

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 affiliates 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.

***“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.

Jericho Highlights and Tributes

In Honor and Memory of Brother Chadwick Aaron Boseman November 29, 1976 – August 28, 2020



The National Jericho Movement and all its Chapters, Affiliates, Comrades, and friends send condolences to Brother Chadwick’s family, friends, and fans who loved, appreciated, and gained enlightenment from the dozens of movies and performances he starred in. “A true fighter, Chadwick persevered through it all, and brought you many of the films you have come to love so much,” his family said. “From Marshall to Da 5 Bloods, August Wilson’s Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom and several more - all were filmed during and between countless surgeries and chemotherapy. It was the honor of his career to bring King T’Challa to life in Black Panther.” – AP News, Ryan Pearson, August 29, 2020. Chadwick Boseman carried the African cultural and historical baton and passed it to millions. Never to be forgotten!

Black Alliance for Peace: Movements Obligated to Seek Political Prisoners' Freedom –

Jihad Abdulmumit Aug 18

“Jihad Abdulmumit, co-chair of the Jericho National Movement and Steering Committee member of the Black Is Back Coalition, spoke about the need to struggle to free our political prisoners, not simply discuss them. This talk was given during the Black Is Back Coalition national conference held August 15-16, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKrpMLDyev0&feature=youtu.be>

Watch Day 1 of the conference: <https://www.facebook.com/bibcoalition...>

Watch Day 2 of the conference: <https://www.facebook.com/bibcoalition...>

Learn more about BAP: <https://www.blackallianceforpeace.com>

#NoCompromiseNoRetreat #BlackAugust”

Will Davenport Representing Richmond Jericho at a Rally in Richmond today Sept. 9!





Chairman's Corner

No Reports this Month



Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

Russell Maroon Shoatz: If you send letters to Russell Maroon Shoatz, he has been moved:
 Smart Communications/PA DOC
 Russell Maroon Shoatz #AF3855
 SCI Dallas
 Post Office Box 33028
 St Petersburg, Florida 33733

Medical Updates

No Reports this Month

Legal Updates

Ed Poindexter: Ed finally filed his application for commutation of sentence on August 17. “At the August Pardons Board meeting, Dr. Topolski, a new supporter, asked the governor to expedite Ed's application because of the risk of covid19. The governor said he wasn't inclined to let anybody "jump in line" (there are 49 other applications for sentence commutations) but he also said that didn't mean that Ed would not be on the agenda in October. Please write a letter to the Pardons Board (and forward this), Ed would be very grateful. We would also appreciate if you could send us a copy of your letter to: freedomfored@gmail.com”

Jalil Muntaqim: Jalil has another court date: “**Friday, September 11th**. Please also sign the petition: <https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/support-medical-parole-and-commutation-for-jalil-muntaqim> **UPDATE ON SEPTEMBER 11th Hearing:** Jalil felt the hearing went well, he should hear back from the parole board within two weeks. Let's keep the pressure on and bring Jalil home this year!”

Commutation Campaign to Governor Cuomo for Jalil Muntaqim: After the last parole hearing and denial, pursuant to NYS Constitution Article IV, Section 4, Jalil filed an Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served with NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. Governor Cuomo has the authority to grant the Application and order Jalil's immediate release from NYS DOCCS custody.

Since the Application's submission, it has been revealed that the NYS Board of Parole had a “secret deal” with the NYC Police Benevolent Association (PBA), permitting them to submit opposition letters directly to the Board of Parole from their website. These opposition letters negatively influenced the

decision-making process, ensuring Jalil would not receive a fair and impartial parole hearing. During Jalil's 2014 parole hearing, he was told that "current and former members of law enforcement" were parole commissioners, many of whom decided to deny his release.

On December 4th & 5th, 2016, The New York Times published an extensive exposé entitled "The Scourge of Racial Bias in New York State's Prisons" that informed: "The racism can be felt from the moment a black inmate enters New York's upstate prisons." This implacable racism has been institutionalized in the entire parole system, permitting subjective biases of parole commissioners to influence parole decisions. Since the submission of the Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served, Governor Cuomo has received many letters and communications urging him to grant Jalil's Application. However, the governor has refused to do so, despite the heightened danger to all prisoners during the current pandemic. Jalil exceeds all requirements for release. His release on parole has been supported by activists, academics and community leaders from across the country and around the world, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the family of one of the victims. The political nature of his conviction has prevented parole commissioners from giving fair and impartial consideration to his release, despite the overwhelming community support.

During the 48+ years of his imprisonment, Jalil has accomplished the following: Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, Certificate of Architectural Drafting, Certificate of Computer Literacy. He has established many programs, such as the first Men's Group for therapeutic training in the NY State prison system, an African/Black Studies program, a computer literacy class, a Sociology class and a poetry class. He has received two commendations for preventing prison riots. He has raised money for the children's fund, was office manager of the computer lab and a teacher's aide for GED classes. Jalil is also the recipient of several certificates for rehabilitation programming, and is a published author, poet, educator and blogger. As a human rights advocate, he had the first U.S. prisoners national petition heard and recorded by a Special Committee at the United Nations on U.S. prisons and the existence of U.S. political prisoners. He has litigated several civil rights complaints on behalf of prisoners. In 2000, Essence magazine featured an article on father-daughter relationships. The article, entitled "Daddy Says," quoted Jalil stressing the importance of maintaining these relations even during incarceration.

We request that people do the following for Jalil:

We are requesting that Friends and Supporters call, tweet, email and write NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's office and appeal to him to grant Jalil's Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served. We also request that this initiative be widely posted on social media platforms, encouraging freedom loving people around the world to join.

Since this will be ongoing, we propose that people tweet and/or email Governor Cuomo every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and call and write the Governor every Tuesday and Thursday. Communications to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's office must refer to Jalil as: ANTHONY JALIL BOTTOM, 77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, New York 12733-0115.

Write the Governor: The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of the State of New York, Executive Chamber, State Capital Building, Albany, New York 12224

Call the Governor: 1-518-474-8390 Tweet the Governor: @NYGovCuomo

Email the Governor:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

For more information concerning Jalil's case, check <https://thejerichomovement.com/>

Upcoming Parole Hearing Sept 2020

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

<https://sfbayview.com/2020/05/jalil-muntaqim-tests-positive-for-covid-19-and-is-hospitalized-in-new-york/>
<https://www.essence.com/feature/jalil-muntaqim-black-panther-covid-19-letitia-james/>
<http://www.franknews.us/debates/402/402>
<http://www.franknews.us/interviews/403/addicted-to-punishing-people-of-color>
<https://theintercept.com/2020/05/27/coronavirus-elderly-prisoner-jalil-muntaqim/>
<https://www.colorlines.com/articles/hospitalized-covid-19-advocates-fight-jalil-muntaqims-release-prison>
<https://www.refinery29.com/en-us/2020/05/9841953/jalil-muntaqim-prison-release-appeal-covid-19>
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/jun/01/jalil-muntaqim-former-black-panther-covid-19-prison#maincontent>
<https://theappeal.org/new-york-state-wont-grant-temporarily-release-to-former-black-panther-hospitalized-with-covid-19/>
<http://bostonreview.net/race/dan-berger-jalil-muntaqim-carceral-state>

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

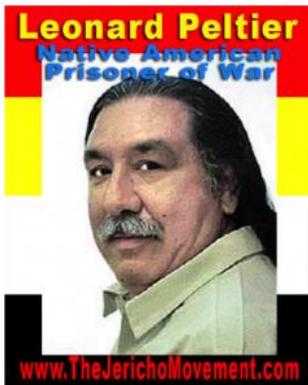
<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Charles-Barron/video/>

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

Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

September Birthdays!

Leonard Peltier (ANISHINAABE/LAKOTA)-Birthday: September 12



American Indian Movement -ANISHINAABE/LAKOTA
 Contact Information/Prison Address #89637-132 USP Coleman I, P.O. Box 1033,
 Coleman, FL 33521, United States
 Affiliation: American Indian Movement
 Captured: Feb. 6, 1976- 2 life sentences
 "You do not have the ability to see that the Government must suppress the fact that there is a growing anger amongst Indian people and that native Americans will resist any further encroachment by the military forces of the capitalist Americans." <http://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info> Author

Maumin Khabir-(AKA MELVIN MAYES)-Birthday: September 15



Muslim- Republic of New Afrika

Contact Information/Prison Address

#09891-000--Federal Medical Center Rochester, P.O. Box 4000,
Rochester, MN 55903 United States

Captured:1986: In Exile 9 yrs. Captured 1995: Life sentence "Mayes claims that he has been "A citizen of the sovereign Republic of New Afrika" and that his "secession from the United States of America is the motivating factor behind the government's prosecution" and has no criminal basis. Mayes asks the court to recognize him "as a political prisoner in accordance with the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Protocol 1."

August Birthdays!

Eric King-Birthday: August 3



Contact Information/Prison Address

Eric King #27090-045, FCI Englewood, 9595 West Quincy
Avenue

Littleton, CO 80123, United States

Affiliation: Anarchist

Arrest Date: September 2014, Sentence: 10 years

Currently indicted in the federal District of Colorado for assault on government official, faces up to 20 years. Eric G. King, a 34-year-old vegan anarchist political prisoner and poet, was arrested and charged with an attempted firebombing of a Congressperson's office in Kansas City, Missouri in September 2014. As part of his plea and sentencing, Eric publicly and proudly acknowledged that his intent was to take direct political action in solidarity with the community of Ferguson, Missouri following the August 2014 police killing of Michael Brown, Jr.

Eric was charged with throwing a hammer through a window of the building, followed by two lit Molotov cocktails. The criminal complaint states that both incendiary devices failed to ignite. Eric was identified as a suspect by local police because he had previously come under suspicion for anti-government and anti-police graffiti. On March 3, 2016, he accepted a non-cooperating plea agreement to one count of using "explosive materials to commit arson of property used in or affecting interstate commerce." Almost three months later, on June 28th, Eric was sentenced to ten years, the statutory minimum and maximum for the charge he pleaded guilty to.

Since his arrest and subsequent incarceration, he has been extremely isolated from his loved ones and has repeatedly been targeted by the guards, who have regularly put him in jeopardy. At CCA Leavenworth where Eric was held in pretrial detention, he was kept in segregation for 6 months at one point and was often subjected to stints in solitary confinement after the guards targeted him. Despite these struggles, he continues to maintain his good spirits and resolve to see this situation through to the end. He is also maintaining his dedication to struggling for a world free of domination and oppression. Eric is currently facing one count of assaulting a government official for an incident that occurred in August 2018 at FCI Florence. Eric has been housed in a segregation cell at FCI Englewood since August 2019 fighting this charge and is on 'restricted general correspondence'. He can only receive mail from his wife and mother for a 6 month period minimally and cannot receive books and

magazines. He faces a maximum of 20 additional years in prison and is fighting his case under very bleak circumstances and harassment by Bureau of Prisons staff.

