the pandemic.

Jericho Highlights and Tributes

Happy Born Day Malcolm X!!

X: Malcolm's Final Years

On Malcolm X's 95th birthday, TRNN revisits this documentary, including interviews with Angela Davis and Danny Glover

<https://therealnews.com/stories/x-malcolms-final-years-2>

Chairman's Corner



**In Respect and Honor of George Floyd
And Condolences to his Family**

The National Jericho Movement and all its Chapters, Affiliates and Members stand united in sending its sincere condolences and prayers to the family of George Floyd. The National Jericho Movement and all its Chapters, Affiliates and Members stand united with the people of Minneapolis, Minnesota in all attempts to obtain true justice for George Floyd.

The National Jericho Movement and all its Chapters, Affiliates and Members stand united with all efforts of African Americans and justice-loving people to organize for self-determination in our own communities and to build a reality of self-empowerment and the ability to defend ourselves, protect each other, and create, develop, and produce our own means of livelihood.

The National Jericho Movement and all its Chapters, Affiliates and Members stand united with all people and organizations in organizing for and demanding the release of all Political Prisoners.

Jihad Abdulmumit
Chair, National Jericho Movement

Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

Medical Updates

Marius Mason: COVID-19 + Marius Mason 16 May

“As of this writing, Marius has been in quarantine with other prisoners in a separate area since April 25, when he tested positive for the corona virus. Marius has underlying factors that make him vulnerable to COVID 19, and legal options are being pursued, thanks to his attorney.”

Jalil Muntaqim: On May 20th, Jalil was in quarantine in a single cell in the infirmary at Sullivan due to a fever and possible Covid. He does not have access to a phone, but they did provide him with a TV. His temperature was taken every 4 hours and had remained more or less steady at 101.4. He was also taking erythromycin, in case this was a recurrence of the ongoing bacterial infections in his lungs. Jalil had a bout of this about 3 weeks ago. He was tested for Covid, but we probably will not know the results until Monday or Tuesday. He has been in all our prayers. New York City Jericho received word on May 25th that our beloved brother Jalil was taken to Albany Medical Center with a fever of 103 after testing positive for Covid. This is precisely why we have been pushing, along with the RAPP Campaign, Parole Prep Project and others, for the release of our elders susceptible to contract the virus while incarcerated. 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/1FAIpQLSfx2CRPVIKMqGJkekATCese8Wlz_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: On June 5th Jalil was returned to Sullivan. Jalil is in the infirmary and has an Albuterol inhaler. He started his regular vitamin regime, B-complex, C; D; and Zinc. He is in a single room. A little weak, but able to take care of personals on his own. Kidney function still slow. The middle and lower lobe of his right lung were infected with Corona Virus, as shown on X-Ray.” Jalil is recovering;

the virus has affected his right lung, his liver and his kidneys, according to medical tests. Currently, Jalil is slowly improving and hopes to be back on his cell block by June 15th. He requested that NYC Jericho send him a food package and we are putting that together now, together with suggestions from his mother Billie.

Sundiata Acoli: Sundiata was hospitalized for either Covid 19 or double pneumonia. He is recovered and now back at the prison. We are awaiting to see if indeed it was Covid.

Legal Updates

Jalil Muntaqim: A New York State judge on April 27th ordered Jalil's temporary release from Sullivan Correctional Facility in Fallsburg, NY, based on his extreme vulnerability to the virus. Jalil is 68 years old and suffers from serious chronic health conditions that can make COVID-19 deadly.

However, NYS Attorney General Letitia James, acting on behalf of NYS DOCCS Commissioner Anthony Annucci, appealed the ruling, blocking Jalil's release and forcing him to remain in prison. Just as we feared, Jalil, who was ordered released a month ago, eventually contracted COVID-19. Jalil became ill on May 22nd and was taken to Albany Medical Center on May 25th.

On May 28th, while Jalil was hospitalized, the Appellate Division, Third Dept. heard oral arguments from Jalil's attorney Nora Carroll and DOCCS attorney Frank Brady.

Watch the stream of the hearing from the Court's website.

Jericho encourages everyone to watch this hearing. Jalil's attorney Nora Carroll was excellent!

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>

On June 4, 2020, the Appellate Division, Third Department issued a decision regarding Jalil's habeas petition, originally granted by Judge Stephan Schick of the Sullivan County Supreme Court. The lower court's decision was reversed and the petition dismissed. We are free, as the decision acknowledges, to file a new writ, but this sets a terrible precedent statewide and also ends this lawsuit. That same evening, NYC Jericho received a call from our beloved brother Jalil, and he informed us that his request for medical parole was denied. He received notification of this on May 30th. He requests that we continue our campaign to Governor Cuomo for commutation of his sentence to time served.

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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Jalil Muntaqim: If you have not yet signed the community letter in support of Jalil's release, you can do so at the following link:

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Imam Jamil Al-Amin From Kairi Al-Amin, Imam Jamil's son: "Today, May 21, 2020, we submit the application for review and retrial to the Fulton County District Attorney's Conviction Integrity Unit on behalf of Imam Jamil. We have presented you with the same proofs we have presented to them. They now have 30 days to respond... There is only one option, we have proven his innocence and now we demand the opportunity to prove it in a fair trial. Please Continue To Stand With Us" 🙏

#FreeImamJamil <https://www.change.org/p/fulton-county-district-attorney-paul-howard-new-trial-for-imam-jamil-al-amin-fka-h-rap-brown/u/26697189> <https://whathappened2rap.com/>

Birthdays: Please Send a Card!



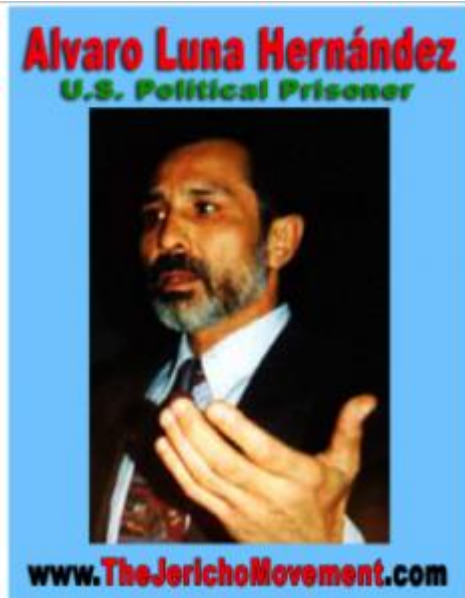
*The National Jericho Movement sends
our Beloved PP's/POW's
Love, Respect, and Honor
as we Celebrate your Birthday
with Continued hope and Determination for
Freedom...Now!*

June Birthdays

No June Birthdays

May Birthdays

Alvaro Luna Hernandez (Xinachtli)-Birthday: May 12th



Chicano Political Prisoner

Contact Information/Prison Address

#255735 James V. Allred Unit

2101 FM 369 North, Iowa Park, TX 76367, United States

Birthday: May 12, 1952

Affiliation: Chicano Political Prisoner

Captured: July 18, 1996: 50 year sentence.

Alvaro Luna Hernandez (Xinachtli) is a political prisoner of the State of Texas and the U.S. government. He is nearly 24 years into a 50 year prison sentence for an "aggravated assault" conviction stemming from a July 1996 incident in which he disarmed a Brewster County Sheriff attempting to shoot him. Alvaro vehemently denies the charge that he assaulted the Sheriff. To Mexican-Americans in the cities, slums, plains, deserts, and prison cages of the Southwest, he is a civil rights hero, a Chicano freedom fighter true to his barrio roots and eternally fearless in the face of injustice. For years, he has been

internationally recognized by amnesty movements and human rights lawyers and experts as a U.S. political prisoner, yet inside the United States, the name Alvaro Luna Hernandez remains largely elusive on the lips of progressives and social justice advocates. <http://FreeAlvaro.net>
LET FREEDOM RING-WWW.KERSPLEBED.COM/letfreedomring.html



Kojo Sababu Bomani- (BROWN, GRAILING KOJO)-
Birthday: May 27th
 BLACK LIBERATION ARMY
 Contact Information/Prison Address
 #39384-066 USP Canaan,
 P. O. Box 300, Waymart, PA 18472,
 United States
 Affiliation: Black Liberation Army Captured: 1975: Life

"... 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 POW s, they are still insightful with their knowledge and experience."

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

I Can't Breathe by Kevin Rashid Johnson

We Can't Breathe: On the Lynching of George Floyd. by Kevin Rashid Johnson:

On May 24, 2020, a crowd of onlookers witnessed the slow death by asphyxiation of a handcuffed Black man in Minneapolis.

This was a public lynching.

Only, unlike in times past, this crowd didn't cheer but instead pleaded over and over for the cop who murdered George Floyd, to let him breathe; to take his knee off his neck and let him up. Several times onlookers tried to physically intervene, only to be themselves threatened with pig violence.

Also, unlike days of old, this murder was filmed for the world to also witness. And Minneapolis exploded! Thousands poured into the streets in protest.

Until just a few years ago, the world and Amerika at large denied that Black and Brown people in Amerika were routinely murdered by the cops.

The advent of cellphone technology and social media enabled everyday people to force a world in denial to bear witness to the reality of our lives under racist imperialist occupation.

Proportionally, more of us are murdered today by cops than were killed by lynch mobs during the Jim Crow era. And just like during Jim Crow, our killers are protected by a system that closes ranks to villainize the victims and portray our abusers as well-intended arbiters of justice. They've even crafted language to recast these killings as benign and something other than murder. Instead of calling it what it is, they've coined the euphemism, "police-involved shootings."

What they are is a continuation of lynching. The cops have always participated in this sort of violence. They've never been a source of service or protection in our communities.

Black and brown people have always been corralled into marginalized spaces of Amerikan society where we've lived a suffocated existence. We were suffocated to death by everyday Americans at the instigation and participation of their elites, political leaders, and often the cops when we were hung from trees.

The lynching by suffocation of George Floyd, like that of Eric Garner in 2014, as they protested over and over "I can't breathe!", is but a continuation of the same in a racist capitalist society that must be fundamentally overturned. We'll never be able to breathe free until it is!

Dare to Struggle Dare to Win!
All Power to the People!

-Kevin Rashid Johnson, MOD New Afrikan Black Panther Party

Community Calls for Action

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO CORONAVIRUS SOME EVENTS ARE CANCELLED
...PLEASE CHECK SITE INFO**

Marius Mason in Quarantine at FCI Danbury After Testing Positive for Covid May 31st

“As of this writing, Marius has been in quarantine with other prisoners in a separate area since April 25, when he tested positive for the corona virus. Marius has underlying factors that make him vulnerable to COVID 19, and legal options are being pursued, thanks to his attorney. To support Marius: Paypal at supportmariusmason@riseup.net or Venmo @supportmariusmason or order a Marius teeshirt. Inmates in quarantine do still have access to phone calls and snail mail letters, but recently lost access to email, and letters can take an extended time to get to them. Prisoners have not been able to have visitors for quite some time, and at present, the visiting room is being used to house those in quarantine. The quarantine was for 18 days, but may well extend longer. Prisoners at some state and federal prisons around the country have applied for, and a smaller number have been granted, compassionate release. As of 5-16-20, the Danbury, CT facility that Marius is housed at reported 30 inmates and 5 staff who have tested positive, and one prisoner has died. Obviously, this is a very liquid situation; you can find updated numbers at <https://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/>.

Please write to Marius. Letters are so very important, especially now. He cannot reply to all, due to limits on his communication, but hearing about what others are doing and sharing supportive words are critical in these times that are frightening for everyone, but have even less predictability in a prison setting. There are no news sources in the quarantine area where he is now, so he appreciates news updates, on the virus, but also what others in the activist, art and literary world are doing. At present, no cards, use only white paper and envelopes, and hold off sending books because he does not know if they would get through under current conditions.”

Marie (Marius) Mason #04672-061, FCI Danbury, Route 37, Danbury, Connecticut 06811

<https://supportmariusmason.org/>

Demand Justice: Sign Community Letter, Make Calls & Take Action on Social Media June 4th

“Take Action Today: #FreeOurElders #HALTsolitary & #Repeal50A

In this critical and devastating moment, we're asking you to continue joining our urgent efforts to demand NY State lawmakers take action against racist and deadly state violence against Black people and other People of Color in the streets AND behind bars. Please TAKE THREE ACTIONS TODAY:

SIGN ON: Please sign this open letter calling on the legislature to address racist state violence from policing to courts to jails and prisons. Link to sign on here. Sign-ons needed by 6pm today!

POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA: Continue posting on social media using this social media guide, which highlights one person everyday who has tragically died in a NYS prison. Today's sample tweet and image is below.

CALL & EMAIL YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS: Call and email Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie, and your own legislators.

SAMPLE TWEET & IMAGE FOR TODAY: Lulu Benson-Seay, an immuno-compromised survivor of violence, was denied clemency and died of COVID behind bars. @NYGovCuomo @AndreaSCousins @CarlHeastie must not ignore racist state violence against Black people in prison. #FreeOurElders #HALTsolitary #Repeal50a.” See <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjpmOcMXMpxPWO-L-6BydDUmxJoHmp5xn8oCy5y25zFSAkJQ/viewform>

Brooklyn- Friday, June 5th – #JusticeForGeorgeFloyd Noise Demo

“WHAT: Noise Demo WHEN: 4:00pm, Friday, June 5th 2020

WHERE: Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC, the federal prison in Brooklyn); meeting at the corner of 2nd Avenue and 30th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11232 (D/N/R to 36th Street or R to 25th Street)

COST: Free In solidarity with the international Justice for George Floyd and in response to the prison cop murder of Jamel Floyd at Brooklyn’s Metropolitan Detention Center, Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement NYC (RAM-NYC) and NYC ABC will be outside MDC making noise in support of those behind the walls. Come #MakeNoise with us in NYC as we join solidarity actions here and around the country.” See <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/06/04/GeorgeFloydNoiseDemo/>

Demand that Sacred Pipe be Returned to Oso Blanco

“URGENT call from Oso Blanco

Please write, email, fax and call Warden Martinez (as politely as possible) asking that the sacred pipe be returned to Oso Blanco. It was taken by Chaplain El-Sadiq, who has been harassing the Natives since he got the position. Please request that Warden Martinez at USP Victorville intervene and stop Chaplain El-Sadiq from depriving Natives of ceremonial /religious materials to which they are entitled (Sage, etc.), return the sacred pipe to Byron Shane Chubbuck and to desist in his harassment of the Natives in USP Victorville.” CONTACT: Warden Martinez, USP Victorville, P.O. BOX 5400, ADELANTO, CA 92301 Email: VIM/ExecAssistant@bop.gov, Phone:760-530-5000, Fax:760-530-5103 Please be polite but firm. Thank you! And write to Oso: Byron Shane Chubbuck (Oso Blanco) #07909-051, USP Victorville, P.O. Box 3900, Adelanto, CA 92301

5 May - June 11th 2020: International Day of Solidarity with Marius Mason and All Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners

“Call out for June 11th, an international day of solidarity with long-term anarchist prisoners, a 16 year running tradition. In the 16 years this tradition has been observed, June 11th has facilitated support and action inspired by imprisoned anarchists — from noise demonstrations outside of jails to letter-writing nights, from fundraisers to direct actions. Setting aside this day is one way of remembering anarchists who are serving long prison sentences, generating support for them, and inspiring solidarity actions. Because social struggles phase in and out, this day is a way to make sure that our imprisoned comrades are not forgotten. June 11th is a way of combating amnesia, of trying to sustain a long-term memory in the anarchist space. June 11th is a day against oblivion.” See

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/updates-19-may-2020.pdf>

Call for International Week of Solidarity With Anarchist Prisoners 2020

“Comrades have called for a week of international solidarity with anarchist political prisoners, from August 23rd through the 30th. A new decade has started on this planet. With the rise of right-wing movements and the slow decline of social democracy, we are looking into coming years of intense struggle with the state and capitalism. There are already many anarchists sitting in prisons for taking on this fight—forgotten or ignored by liberals and human rights NGOs for “violent” actions.” See

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/updates-19-may-2020.pdf>

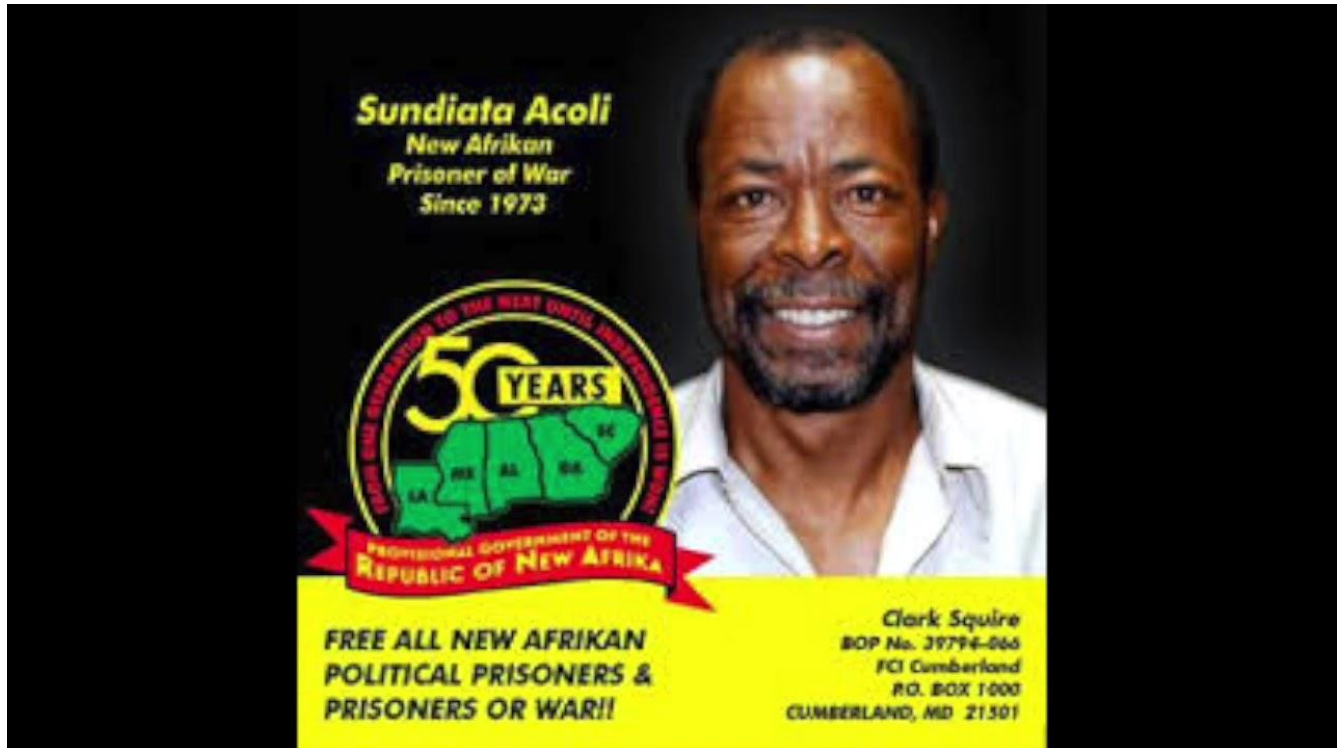
Fundraiser to Free Political Prisoner Sundiata Acoli, 83, from 47 years in prison May 5, 2020 by Florence Morgan

“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/>

Please support these recently released Political Prisoners!

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

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

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

Connor Stevens <https://fundrazr.com/d1PY2c>

Janet and Janine Africa <https://fundrazr.com/janet-janine>

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

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.

Some people claim that prisoners' human rights have advanced since the last national prison strike in 2018. We strongly disagree. But due to prisoners organizing inside and allies organizing beyond the walls, solidarity with our movement has increased. The only reason we hear conversations referencing prison reforms in every political campaign today is because of the work of prison organizers and our allies! But as organizers in prisons, we understand this is not enough. Just as quickly as we've gained ground, others are already funding projects and talking points to set back those advances. Our only way to hold our ground while moving forward is to remind people where we are and where we are headed. On August 21 - September 9, we call on everyone in solidarity with us to organize an action, a panel discussion, a rally, an art event, a film screening, or another kind of demonstration to promote prisoners' human rights. Whatever is within your ability, we ask that you shake the nation out of any fog they may be in about prisoners' human rights and the criminal legal system (legalized enslavement).” During these solidarity events, we request that organizers amplify immediate issues prisoners in your state face, the demands from the National Prison Strike of 2018, and uplift Jailhouse Lawyers Speak new International Law Project. We've started the International Law Project to engage the international community with a formal complaint about human rights abuses in U.S. prisons. This project will seek prisoners' testimonials from across the country to establish a case against the United States Prison Industrial Slave Complex on international human rights grounds.

Presently working on this legally is the National Lawyers Guild's Prisoners Rights Committee, and another attorney, Anne Labarbera. Members of the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC), Fight Toxic Prisons (FTP), and I am We Prisoners Advocacy Network/Millions For Prisoners are also working to support these efforts. The National Lawyers Guild Prisoners' Rights Committee (Jenipher R. Jones, Esq. and Audrey Bomse) will be taking the lead on this project.

The National Prison Strike Demands of 2018 have not changed. As reflected publicly by the recent deaths of Mississippi prisoners, the crisis in this nation's prisons persist. Mississippi prisons are on national display at the moment of this writing, and we know shortly afterward there will be another Parchman in another state with the same issues. The U.S. has demonstrated a reckless disregard for human lives in cages. The prison strike demands were drafted as a path to alleviate the dehumanizing process and conditions people are subjected to while going through this nation's judicial system.

Following up on these demands communicates to the world that prisoners are heard and that prisoners' human rights are a priority. In the spirit of Attica, will you be in the fight to dismantle the prison industrial slave complex by pushing agendas that will shut down jails and prisons like Rikers Island or Attica? Read the Attica Rebellion demands and read the National Prison Strike 2018 demands. Ask yourself what can you do to see the 2018 National Prison Strike demands through. **SHARE THIS**

RELEASE FAR AND WIDE WITH ALL YOUR CONTACTS! 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: <https://jailhouselawyerspeak.wordpress.com/2020/02/11/prisoners-national-demands-for-human-rights/> “

New Trial For Imam Jamil Al-Amin FKA H. Rap Brown-Sign the Petition-May 2nd 2020
Kairi Al-Amin started this petition to Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard and 4 others
 “As Always, We begin with the greeting of peace, As-Salaamu Alaikum,

As you may know, my father, Imam Jamil Al-Amin, formerly H. Rap Brown civil rights leader and humanitarian, was convicted of a murder he did not commit in 2002.

Upon that conviction, we essentially abandoned him. No tangible noise was ever made and as such, my father's conviction and subsequent exile, a vendetta realized, has gone unchecked. The cruel and unusual punishment, the confession of another man, the medical neglect in hopes that he dies, the gag order, the federal holding of a state prisoner away from his attorney's and family, we've done nothing about anything and because of our lack of action, much like the man himself, the truth about this case and his legacy have been erased from public view.

If we don't commit to action, the same action he dedicated himself to for the entirety of his life, the same action many of you are benefiting from while he sits suffering silently, then we have turned our backs on our Imam...your brother and should be ashamed.

We have been fighting this fight in the courts for 20 years and because the outward appearance is that "his people don't even care about him," we haven't gotten anything more than "yes he deserves a new trial but no you can't have one" and again that's on us because, what have we done about it?

Alhamdulillah though, we've been afforded yet another opportunity and this time, we aren't even asking you to decide his guilt or innocence though it should be obvious, we are only asking that you help him get the opportunity to prove his innocence to you and salvage his name. A fair trial, where the man who confessed to this crime actually testifies, where constitutional rights are respected and where the state prosecutors misconduct is not overlooked and subsequently rewarded with a federal judgeship. No, we want a fair trial...that's all.

That being said, if you can get behind the idea of Imam Jamil or anyone for that matter finally receiving a fair opportunity to prove their innocence, then please, sign and share our petition.

We must let District Attorney Paul Howard and The Fulton County Conviction Integrity Unit know that we are paying attention and we demand fairness and justice at the very least.

Meet me on the front line,

Sincerely,

Kairi Al-Amin , Attorney & Son of Imam Jamil Al-Amin FKA H. Rap Brown”

Sign Petition: <https://www.change.org/p/fulton-county-district-attorney-paul-howard-new-trial-for-imam-jamil-al-amin-fka-h-rap-brown>

Monday, 1 June: Day of action to free Ubai Aboudi 20 May 2020

“Palestinian-American researcher Ubai Aboudi, executive director of the Bisan Center for Research and Development, was abducted from his home by Israeli occupation forces on 13 November, 2019 and put in detention without charge. Ubai, who had been working with Scientists for Palestine to organize

the Third International Meeting on Science in Palestine, which took place on 10-12 January, 2020 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was later transferred from “administrative detention” to an Israeli military court. Today he faces trial on manufactured, baseless charges, which Israel routinely imposes on Palestinians under military occupation. On Monday, 1 June – one day before he faces his next military court hearing – take action to demand freedom for Ubai and 4,700 other Palestinian political prisoners. **Take action:** Ask your organization to endorse this call to action. Please use the form here – visit the link at <https://bit.ly/action4ubai>. For List of Actions please see this form:” https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/1UFT22GGZEAd5NevTe4C8pT5gR6Y0L7U2afWWnB5EJw/vie wform?edit_requested=true

Pledge to Not Call the Police

“In this defining moment, with powerful uprisings across the country in defense of Black lives stolen by state violence, the time to reimagine safety and practice solidarity is now. In addition to supporting Black-led movements, we must have hard conversations with our loved ones and commit to not calling the police on Black people. Take the pledge now to dismantle anti-Black racism in our families. Asians for Black Lives means: **Do Not Call the Police**. Across the country, police are killing Black people. Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, Sean Reed and George Floyd were all murdered by police officers. The police increase violence against all Black people. That we can name at least four Black people who have been murdered by the police in the past three months, shows us that this is more than an issue of a “few bad cops.” Calling the police means someone could lose their life. Especially if we own businesses or are homeowners, we can stop violence against Black people by not involving the police. In Minneapolis, a convenience store employee called the police on George Floyd for allegedly using a fake \$20 bill. What was the police’s response? They killed him. Police do not deescalate conflict, they incite it. Had this convenience store owner and his employees known to not call the police, George Floyd would be alive today. For the sake of our neighbors and making Black lives matter -- it’s time to stop calling the police. Sign here:

https://action.18mr.org/dontcallpolice/?link_id=1&can_id=a87cf503d25d388a7cd2dbd945658542&source=email-organizing-our-aunties-2&email_referrer=email_822707&email_subject=call-on-me-not-the-cops

Pre-African Liberation Day/Palestine (Nakba) Day - Friday, May 22, 2020 - 7:00 PM EST U.S. – “Listen IN! African Liberation Day & Palestine (Nakba) Day 2020 The All-African People’s Revolutionary Party (GC), The All-African Women’s Revolutionary Union (GC), The National Council of Arab Americans and Others!” See list of participants here <http://www.a-aprp-gc.org/african-liberation-day-palestine-nakba-day-2020-2/> Are Organizing AFRICAN LIBERATION DAY & PALESTINE (NAKBA) DAY 2020 Washington, DC COMBATING WOMEN’S AND YOUTH OPPRESSION, IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, SETTLER-COLONIALISM, AND ZIONISM WORLDWIDE! AFRICA ON THE MOVE RADIO ONLINE * SATURDAY, MAY 23 2020 * 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST”


GoFundMe for Samantha Shader

“Samantha Shader one of the local defendants from the huge George Floyd protests. She was indicted on 7 different counts and is facing life in prison. This fund is to aid her in her defense against these charges. While it is great that one law was repealed in the wake of these protests (50A), there are consequences for people coming out of this moment, and its important to extend our solidarity to people that caught serious charges from these protests.” Please donate if you can:

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

Demand the NYS Legislature #HALTsolitary & #FreeOurElders-May 21

THURSDAY MAY 21 AT 10 AM



COVID + PRISONS = DEATH
RALLY TO #HALTSOLITARY #FREEOURELDERS

Passing Elder Parole, Fair & Timely Parole, and the HALT Solitary Confinement Act will reduce the number of people in prison who are vulnerable to COVID-19, limit the spread of the virus, and help ensure people behind bars with symptoms get treatment, not torture

Before New York State lawmakers go back into session next week, join advocates, formerly incarcerated people, and families for virtually-connected rallies:

- Outside the office of Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins: 28 Wells Avenue, Building #3, Yonkers, NY
- Outside the office of Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie: 1446 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, NY
- Queensboro Correctional Facility: 47-04 Van Dam St, Long Island City, NY
- On Zoom: bit.ly/may21-rally

“Tomorrow at 10AM, advocates and community leaders will host coordinated rallies to demand the New York State legislature #HALTsolitary and #FreeOurElders outside the offices of Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and outside Queensboro Correctional Facility. Yesterday, the State Senate announced they're reconvening the legislative session on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Sources say that the Senate and Assembly are working to pass at least 12 COVID specific bills next week. Join us tomorrow to demand that people in prison and their families are included in the legislature's response to COVID by passing Elder Parole, Fair and Timely Parole, and the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. Please register for the Zoom here, share the below flyer far and wide, and be sure to amplify

the action on twitter and Facebook using this social media guide. If you're able to travel safely, please join us in person with PPE.” See <https://cuomoletthemgo.com/may-21-social-media-guide> Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pEOUnyHYTcCFDy7HaqHZKA

SAVE THE DATE: VETERAN BLACK PANTHERS & YOUNG LORDS PARTY MEMBERS TO GATHER AGAIN FOR THIS SUNDAY'S HISTORIC "BLACK & BROWN" MARCH THROUGH HARLEM - JUNE 14, 2020



SOLIDARITY: LATINOS LATINXS, AFRICAN DIASPORA SAY ¡PRESENTE!