Sentencing Statement

“This has been a really f**king long and hard journey. CCA sucks. It is a horrible, horrible place. They have done everything imaginable just to drain all of the life and soul out of everyone here. I have been incredibly fortunate to have so many people come into my life and take a stand with me so that I didn’t have to face this shit alone. I have seen how difficult prison can be when you don’t have a support team and don’t have folks in your corner. I wouldn’t wish that on anybody but unfortunately it is the reality for most. The system breeds such an environment.

There have been so many people that interjected themselves in my life with the sole purpose of being there for me and limiting the state’s crushing effect. I don’t know what I would do without those people. From the smallest greeting to the big gestures, everything has meant so much to me. Prison support is a real tangible thing that people can do for each other. We cannot have a functioning radical community without it. So thanks to everyone who reached out to me, if we still talk or not, you have been awesome.

Now that said, I stand by my actions. After seeing what happened in Ferguson, so close down the road, I was disgusted by the lack of mobilization in my city. Three hours away people were fighting for their lives and we weren’t even taking to the streets. We were doing nothing. My act as a very personal display of my anger and rage toward the state as well as an act of solidarity to everyone in Ferguson. We never know our own strength until we are tested and even with my ridiculous sentence I feel at least proud to have been able to stand strong and refuse to cooperate with the state.

I am just really happy that I don’t have to take this alone and have so many amazing people standing next to me. Until all are free. Thank you for your roles in my life and for your support.”

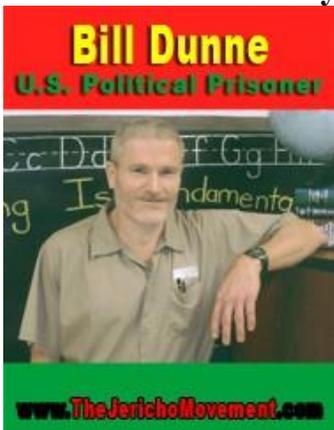
<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/king-eric>

web: <https://supportericking.org> fb: <https://facebook.com/SupportEricKing/>

twitter: <https://twitter.com/SupportEricKing> instagram: <https://instagram.com/supportericking/>

Legal fundraiser: <https://fundrazr.com/e1cK01>

Bill Dunne- Birthday: August 3



Class War Prisoner

Contact Information/Prison Address

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

Adelanto, CA 92301 United States

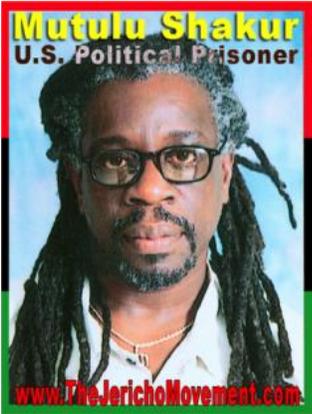
Captured: 1979. Release date: 2043

"I am a collectivist, long having recognized that in numbers there is strength and capability and security and satisfaction. There is more humanity in cooperation than in isolation... With mutual struggle, we can forge the diverse elements of our side of the barricade into a powerful weapon against the depredations of imperial capital. It can be the tool of

emancipation from exploitation and oppression of that class enemy that afflict us all." Bill Dunne is an anti-authoritarian sentenced to 90 years for the attempted liberation of an anarchist prisoner in 1979.”

See <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/bill-dunne>

Mutulu Shakur- Birthday: August 8, 1950



REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA POLITICAL PRISONER

Contact Information/Prison Address

#83205-012, FMC Lexington, P.O. Box 14500, Lexington, KY 40512

Captured: 1986: Sentenced to 60 years.

“There is a need for a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the U.S. to resolve the history of slavery, oppression, racism, segregation, lynching and the issue of political prisoners of the Civil Rights Black Liberation Struggle who fought against these gross human rights abuses. The Truth and

Reconciliation Commission was also a process set up in South Africa to redress the gross violations of human rights by the apartheid regime. It was a tool to assist a peaceful transition to a democratic society but public acknowledgement of the gross human rights abuses by the government and its agent...” See <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/shakur-mutulu> and <http://mutulushakur.com>

Hanif Shabazz Bey- Birthday: August 16, 1950



VIRGIN ISLAND 5

Contact Information/Prison Address

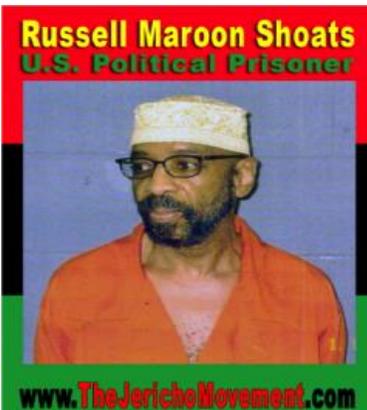
#5161331, Citrus County Correctional Facility, 2604 West Woodland Ridge Drive, Lecanto, FL 34461

*Address envelope to Beaumont Gereau #5161331

CAPTURED 1972--8 LIFE SENTENCES

“A history of the "Virgin Island Five", a group of activists accused of murdering eight people in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The murders took place during a turbulent period of rebellion on the Islands. The island was put under virtual martial law, and eventually five men: Ismail Ali, Warren (Aziz) Ballantine, Meral (Malik) Smith, Raphael (Kwesi) Joseph, and Hanif Shabazz Bey were apprehended and then charged with the attack. All the men were known supporters of the Virgin Island independence movement. The five were charged after being subjected to vicious torture, in order to extract confessions....” See <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/hanif-shabazz-bey>

Russell Maroon Shoats-Birthday: August 23, 1943



Black Unity Council-Black Liberation Army

Contact Information/Prison Address

Smart Communications / PADOCS/SCI Fayette

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

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

Captured: 1970-Life.

“Russell Maroon Shoatz is a dedicated community activist, founding member of the Black Unity Council, former member of the Black Panther Party and soldier in the Black Liberation Army. He is serving multiple life sentences as a U.S.-held prisoner of war.” See <http://russellmaroonshoats.wordpress.com> Author U.S. Prisoner



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

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

Statement by David Gilbert on Running Down the Walls-In the Spirit of George Floyd – 8/11/20
“My warm embrace goes out to the bright spirit and good politics of running down the wall... in these most dire and yet promising of times. I know you are building support for a new generation of political prisoners. A key reason for political prisoner support is to show the continuity of the struggles for social justice. That understanding is acutely important today. The alternative to police who act with disdain and violence toward the people is community control, which is based on developing strong, caring, cohesive communities. Groups like the Black Panther Party and the Young Lords were working on that until they came under withering attack by the police and FBI. Some are still in prison today... today when we now have a new, better opportunity to move toward self-determination and a priority on meeting human needs in the oppressed communities.

One Love, David”

David Gilbert 83A6158, Shawangunk Correctional Facility, PO Box 700, Wallkill, New York 12589

Statement by Bill Dunne about Running Down the Walls

“Salutations ABCF Running Down the Walls Comrades!

We gather under trying times. But we gather! We gather without proximity, sacrificing hugs and shared physical space to protect our community so we can emerge from the Covid-19 era stronger. But we gather! And we gather not only in resistance to repression but in sad memory of comrades fallen along the road to revolution – Comrade Sekou Kambui, for one, whose entry into this vale of all things we mark today. But we gather!

We gather to fan the embers of revolution that still burn in all our hearts. We gather to celebrate the life of Sekou Kambui and each of the comrades born in other days who’ve laid down their teaching for us to carry into the future we engineer. We gather to build that seismic wave that will rattle the foundation of every prison with our footfalls from myriad disparate points. We gather because the future we will create by gathering together tells us we must.

So, let us sally forth from whatever kind of lockdown afflicts our bodies, plug into that radical record that gathers us all, lace up our shoes or grease our wheels, and Run Down the Walls! I'll be with you, stepping up (& down!) on my plastic chair, a reasonable approximation of running in the Covid-19 lockdown here at Victorville FCI-I."

Bill Dunne 10916-086, FCC Victorville FCI-I, PO Box 3725, Adelanto, CA 92301

Oso Blanco's Statement on Running Down the Walls

"Well I must say things are more crazy. More dangerous. More Sad. More lockdown than ever. In my 20 straight years for my radical actions to get funds for supplies to send SE Mexico – 2020 is the worse yet. But I am the SACRED PIPE holder here for all the Natives. So, I can't fail or get sick. I have a lot of prayer requests. As you all know why. My people are highly affected by Covid 19. So, Run Down These Walls. It must be done. I love you all and I truly mean that. You are powerful. So, don't give up! And Black Lives Matter! So, Let's all Rock This! Run the Walls Down..."

Yona Unega

Byron Shane Chubbuck (Oso Blanco), #07909051 USP Victorville, PO Box 3900, Adelanto, CA 92301

Community Calls for Action

Demand Freedom for Ed Poindexter (ongoing)



Ed's Story

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

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

Take Action Now

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

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

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

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

Sample Letter

Dear Governor Ricketts,

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

Sincerely,
Jane Doe

freedomford@gmail.com

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

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

PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION FOR ED: Here is the link to the Petition for Ed Poindexter. Please sign-- and also write to the Nebraska Pardons Board demanding commutation of Ed's life sentence to---Time Served! <http://chng.it/vctskKv49k>

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Take Action Now

Write, email and call the Nebraska Board of Pardons. Request that they expedite Ed's application, schedule his hearing for the October 2020 meeting and commute his sentence.

WRITE:

Nebraska Board of Pardons, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509

*please email a copy of your letter to freedomfored@gmail.com

EMAIL: ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov

CALL: Governor Pete Ricketts 402-471-2244 SoS Robert B. Evtan 402-471-2554 AG Doug Peterson 402-471-2683

Sample Letter

Dear Pardons Board:

I am writing in regards to Edward Poindexter, #27767, who has served nearly 50 years in prison with exemplary behavior and many accomplishments. He is 75 years old and at high risk for COVID-19 related medical complications, which have been amplified by the increased COVID transmission rate among prisoners. I am therefore requesting that the Board expedite Ed's application, schedule his hearing for the October 2020 Board meeting, and commute his sentence to length of time served.”

Please support these recently released Political Prisoners!