**POOR & WORKING PEOPLE RISE UP
AGAINST THE RACIST TERROR
OF THE NYPD/ICE**

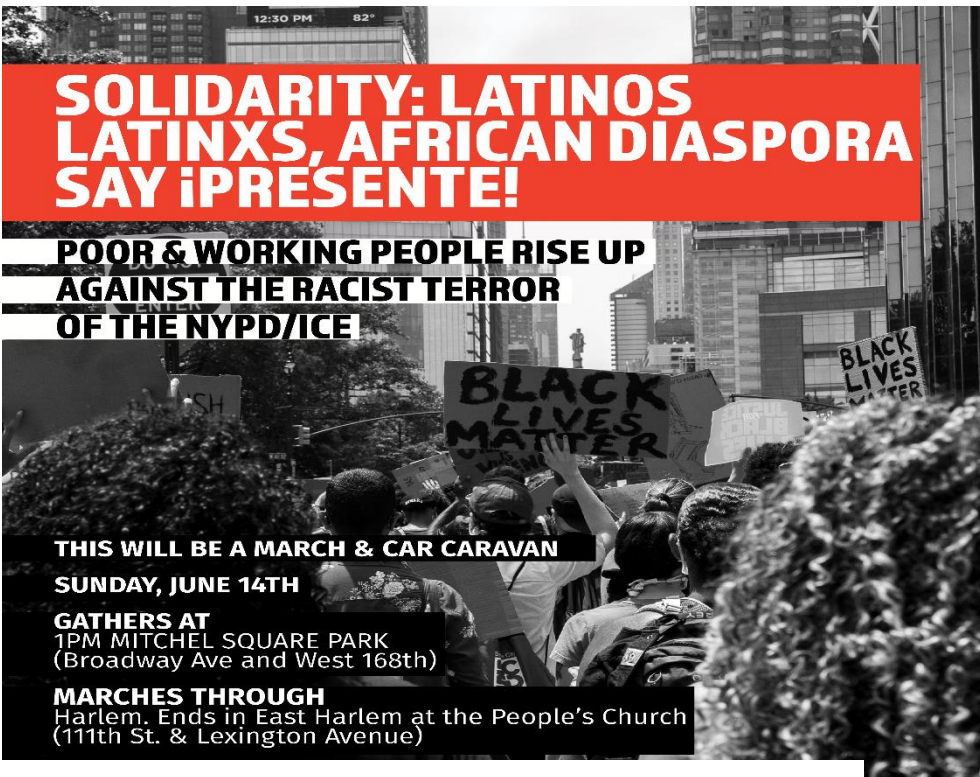
THIS WILL BE A MARCH & CARAVAN

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

GATHERS AT
1PM MITCHEL SQUARE PARK
(Broadway Ave and West 168th)

MARCHES THROUGH
Harlem. Ends in East Harlem at the People's Church
(111th St. & Lexington Avenue)

“VETERAN BLACK PANTHERS & YOUNG LORDS PARTY MEMBERS WILL GATHER AGAIN FOR THIS SUNDAY'S HISTORIC "BLACK & BROWN" MARCH THRU HARLEM.”



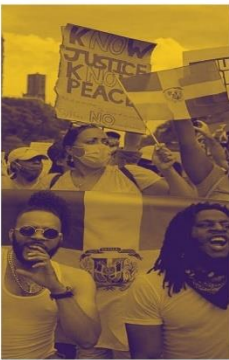
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#ABOLISHTHEPOLICE



**1PM, SUN JUN 14, 2020
MITCHEL SQUARE PARK
BROADWAY & W 167TH**
Marching through Harlem 125th,
ending in East Harlem at the People's Church
(111th st & Lexington Ave)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
BLACKANDBROWN2020@GMAIL.COM

RAPP: URGENT phone calls today: #FreeOurElders and #HALTSolitary

#HALTsolitary #FreeOurElders

Virtual Advocacy Day

Join us Wednesday, May 27

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/VirtualAdvocacyDay>

10 am: Rally & Prep Session

11 am - 3 pm: Virtual Legislator Engagement
& Other Virtual Actions



Please join us also on Wednesday, May 27 from 10 am – 3 pm for a Virtual Advocacy Day with RAPP and the HALT Solitary Campaign to demand the NYS legislature include incarcerated New Yorkers and family members in COVID-19 legislation.

There will be a rally and prep session at 10 am followed virtual legislator engagement. Sign up here: bit.ly/VirtualAdvocacyDay”

<https://cuomoletthemgo.com/events/virtual-advocacy-day>

Correction Officers And Inmate Advocates Prepare For Action At Jessup Prison May 23

“Correction officers and prison abolitionists will join together Saturday to protest the lack of PPE and testing, and the need for parole, during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

PULL UP FOR OUR WOMEN

WE DEMAND:

- *IMPROVED CONDITIONS BEHIND THE WALL -STAFF AND RESIDENT TESTING
- *FREE THOSE WITH UNDERLYING CONDITIONS
- *FREE WOMEN OVER 60YRS OLD
- *FREE ALL MINIMUM AND PRE-RELEASE WOMEN
- *VIDEO VISITS ARE DEMANDED IMMEDIATELY
- *WE NEED TO KNOW THE NUMBERS?
- *WE DEMAND RETALIATIONS AGAINST RESIDENTS TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY

Maryland Justice Project

See <https://therealnews.com/stories/correction-officers-inmate-advocates-prepare-protest-action-jessup-prison>

Prison Radio: Indiana's Punitive Measures: Support Kevin Rashid Johnson!

“As of April 30th, Rashid and nearly 300 prisoners have gone on a hunger strike, refusing to accept meals unless the following demands have been met:

- 1) Everyone needs to receive medical monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms and regular temperature checks.
- 2) Inmates receive hot and nutritionally adequate meals.
- 3) All inmates should be provided hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.

Deputy Warden D. Reagle made rounds in the cellblock and admitted to an inmate that over 100 prisoners had Pendleton have been tested and 50 tested positive. When pressed to conduct a prison-wide test, he cited lack of resources and will only test symptomatic inmates. Yet what makes this virus so dangerous are the asymptomatic carriers. Furthermore, the prison retaliated against Rashid personally. His cell was shaken down two days in a row and his property destroyed. Fellow inmate Shupavu wa Kirima reported to the Bay View a first hand account as to what what happened:

“On May 11, 2020, I was shaken down. Four pigs were in my cell. They ransacked my shit and broke my \$35 headphones. The only pig whose name I got that was in my cell was Correctional Officer Parker. He came around later with the nurse. I pointed out my broken headphones. He swore they didn’t break them. My neighbor said he heard one say, ‘Here it is.’ When I came back, I found my tablet shattered. While I was in the holding cage Lt. Davis asked if I know how things work here. I just looked at him. He said they’d gotten a lot of calls about me today and he’d responded to some. He made clear that the ‘cell search’ was in response to that. They broke my tablet so I can’t make calls etc.” Pendleton's repressive actions during a time of vulnerability is grotesque. Rashid's only means of communication with us has been destroyed.

Take Action!

Please make calls on Rashid’s behalf to the following officials:

IDOC Chief Legal Officer Jon Adam Ferguson,
jferguson1@idoc.IN.gov, 317-460-6307 mobile or 317-233-8861 office

Warden Dushan Zatecky, 765-778-2107

Warden’s Administrative Secretary Shannon Schott,
sshcott@idoc.IN.gov

Ombudsman Charlene A. Burkett, ombud@idoa.IN.gov or
317-234-3190

VADOC Deputy Director Joseph Walters,
joseph.walters

@vadoc.virginia.gov (proxy for Department of Corrections
Director Harold W. Clarke as of November 2018), 804-887-7982 You can also send Rashid mail here: Kevin “Rashid”
Johnson, 264847, Pendleton Correctional Facility, G-20-2C,
4490 W. Reformatory Road, Pendleton, IN 46064.

Help us help them, please donate to our campaign today.
When We Fight, We Win! Prison Radio Staff.”

See <https://donate.prisonradio.org/>



#JusticeforFloyd: Demand the officers who killed George Floyd are charged with murder

“George Floyd, a Black man, was handcuffed and pinned down on the pavement by a white Minneapolis police officer who continued to press his knee into George's neck as George repeatedly

cried out, "I can't breathe," and "Please, I can't breathe." The video captured on May 26 by one of the bystanders shows the police officer brutally holding down George Floyd. The witnesses try to get the police officers to stop, telling them, "He's not even resisting arrest right now."² After several minutes of the officer kneeling on his neck, George Floyd becomes silent and motionless. Then, showing his total disregard for George Floyd, the police officer pulls George's lifeless body by his arms and drags him away. Sign the petition calling on Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey to hold the police officers who murdered George Floyd accountable." Sign Here: <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/justiceforfloyd-demand-the-police-officers-who-killed-george-floyd-are-fired>

The ultimate act of police terror in Philadelphia was the bombing of MOVE on 6221 Osage Ave on May 13th, 1985.



— Protest
Philadelphia
Police Terror
 @ Osage Avenue & Cobbs Creek Pkwy
 Saturday June 13th, Noon

May 13, 1985, Philadelphia police dropped a military grade bomb on members of the MOVE organization living at 6221 Osage Ave. Eleven Black men, women and children were murdered after police ordered fire fighters to "let the fire burn" & shot MOVE members back into the home as they tried to escape. The violent attack came after over a decade of police violence & repression of MOVE activists. Join us as we protest the brutally racist and militarized Philadelphia police.

#onamove
 #defundpolice
 #abolition
 #freemumia

The MOVE Organization, Black Lives Matter Philly, Philly REAL Justice, Ubuntu Philadelphia Human Rights Coalition, Abolitionists Law Center, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement

Join this Saturday, June 13th at noon, at the site of the MOVE bombing, as we remember the MOVE victims and protest the brutally racist and militarized Philadelphia police force. We will stand in solidarity with George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and the countless other Black people murdered by the state in recent years and in centuries prior. We will also demand the release of Political Prisoners who have been in prison for over 45 years for fighting against the racist Philly PD under the late Frank Rizzo. On May 13, 1985, Philadelphia police dropped a military

grade bomb on members of the MOVE organization living at 6221 Osage Ave. Eleven Black men, women and children were murdered after police ordered fire fighters to "let the fire burn" & shot MOVE members back into the home as they tried to escape. The violent attack came after over a decade of police violence & repression of MOVE activists, including the MOVE 9 who were political prisoners for 40 years. A Black neighborhood was destroyed in the process. This action will start at the site of this horrific act of Philadelphia police terrorism: Osage Avenue and Cobbs Creek Parkway. For more information contact: phillypoliceabolition@alcenter.org. Facebook event link: facebook.com/events/557262338310705/

Community News, Articles and Updates

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO CORONAVIRUS SOME EVENTS ARE CANCELLED

....PLEASE CHECK SITE INFO

*****IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS*****

Taking care of yourself and your team during COVID-19

“It has been said enough times: we are in unprecedented times. During this period of uncertainty and anxiety, it is especially important that we as individuals take care of ourselves, and that we recognize the needs of our families, colleagues, friends, and other community members to do the same for themselves. At the US Human Rights Network Coordinating Center, we are doing our best to acknowledge and honor how each other are feeling. Here are some of our own recommendations for how to take care of yourself and your team during this time:

Remind yourself and your colleagues that no one knows the exact “right” thing to do or how to be right now, and that is okay.

Check in with folks on an emotional level without trying to “solve” or “fix” their feelings. Simply hear them and express gratitude to them for sharing. Allow space for people to process, reflect, and grieve in their own way.

Try to find a few minutes each day to check in with your body and mind in the present moment. Take a step back and notice how you are feeling and ask yourself if there is anything you need in this moment. If you are feeling overwhelmed, try to bring your attention to the sensations you’re experiencing – gently and attentively notice what you see, hear, smell, taste, and feel.

If it feels okay to do so, share what you need with your colleagues. Maybe you need patience, or to slow down, or maybe you need more tasks to keep you occupied, or more regular check-ins with your team. Let folks know and ask to hear what they need from you in return.

Ask each of your team and your community members what they are doing to take care of themselves during this time and ask yourself the same question.

If you are able to carve out 15 minutes in your day, do so and spend it doing something that brings you pleasure and solace – call a friend, take a nap, draw or paint, read a book, sing, dance, or listen to music, etc.. Encourage each of your team members to find their own 15-minute activity to practice daily.” See <https://ushrnetwork.org/news/195/100/Taking-care-of-yourself-and-your-team-during-COVID-19>

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

“At one time during the height of the Black Power movement,” writes Tomiko Shine, “it was common to find activists young and old able to articulate and analyze social issues in broad strokes of narration in regard to people of African descent. Voices such as Malcolm X, Fred Hampton, Safiya Bukhari, Frantz Fanon, George Jackson, Dr. Frances Cress Welsing, Kwame Nkrumah, and many others. Thus, we place this work along the theoretical lineage to continue the shaping of a Pan Africanist governance as a way out and into the return of their place on the global stage.”

What is the work Sister Tomiko is talking about? A book titled: **“Organizing and Rebuilding African Working Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism.”** It is a collection of essays Abdul Jabbar Caliph wrote. Tomiko did the precious job of collecting those essays, 63 in all. She organized them, into a book she has published (RAP Goals Publishers, Baltimore, 2019). The book has six sections. The sections’ title informs about the density of their teachings: Cointelpro; Jericho Political Prisoner Campaign; Muslim Prisoners; Political Prisoner Strategies; Truth and Reconciliation Commission; Baltimore City; and Pan-Africanism and Socialism. Not only is she the book’s editor, but she also

wrote the preface, from which the excerpt above quoted. It is impossible in a magazine to present exhaustively the 63 essays of “Organizing and Rebuilding the African Working Social Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism.” We will not even attempt to comment all of them or even some of them. It is better that those who are conscious and interested acquire the book, discover the essays and read them. For that, email abduljabbaessays@gmail.com to give a flavor of that wonderful book, we provide the full text of the 51st essay titled “Pan-African Culture.” Please, read, cogitate, and share. “We cannot rest, we have work to do, take this book and let it be one of your guideposts in helping do the work of us,” writes Tomiko to conclude her preface. Femmes d’Afrique Magazine agrees with our sister.” From: www.femmesdafrique.net April 2020 Edition

Ralph Poynter: What’s Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET

“RONA” Gonna Get Your Mama! The Black Holocaust -circa 2020- a Malcolm x perspective-What would Malcolm do?

- 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. Prof. Louie Liberation Poetry- In remembrance of Sister Lynne

RAPP Campaign: RAPP: Upcoming Events This Monday May 18

“MONDAY, MAY 18 at 9 AM: Virtual Press Conference on the Racism of NY’s Failure to Address COVID-19’s Impact on People in State Prisons -Join community leaders of color, including formerly incarcerated people, family members of people in prison, public health experts, and representatives from organizing groups for a virtual press conference ahead of the legislative hearing on COVID-19’s impact on communities of color. We and our partners will present new data showing the racially disparate harm that COVID-19 is inflicting on New Yorkers of Color in state prisons. We’ll demand the legislature reconvene to pass emergency legislation to prevent further, racially disparate harm, and continue our calls for Governor Cuomo to grant mass clemencies to incarcerated New Yorkers, especially older people and those who are medically vulnerable.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sxD5bpBITQ-lMaGACHMD1w

MONDAY, MAY 18 at 6 PM: Queens Town Hall-Join Queens legislators, formerly incarcerated people, and families to learn about the pandemic in New York State prisons, how it disproportionately impacts communities of color and Queens residents, and what is needed to save lives. RAPP organizer Mark Shervington will speak on the panel. Register here

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KfadMA2RRheMTZqheVN9ew

Prisons Are Using the Pandemic to Impose Lockdowns Michelle Chen May 14, 2020

“The coronavirus pandemic is leading to “an explosion in the use of solitary confinement in prisons, jails, and detention centers.” Punitive isolation under the pretext of public health is worsening the crisis of mass incarceration.” See <https://portside.org/2020-05-16/prisons-are-using-pandemic-impose-lockdowns>

23 May - Trump administration asks Supreme Court to stop release of inmates at risk for COVID-19

“The Trump administration is asking the Supreme Court to intervene for the first time in a case related to COVID-19, to block a judge’s order that a low-security federal prison in Ohio transfer, release or send home some of its elderly and medically vulnerable inmates. “The government is currently facing numerous suits challenging conditions of confinement in federal prisons across the nation,” Solicitor

Gen. Noel Francisco said in an appeal filed Friday evening, and the prisoners' lawyers are seeking to require the wholesale release of inmates from low-security prisons by imposing "a constitutional six-foot-at-all-times rule" for social distancing." See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/updates-2-jun-2020.pdf>

The Little Africa Program on WFBR-1590 AM in Glen Burnie, Maryland

WFBR 1590 AM Baltimore

Little Africa with Mama Tomiko and Baba Tyronne

Tune in to WFBR 1590 AM radio for a conversation on
COVID-19: Communal Preparation & Preservation

Thursdays, 1-2pm
<https://tunein.com/radio/WFBR-1590AM-Baltimore-s29972/>

The Little Africa Program features hosts Mama Tomiko and Baba Ty as they share important information and analysis to the Pan-Afrikan and Truth-And-Justice Community.

Call in # 410-761-1592

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST POLICE TERRORISM & STRUGGLE OF JUSTICE FOR THE POLICE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD CONTINUES TODAY @ 1 PM & 3 PM AT THE FOLLOWING (5) HARLEM, BROOKLYN, BRONX, QUEENS & MANHATTAN LOCATIONS COUNTER PIG: SATURDAY MAY 30, 2020

“THE PEOPLES STRUGGLE AGAINST POLICE TERRORISM & THE NATION-WIDE SOLIDARITY STRUGGLE OF JUSTICE FOR THE RACIST PIG POLICE MURDER OF BRO. GEORGE FLOYD CONTINUES TODAY @ 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM AT THE FOLLOWING (5) BROOKLYN, BRONX, QUEENS, HARLEM & LOWER MANHATTAN LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY....SO UNLESS YOU, UNFORTUNATELY, DO LIVE IN THE SERIOUSLY WHITE RACIST & FORGOTTEN BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND, WHERE ERIC GARNER WAS ALSO CHOKED TO DEATH BY THE PIGS; THEN THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO EXCUSE FOR NEW YORK CITY TO NOT SHOW MUTUAL PHYSICAL SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
PANTHER-ZULU KING "BRO. SHEP"

Justice for George Floyd! Sat., May 30 at 1 PM & @ 3 PM – 5:30 PM

“Join People's Power Assemblies as we show solidarity with the activists and folks on the ground in Minneapolis who are protesting the sadistic murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. The horrific videos, as well as the current COVID19 pandemic - shows what Black people have known for centuries - in a society built upon white supremacy, Black bodies are seen as disposable. But we say NO! BLACK LIVES WILL ALWAYS MATTER! We demand justice for George Floyd, his children and family. Justice for ALL BLACK LIVES taken by police murder, vigilantes and mobs. We demand justice for the survivors, Blacks folks who were maimed, disabled, and traumatized by police and agents of the state. Please note Saturday at 3pm is in solidarity to national actions, however if it is still raining heavily by 2:15 pm, we will postpone the action to

Sunday, 2pm. The COVID19 pandemic is ongoing - wear a mask, and socially disrupt at least 6 feet apart. Justice for George Floyd! Abolish the Police! Hosted by Peoples Power Assemblies NYC and 12 others (List Is Still In Formation) Sat., May 30 at 1 PM & @ 3 PM – 5:30 PM

NEW YORK CITY WIDE RALLY LOCATIONS:

- 1) Harlem: 125th Street/Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard (7th Avenue) - 1:00 PM
- 2) Manhattan: Union Square - 3:00 PM
- 3) The Bronx: the Hub (149th and 3rd ave) - 3:00 PM
- 4) Brooklyn: Parkside Ave and Ocean ave - 3:00 PM
- 5) Queens: Diversity Plaza (74th st and Roosevelt Ave) - 3:00 PM”

<https://www.facebook.com/events/186768315931223/>

**The Struggle Continues On:
The Children of Revolutionary Political Prisoners
We are happy to announce the addition of Kakuya Shakur to our panel!**

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THE CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL PRISONERS

Join NYC Jericho in this panel discussion where we'll hear first person narratives from the children of current and former Political Prisoners. We'll learn about their experiences and relationships with their parents, their fight to free their loved ones and how they continue to support the struggle for a more just world.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020, 3:00PM-4:30PM

JOIN IN AT [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/JERICHOAMNESTYMOVEMENT/](https://www.facebook.com/JERICHOAMNESTYMOVEMENT/)



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Russell Shoatz III and Theresa Shoats are children of Russell "Maroon" Shoatz, a Black Panther Party member and co-founder of the Black Unity Council, who has been in jail for over 40 years.

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Saturday, June 13, 2020, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Join in for the livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/jerichoamnestymovement/>

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2292966224333272/>

Panelists:

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<https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=3306767676215507>

Letter-writing to Imam Jamil al-Amin- June 16th

WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, June 16th, 2020

WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free

“..we ask that folks participate in keeping prisoners from being more alienated than they already are, by writing from home. Please post a photo of your addressed envelope on social media and tag us (with your return address blurred out) and we will share it, building digital community while our analog community stays indoors and washes its hands. This week, our every-other-week letter-writing is focused on Black liberation political prisoner Imam Jamil Al-Amin.

We were recently reminded of the quote ‘violence is as American as cherry pie’ with the choking murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis by cops there. That prescient quote is from Imam Jamil Al-Amin (then known as H. Rap Brown).

Please take the time to write a letter to Jamil (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online)” See <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/06/11/jamil2020>

Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin #99974-555

USP Tucson, Post Office Box 24550, Tucson, Arizona 85734

A State-by-State Look at Coronavirus in Prisons June 12, 2020

“At least 43,622 have tested positive for COVID-19 inside prisons around the country, an increase of 7 percent over last week’s figure. In collaboration with The Associated Press, here’s our updated state-by-state tracker.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

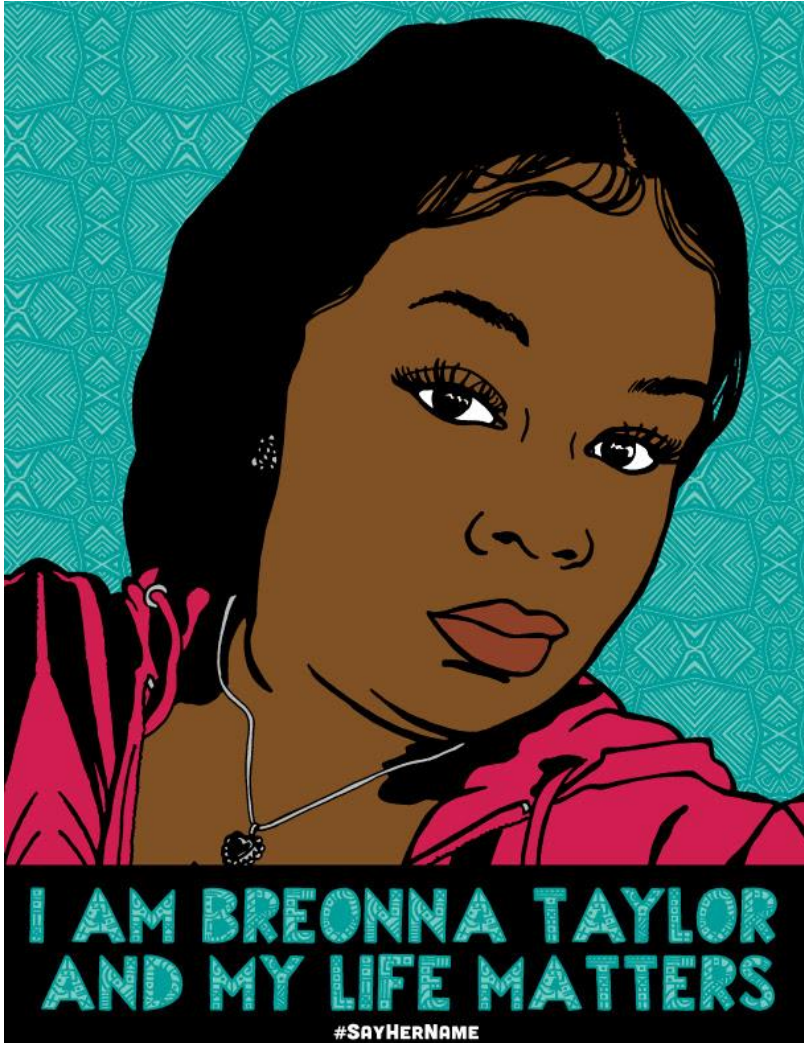
Have you submitted art or an article to the 2021 Certain Days calendar? May 26

Just a last reminder that they are still accepting art for the 2021 Certain Days calendar. (It’s the 20th anniversary edition)! **The Certain Days Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar**

“The Certain Days Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar collective will be releasing our 20th calendar this coming autumn. The 2021 theme is “A Generation of Support Through the Bars,”

reflecting on the roles of political prisoners in social justice movements, historically, currently, and as we look to the future. We are looking for 12 pieces of art and 12 short essays to feature in the calendar, which hangs in more than 6,000 homes, workplaces, prison cells, and community spaces around the world. We encourage contributors to submit both new and existing work. We especially seek submissions from people in prison, so please forward to any prison-based artists and writers. Deadline: June 15, 2020” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/updates-2-jun-2020.pdf>

“SAY HER NAME.....TODAY WE REMEMBER BREONNA TAYLOR & TOMORROW WE WILL COME OUT IN FORCE TO HARLEM @ 10:00 AM FOR A MAJOR N.Y.C. MARCH AGAINST TERRORIST POLICE BRUTALITY & MURDER –June 5th”



“REMEMBER BREONNA TAYLOR TODAY AND COME OUT TOMORROW TO HARLEM @ 10 AM FOR THE N.Y.C. MARCH AGAINST TERRORIST POLICE BRUTALITY & MURDER SISTAH BREONNA, AN E.T.M. WORKER, WOULD HAVE BEEN 27 YEARS YOUNG TODAY, IF SHE HAD NOT BEEN SHOT & MURDERED INSIDE OF HER OWN HOME BY THE POLICE!”