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

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

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

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

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

Bring Imam Jamil Home In The Next 6-12 Months! organized by Kairi Al-Amin (Ongoing)



“As-Salaamu Alaikum, For 20+ years we’ve been fighting not just for the freedom of my father, H. Rap Brown/Imam Jamil, but also to prove his innocence. We are excited not only to have been able to accomplish one of these goals, but to be the closest we’ve ever been to accomplishing both! We believe we can bring the Imam home within the next 6-12 months but we need your help so please, give what you can as we make this last push for Freedom. My Name is Kairi Al-Amin, son of Imam Jamil Al-Amin and before we go any further, on behalf of myself, my father and my family I would just like to say

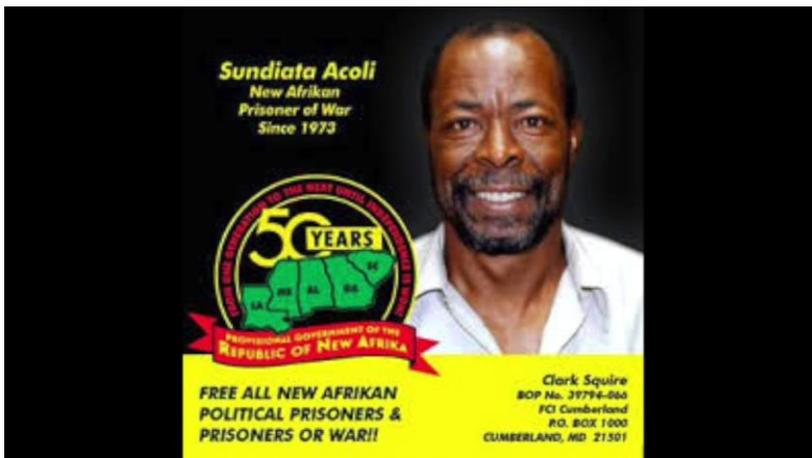
shukran/thank you . We have launched numerous campaigns over the last 20 years but the response to this one has been truly overwhelming and we would be remiss if we didn’t show our appreciation so again, shukran/thank you and insha Allah our efforts will not be in vain this time. For 20 years we’ve pointed out all of the discrepancies and poked all of the holes in this case to no avail but Allah is the best of planners and He provided us with the circumstances that can free the Imam within the next 6-12 months. These circumstances include:

A video of the actual perpetrator confessing under oath to the murder my father is currently serving life in prison for.” (Watch The Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWXNr1BaI88&feature=youtu.be>

For rest of petition see; <https://www.change.org/p/fulton-county-district-attorney-paul-howard-new-trial-for-imam-jamil-al-amin-fka-h-rap-brown/u/27297316>

Fundraiser to Free Political Prisoner Sundiata Acoli, 83, from 47 years in prison **FREE SUNDIATA ACOLI** (ongoing)



“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.

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](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 fломorgan@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 DONATE TO Russel Maroon Shoatz Freedom Campaign Aug 16

The Malcolm X Commemoration Cmte presents Hold The Flag High! A Black August Tribute to Benefit Panther political prisoner Russell 'Maroon' Shoatz! 49 years in prison and fighting cancer! Please contribute...www.PayPal.me/PPOWs... Zayid Muhammad, Malcolm X Comn Cmte

Drop the Charges Against MN Uprising Defendants! Aug 16

“Two months ago Minneapolis rose up against police crimes in the aftermath of the police murder of George Floyd. Now the system seeking to reassert itself and bring down political repression to silence the uprising. The Committee to Stop FBI Repression (CSFR) joins the call to Drop the Charges Against MN Uprising Defendants. Minnesota Uprising Arrestee Support” Please sign and share this petition: <https://www.change.org/p/hennepin-county-attorney-michael-freeman-drop-the-charges-against-minnesota-uprising-defendants>

RAPP: Advocates Announce “People’s Hearing” on the Impacts of COVID-19 in Prisons & Jails In Wake of NY Lawmakers Failing to Hold One Aug 16

“People’s Hearing on COVID-19 in NY Jails & Prisons Aug 19, 2020 10:00 AM in Eastern Time (US and Canada). Advocates Announce “People’s Hearing” on the Impacts of COVID-19 in Prisons & Jails In Wake of NY Lawmakers Failing to Hold One **The Group Renews Demands for Transparency, Mass Releases of People from Prison & End to Solitary Confinement Amid Pandemic.** To view the hearing, register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qEHAAGdySbChBS0OmndOsQ

This is the 50th Anniversary Year of Black Solidarity Day. Aug 17, 22; Nov 2

“Police Violence, Can Anybody Stop It?”






Brother James C. McIntosh
Professor Milton Allimadi
The Honorable Inez and Charles Barron
Baba Zayid Muhammad

Time: Aug 22, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87081933862?pwd=UXJyOVEvdkpUL3NjVGp4MnpRaHVNO209>

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“Aug 22. Countering Police Terror

Nov 2. No Work, No School No Shopping “ Facebook:

fb.me/BlackSolidarityDay

NATIONAL REPARATIONS DAY Aug 17

Commemorating the 1st National Reparations Rally in the United States August 17, 2002

NATIONAL REPARATIONS DAY

REPARATIONS NOW!

They Stole Us, They Sold Us, They Owe Us...

AUGUST 15TH 2020

2PM Saturday Assembly
Trump International Hotel @
Columbus Circle
59th St. & Bw'y

December 12th Movement / 718-398-1766 / d12m.com

Grand jury resistance is movement defense-WRITE TO JESSE! Aug 21

“Public statement 8/19/20: RESISTER IMPRISONED: “I am a full abolitionist” Madison, WI. At 3:00pm, today, Wednesday, August 19, Jesse Shackelford, 28, was taken into federal custody at the Dane County Jail and joined a long history of grand jury resisters. He claimed his Fifth Amendment right to silence in order to protect himself and his community and in a strong stand against both this grand jury in particular and the grand jury process as an oppressive, movement-busting tactic. For refusing to testify in front of a grand jury targeting the Black liberation struggle and uprisings in Madison, Jesse was charged with civil contempt and put in a cage: he is currently being held in solitary confinement. This was his second call to the federal grand jury convened by US Attorney Scott Blader this summer. It is FFLS’ understanding that Jesse is the first grand jury resister nationally to be incarcerated in contempt as a result of the 2020 Black liberation uprisings. On behalf of people resisting a federal grand jury in Madison, Wisconsin. The community in Madison Wisconsin is fighting a grand jury targeting BLM protests and Black liberation movements. Jesse Shackelford is being held in jail for refusing to testify. Write notes of support to Jesse and Madison and fighting State repression. Write to Jesse!

Jesse is being held in jail for refusing to testify before a grand jury targeting BLM protests and movement communities in Madison Wisconsin. More information: [facebook.com/FFLSMadison](https://www.facebook.com/FFLSMadison)
Plain greeting cards and letters are okay, no books are allowed. Handwritten return address is required. Don't write anything you don't want cops to read.”

Jesse Shackelford 688871

Dane County Jail, 115 West Doty St., Madison, WI 53703

BLACK AUGUST 21, 2020: NYC "MARCH FOR THE DEAD" ACROSS BROOKLYN BRIDGE & MARCHES IN SAN FRANCISCO, SAN DIEGO, SEATTLE ~ THE 188TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAT TURNER REBELLION ~ GEORGE L. JACKSON COMMEMORATION DAY Aug 21

ON FRIDAY, BLACK AUGUST 21ST WE WILL MARCH TOGETHER - TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD, AND TO DEMAND CHANGE FOR THE LIVING. ALMOST 200,000 "MOSTLY BLACK & BROWN" PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO COVID-19. And nearly 6 million infected. Our grandparents, our fathers and mothers, our sisters and brothers, our neighbors and friends. But the disease alone did not kill them. IN NEW YORK CITY: "BRING DEM DJEMBE DRUMS"

6:00 PM: Gather dressed in "White" at Barclay's Center to remember the dead

7:00 PM : Candle lit march across the Brooklyn Bridge

9:00 PM: Memorialize the dead

We plan to tell the stories of some of the victims of COVID-19 in New York City.

Submit your lost loved ones here https://projects.thecity.nyc/covid-19-deaths/?_ga=2.233221597.2144293915.1596553706-1026371942.1594679950

WEAR WHITE. BRING MEMENTOS OF THE DEAD, CANDLES, FLOWERS. AND, WEAR A MASK TO STAY SAFE. RSVP on Facebook here

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2734173156899372>

IN SAN FRANCISCO: 5:30 PM: Gather at the Warming Hut, 983 Marine Drive, San Francisco- Wear yellow. Bring flowers or art to leave behind. Come early to write a loved one's name on a yellow umbrella. Wear a mask to stay safe. REGISTER HERE <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sf-march-for-the-dead-golden-gate-bridge-tickets-116385240387>

Support SF BayView -PLEASE DONATE NOW Aug 22

"While the country's mainstream press is slowly catching up to the issues and concerns of the Black community, the Bay View has long given a voice to Black San Franciscans since its inception in 1976. Please donate to keep the Bay View growing: Our GoFundMe is https://www.gofundme.com/f/invest-in-liberation?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1 "Invest in liberation, save the SF Bay View!" Support SF BayView with a donation to the Prisoners Subscription Fund: <https://sfbayview.com/donate/> Prisoners say, "The Bay View keeps me alive," and hundreds are waiting to be placed on the Bay View mailing list. Check the Bay View Calendar of Events daily

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=829hf98rkd77ervck14qft4gi4@group.calendar.google.com&pli=1> You're sure to find an event that beckons you to get involved – and many are free! Find a friend among the Bay View Pen Pals, <https://sfbayview.com/category/enemylines/pen-pals/> who write, "I would love to hear my name at mail call."