'Governor, let me see my kids before I die': pressure mounts to release elderly women from prisons Sam Levin - June 3, 2020

“California’s governor, Gavin Newsom, is facing mounting pressure, including from a top state official, to grant clemency to dozens of elderly and vulnerable women who are serving long sentences

in prison and are at high risk of death from coronavirus.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jun/03/california-prisons-elderly-women-clemency-coronavirus>

From Gaza to Minneapolis, fight for justice and liberation! #JusticeForGeorgeFloyd



“Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network expresses its firmest support and solidarity to the Black liberation movement, the friends and family of George Floyd and to all of the people taking to the streets in Minneapolis and elsewhere to demand justice, accountability and an end to racist and colonial police terror. The blatant act of police murder, in full view of multiple cameras, indicates a form of confidence and impunity that is not limited to the murderer himself, Derek Chauvin, but reflects the institutional, racist, oppressive structure of U.S. policing. We support the uprising in Minneapolis, the intifada of people subjected to an ongoing, vicious and structural racism, inheriting a lengthy and rich tradition of Black resistance, organizing and struggle. Tens of thousands have come out to make clear that they will resist the ongoing, violent assault of police forces against

oppressed communities and particularly Black and Indigenous communities. As Frank Chapman of the National Alliance against Racist and Political Repression noted: “Yet another murder of an unarmed Black person in the month of May” See <https://samidoun.net/2020/05/from-gaza-to-minneapolis-one-struggle-for-justice-and-liberation-justiceforgorgefloyd/>

WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020 WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free

“Are there things worth dying for? For going out into the world, mid-pandemic, and risking infection for? Of course there are! But going back to work early to please a boss or pushing folks into work to salvage a crumbling capitalism aren’t two of them. Standing up to systems of oppression in the face of murderous cops is worth it and over the last week, we’ve seen brave folks get together to say cops won’t murder Black folks with no response. The state’s reaction will likely be harsh, the punishments draconian, and still folks rise up. In NYC ABC, we focus work on those living under repression in prison for actions taken in the ongoing quest for justice. Although we remain quarantined from our in-person communities, the work continues. Therefore, instead of coming together at The Base in Brooklyn, we ask that folks participate in keeping prisoners from being more alienated than they already are, by writing from home. Please post a photo of your addressed envelope on social media and tag us (with your return address blurred out) and we will share it, building digital community while our analog community stays indoors and washes its hands. This week, collaborating with comrades from Page One Collective, in an early reply to the call for June 11 actions, we focus our every-other-week letter-writing on eco-anarchist political prisoner Marius Mason. Marius Mason is an anarchist, environmental, and animal rights prisoner. In March 2008, he was arrested by federal authorities for charges related to two acts of property destruction that occurred in 1999 and 2000 – damaging an office connected to GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) research, and destroying a piece of logging equipment. No one was injured in either act. He faced a life sentence before accepting a plea bargain in September 2008. Mason was sentenced on February 5, 2009 in federal court in Lansing, Michigan. He

received almost 22 years – the longest sentence of any Green Scare prisoner. An appeal for a reduction in his sentence was denied in 2010. Marius was quarantined starting April 25, when he tested positive for the corona virus. Marius has underlying factors that make him vulnerable to COVID 19, and legal options are being pursued, thanks to his attorney. More information at supportmariusmason.org. Please take the time to write a letter to Marius (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online):” Marie (Marius) Mason #04672-061, FCI Danbury, Route 37, Danbury, Connecticut 06811 See <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/05/30/marius2020>

Minneapolis’s policing problems didn’t start with George Floyd

“Chronicle of a disaster foretold. Long before George Floyd died in police custody this week after a violent arrest, police officials in Minneapolis were warned that they needed to implement systemic policing reforms, including changes to their use-of-force standards. Some of these reforms were put into place over the past five years, but many others were not. One of the biggest lapses, critics say, centers around the failure of police officials to discipline line officers who engaged in excessive force and other misconduct.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/28/before-george-floyd-s-death-minneapolis-police-failed-to-adopt-reforms-remove-bad-officers>

Solitary Confinement Is Fueling New York's Prison Suicide Crisis By Joshua Manson | May 29, 2020

“On average, someone attempts suicide in one of New York State’s prisons every other day. And 43 percent of those suicide attempts occur in the state’s notorious solitary confinement units — the Special Housing Unit, or SHUs. Solitary confinement is also linked to higher rates of death by suicide, and to widespread incidents of self-harm.” See <https://solitarywatch.org/2020/05/29/solitary-confinement-is-fueling-new-yorks-prison-suicide-crisis/>

Eric King

“Political prisoner Eric King has been hit with a major restriction from the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) this week. He cannot receive mail or correspond with anyone other than his wife and mother for at least 6 months. This is fairly unprecedented and comes at a horrible time, as Eric is fighting his criminal charges in federal court and can use all the support he can get. Not only is this cruel but its over the top as Eric is already on severe communications restrictions (no phone, no visits) and is in segregation for 23 hours a day minimally (going on two years). He really needs our help right now and while he cannot receive letters from the general public, it seems he can still receive books and magazines. Please send softcover books and magazines only. (I suggest 3 at a time). If the content is questionable, it is better not to send it. FCI Englewood is heavily censoring Eric's incoming literature. Books can be sent from the publisher, Amazon or a website similar to Amazon.”

Eric King #27090-045, FCI Englewood, 9595 W. Quincy Avenue, Littleton, CO 80123

We also ask that you donate to his legal defense fund so we can mount a strong defense to Eric's charge of assault on a government official (which carries a max of 20 years). You can donate at <https://fundrazr.com/e1cKo1> Every donation helps and please share if you can with friends and on social media. Background on his case is at <https://truthout.org/articles/incarcerated-anti-fascists-report-targeted-beatings-by-guards/>”

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, June 2, 2020 Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET

“The People Charge 1st degree Murder—The videos PROVE 1st degree Murder”

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. Prof. Louie Liberation Poetry- In remembrance of Sister Lynne”

The Ballot and the Bullet: Putting Black Self-Determination on the Ballot- June 13-14th 10am-3pm

National Black Political Agenda for Self-Determination

THE BALLOT AND THE BULLET

Putting Black Self-Determination on the Ballot

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| Zaki Baruti Universal African People's Organization | Charles Barron New York State Assembly Member | Nellie Bailey Harlem Fight Back Against Wars at Home and Abroad |

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Nearly 35,000 prisoners across the country have tested positive for COVID-19

“Nearly 35,000 prisoners across the country have tested positive for COVID-19, an increase of 18 percent from last week. Five states—Ohio, Tennessee, Arkansas, Michigan, and North Carolina—are largely responsible for the increase as corrections officials there have begun broad testing. Here’s our updated state-by-state tally.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

Marc Lamont Hill: ‘Outside the logic of the prison’ on Mumia’s birthday

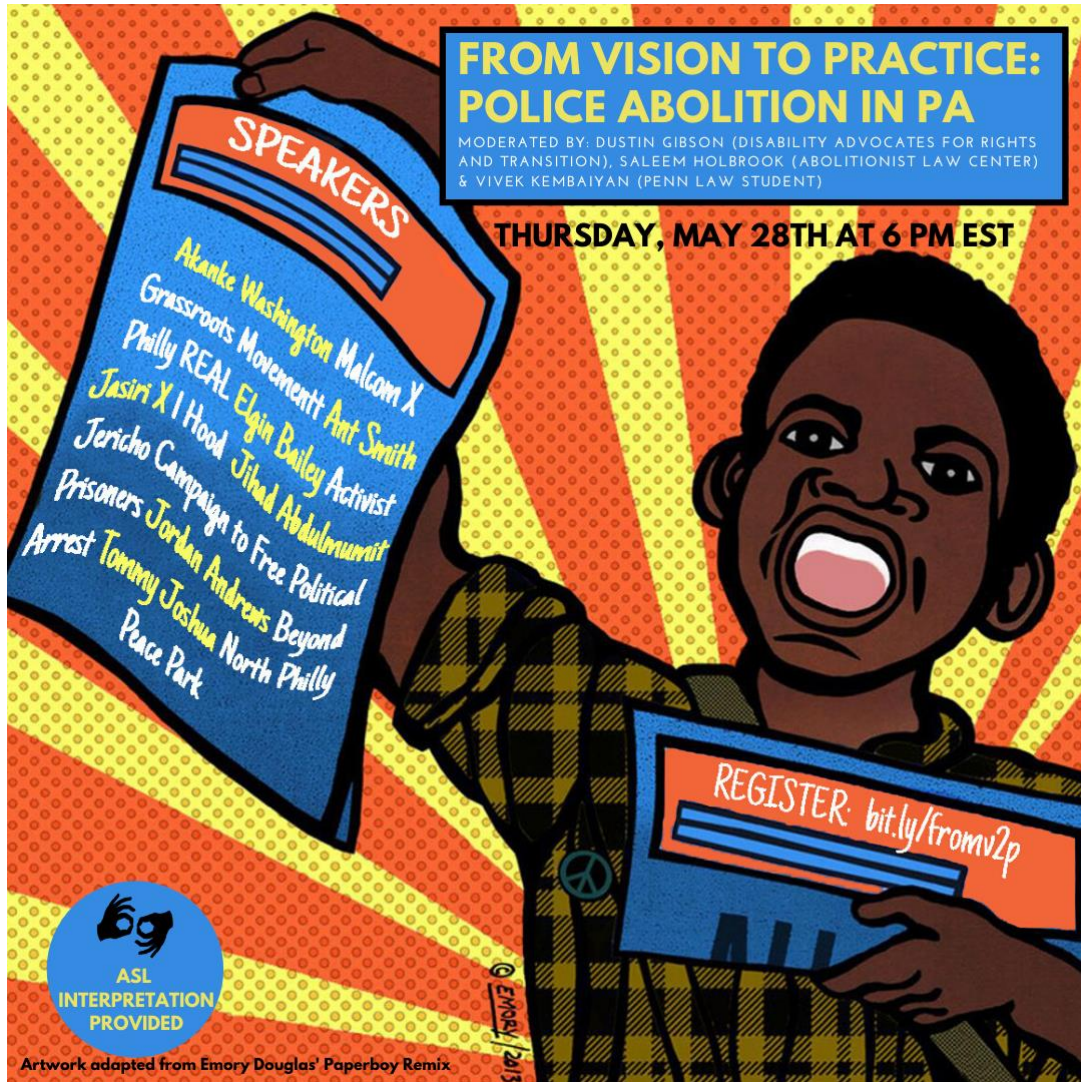
“These slightly edited remarks were given April 24 at the “U.S. Empire vs. Political Prisoners” webinar teach-in sponsored by Mobilization4Mumia and held in honor of the 66th birthday of political prisoner and revolutionary Mumia Abu-Jamal, incarcerated for 39 years by the U.S. state.” See <https://www.workers.org/2020/05/48703/>

Rashid Johnson: ‘Prison has always served a particular political function’

“Remarks were given April 24 at the “U.S. Empire vs. Political Prisoners” webinar teach-in sponsored by Mobilization4Mumia and held in honor of the 66th birthday of political prisoner and revolutionary Mumia Abu-Jamal, incarcerated for 39 years by the U.S. state. Kevin Rashid Johnson, currently incarcerated in the Pendleton Correctional Facility . . .” See <https://www.workers.org/2020/05/48698/>

From Vision to Practice: Police Abolition in PA May 28, 6pm EST

“Register and Join us on Thursday 6pm to 8 pm for a dope panel/community chat on Police Abolition, Police Accountability and Alternatives to Calling the Police to Address Harm in our communities rooted in the Black Radical Tradition. Join abolitionists as we explore and envision ways our communities can secure themselves. Register here: <http://bit.ly/fromv2p>”



'The power of redemption': Oakland man goes free after 44 years in prison, more than 30 in solitary Megan Cassidy May 29, 2020

After nearly a lifetime in prison, Paul Redd had become accustomed to rejection. “He’d been behind bars for more than four decades, and his legal bids to escape solitary confinement had fallen on deaf ears for more than a quarter of a century. The state parole board was equally crushing. Redd, 63, can recall at least 13 denials, but eventually he lost track. So, when Redd learned his first-degree murder conviction was up for a resentencing hearing at San Francisco Superior Court earlier this month, he kept waiting for that familiar, bureaucratic hammer to drop.” See



<https://www.sfchronicle.com/crime/article/SF-public-defender-unit-helps-Oakland-man-go-free-15301831.php#photo-19461442>

HONORING MALCOLM X AT 95! BEYOND COVID! BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!

“On Tuesday, May 19th, join us in our first virtual observation of the 95th anniversary of the birth of our beloved Black Shining Prince, Malcolm X! Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, this will be a very different May 19th. The Malcolm X Commemoration Committee (MXCC), The December 12th Movement, the Organization of AfroAmerican Unity(OAAU), the Sons of Africa and the Malcolm X /Dr. Betty Shabazz Educational Center are uniting to make it a memorable one!

Malcolm X @ 95
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 In Harlem
 Between 1PM and 3PM
Black Power Motorcade

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Fly it
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Email it
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And join Special Facebook Live Event!
 Malcolm X Commemoration Committee
 Organization of AfroAmerican Unity & Sons of Africa
**“MALCOLM X SPEAKS IN THE
 21ST CENTURY”**
 Beyond COVID-19 & Chickens Coming Home To Roost
 7 to 9:30PM Go to:
 The Malcolm X Commemoration Committee FacebookPage
 Zayid Muhammad - Poet / Moderator

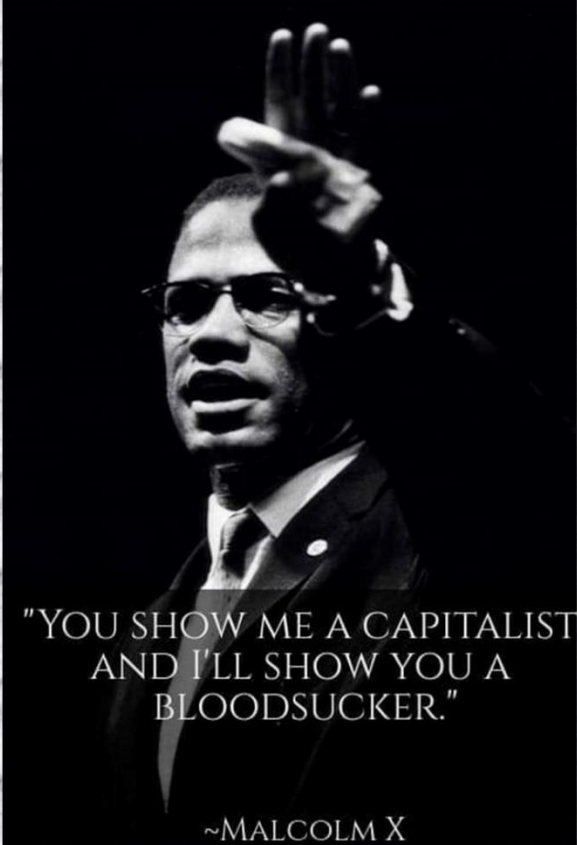
December 12th Movement / 718-398-1766 / D12M.com

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVESITE OF MALCOLM X CANCELLED TO THE PUBLIC: CAPTURED ONLINE! Normally, our day would begin at 9am in Harlem with our Caravan for the annual Pilgrimage to the Gravesite of Malcolm X. Cemeteries and Funeral Parlors are facing limits that are being put on their service capacity because of the Pandemic. Ferncliff Cemetery, where Malcolm is buried, can only allow ten persons at a time for a service. For these reasons, for the first time since 1966, we are going to have cancel the ‘Public’ pilgrimage gravesite ceremony. There will be a ‘Private’ ceremony performed by the OAAU and the Sons of Africa for the benefit of the immediate family and honoring and upholding the tradition, and that can be seen virtually as it will shared on Facebook Live!

At 11am, go to the Malcolm X Pilgrimage 2020-ONLINE Facebook Event Page and join in the moment!...**SHUT DOWN OF 125TH STREET-CAR CARAVAN**

We usually shut down the businesses on 125th Street at 12 noon under the leadership of the December 12th Movement. Because of the Pandemic Shutdown, the businesses will already be closed, but to invoke the honor and memory and the legendary commitment to struggle of Malcolm, the December 12th Movement is leading a Black Power Car Caravan along 125th Street from 1pm and 3pm.