Demand Justice for Jake Blake Aug 24



"Jacob "Jake" Blake, a 29-year-old Black man, was shot multiple times in his back by a Kenosha, WI police officer on Sunday.1 Jake was calmly walking away from officers and trying to get into his car when one officer shot him at point-blank range in his back at least 7 times. And it all happened in broad daylight in front of his small children, who sat in the car traumatized as they witnessed their father being shot in front of them. #JusticeforJake: Demand the officer who shot Jake Blake is held accountable for attempting to take his life. Police were called to Jake's neighborhood due to a domestic dispute. When police arrived on the scene, they encountered Jake, a 29-year-old father. Witnesses say Jake had just broken up a fight between two women in the neighborhood. Cellphone video footage shows Jake walking away from two police officers, and both

officers have their weapons drawn on him as he attempts to enter his vehicle. Once Jake opened the door of his vehicle, one officer grabbed his shirt and began firing off shots. Jake was savagely shot by a racist cop who saw his Blackness as a threat. As of now, we don't know what took place before the

viral video starts -- and we don't need to know. Because what we all saw in the video was an attempted execution, period. The officer who fired the shots must be held accountable. We're calling on District Attorney Michael Graveley, Mayor John Antaramian, and Attorney General Josh Kaul to immediately fire and arrest the cop who attempted to murder Jake. Justice can't wait another second. Sign the petition to bring justice for Jake and his family." Sign here:

https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/justice_for_jacob/?t=5&akid=44781%2E3038170%2EwNiJw0

BAP: The DNC and the Politics of Betrayal – EVENTS: Aug 26th-Nov 8th

'BAP continues to act on our renewed commitment to our political prisoners during this 41st Black August by posting solidarity videos from our members on our Instagram account. BAP member, Black Is Back Coalition Steering Committee member and Black Agenda Report Executive Editor Glen Ford's talk during the Black Is Back Coalition national conference has been transcribed and published in Black Agenda Report. Plus, the official U.S. position that it holds no political prisoners is part of "the lie and the founding mythology of U.S. 'democracy,'" Princeton University doctoral candidate, activist and minister Nyle Fort said during a Black Agenda Radio interview. Then Netfa Freeman, who represents BAP member organization Pan-African Community Action (PACA) on the BAP Coordinating Committee, interviewed Naji Mujahid, an attorney for the political-prisoner advocacy group The Jericho Movement, on WPFW's "Voices with Vision."

August 26: "Free Them All: Film Screening & Panel Discussion", will be hosted by BAP, PACA, Stop Police Terror Project, Current Movements, the Institute for Policy Studies and Eaton Workshop. The film, "Let The Fire Burn," about the MOVE bombing will be virtually screened at 6 p.m, EST. A panel discussion featuring recently released political prisoner Debbie Africa, son of former political prisoners Mike Africa Jr., son of a political prisoner Russell Shoatz III and the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement-DC's Jonathan Stith will take place 7:30-8:30 p.m., EST.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3286968201395013>

August 27: Netfa will speak on an Africans Rising online panel, "Black August: Standing in Global Solidarity" at 10 a.m., EST, to discuss the history and contemporary importance of Black August.

Registration is required. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Cnwa090ZS2G19zKJDDSjXg

August 28: BAP member Dr. Karanja Keita Carroll will virtually deliver a keynote address at 5 p.m., EST, that will touch on BAP's Black August work. Registration is required.

<https://www.pgcc.edu/about-pgcc/events/event-details/virtual-discussion-series-celebrating-while-black.php>

August 29: Cooperation Jackson is organizing an art exhibit to commemorate the 15th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina at 1 p.m. at the Ida B. Wells Plaza, 1128 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

August 29: BAP member organization We Charge Colonialism will host a debate at 7 p.m., EST, on the internal colonization of Africans in the United States. Tune in on Facebook or YouTube to watch the debate between BAP member Dr. Jared Ball and Dr. Charles Pinderhughes.

<https://cooperationjackson.org/events-calendar/blackaugustresistance2020jackson>

August 30: Register for an online rally, "We Can't Breathe! Keep it in the Streets – Against Racism, Evictions and War!" This is hosted by the United National Antiwar Coalition, BAP, Sanctions Kill, International Action Center, Coalition to March on the DNC, Peoples Power Assemblies NYC, and FIRE (Fight for Im/migrants and Refugees Everywhere).

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2825733147655138>

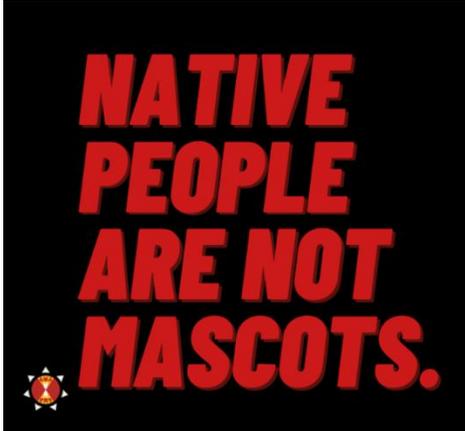
September 19-20: Labor and Community for an Independent Party is organizing a two-day online conference, "Break the Grip of the Two-Party System Program Agenda." Registration is required.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvcu2gqD0uGN0rcvUdae8EvdLYpfZUnhIx>

November 7-8: The Black Is Back Coalition calls on all to march, rally and convene in Washington, D.C., during the "Black People's March On White House." Registration is required." See

<https://www.facebook.com/events/750379092201904>

Lakota People's Law Project: Social Justice in the Sports Arena-Petition to the NCAA and American Pro Sports Leagues Sept 2



“This year has called on us to respond with unprecedented creativity to unprecedented challenges. We’ve had to use the platforms we have to think big, make bold statements, and create rapid change. That’s why I was so heartened last week to see players in the National Basketball Association (NBA) take their position and influence seriously. After a police officer shot yet another black man — Jacob Blake

— seven times in the back, players refused to take the court for their playoff games. Then they met, formed a plan, and got buy-in from team owners and the league to use NBA arenas as polling places and voting centers in November. Unfortunately, no other American pro sports league approaches the NBA’s level of social justice awareness. Just weeks ago, after years of pressure, Washington, D.C.’s pro football team finally announced it would change its name from the most offensive in all of sports. But sports mascots and branding appropriated from Native culture are still all too common. This includes the Superbowl champion Kansas City Chiefs and baseball’s Atlanta Braves. Please sign and share our petition to change offensive sports mascots and branding and watch my video about why it’s so important. So many people watch and participate in sports, on every level from little league to the pros. Offensive team names, mascots, and logos impact all of us from a young age. Minor league baseball teams and college programs — like the Florida State Seminoles, whose fans often display the offensive “tomahawk chop” in stadiums — are guilty, just like the pros. A long time ago, I did all I could to help change my own alma mater’s nickname from the North Dakota State Fighting Sioux to the Fighting Hawks. Now I can be proud of my school. These symbols rely upon stereotypes which demean Native culture and have real, negative effects on Indigenous children. Their continued existence perpetuates bullying and alienation.

Now, the NBA has shown a new way for sports to approach social justice. And the players’ solution — making voting in black and brown communities easier — is wonderful. On that subject, I urge you also to read about our effort, in concert with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and two members of Congress, to pass the Native American Voting Rights Act. We stand in solidarity with the NBA players. Let’s increase turnout from communities of color, this November and beyond. Our voices must be heard! Wopila tanka — my gratitude for your continued action! Chase Iron Eyes, Lead Counsel, The Lakota People’s Law Project” Sign Petition <https://action.lakotalaw.org/action/hey-sports-petition>

Leonard Peltier Birthday TWITTER BLAST! Sept 12

“Leonard’s birthday is September 12th, you can still mail in birthday wishes, no cards, no photographs, no colored paper. White paper in a white envelope only. While mail may get to him after his birthday the well wishes and birthday greetings will be appreciated and help lift his spirits. We are asking our supporters around Mother Earth to join us (ILPDC) in a **TWITTER BLAST on Leonard's birthday** Sept. 12. And would like all of you That have Twitter accounts to use the one of the following Hashtags #LeonardHappy76thBirthday #HappyBirthdayLeonardPeltier. You can follow us at @PeltierHQ our main twitter account.”

#Action4Return September 18-26: Action for Palestinian Return: Confronting Normalization, Towards Liberation Sept 18



“Palestinian refugees’ call: “We will not forget – we have rights and we will return! Call to Action September 18-26, 2020. Marking the anniversary of the Sabra and Shatila massacres, we call for global action for the rights of Palestinian refugees and for the liberation of Palestine from September 18-26, 2020. These days of action aim to protect the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes in Palestine through struggle, with unified and popular participation, confronting normalization and all attempts to liquidate the Palestinian cause. We invite your organizations to get involved: **Endorse the statement here**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbpUhl14xyL3aQYMREzBgcUwxkr_rFE2hyITD-La3WwIuExA/viewform

Add your event here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPdgAiYB7MXZoqNvENgICpp-WpxKDh0elZ21T6ohw1t77AEw/viewform>

Read the full call to action, download posters and get event ideas here

<https://samidoun.net/2020/08/action4return-september-18-26-palestinian-return-and-refugee-rights-confronting-normalization-towards-liberation/> This call is initiated by Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, Al Naqab Center (Bourj al-Barajneh Camp). Palestinian Chess Club (Shatila Camp), Al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, Palestinian Youth Movement, Alkarama Palestinian Women’s Mobilization, the Global Campaign to Return to Palestine, National Students for Justice in Palestine, Within Our Lifetime – United for Palestine, Collectif Palestine Vaincra, NY4Palestine, CAPJPO-EuroPalestine, International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network-Canada, International Forum – Middle East Group, American Muslims for Palestine NJ, Actions4Palestine, Plate-forme Charleroi-Palestine, Independent Jewish Voices-Toronto, Friends of Palestine Against Imperialism and Zionism, Women in Solidarity with Palestine-Toronto, and Anti-Imperialist Action Ireland.”

Online Rally SUNDAY Aug 30: After the DNC & RNC - We Can’t Breathe! Keep it in the Streets



– Against Racism, Evictions and War Aug 30“Endorse the Call to Action: bit.ly/KeepItInTheStreets

URGENT CALL TO ACTION FOR RASHID JOHNSON Sept 1

URGENT CALL TO ACTION
DEFEND KEVIN RASHID JOHNSON.
PROTECT OUR LEADERS.
IDOC Authorities Attempting to Kill Rashid

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Support our NAARPR comrades in Tallahassee Sept 5

 **Tallahassee Community Action Co...**
 @tallycac

Please also donate to and share this gofundme to free and support the community activists arrested today while peacefully protesting in Tallahassee



Bail Fund for BLM Protestors in Tallahassee, organized by Lakey Love
 gofundme.com

“In Tallahassee at today's protest against the unjust grand jury that refused to indict the killer cops responsible for Tony McDade's, Wilbon Woodard's, and Mychael Johnson's death, the Tallahassee Police Department arrested TCAC members, including Regina Joseph and Satya Stark -Bejnar. These activists who have fought for community control of the police, to defund the police, and for justice and accountability need your help to be freed. Please donate to this bail fund to make sure these activists are released quickly and safely. Bail fund link: <https://tinyurl.com/tlhactivists>”