We are calling it 'Fly the X Everywhere!' Post it! Wear it! Display it!...



On Tuesday, May 19th 2020,
Observing the 95th
Anniversary of His Birth
 Join
The Malcolm X Commemoration Committee
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'MALCOLM X SPEAKS
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@ 7-9:30pm FACEBOOK LIVE!
@ THE MALCOLM X COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Special Guest!
Ilyasah Shabazz

Roundtable Participants include:
Baba James Small
Prof Bill Sales
Viola Plummer
Basir Mchawi
Herb Boyd
Baba Zak Kondo
Prof Todd Burroughs
Prof Kelly Harris
Asukile Mitchell
Zayid Muhammad-Poet/Moderator

"YOU SHOW ME A CAPITALIST
 AND I'LL SHOW YOU A
 BLOODSUCKER."
 ~MALCOLM X

SHABAZZ CENTER'S 2 DAY LONG VIRTUAL CELEBRATION AND EVENING VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE HOSTED BY MXCC

"Usually on the evening of May 19th, we join Ilyasah Shabazz and family at the Shabazz Center for the Annual Birthday Celebration. Because of the Pandemic Restrictions, the Shabazz Center will instead host a 2 day series of virtual appreciations that they will include speakers, performers, liberation music. It will begin with a Watch Party for a Special Malcolm X Film on Monday evening. The time and film to be announced... At 7pm, Go the Malcolm Commemoration Committee Facebook Page for the Livestreaming of a powerful virtual Roundtable... 'Malcolm X Speaks In The 21st Century: Beyond Covid19 and Chickens Coming Home To Roost!' This will be the first of a series of virtual MXCC events. We are proud to announce that Ilyasah Shabazz will join us for this Roundtable and will give opening remarks with Prof. James Small of the OAAU. Poet Activist Zayid Muhammad, MXCC's founding press officer, will host a powerful intergenerational panel of activists and scholars that will include... Viola Plummer of the December 12th Movement, Prof. William Sales, co-convenor of the Malcolm X Speaks in the 90s Conferences and author of From Civil Rights to Black Liberation: Malcolm X and The OAAU, Baba Zak Kondo, Conspiracies: Unravelling The Assassination of Malcolm X, Herb Boyd, co-author with Ilyasah Shabazz of The Diary of Malcolm X and co-editor of Malcolm X, Real, Not Invented, By Any Means Necessary, Basir Mchawi, WBAI's Education At The Crossroads, Prof. Todd Burroughs, Co Editor of The Lie of Reinvention: Correcting Manning,

Marable's Malcolm X, Prof. Kelly Harris, 'Manning Marable: Humanizing Malcolm or Denigrating Legacies,' Prof. Leonard Jeffries, founding chair emeritus of Africana Studies at City College New York and the International Executive Director of the OAAU...For more information about this extraordinary effort, follow our Facebook Page @Malcolm X Commemoration Committee and the webpages of the December 12th Movement <http://d12m.com> and of the Shabazz Center <https://theshabazzcenter.org> ...Finally, Muslims all over the world are excited to know that on one of Islam's most sacred nights Laitul Qadr, the Night of Power, or the night that the Prophet Muhammad received his first Quranic revelation, falls on May 19th, the birthday of a great Muslim, El Hajj Malik El Shabazz-Malcolm X!"

In Honor of Malcolm X: Black Legacies, Black Futures-5:30-7:30 EST, May 19th, 2020

IN HONOR OF MALCOLM X

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CONVERSATION WITH
JIHAD ABDULMUMIT
Jericho Movement

"MALCOLM X AND THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX"

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MAY 19TH
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Join us as we commemorate the legacy of Malcolm X
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Zaheer Ali
(Pillars Fund)

Jihad Abdulmumit
(Jericho Movement)

Margari Hill
(Black Muslim COVID Coalition)

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Prison Lockdowns Exacerbate Pandemic Online Press Conference, Tuesday May 19

“Prison Lockdowns Exacerbate Pandemic-On Tuesday, May 19, at 1pm, Forum for Understanding Prisons (FFUP) will present our third COVID Compassion Campaign online press conference. This conference will focus on Columbia Correctional Institution (CCI) a facility notorious for lockdowns, racist staff, and violent instability. Our speakers will talk about how CCI's restrictive lockdown and security measures that function as collective punishment, reducing people's natural immune response and increasing their exposure to COVID-19.

Speakers for May 19*: Damani Nantambu- a radical New African prison rebel and organizer, frequent hunger striker, and whistleblower against the system.

William Ledford- experienced prisoner litigator with diabetes, sentenced under the old law, double amputee due to medical neglect, held in a unit with many other immune compromised people.

Moderator: Ben Turk

*Due to logistical challenges of connecting across DOC walls, and the unpredictability of life and phone access in CCI, statements from the speakers will be pre-recorded in the likely case that they won't get the phones at the right time. Family members and supporters will join the call as live participants to answer questions. This online press conference is in support of FFUP's COVID Compassion Campaign, demanding that Governor Evers expand clemency criteria, which currently exclude all incarcerated people. FFUP has helped 75 people file clemency waiver requests.

These requests and short summaries about the people pleading for release can be found on PrisonForum.org. Sent April 22- <http://secondchancewi.blogspot.com/2020/04/covid-compassion-campaign-i.html> Sent May 11- <http://www.prisonforum.org/2020/04/covid-compassion-campaign-batch-two.html> Previous COVID Compassion Campaign online press conferences:
 April 21- Introducing the campaign <https://youtu.be/6yqFUShaLmk>
 May 5- Parole eligible people <https://youtu.be/tSGftN9M-dw>

Agenda:

1-1:15- Introduction and update 1:15-1:45- Featured speakers 1:45-2:00- Questions from reporters
 2:00-2:30- Questions and comments from anyone (time permitting) To join the press conference:
 Option 1. smartphone Download the app. Step 1: Click <https://www.ringcentral.com/apps/rc-meetings> and install it. Step 2: Click enter meeting ID Step 3: Enter this ID: 288 434 5219

Step 4: enter this password: ffup421

Option 2. Join meeting through internet browser (Chrome, Explorer, Firefox, Safari).

Step 1: click this link:

<https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/2884345219?pwd=am42NFZtL3lvOHY3ZXFObVR1Tm0wdz09>

Step 2. enter password: ffup421

These options allow you to see video and request to speak. If you don't have smartphone or internet access, you can use a regular phone...

Option 3: Call in. Step 1: dial (773) 231-9226 Step 2: enter meeting ID 288 434 5219 Step 3: enter password 806936

Everyone but the speakers will be on mute until the question / answer portion of the event. People using the ap or browser will be able to ask questions in a chat box or choose a "raise hand" option to be unmuted and ask question verbally.

If you are having difficulty joining the meeting, please contact Tai Renfrow at 214-444-9526.”

The Last Poets' Abiodun Oyewole Talks To Us About Creating 50 Years of Revolutionary Culture and Art

“On the latest episode, of Renegade Culture the Last Poets' Abiodun Oyewole discusses the upcoming 50th anniversary of their groundbreaking album and creating revolutionary art; the rise of Black Power and the politics of the word Nigga; celebrating and suing Hip-Hop artist who sampled their work. 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” See <https://soundcloud.com/renegade-culture/the-last-poets-abiodun-oyewole-talks-to-us-about-creating-50-years-of-revolutionary-culture-and-art>

Men in CA continue to be held alone in cells 23 hours a day May 18

“Ashker v. Governor of California is a federal class action lawsuit on behalf of prisoners held in the Security Housing Unit (SHU) at California’s Pelican Bay State Prison who have spent a decade or more in solitary confinement. The case charges that prolonged solitary confinement violates the Eighth Amendment’s prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment, and that the absence of meaningful review for SHU placement violates the prisoners’ rights to due process. The legal action is part of a larger movement to reform conditions in SHUs in California’s prisons that was sparked by hunger strikes by thousands of SHU prisoners in 2011 and 2013; the named plaintiffs in Ashker include several leaders and participants from the hunger strikes. The case is part of CCR’s broader efforts to challenge mass incarceration, discrimination, and abusive prison policies.” See <https://ccrjustice.org/home/what-we-do/our-cases/ashker-v-brown>

Rashida Tlaib: How COVID-19 Disproportionately Impacts the Black Community- May 16, 9pm EST

“COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the 13th Congressional District. Our community will be forever changed. And we know across the country that while no one is immune to this disease, Black and brown communities have been disproportionately impacted.

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How COVID19 Disproportionately Impacts the Black Community

CONGRESSWOMAN RASHIDA TLAIB WITH:
 Representative Ayanna Pressley · Dr. Cornel West ·
 Dr. Marc Lamont Hill · Phil Agnew ·
 Dr. Bernadette Atuahene · Lauren Hood ·
 Devita Davison · Arthur Bowman, PhD

REGISTER

This is a topic that we must explore to ensure that we are responding to this pandemic in an equitable way. That’s why I’m proud to announce that Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Dr. Cornel West, Marc Lamont Hill, and Phil Agnew will join me this Saturday night on our next #ReflectWithRashida event to talk about: How COVID-19 Disproportionately Impacts the Black Community. RSVP here [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yCBPxFsNQHK4tT9r83H-4A? x zm rtaid=4pynEt7nSJ6Vy28k8X8QLw.1589690012391.098e016e317c260104d89d1fa4cae4a6 & x zm rhtaid=330](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yCBPxFsNQHK4tT9r83H-4A?xzm_rtaid=4pynEt7nSJ6Vy28k8X8QLw.1589690012391.098e016e317c260104d89d1fa4cae4a6&xzm_rhtaid=330)

AFJ Virtual Town Hall on May 21: Register Now! May 21 1pm-2pm

“Incarcerated: COVID-19 and the Plight of Families. The Alliance of Families for Justice presents a special Virtual Town Hall: Incarcerated: COVID-19 and the Plight of Families. Hear family members with loved ones incarcerated in New York State prisons share their lived experiences and urgent concerns. Lives are in danger. Incarcerated people face: lack of proper masks, no social distancing, items from care packages missing, few medical staff, shortages of nutritious food, reduced access to family and legal counsel. And where limited testing has taken place, Covid-19 infection rates are near 70%. Governor Andrew Cuomo must understand that his inaction has serious consequences for the incarcerated people and their families. We demand a plan from Governor Cuomo to address the Covid-19 crisis in prisons and to save lives!

Panel Includes: Soffiyah Elijah, Executive Director, AFJ, Danny Glover, Actor, Activist, and AFJ Board Chair, Senator Brian Benjamin, Assemblyman Michael Blake, Members of four families

This Virtual Town Hall is in partnership with the offices of Senator Brian Benjamin and Assemblyman Michael Blake. Upon registration you will be sent a link to the Zoom meeting as well as the password. Space is limited. Register now! Registration closes Wednesday, May 20.”

<https://afj-ny.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=102>

Checkpoint Closure By South Dakota Governor An Attack On Tribal Sovereignty

“South Dakota’s Republican Governor Kristi Noem publicly issued a letter to the Cheyenne River (CRST) and Oglala Sioux Tribes (OST) on May 8 ordering them to remove health checkpoints on roads crossing their reservations but did not directly deliver it to OST—“a sign of “disrespect,” according to OST President Julian Bear Runner. The letter, which was dated May 8, was never actually received by Bear Runner, he explained during a recorded response to Noem. He learned of Noem’s letter through news reports and social media.

He went on to say that it’s abnormal for the state to not notify the tribe and called it “a sign of disrespect for a sovereign nation or another government agency.”



A Bureau of Indian Affairs April 8 memorandum explained that state and U.S. roads couldn’t be closed on the reservations. Those not residing on the Pine Ridge reservation who aren’t providing essential services are advised to pass straight through, Bear Runner explained. No roads have been closed. The checkpoints were put in place as a way to control and track the spread of COVID-19 on the reservation. Everybody who works at the checkpoints on the CRST reservation are deputized under the tribal government. They ask anyone entering and exiting the reservation a series of health related questions. All essential business is permitted to cross the reservation.” See <https://therealnews.com/columns/checkpoint-closure-by-south-dakota-governor-an-attack-on-tribal-sovereignty>

Black Alliance for Peace-No Justice, No Peace! Time to Confront the U.S. Rogue State EVENTS

“May 23: The All-African People’s Revolutionary Party (A-APRP) and the Maryland Council of Elders will hold a webinar <https://www.facebook.com/African-Liberation-Day-Baltimore-Maryland-101936688131457> to commemorate the upcoming African Liberation Day. BAP member organization Pan-African Community Action (PACA) has been invited to speak.

May 25: The All-African People’s Revolutionary Party (A-APRP) and the All-African Women’s Revolutionary Union (A-AWRU) are hosting a webinar <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/african-liberation-day-ald-2020-tickets-103565033804> on African Liberation Day. The theme is "Imperialist Sanctions on Zimbabwe, Cuba and Venezuela are Acts of War: Africans Everywhere Must Fight!"

June 12-14: The Black Is Back Coalition's online electoral school, "The Ballot or the Bullet: Putting Black Self-Determination on the Ballot", <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-ballot-and-the-bullet-putting-black-self-determination-on-the-ballot-tickets-88012623125> will focus on the COVID-19 impact"

'We are terrified': Coronavirus outbreak reported at Chino women's prison May 17, 2020

"The women sat anxiously inside their prison cells at the California Institution for Women in Chino as a guard roamed about their cell block, yelling out an ominous announcement. A knock on a cell door, the guard said, meant that they tested positive for the coronavirus. They would be told to gather their things and prepare to be isolated for an indefinite amount of days. Screams filled the air. Women began to hurl questions at the guards. That scene, described by a 63-year-old inmate, was relayed to Colby Lenz of the California Coalition for Women Prisoners, an advocacy group, in an email on May 12." <https://www.dailybulletin.com/2020/05/17/we-are-terrified-coronavirus-outbreak-reported-at-chino-womens-prison/>

Tuesday, May 19th – Letter Writing From Home for Jeremy Hammond & Eric King

WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, May 19th, 2020

WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free

As COVID 19 continues to rear its ugly head and capitalism continues to exploit vulnerable communities made even more vulnerable in the wake of the pandemic, we have no choice but to continue our work as well. Although we remain quarantined from our in-person communities, our friends behind the walls are experiencing a level of isolation and danger to which our chosen social isolation cannot compare. Therefore, instead of coming together at The Base in Brooklyn, we at Page One Collective are (virtually) joining our friends at NYC ABC to maintain some semblance of a bi-weekly letter-writing tradition. We ask that folks participate as well, so we can do our best to keep prisoners from being more alienated than they already are, by writing from home. Please post a photo of your addressed envelope on social media and tag us (with your return address blurred out) and we will share it, building digital community while our analog community stays indoors and washes its hands. This week we are focusing on two anarchist folks who have both had particularly rough years, even by the standard of the hell that is prison. Please join us in sending them some much needed love and support as they navigate their respective situations amidst the pandemic." See https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/05/18/jeremy_ek_2020

Online Flotilla events during May 2020-Gaza film "The Truth: Lost at Sea" about the Mavi Marmara on May 23 (& more online events

"Please join us for a Webinar on Saturday, May 23 for a screening of award-winning documentary "The Truth: Lost at Sea" followed by a discussion with film-maker and Mavi Marmara survivor Rifat Audeh and others from the 2010 Flotilla, including Kevin Neish and Ann Wright. In 2010, the Gaza Freedom Flotilla, a convoy of six boats carrying humanitarian aid, attempted to break Israel's blockade of Gaza. After refusing Israel's demand to turn away, the flotilla continued on course through international waters, and the Israeli Occupation Forces launched a night-raid attacking the boats. On one of the boats, the Mavi Marmara, the Israeli commandos shot and killed nine human rights activists, and a tenth later died of his injuries. The film details what happened that night, unravelling how the story was spun by the media." See <https://freedomflotilla.org/news/coalition-statements/online-flotilla-events-during-may-2020/>

The Troubling History of the Georgia Bureau Now Investigating the Ahmaud Arbery Cover-Up

"The history of the GBI, established in 1937, is interwoven with the history of the Ku Klux Klan, which was a terrorizing force in Georgia in the mid-20th century.