Rise in Power: San Quentin Demonstration and Vigil Sunday Sept 13, 5:30 Sept 13

“On September 13, 1971 the largest prison uprising in U.S. history, which was begun on September 9, 1971 at Attica prison, was brutally suppressed. 33 prisoners and 10 correctional officers were killed in the assault by New York state police ordered by Governor Rockefeller. An important catalyst for the Attica uprising was George Jackson's assassination by prison guards which happened at San Quentin, three weeks before on August 21, 1971. Learn more at the Attica Means Fight Back panel September 8th. On Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 5:30 pm we will hold a demonstration and vigil at San Quentin State Prison linking the 1971 state murders at San Quentin and Attica with the criminal negligence that has led to 26 deaths at San Quentin during the COVID pandemic, including twelve death row prisoners. Please find the Facebook event here. We will honor all the incarcerated lives lost across California and the United States due to the state's ruthless disregard for Black, Brown, Indigenous and all incarcerated people. We will call on Governor Newsom, the CDCr and all state officials to immediately implement a policy of mass release in order to stop the needless deaths. Sadly, the demands made by incarcerated people in the 1970s remain fundamentally the same in 2020, 49 long years later: recognize the dignity and human rights of all people in prison! We therefore demand that the California Department of Corrections and rehabilitation (CDCr) and Governor Gavin Newsom grant mass releases and rehousing now in order to save the lives of the human beings inside. Find our complete list of demands here. This event is being organized by No Justice Under Capitalism, California Coalition for Women Prisoners (CCWP) and California Prison Focus and is part of a national month of actions marking the Attica uprising and demanding decarceration now. Check out what is happening around the country to Decarcerate Now!” See <https://www.facebook.com/events/365219788206264/>

#HALTsolitary Campaign: Week of Action to End Solitary Confinement Sept 10-13

“Week of Action to End Solitary Confinement and Dismantle Incarceration System

Enough is enough! As predominantly Black and Latinx New Yorkers continue to be tortured in solitary confinement, too often tortured to death, New York's political leaders are still playing political games, offering false promises, and trying to delay and distract. Join us to demand that they end solitary now! As we enter the week of the 49th Anniversary of the Attica uprising and the state's deadly suppression of that uprising, join these actions to demand an end to solitary confinement, stop the violence of incarceration, release people from prison, and more.

STOP THE TORTURE. STOP THE KILLING!

Rally to Demand Governor Cuomo

#HALTsolitary NOW

Thurs., Sept 10, 10 am

Cuomo's Office, 633 3rd Ave., NYC



Rally outside Gov. Cuomo's NYC office, this Thurs., Sept.

10, 10 am, 633 3rd Ave.: Join us to demand that Governor Cuomo end solitary confinement immediately.

Rally at NYC City Hall on

Monday, Sept. 14, 1:30 pm: Join us to demand that Mayor de Blasio immediately and completely end solitary confinement in NYC jails

#WeAreAllRikers, Sat., Sept. 12, 12 pm: Led by Johnny Perez and Jesse Krimes, we are joining a multi-state, multi-issue action calling for divestment from incarceration and punishment, and into true reinvestment in the human potential on both sides of the bars. There is an in-person NYC action at Court Square Park, Long Island City, connecting with actions in LA, PA, CA, NJ, TX, VA, GA, CT, MA, and all will be live on <https://www.instagram.com/momaps1/?hl=en>

RAPP's Attica Is Now! rally, Sun., Sept. 13, 1 pm, at Foley Square in Lower Manhattan, NYC; West Capitol Park in Albany; and on zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/tZwkcOCsqTgsH9wb->

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The Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP) Campaign is leading this rally as part of a nationally coordinated month of action to end life imprisonment/death by incarceration and continue the struggle begun at Attica prison 49 years ago. Speakers include survivors of the Attica massacre, leaders of the fight for #ElderParole, #Fair&TimelyParole, #HALTsolitary, Repeal the #WalkingWhileTrans Ban, Movement 4 Black Lives, one of the lawyers for the Attica Brothers, and more.

Monthly HALT Campaign Meeting, Mon., Sept. 14, 6 pm: Virtually join for our monthly statewide campaign meeting. Register here: <http://bit.ly/HALTSept14Meeting>

9/26: ¡Filiberto Vive! South Bronx Freedom March for Puerto Rico! Sept 26

“In the Spirit of Filiberto Ojeda Rios and of El Grito de Lares, join us for the ¡Filiberto Vive! South Bronx Freedom March! Bring El Grito de Lares to the South Bronx! In memory of El Comandante Filiberto Ojeda Rios, let's take it to the streets! The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign, www.ProLibertad.org, ProLibertad@hotmail.com, Facebook.com/ProLibertadFC, Twitter: @ProLibertad, Instagram: @ProLibertadFC, ProLibertadTV/YouTube Channel, Telephone: 718-601-4751”

Get Ready for “The Black Peoples March on the White House! Nov 6-8-2020

Community Events & Resources (Aug 15th-Sept 15th)

Black August Communique 1, The Panthers - The Lords and The Cubs are coming... Aug 16

“If you aren't a part of our liberation school and still wish to join for this rEvolutionary line up. scroll all the way down below and a process awaits you...don't forget to tune in for 1010windz over the weekend streaming live with our new hosts

#3: **16th Aug** - Amarah & Elayne

#4: **23nd Aug** - Maisha & Dorien

#5: **29th Aug** - Amarah & Elayne

#6: **30th Aug** - Maisha, Amarah, Dorien & Elayne

streaming live from 1010windz on FB at 1pm EDT 7pm GMT -2 BLACK AUGUST

new video produced by the maroon party for liberation, from the people, by the people, for the people <https://youtu.be/rRNwMuuwVM> the maroon party for liberation black August 2020 a letter from

Assata <http://www.thetalkingdrum.com/tmp.html> you can download the below packet of information via this link here

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/elb8bq6c6yszmk/AACUxfT4dknMzc7r2GCeRZila?dl=0black%20august%20political%20education> black august political education

Black is Back 11th Annual Conference Aug 15

“Black is Back (11th) Annual Conference. This 2 day (Saturday and Sunday) Conference is dedicated to the Freedom of all Political Prisoners! Starts at 10AM EST. Ralph Poynter and Jihad Abdulmumit will be presenting on Political Prisoners, along with many other power presentations.”

Tune in if you can: <http://blackisbackcoalition.org/>



black august 17

the cubs of the Panthers and Young Lords Ksisay, Maisha, Marinieves Alba

black august 24

the Young Lords Party & J14Brigade (tentative)

Mickey Melendez, Minerva Solla, Johanna Fernandez y Mariposa Fernandez

black august 31

the black and brown BPP and the Zapatistas, Prison Industrial Complex/Slavery

Ashanti Alston BLA, BPP and Dr. Viviane Saleh”

Upcoming Events: #WhatAboutHer Rally and People's Hearing on COVID's Impact in Prisons and Jails (Various dates) Aug 17

“1. TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 11AM: #WhatAboutHer Rally Outside Rikers

The Justice For Women Task Force is hosting another #WhatAboutHer rally on Tuesday, August 18 at 11 am outside of Rikers Island to uplift the women there and honor the women who have survived, been brutalized, or died at the Rose M. Singer Center. The rally will take place in-person in front of the Rikers sign and on Zoom. Register here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whatabouter-at-rikers-rally-tickets-116809070073>

2. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 10 AM: The People's Hearing on COVID-19 Behind Bars

Because the legislature refuses to conduct its own hearing or pass legislation to free our elders, end solitary confinement or address the harms of COVID-19 behind bars, it's up to us. Join us, the Center

for Community Alternatives, the HALT Solitary Campaign, and FWD.us on Wednesday, August 19th at 10am for The People’s Hearing on COVID-19 in Jails and Prisons. To watch the hearing, register here. To submit testimony, complete this form. Those who are invited to testify will be notified by Tuesday, August 18th.” Register here

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qEHAAGdySbChBS0OmndOsQ

LEONARD PELTIER: Podcast titled LEONARD: Political Prisoner, about American Indian Movement prisoner Leonard Peltier. Aug 17

“In 1977, Native American activist Leonard Peltier was sentenced to consecutive life terms for killing two FBI agents. Then in 2000, a Freedom of Information Act disclosure proved the Feds had framed him. But Leonard's still in prison. This is the story of what happened on the Pine Ridge Reservation half a century ago—and the man who's still behind bars for a crime he didn't commit. Listen at leonard.buzzsprout.com”

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, August 18, 2020 - Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Aug 18

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

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4. Special guest: Dolores Cox: Political Analysis & Current events

5. Joseph peery- Chicago activist & advocate for the homeless

6. Michael Smith- "Lawyers on the left"

Freedom Archives Events-Film: August 21, 2020 marks 49 years since George Jackson's Assassination Aug 21

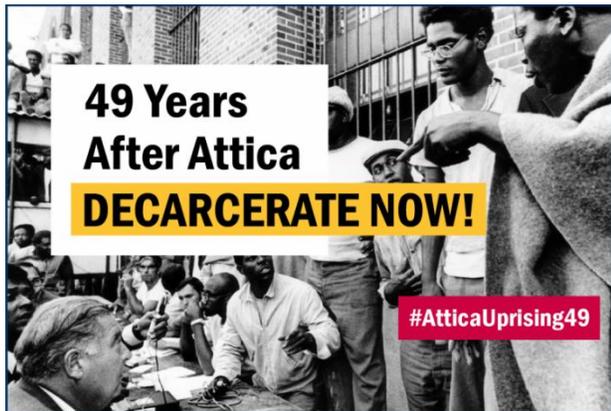


“One of the many things the Freedom Archives did in 2014 is we transferred George Jackson/San Quentin to digital video from a 16mm film “work print” made in 1971–1972. This extraordinary video contains never-before-seen footage from San Quentin of George Jackson. It also includes footage of Angela Davis, then in the Marin County Jail, and the powerful comments of Georgia Jackson (George and Jonathan Jackson’s mother). Watch Film Here <https://freedomarchives.org/George%20Jackson.html>

This film is a powerful visual complement to our other one-of-a-kind audio materials on George Jackson and the San Quentin Six. The preservation of such amazing, previously unknown historic materials is essential to deepening our understanding of struggle and resistance, and affirms our mission. Your ongoing support is absolutely essential to our ability to

continue our work. Your help makes possible all the educational work we do: the internship program, the audio and video documentaries and books, the online resources and digital search site, and our outreach efforts from our Mission district community out to the nation and the world. Most importantly, your help ensures that this resource will be able to serve generations to come.” Please donate:

<https://connect.clickandpledge.com/w/Form/ae5b2d71-eb3c-4c5e-a4dc-4f008b4ad70a>

49 YEARS AFTER ATTICA: Sept 21

“VIRTUAL TOWN HALL; 49 YEARS AFTER ATTICA: To commemorate the 49th anniversary of the Attica Prison Uprising, the Decarceration National Network invites you to join with incarcerated people, their families, and activists to demand the release of people subjected to excessive prison terms in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. This Virtual Town Hall will include a presentation by RAPP’s Jose Saldana and Roslyn Smith. (Part of the 49 Years After Attica: Decarcerate Now! national month of action)”

See https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RW003TUDQf2i77TA_4hDCA

Aug 21: Live from Beirut, Lebanon & Aug 28: Abolition and Liberation Aug 21 (various dates)

“We are excited to invite you to a free MECA webinar this Friday, August 21 at 11am Pacific/2pm

Eastern "Live from Beirut, Lebanon: The Explosion, Pandemic, &

Political/Economic Crisis."