When the Georgia Bureau of Investigation announced last week that it would be probing the Glynn County Police Department's dismissal of the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, some people breathed a sigh of relief. It was a welcome development after the lynching of a 25-year-old black man, whose white killers had been walking free for 74 days — even though the entire incident was caught on tape.” See <https://portside.org/2020-05-18/troubling-history-georgia-bureau-now-investigating-ahmaud-arbery-cover>

The Trump Administration Is Rushing Deportations of Migrant Children During Coronavirus

“Their father was missing. Their mother was miles away. Two sisters, ages 8 and 11, were survivors of sexual assault and at risk of deportation. With the nation focused on COVID-19, the U.S. government is rushing the deportations of migrant children.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/the-trump-administration-is-rushing-deportations-of-migrant-children-during-coronavirus>

Prison Radio: A Giant Has Fallen: Frances Goldin Presente!

“Frances Goldin was ferocious. There is a place on this earth for beautiful, fearless and courageous women. She never once turned her back on a fight. When Robert Moses tried to bulldoze her block in the 50's, the capitalist bully met his match. Frances dove right in and hung on. It took literally 50 years, but her iridescent anger and trenchant love of her friends and her neighborhood saved the East Village of New York City. Frances and Mumia were made for each other. Brilliant dedicated revolutionary writer on death row meets socialist literary agent and brazen provocateur. What was not to love? Hear Frances speak about Mumia by clicking here.”

<https://www.prisonradio.org/media/audio/frances-goldin/frances-goldin-mumia-434-frances-goldin>

Judges overwhelmed by compassionate release requests May 18, 2020

“Federal judges are inundated with “compassionate release” requests from prisoners desperate to get out from behind bars amid COVID-19. Unsurprisingly, there is no consensus among the judges on how the requests should be resolved. Judges are interpreting the law on the fly as they face an unprecedented spike in requests for “compassionate release” from prison, coming to different conclusions about what can be done in the context of a pandemic. The swell of requests for what’s known as compassionate release come after the passage of a law, written before the Covid-19 outbreak, that made it easier for those requests to be filed with the courts.” See

<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/us-law-week/virus-forces-judges-into-life-or-death-calls-on-inmate-releases>

Fifty years ago in Omaha...A half century ago Black Panther David Rice was arrested for attending the Sunday service at Zion Baptist Church by Michael Richardson (Richardson Reports)

“Fifty years ago, May 3, 1970, David Rice, who later became Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa, attended the Sunday service at the Zion Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska. Rice, raised as a Catholic, was not in seek of salvation but was at Zion instead to awaken the congregation of Reverend Rudolph McNair.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/updates-19-may-2020.pdf>

Fifty years ago Black Panthers targeted after bombing at police station in Omaha by richardsonreports June 11, 2020

“Fifty years ago, June 11, 1970, just before midnight roll-call, a bomb exploded outside the North Omaha police assembly building. Nearly two dozen officers were inside preparing for shift change. The crime was never solved. Although no arrests for the bombing were ever made the police believed the local Black Panthers, known as the National Committee to Combat Fascism, were responsible. Captain Murdock Platner testified before two Congressional committees about the bombing in testimony that went unreported in Omaha.” See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/06/11/fifty-years-ago-black-panthers-targeted-after-bombing-at-police-station-in-omaha/>

Palestinian Hunger-striking Prisoner Transferred to Solitary Confinement by Israeli Authorities May 19, 2020

“Israeli Prison Service today transferred a hunger-striking Palestinian prisoner to solitary confinement, according to a statement released by the Palestinian Prisoner’s Society (PPS). PPS said that the Israeli Prison Service (IPS) placed Sami Janazreh, who has been on a hunger strike for eight days against his ongoing administrative detention and abusive treatment, under solitary confinement at the Naqab prison” See <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/palestinian-hunger-striking-prisoner-transferred-to-solitary-confinement-by-israeli-authorities/>

Black Agenda Report: Mumia: Everybody is Getting a Taste of Lockdown

“Pandemic Has Shaken Global Capitalism to Its Core / Rural Blacks and Browns at High Risk / Is Genetic Testing a Tool for Reparations? / Mumia: Everybody is Getting a Taste of Lockdown” See <https://www.blackagenda.com/black-agenda-radio-week-may-18-2020>

He was one of NY's most famous prisoners. Now he's one of its oldest—and most vulnerable.

“San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin’s father and other aging prisoners are begging the courts to release them during the pandemic. San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin was at home cooking on Saturday afternoon when his dad, David Gilbert, called from a prison in upstate New York. Boudin was glad to hear his father’s voice. But he was worried about his old man: Someone in the cell next to him had tested positive for the coronavirus. At 75, Gilbert is one of the oldest prisoners in the state. Even calling his son is risky for him now, since hundreds of guys at Shawangunk Correctional Facility share the same phones to call home. Before dialing his son, Gilbert wrapped the receiver with an undershirt to avoid touching it to his face. He would handwash the shirt after returning to his cell.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/updates-19-may-2020.pdf>

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, May 26, 2020 - Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET

“Denounce the ‘Cuomo-Gates’ Agenda “Re-imagining our Public Schools is UNNECESSARY
Community Control of Public Education & Democracy is MANDATORY”

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. Prof. Louie Liberation Poetry- In remembrance of Sister Lynne”

Landmark Legal Victory! Detroit Students Sued for Literacy and Won

“Detroit Students Sued for Literacy and Won-Following a historic lawsuit brought by seven Black students, the state of Michigan will put more than \$94 million into a state-wide literacy campaign for public schools” See <https://www.blackeducator.blogspot.com/>

Compliance or Critical Thinking? May 25, 2020 By Terry A. Kupers, M.D., M.S.P.

“(Many thanks to Willow Katz and Dolores Canales for support and editing) Prisoners consigned to solitary confinement or Security Housing Unit (SHU) are derided as “the worst of the worst.” But when I enter SHUs around the country in preparation for expert testimony in class action litigation, I find very ordinary people, with some exceptions. There are very bright people, and there are not so bright people, just as in the community. There are mean and ornery people and there are peaceful and very caring people, just as in the community (and in prison the peaceful and caring are much more

numerous).” See <https://prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress.com/2020/05/25/compliance-or-critical-thinking/#more-14494>

Puerto Rico Update with ProLibertad

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Puerto Rico: The REAL Pandemic is U.S. Colonialism!

Join ProLibertad, Call to Action on Puerto Rico, and New York Boricua Resistance for a multi-generational panel of Puerto Rican Women talking about the role of women in the Puerto Rican Independence Movement on the island and the Diaspora! There will be multiple updates on the COVID 19 crisis in Puerto Rico!

Panel:

Lourdes Garcia,
ProLibertad Advisory Board
(Moderator)

Jocelyn Velasquez Rodriguez,
La Jornada, Se Acabaron Las Promesas.

Gaby Garcia de la Noceda,
New York Boricua Resistance

Lorraine Liriano Chavez,
Call to Action on Puerto Rico

Berta Joubert-Ceci,
Organizing Committee of the International
Tribunal on U.S. Crimes Against
Puerto Rico



**Wednesday, May 27th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Live Streamed on the ProLibertad Facebook Page
Tune In here:**

<https://www.facebook.com/ProLibertadFC/>

Puerto Rico Update with Prolibertad June 25th



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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 Ramos**, Prolibertad, will provide an update on how this Caribbean island is coping with these crises. The report back will be followed by a Q & A session and cultural presentations from Boricua poets **Nancy Mercado**, **Angel Martinez** and **Rafael Landrón**.

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

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Focus on Political Prisoner Jamil Al-Amin on George Jackson University Radio-Tune In GJU Radio PPs and Iman Jamil Al-Amin KUUMBAREport.com



“On GJU Radio we’ll be talking about PPs and Iman Jamil Al-Amin fka H. Rap Brown on GJU Radio 10pm.” The Wednesday, May 20, 2020 edition of George Jackson University Radio

(<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/georgejacksonradio/2020/05/14/>) features the issue of Political Prisoners, specifically the case of Imam Jamil Al-Amin (formerly known as H. Rap Brown), who has been imprisoned in Atlanta since his questionable conviction for the killing of two Fulton County Sheriff’s deputies in 2000. Guests on the show include cultural anthropologist Mama Tomiko Shine in Hour One and attorney Bro. Kairi

Al-Amin, the son of the Imam and leader of his father’s support committee, and attorney Bro. Najee Mujahid of the Imam Jamil Action Network, who speaks about the case as well as James Santos (also known as Otis Jackson), who confessed to the crime for which Imam Al-Amin was convicted, in Hour Two. Hosts Bro. Bomani Uhuru Jihad Shakur and Bro. Bilal of George Jackson University posted this

descriptive promo on Facebook”

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/301693800035057?view=permalink&id=1273156992888728>



See: <http://kuumbareport.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Blotalk-Radio-George-Jackson-University-Mama-Tomiko-May-19-2020.mp3> [Blotalk-Radio-George-Jackson-University-Bro-Kairi-Al-Amin-and-Bro-Najee-May-19-2020.mp3](http://kuumbareport.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Blotalk-Radio-George-Jackson-University-Bro-Kairi-Al-Amin-and-Bro-Najee-May-19-2020.mp3)

Bill Barr Promised to Release Prisoners Threatened by Coronavirus — Even as the Feds Secretly Made It Harder for Them to Get Out

“Celebrity prisoners like former Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort have been granted home detention, but a secret Bureau of Prisons policy has kept all but 1.8% of federal inmates behind bars, where the virus rages.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/bill-barr-promised-to-release-prisoners-threatened-by-coronavirus-even-as-the-feds-secretly-made-it-harder-for-them-to-get-out>

Join Webinar on Palestinian Prisoners' Families in Struggle | Day of Action for Ubai Aboudi

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“Join Samidoun for an important event: Palestinian Prisoners' Families in Struggle - Collective Punishment, Steadfastness and Resistance with Basil Farraj

Thursday, 21 May

12 pm Pacific - 3 pm Eastern - 7 pm UTC - 9 pm central Europe - 10 pm Palestine

Register online:

<https://bit.ly/prisonersfamilies>

Join Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network for an important discussion with Basil Farraj, Palestinian scholar and the son and relative of multiple Palestinian prisoners, on the experiences, struggles, resistance and steadfastness of Palestinian prisoners' families. Given the widespread nature of incarceration by Israeli occupation prison regimes for

Palestinians under occupation, far too many Palestinian families face collective punishment by the Israeli state yet continue to resist with tremendous steadfastness. This event will also be broadcast on Facebook Live at <https://facebook.com/SamidounPrisonerSolidarity/>”

Jail and Prison Releases and the Use of Electronic Monitoring by James Kilgore - May 19, 2020

“This is the second of a series of blogs that will explore e-carceration in the context of the COVID-19 global pandemic and efforts to get people released from prisons and jails across the country. The following piece will contextualize our analysis of electronic monitoring and other forms of e-carceration in this moment, to ensure we don't bury ourselves in the details of ankle shackles or ignore the important ways in which punitive technology and surveillance are expanding their reach while people's attention is focused on combatting the spread of this virus. This series will hone in on specific and emerging trends and changes in e-carceration, such as the development of new devices, the normalization of data gathering and location tracking, the ways in which racism and gender oppression intersect with COVID and public health responses, and the rise of geofencing. Before the arrival of the pandemic, the Challenging E-Carceration project of our #NoDigitalPrisons campaign consistently maintained that electronic monitoring (EM) was a form of incarceration that we should uncompromisingly resist as a condition of pretrial release, parole, or other form of supervision. While we fought for decision makers to provide programs of support rather than the punishment of the monitor, we recognized that some individuals actually opted for remaining locked up rather than be put on house arrest, especially if the rules included daily user fees and excessive restrictions on movement. Under COVID, the terms of that decision are different. Despite the punitive nature of EM and house arrest, getting out of prison or jail now is a life and death issue. House arrest, even in the worst of conditions, offers some measure of control and freedom from the overcrowded squalor of our prisons and jails. As Michelle Jones, who spent twenty years in Indiana state prisons reminds us, these cages

are “kill-boxes.” See <https://medium.com/nodigitalprisons/jail-and-prison-releases-and-the-use-of-electronic-monitoring-ea97ad838fee>

A Detainee at Rikers Island Was Cleared for Release Because of the Coronavirus. Six Weeks Later, He’s Still in Jail. Natasha Lennard May 16 2020

“In early April, the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office consented to the release of David Campbell from Rikers Island jail on the condition of electronic monitoring. At the time, Campbell was one of 270 people that the DA’s office had deemed eligible for release in light of the perilous spread of the novel coronavirus in New York prisons and jails. Six weeks have since passed, and Campbell remains incarcerated, sharing a dormitory with over 30 others in the jail complex where they sleep 2 feet apart from each other.” See https://theintercept.com/2020/05/16/rikers-island-coronavirus-release-delayed-david-campbell/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Intercept%20Newsletter