We'll hear from Dr. Rania Masri & Dr Olfat Mahmoud, two stellar women scholars and activists. Dr. Olfat is the director MECA partner the Palestinian Women's Humanitarian Organization that works in refugee camps near Beirut and will also give an update on the work your

donations are supporting. Then on Friday, August 28, MECA is one of the sponsors of an inspiring conversation with Angela Davis and Jamal Juma', moderated by Kristian Davis Baily on Abolition and Liberation!"

Live from Beirut, Lebanon: Dr. Rania Masri & Dr. Olfat Mahmoud

The Explosion, Pandemic, & Political/Economic Crisis FRIDAY, AUGUST 21: 11am PT/ 2pm ET

Register now: www.mecaforpeace.org/BeirutWebinar

What will the future be – for the Lebanese people, and the Palestinian & Syrian refugees? Hear from these two extraordinary activist / experts and ask your own questions!

DR. RANIA MASRI is a long-time political activist, committed to issues of justice in the Arab region. She joined the “Citizens in a State” (mmfidawla.org) political party in 2016 to change the status quo in Lebanon through direct political action, and to build direct relations between the state and its citizens governed by rights and responsibilities. Currently, Dr. Masri teaches at the Lebanese American University LAU, addressing environmental sciences from a perspective grounded in political ecology and environmental justice. She writes and speaks on environmental sustainability and social movements — as well as boycott and liberation for Palestine.

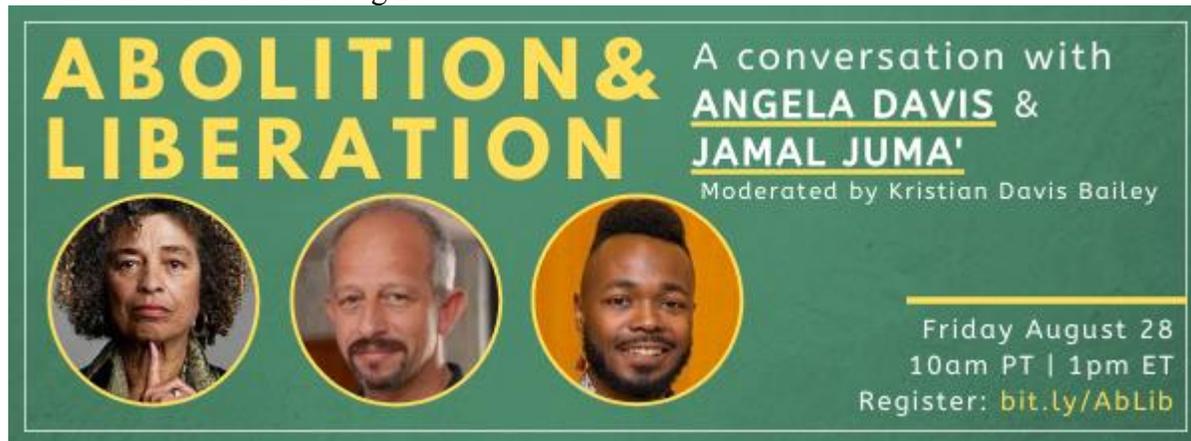
DR. OLFAT MAHMOUD is a Palestinian refugee born in Lebanon, whose life mission is to fulfill the dream of her parents and grandparents: to return to their hometown “Tarshiha” in Palestine. Currently she is both an instructor at Beirut Arab University and the General Director of the Palestinian NGO

Women's Humanitarian Organization. Dr. Mahmoud has also published academic studies and is an activist for Palestinian and women's rights. Her book "Tears for Tarshiha" is her first step on the road to return to her village "Tarshiha". In 2015, she was selected to represent the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon at the UN celebration of the foundation of UNRWA in New York. FREE with registration required to attend the webinar. Limited spaces available". Register at www.mecaforpeace.org/BeirutWebinar

USHRN Celebrates Black Lives Through Who Were They? Virtual Event Aug 22

"On August 22, USHRN and the Jordan Davis Foundation co-hosted Who Were They? An Era of Untold Stories from Emmett Till to George Floyd, a virtual healing event. Our goal was to provide a space for our community and family members to come together to celebrate, uplift, and see the wholeness of members of our community who were killed by police and racist vigilante violence. We were honored to be joined by family members of Emmett Till, Oscar Grant, Ahmaud Arbery, Michael Brown Jr., Sandra Bland, Eric Garner, Rekia Boyd, Sean Bell, and Jordan Davis, as well as moderator Carmen Perez and guests Gina Belafonte and Jamilah Lemieux. We are grateful to the many artists who contributed their songs, poetry, voices, and art. Don't miss this beautiful healing event, which you can now watch on Facebook Live or Vimeo. See <https://ushrnetwork.org/news/251/100/Who-Were-They-Event-Celebrates-Black-Lives?emci=6df28209-c6e7-ea11-8b03-00155d0394bb&emdi=c579e31f-c2f2-ea11-99c3-00155d039e74&ceid=7963995>

Abolition & Liberation Aug 28

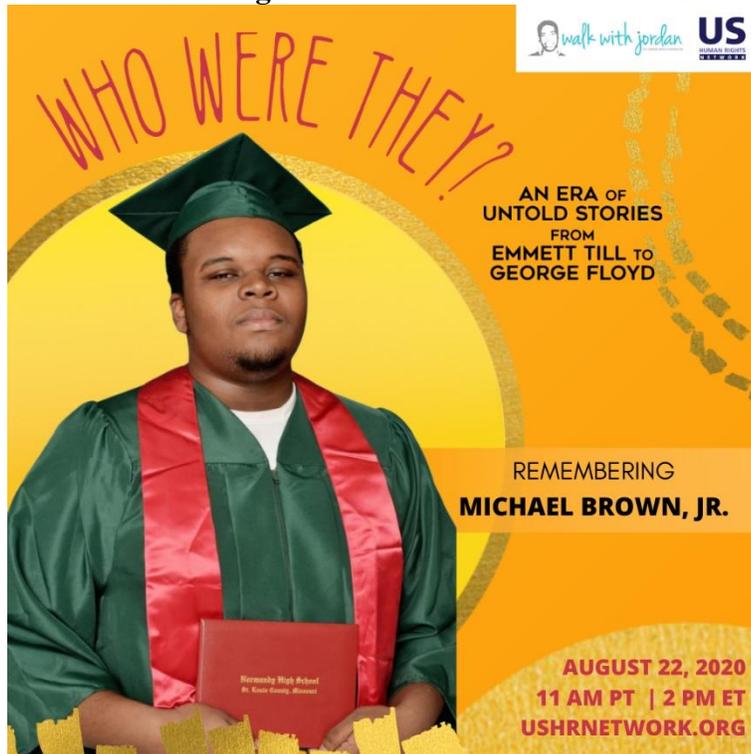


Register at www.bit.ly/AbLib

"Join us for an international discussion of the connections between Black Lives Matter calls to defund the police and abolish the prison industrial complex, and Palestinian calls to tear down all apartheid walls and free Palestine. Our speakers bring years of on-the-ground experience and strategic thinking to the conversation. Angela Davis has been an activist and liberatory scholar since the 1960s. Her 2003 book *Are Prisons Obsolete?* laid the strategic groundwork for the current abolition movement, as did the first Critical Resistance Conference, which she co-organized in 1998. She will be joined, from Palestine, by Jamal Juma', a leading grassroots organizer since Palestine's First Intifada in 1987. A founding member of the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees, Palestine National BDS Committee, Palestinian Association for Cultural Exchange, and Palestinian Environmental NGO Network, Juma' is coordinator of the Palestinian Grassroots Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign and Stop the Wall. Kristian Davis Bailey, who will be moderating their conversation, is a co-founder of Black for Palestine and a co-author of the 2015 Black Solidarity with Palestine Statement signed by more than 1,000 Black activists. He was a member of Black Youth. There has never been a more critical time for this thought-provoking and inspiring conversation. Please join us as we sharpen our understanding of

these critical issues and build our capacity for effective resistance!”

Join us in honoring the life of Mike Brown Jr. on 8/22 with healing & arts Aug 22



“We are marking the 6th anniversary of Mike Brown Jr.’s death which sparked a national uprising in 2014 with a Black Lives Matter healing & arts event on August 22nd, where we are humbled to welcome his father, Mike Brown Sr., to remember his son as he lived, #BeyondTheHashtag.

Please join the US Human Rights Network and The Jordan Davis Foundation on August 22 for a virtual event, Who Were They? An Era of Untold Stories from Emmett Till to George Floyd. The event will be an opportunity for family members who have lost their loved ones to police and racial violence to speak in loving community about their loved ones as they lived. Too often Black people like Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and Ahmaud Arbery are remembered for their tragic and untimely murders (and are often

villainized), but the full lives they lived with their families, friends, and communities are not given attention by the media or the public. Join us in changing this narrative today, because #BlackStoriesMatter. Saturday, August 22, 2020 11am - 2pm PST 1pm - 4pm CST 2pm - 5pm EST We look forward to welcoming the following family members and community leaders who will participate in the event:

Ron Davis, father of Jordan Davis, event co-host and CEO of The Jordan Davis Foundation, Wanda Cooper-Jones, mother of Ahmaud Arbery, Shante Needham, sister of Sandra Bland, Michael Brown Sr., father of Mike Brown Jr., Gwen Carr, mother of Eric Garner, Martinez Sutton, brother of Rekia Boyd, Cephus Johnson, Uncle of Oscar Grant, LaVerne Bartee, representing Ollie Gordon, cousin of Emmett Till, Carmen Perez-Jordan, event host/moderator and President of The Gathering for Justice Damon Azali-Rojas, event healer and Founder of Coaching for Healing and Non-Violence, Salimah Hankins, event co-host and Interim Executive Director of the US Human Rights Network.

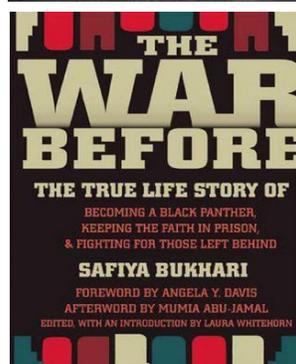
When you share the event on your channels, please be sure to include the event hashtags: #BeyondTheHashtag, #BlackStoriesMatter and #BlackVoicesBlackStories! Stay tuned for more information on additional event participants including Black artists and performers. Please mark your calendars and register to join this special community healing event. Artwork by: Aisha Shillingford, Artistic Director, Intelligent Mischief. In solidarity, US Human Rights Network” Register here <https://secure.everyaction.com/Rnmoqs-zMkG5Nq0kE1DMpQ2?emci=5b0d053f-5bde-ea11-8b03-00155d0394bb&emdi=cc10f1bf-61de-ea11-8b03-00155d0394bb&ceid=7963995>

Who Were They? An Era of Untold Stories from Emmett Till to George Floyd. (Conference Call) Aug 22

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murders (and are often villainized), but the full lives they lived with their families, friends, and communities are not given attention by the media or the public. Join us in changing this narrative today, because #BlackStoriesMatter. The US Human Rights Network & The Jordan Davis Foundation are honored to be joined by the following family members, cultural workers, healers, and artists on August 22nd at 11:00am PST / 2:00pm EST: Ron Davis, father of Jordan Davis, event co-host and CEO of The Jordan Davis Foundation, Wanda Cooper-Jones, mother of Ahmaud Arbery, Shante Needham, sister of Sandra Bland, Michael Brown Sr., father of Mike Brown Jr., Gwen Carr, mother of Eric Garner, Martinez Sutton, brother of Rekia Boyd, Cephus Johnson, Uncle of Oscar Grant, William and Valerie Bell, parents of Sean Bell, LaVerne Bartee, representing Ollie Gordon, cousin of Emmett Till, Carmen Perez-Jordan, event host/moderator and President of The Gathering for Justice, Gina Belafonte, Executive Director of Sankofa, Jamilah Lemieux, writer/cultural critic, Damon Azali-Rojas, event healer and Founder of Coaching for Healing and Non-Violence, Salimah Hankins, event co-host and Interim Executive Director of the US Human Rights Network, Jennifer Johns, artist, Sequoia, artist, Tiombé Lockhart, artist, Vivianne A. Njoku, artist, LaFrae Sci a.k.a Frae-Frae: Daughter of Drexciya, artist. Saturday, August 22, 2020 11am - 2pm PST, 1pm - 4pm CST, 2pm - 5pm EST” Register here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/Rnmoqs-zMkG5Nq0kE1DMpQ2?emci=873b0812-44e2-ea11-8b03-00155d0394bb&emdi=efb682a3-45e2-ea11-8b03-00155d0394bb&ceid=7963995> See www.facebook.com/ushrnetwork

MONDAY, BLACK AUGUST 24, 2020 IS FALLEN BLACK PANTHER PARTY & BLACK LIBERATION ARMY VETERAN SAFIYA A. BUKHARI COMMEMORATION DAY! - WATCH THE BELOW VIDEO AND THEN BUY & READ HER BOOK Aug 24



“MONDAY, BLACK AUGUST 24, 2020 IS SAFIYA A. BUKHARI COMMEMORATION DAY! BUY AND READ THE BOOK "THE WAR BEFORE" WRITTEN BY THIS VETERAN BLACK PANTHER PARTY LEADER & FORMERLY CAPTURED BLACK LIBERATION ARMY FREEDOM FIGHTER ON THE 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER PASSING. CLICK & WATCH THE BELOW VIDEO OF SAFIYA SPEAKING ON POLITICAL PRISONERS Safiya Bukhari - Coming of Age New Afrikan” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkXDkX3NKKo> (Photos from Brother Shep Announcement email).

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, August 25-Call in 1(347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET

“On the evening of August 21, 1831, Under the leadership of Nat Turner numerous slaves abruptly began to rebel. They ran to the supply sheds to arm themselves with work tools used for toiling the land”

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BK/NY – Tuesday, August 25th – Black August Letter Writing Aug 25

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, August 25th, 2020

WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free

Due to the pandemic and uprisings against white supremacist policing (redundant, we know), many of us are too overwhelmed to even notice the full-blown war being waged by cops and the ruling class. It is real and it is continuing. And of course there is another war—the war against folks imprisoned for their political beliefs and actions. And here’s where we bridge the two. Nearing the end of Black August, NYC ABC and Page One Collective will be sending letters to Black revolutionary political prisoners and there’s an easy (too easy? POSSIBLY!) way for you to help, just 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. Use Page One’s recent zine, “Current Political Prisoners of Black Liberation Movements,” for up-to-date addresses:

https://pageone.noblogs.org/files/2020/07/BP_PPzine.july_.pdf See

<https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/08/20/blackaugust2020>

Walter Riley & Boots Riley: A Father-Son Discussion on the Political Moment Moderated by Barbara Ransby Sept 26

“We’re thrilled and honored to announce this exciting event as part of the 2020 digital #Law4thePeople Convention—starting in just 10 days! On Saturday, September 26 at 5pm PT/8pm ET, join us for a very special discussion between longtime NLG San Francisco Bay Area member and human rights attorney Walter Riley, and son Boots Riley, activist music artist and filmmaker (Sorry to Bother You)! This inter-generational discussion will explore the current political moment as it intersects with systemic poverty, racism, capitalism, and the human rights movement. Moderated by historian, writer, activist and professor Barbara Ransby. Register for #Law4thePeople now to get access to the entire schedule of events we have lined up over those two weeks! (Please note all NLG committee meetings and the governance plenary are only open to Guild members. Please visit nlg.org/join to join or renew your NLG membership to participate in these events!) We strive to make the 2020 #Law4thePeople Convention as accessible as possible. CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) captioning will be available for all major panels, workshops, keynote speeches, CLEs and special events. In addition, we are collecting accessibility requests for NLG member meetings through attendees’ registration forms and will be fulfilling those upon request.” See nlg.org/walter-riley-boots-riley-a-father-son-discussion-on-the-political-moment **REGISTER here**

<https://www.nlg.org/civicrm/event/register/?reset=1&id=23>

Solidarity with Irish republican and Palestinian detainees in British jails + Palestinian student abducted by occupation forces Aug 28



“Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network denounces the recent arrests of nine Irish republicans and one Palestinian by British MI5, the Irish Gardaí, Police Scotland, London’s Metropolitan Police, and over 500 officers of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) in the so-called “Operation Arbacia.” Among them is Palestinian doctor Issam Hijjawi, prominent Palestinian community leader in Scotland, former

chair of the Association of Palestinian Communities in Scotland and representative of the Palestinian Democratic Forum in Europe. The Irish republicans are all members of Saoradh, the Irish revolutionary Republican socialist party. We demand the immediate release of all political prisoners held in the north of Ireland, still occupied by British forces. Join us to take action by signing on to this collective solidarity statement: <https://bit.ly/saoradhsolidarity>”

Black August A Virtual Benefit Concert Celebrating Hip-Hop & Our Freedom Fighters Aug 30

SUNDAY!!!!
AUGUST 30TH 7PM EST / 6PM CST / 4PM PST
BLACK AUGUST
A VIRTUAL BENEFIT CONCERT
CELEBRATING HIP-HOP & OUR FREEDOM FIGHTERS

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 SAMPA THE GREAT // BIG K.R.I.T.
 NASTY C // AUDIO PUSH // LOCKSMITH
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 OSWIN BENJAMIN // JAH! PE 2.0 // SUBVERT LABS

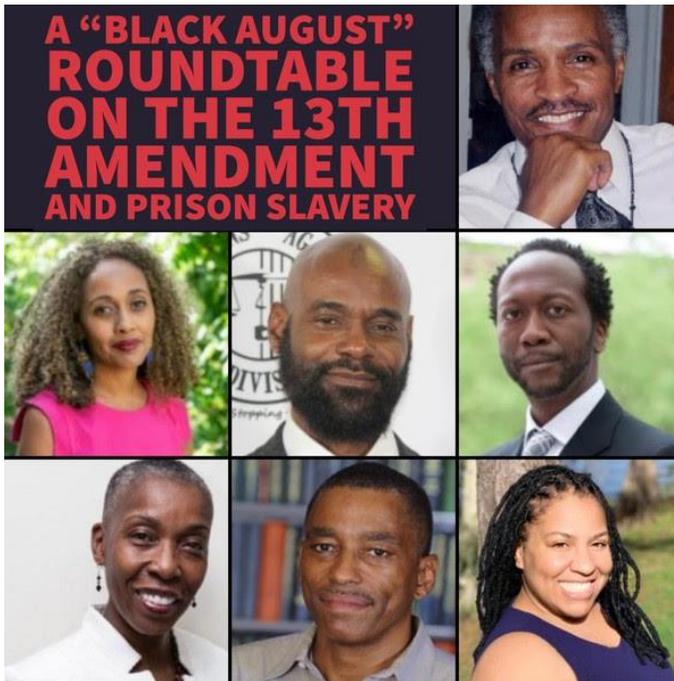
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 ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO U.S. POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THEIR FREEDOM CAMPAIGNS

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A 'Black August' Roundtable on the 13th Amendment and Prison Slavery-August 31, 2021 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ONLINE Aug 31



“Although the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution formally abolished chattel slavery, it includes a legal loophole known as the “Punishment Clause” that permits the use of forced labor in this nation’s jails and prisons. Under the regime of post-13th Amendment prison slavery, corporations, federal and state governments, rather than private citizens, have become slaveholders. Mass incarceration and the disproportionate imprisonment of African- and Latinx- Americans have disenfranchised black and brown communities and denied them the opportunity to fully participate in society, as well as the right to housing, healthcare, food security, education and work that pays a living wage. The Amend the 13th Movement and its coalition partners invite you to join us for a “Black August Roundtable on the 13th Amendment and Prison Slavery” in connection with the screening

of *The Farm: Angola U.S.A.*, a 1998 documentary on the Mississippi State Penitentiary, also known as the Parchman Farm. The screening (link provided to those that RSVP in advance) and discussion will launch a program of events that will culminate on November 13, 2020, with a national convening, “Amend the 13th: A National Black People’s Assembly.”