Those Most in Need Of Mercy: Why Melissa Tanis Works to Get Elders Out of Prison

by Susie Day - May 20, 2020

“For 25 years, Shakespeare Behind Bars, an organization whose charter states, “All human beings are born inherently good,” has entered prisons and cast people convicted of serious crimes in Shakespeare’s plays. The most notable effort so far has been at the Luther Lockette Correctional Facility in Kentucky, where a production of *The Tempest* became the subject of a 2005 documentary, *Shakespeare Behind Bars*. It was because of this film that Melissa Tanis, who grew up in Kentucky, rediscovered her father, Leonard, when she was in her 20s. Sentenced to 50 years for child sexual abuse, her father had disappeared into prison when Melissa was a child herself. A few weeks ago, I talked with Melissa, via FaceTime, about her father, about forgiveness, and the reasons that Melissa works now with Release Aging People in Prison, in New York City.” See <https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/05/20/those-most-in-need-of-mercy-why-melissa-tanis-works-to-get-elders-out-of-prison/>

'People are sick all around me': California prisoners cry for help as thousands contract Covid-19

Sam Levin - May 20, 2020

“More than 3,200 prisoners in California have contracted Covid-19 and at least 16 inmates have died, in a public health catastrophe that advocates say was both predictable and preventable. Inmates and advocates told the Guardian that at six prisons and jails with rapidly escalating outbreaks, basic protocols to prevent the virus from spreading are being ignored, and that they fear imminent mass fatalities and hospitalizations. Interviews with prisoners, their families and attorneys, along with internal records, reveal that: Some prisoners sick with coronavirus have complained that they aren’t getting enough food and water while quarantined, and that they don’t have access to doctors, temperature checks, basic medicine, phone calls, regular showers, outdoor time or sanitary supplies. Inmates have reported being reprimanded for wearing face coverings. At least one inmate was formally disciplined for trying to use bleach to help clean a prison. In one facility, prisoners assigned to make masks for others allegedly contracted Covid-19 in the process. Some prisoners with Covid-19 have been unable to talk to loved ones, who have been left uncertain if their relatives are still alive.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/may/20/california-prisons-covid-19-outbreak-deaths>

The Marshall Project: Ahmaud Arbery and the legacy of lynching

“How the white vigilante killing of the unarmed, black jogger in Brunswick, Georgia, is both an echo of past violence and a modern call to action.” “The past is never dead. It’s not even past. Brunswick, Georgia, had a long history of racist violence before Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year-old black man, was fatally shot in February by two white men who chased him down while he was jogging through a neighborhood. The killing, caught on video and now a new national flashpoint over policing and prosecutorial discretion, echoes not just the recent killing of Trayvon Martin but also the legacy of

lynching in America. “White supremacy projects criminality onto black people making even quotidian activities—like traveling by foot through a residential neighborhood or walking to the convenience store for snacks—a deadly risk for black people,” write Jennifer Rae Taylor and Kayla Vinson, attorneys at the Equal Justice Initiative, in this TMP commentary.” See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/21/ahmaud-arbery-and-the-local-legacy-of-lynching>

Left to die: Indiana prison officials enable the spread of coronavirus May 19, 2020 by Kevin ‘Rashid’ Johnson “Striking for our protection

On April 30, 2020, at least half of the nearly 300 prisoners in my assigned cellblock (J-housing unit) here at Indiana’s Pendleton Correctional Facility refused to accept meals in protest of our treatment, or lack thereof, related to the coronavirus pandemic and it’s spreading within PCF. Our food strike was accompanied by several demands. First, we wanted everyone to receive medical monitoring for coronavirus symptoms, regular temperature checks in particular. Also that testing be provided throughout the prison. Second, that we receive hot and nutritionally adequate meals. As I pointed out in a previous article, “Failed response to coronavirus in Indiana’s Pendleton Correctional Facility,” since April 15, 2020, we have been receiving cold sack meals that don’t provide us even basic daily nutrition, whereas health experts recognize the need for heightened nutritional intake to strengthen the immune system as a protection against contracting and spreading coronavirus. Third, that we be provided regular hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies to sanitize our hands and cells. Instead of responding to our concerns, that same day Pendleton officials put our cellblock on quarantine, which could only be seen as a punitive measure.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2020/05/left-to-die-indiana-prison-officials-enable-the-spread-of-coronavirus/>

ICE Detainee Who Died of Covid-19 Suffered Horrifying Neglect Ryan Devereaux - May 24, 2020

“ there’s one thing the men locked inside the Otay Mesa Detention Center want the world to know, it’s that Carlos Ernesto Escobar Mejia didn’t need to die. The 57-year-old passed away in a southern California hospital on May 6, becoming the first person in Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody to lose their life to Covid-19. The men who knew him fear that he won’t be the last. “This could have been avoided,” said Oscar Navarez, a Mexican national detained at Otay Mesa. The for-profit facility is currently home to the largest coronavirus outbreak in immigration detention in the country by far, with 155 confirmed cases of infected detainees and 11 cases among detention personnel, according to ICE’s running tally. Navarez is one of four men housed at the facility who, in audio interviews obtained by The Intercept, chose to speak out about the conditions that led to Escobar Mejia’s death. “I need people to know what happened here,” Navarez said. “He was our friend.” See <https://theintercept.com/2020/05/24/ice-detention-coronavirus-death/>

Ras Kass-DJ Free Leonard: Freedom

<https://m.soundcloud.com/djfreeleonard/ras-kass-dj-free-leonard-freedom>

American carnage: Protests, clashes, curfews around the country

“Protests, clashes, curfews around the country. Tens of thousands of protesters in dozens of American cities took to the streets again Saturday despite curfews and a massive police presence that led in many places to violent confrontations. About 1,700 people were arrested, a preliminary count, and many of the encounters were captured live on television or on cell phones.” See

<https://apnews.com/55933b8695e36337a6bfe96728b3e7f3>

Eric King Has Been Placed on a 6-Month General Correspondence, Can No Longer Receive Mail May 31st

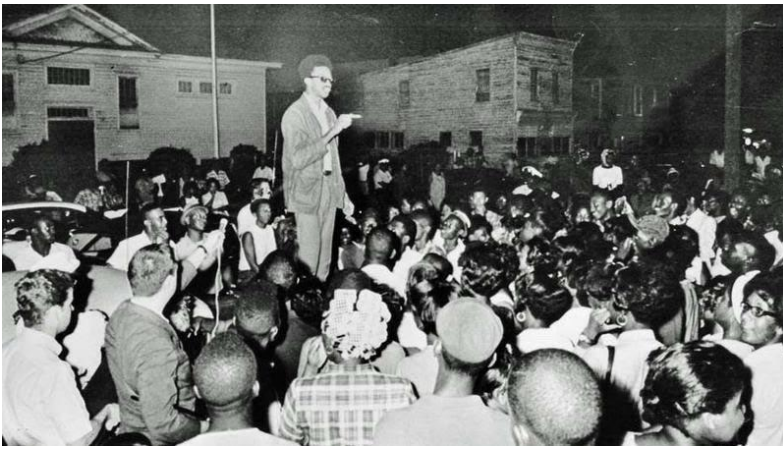
“Political prisoner Eric King has been hit with a major restriction from the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) this week. He cannot receive mail or correspond with anyone other than his wife and mother for at least

6 months. This is fairly unprecedented and comes at a horrible time, as Eric is fighting his criminal charges in federal court and can use all the support he can get. Not only is this cruel but its over the top as Eric is already on severe communications restrictions (no phone, no visits) and is in segregation for 23 hours a day minimally (going on two years). He really needs our help right now and while he cannot receive letters from the general public, it seems he can still receive books and magazines.” See <https://supportericking.org/2020/05/31/eric-king-no-longer-able-to-receive-mail-urgent-support-needs/>

Free Imam Jamil Rally Replay!

“We had a virtual rally the other day and it was amazing! Tune in to see who stopped by to speak! Over 9k views in just two days! You can watch the video here!”

https://www.facebook.com/BasheerJonesofficial/videos/2928592000594558/?epa=SEARCH_BOX



See full update here: <https://www.change.org/p/fulton-county-district-attorney-paul-howard-new-trial-for-imam-jamil-al-amin-fka-h-rap-brown/u/26788544>

Federal Bureau of Prisons Goes into National Lockdown Over Protests June 1, 2020

“The Federal Bureau of Prisons is under national lockdown for the first time in almost 25 years due to widespread protests following the death of George Floyd, an unarmed black man killed in police custody in Minneapolis on May 25. Monday marked the seventh day of nationwide protests, many of which have become violent, forcing several cities to institute curfews. “The BOP has implemented a national lockdown as of 4 p.m. due to the ongoing unrest and riots nationwide,” said a text message alert from the bureau obtained by Government Executive. “We will assume lockdown protocols for everyone’s safety and until it is calm around the nation.” BOP has 122 locations nationwide with about 165,575 inmates and 36,846 employees.” See <https://www.govexec.com/management/2020/06/federal-bureau-prisons-goes-national-lockdown-over-protests/165820/>

Hunger Strike at NWDC June 2, 2020

“Fourth hunger strike in two months started yesterday at NWDC during global pandemic and national uprisings. Dozens of people detained at the now-infamous Northwest Detention Center (NWDC) have initiated yet another hunger strike inside the facility. The hunger strike, at least the fourth of its kind in just the last two months, begins this week as news has spread inside the facility of at least one publicly disclosed case of COVID-19 in the NWDC by a person transferred by ICE from another detention center located in Florence, AZ, to the NWDC.” See

<https://mailchi.mp/laresistencianw/freethemallweekofaction-4944269?e=d94342cced>

Brooklyn Man Was Arrested for Curfew Violation. The FBI Interrogated Him About His Political Beliefs June 4th

“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 New York City residents.” See

<https://theintercept.com/2020/06/04/fbi-nypd-political-spying-antifa-protests/>

A “natural experiment” behind bars

“Prisons appear to be suitable laboratories to study the concept of herd immunity during the pandemic, because they contain hundreds or thousands of people confined together who have contracted the coronavirus. The idea is to study how the virus spreads—and subsides—behind bars to develop more effective treatments for prisoners and prison staff. One team of researchers, in Ohio, has contacted state corrections officials to get data about a COVID-19 outbreak at the Marion Correctional Institution.

Over 2,000 prisoners have tested positive, and 13 have died, since the virus arrived there weeks ago.”

See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/06/01/what-covid-19-prison-outbreaks-could-teach-us-about-herd-immunity>

I Wonder If They Know My Son Is Loved By Ymilul Bates

“Visiting my son in jail for the first time, I know that I cannot protect him. Although he is too young to drink, the criminal justice system regards him as an adult. I ease into a narrow parking space at the West County Detention Center in Richmond, California, turn off the ignition and lean back in my seat. I draw three steady breaths and watch my exhaled air cloud the rearview mirror. I jam my purse under the seat knowing that a jail parking lot packed with police cars is one of the least likely places to be the victim of a break-in. Clutching my single car key and my California ID (the only two belongings allowed inside, per jailhouse policy), I step onto the pavement to visit with my son for the first time since he’s been incarcerated. On that day of my first visit, though, I am alone. I spend the rest of my 30-minute wait staring at the walls as the two officers chat in low tones. Finally, one belts out into the completely empty room, “Vargas!” I rise to the sound of my son’s surname, pass through a metal detector, and make my way down a long corridor.” See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/06/04/i-wonder-if-they-know-my-son-is-loved>

New Hope for People Who Claim Racism Tainted Their Death Sentence June 11, 2020 The North Carolina state Supreme Court has upheld the controversial Racial Justice Act, which opponents repealed in 2013

“When Andrew Ramseur walked into the Iredell County, North Carolina, courtroom for his murder trial in 2010, the rows behind the defense table were cordoned off with police tape. His family, who are black, were “forced to sit in the proverbial ‘back of the bus,’” according to court papers, while the victims’ white family was seated in front, directly behind the prosecution table. During jury selection, prosecutors removed every black potential juror. In a county that is 12 percent African American, the 21-year-old was convicted and sentenced to death by an all-white jury. The North Carolina Supreme Court last week found that Ramseur and more than 100 others were entitled to a hearing to examine whether racism played a role in them being sentenced to death. His case centers around the Racial Justice Act, a 2009 state law that mandated changing a death sentence to life without parole if a person could prove that race was a “significant factor” in their case. The law—the first of its kind anywhere in the country—specifically said that defendants like Ramseur can use statistics from the state or local level to help make their case.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/06/11/new-hope-for-people-who-claim-racism-tainted-their-death-sentence>

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

Contact your local Representative or:

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<https://spiritofmandela.org/>

804-304-8595

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. Please see links and Docs at:

<http://www.freejalil.com/2017juristsUN.html> **also in German!!** [Click here to read the Report of International Jurists—Visit with Human Rights Petitioners in the United States, August 3-20, 1979.](#)

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

(<http://www.freejalil.com/blog47.html>).

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

“Greetings of Peace!

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

The IN THE SPIRIT OF NELSON MANDELA COALITION invites you to join our campaign to develop an International Coalition to acknowledge, recognize and push for the release of US held Political Prisoners. The conditions under which US political prisoners are forced to live, and the length of their sentences violates international law and the UN Nelson Mandela Rules. In December 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted its landmark resolution 70/175 entitled “United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules”)

(<https://www.penalreform.org/priorities/prison-conditions/standard-minimum-rules/>). These Rules condemn the United States’ policies and practices of punitive solitary confinement, medical neglect and long-term solitary confinement. This particular international initiative stems from a call from Political Prisoner and co-founder of the National Jericho Movement to Free All Political Prisoners, Jalil Abdul Muntaqim. Although efforts to present our issues in the international arena certainly aren’t new—Malcolm X urged such in the 1960s—this Initiative begins with a much-needed renewed energy, focus and commitment.

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

- Generate international awareness and attention
- Implore the United Nation to convene a Truth and Reconciliation Tribunal to explore, expose and address the social, economic and political historic conditions of people of color, and particularly

black people in the United States, revolutionaries and movement organizations that struggle against these conditions, and the government's brutal and illegal response to those organizations and people resulting in the deaths and incarcerations of hundreds

- Build political and legal pressure to call for the release of Political Prisoners

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

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

Your input is valued at any level.

In solidarity,

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



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

Moving Forward

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

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

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

Gratitude and Appreciation

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

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

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

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

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

As you know, the obstacles to helping free our political prisoners are immense. It is to challenge the 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!

In Struggle and Gratitude, The National Jericho Movement

**Please consider signing up to be a being a Monthly Sustainer!
Your Generous Contributions
Help Us Provide Real Support to our Political Prisoners!**

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