RSVP HERE <https://connect.gca.columbia.edu/civicism/event/register?reset=1&id=12>

Renegade Culture Podcast: From Jacob Blake to Yusef Hawkins, White Police and White Mobs Are Empowered to Take Black Lives Aug 31

“In this episode, the Renegades, discuss the latest attempt by the police to kill a Black man, Jacob Blake, this time in front of his children. A white militia is unofficially deputized by the Kenosha police leading to the murder of two protesters. Why today's athletes don't measure up to Muhammad Ali with their on again off again strike. And Victorious DeCosta producer of the new documentary "Yusef Hawkins: Storm Over Brooklyn" joins us to discuss the murder of Yusef Hawkins 31 years ago by a white mob in Bensonhurst Brooklyn and its ramifications for today. Musical guest Reality, creator of online series Atlanta's Ugly Follow us on Soundcloud, Apple, GooglePlay, Spotify, and social media. Hosted by Kalonji Changa and Kamau Franklin, Produced by Naka "The Ear Dr", Recorded at Playback Studios in the Historic West End of Atlanta, Ga Check out the website at www.renegadeculture.org Check out some of our organizational efforts at www.siafumovement.org and community movement builders.”

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio-Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Aug 31

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Movie on Black Panther leader Fred Hampton Sept 4



“Chants of Black Lives Matter and the fight to slash police funding rock the nation today, but these demands have a long history. This powerful movie is one part of that story. The film documents the life of Black Panther Party leader Fred Hampton, murdered in 1969 by Chicago cops at the age of 21. Using original footage, it captures the revolutionary militancy of the Panthers and the FBI’s determination to prevent the formation of a strong Black movement in the U.S.

An online discussion follows

the movie. Join the event by registering here. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqf-ypqzqgHdAtWrbIfTbFAX-wHia7rZII> Donation between \$5 and \$10 requested.

Venmo @Seattle-PS-FSP - Square <https://fsp-seattle.square.site/> Or mail check to FSP, 5018 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118” (Photo from Radical Women email)

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, September 8, 2020 - Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Sept 8

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Tuesday, September 8th – Letter Writing To Doug Wright and Skelly (Cleveland 4) Sept 8

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing, WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, September 8th, 2020, WHERE: YOUR HOME, COST: Free

As the fight against police brutality rages on, we witness evidence of the centuries-long commitment the state and the non-uniformed white supremacists have to each other in this country. The murders in Kenosha following the life-altering shooting of Jacob Blake to the most recent death of Michael Reinoehl in Portland are emblematic of the tragedy that ensues when lines are drawn. The fight continues, and daily we are reminded that the state regularly cooperates with and relies on the contributions of the white supremacist, racist, fascist right wing to do their dirty work (if they aren’t willing to do it themselves). Douglas Wright and Joshua Stafford (aka “Skelly”) are two Occupy Cleveland activists. They were arrested on April 30th, 2012, days before national May Day protests. They were accused of plotting a series of bombings, including that of an area bridge. However, the real story is that FBI informants and undercover agents had a heavy hand in creating the alleged plot, produced the explosives, and coerced the four into participating. For more information, be sure to visit <https://www.cleveland4solidarity.org> Please take the time to write a letter to Doug and Skelly (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online)”

Joshua Stafford (Skelly) #57976-060, USP McCreary,
Post Office Box 3000,
Pine Knot, Kentucky 42635 *Address envelope to Joshua Stafford.

Douglas Wright #57973-060, USP Victorville,
Post Office Box 3900,
Adelanto, California 92301

See <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/09/05/cleveland4>

Freedom Archives: Attica Means Fight Back Sept 8th



ATTICA MEANS FIGHT BACK
Cultivating Resistance Then and Now

Tuesday September 8th 5:00-7:00 pm
Panel Discussion & Video

Freedom Archives
& CCWP

Speakers

Romarilyn Ralston
Lead Policy Analyst,
formerly incarcerated,
California Coalition for
Women Prisoners

Paul Redd
Formerly incarcerated organizer and one
of the leaders of historic 2011-2013 CA
prison hunger strikes

Michael Deutsch
One of the main lawyers for the Attica prisoners
following the 1971 uprising

Register at: bit.ly/AtticaFightBack

September 9-13, 2020 marks the 49th anniversary of the Attica Prison Rebellion.

In 1971, united around demands for better healthcare, education and against unrestrained violence by the state, **over 1200 incarcerated people of all races rebelled, took hostages and occupied parts of Attica Prison.** For four days, prisoners worked collectively to negotiate the end of the inhumane conditions at the prison. An invasion by the New York State Police Troopers ordered by Governor Rockefeller resulted in the deaths of 43 people - 33 prisoners and 10 correctional officers. 49 years later, **Attica serves as a rallying cry for those working for self determination inside of prison walls, an essential lesson in state violence and an enduring symbol of resistance and unity.**

Today the conditions in U.S. prisons are more barbaric than in 1971 with massive overcrowding, extreme sentencing, gendered violence, and a health care crisis made much worse by the COVID pandemic. The lessons of Attica are as important as ever.

Join The California Coalition for Women Prisoners and the Freedom Archives as we host a panel discussing the historical legacy of the Attica Prison Rebellion, sustaining resistance behind bars and how Attica can inform the ways we fight back!

Revolutionary Women of Color: Legacy, Activism, Writings. 9-week online weekly feminist reading group. Next session on Wed., Sept. 9, 6:30 - 8:00pm PDT. Sept 9



“Get motivated by the lives and powerful words of Black, Latinx, Asian American, and Native American feminist radicals. Because of their unique and multiple oppressions, women of color push for interconnections between struggles. These readings, covering a span of decades, reveal inspiring optimism and dedication to the fights against racism, sexism, homophobia, and capitalism. What can we learn from these fiery perspectives in order to strengthen today’s movements? Everyone welcome. Readings will be emailed to participants. Sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/RevFems>” (Photo from Radical Women email).

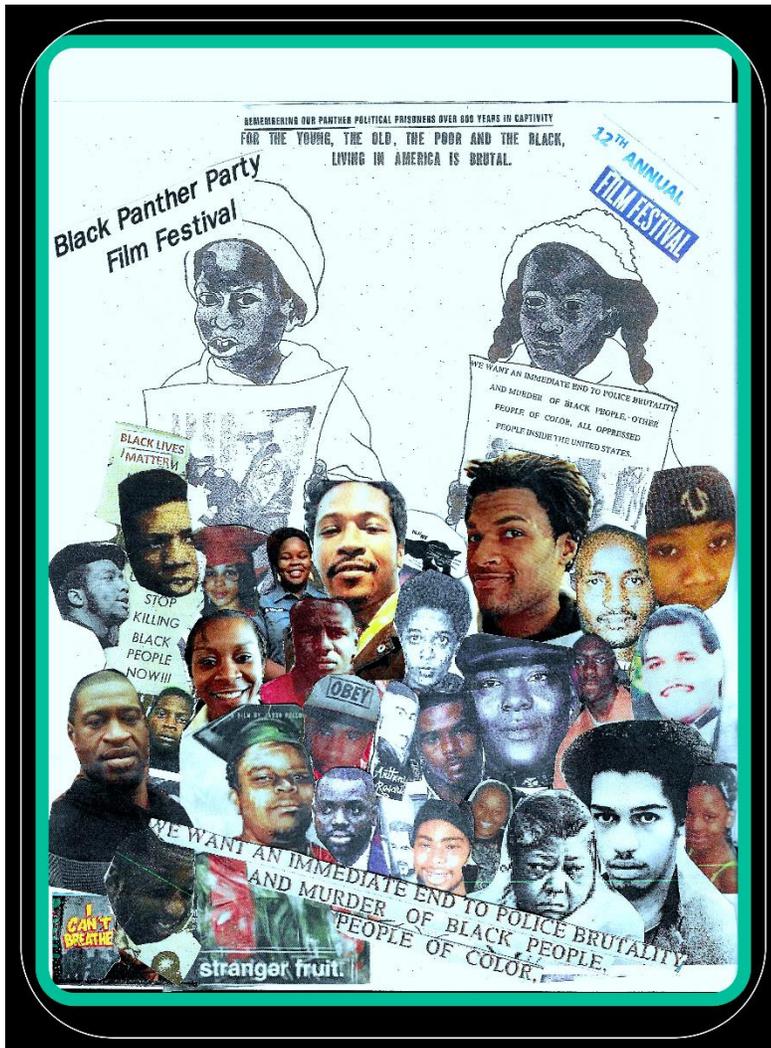
“Cruel and Unusual,” Film will be screened @ 12 annual BPP Film Fest Sept 12 (Dates in October)

“Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic the 12th annual Black Panther Party Film Festival will screen online this year. All films will be screened online@ maysles.org. We are looking for your continued support. **SAVE THE DATES OCTOBER 4th – 18th Cruel and Unusual,**” tells the story of the Angola 3, three remarkable men – Robert King, Herman Wallace, and Albert Woodfox – who as members of the Black Panthers have been fighting for justice since the early 1970s. For decades left forgotten in the depths of America’s bloodiest prison, between them the Angola 3 spent over a Century in solitary. Their struggle became an international scandal. see <http://www.angola3.org>



The purpose of our festival is to give a true education of the 60’s, The Black Panther Party, {which was destroyed by COINTELPRO}, and our Political Prisoners who have been held captive in US prisons

because of COINTELPRO. Proceeds from our festivals are used for commissary for our Political Prisoners and aid to their families when needed.



“There are 11 Veteran Panthers held captive in US prisons for decades, some in solitary confinement for 25 years and more, because of their political beliefs. Proceeds from our festivals are used for commissary and aid to their families when needed. We received a letter from one of the prisoners; he stated that the funds he received came on time as he was able to buy a pair of much-needed sneakers. We were able to supply funds for gas so an eighty-five-year-old Mother of another prisoner so she could visit her son and bring his children with her. FYI it is a six-hour drive from Brooklyn NY to the prison. We have financially supported our Panther Cubs [Children of Panthers] many are also children of our political prisoners. Then there are Families of Fallen comrades whom we also support. We appreciate your Ur Support. Theme Pt. 7 Panther Platform. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE, OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR, And All OPPRESSED PEOPLE INSIDE THE UNITED STATES. "There is an entire generation of young people who know

nothing about how viciously the FBI attacked The Black Panther Party and why." Bobby Seale https://www.pbs.org/hueypnewton/actions/actions_cointelpro.html”

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, September 15, 2020 -Call in 1 (347)857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Sept 15

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, Dolores Cox
2. Updates from the Political Prisoner Death Camps- Anne Lamb (NYC Jericho), Gil Obler (Free Mumia Coalition-NYC)
3. Sarah Adams Liberation Poetry- In remembrance of Sister Lynne”

9/26: ¡Filiberto Vive! South Bronx Freedom March for Puerto Rico! Sept 26

“In the Spirit of Filiberto Ojeda Rios and of El Grito de Lares, join us for the ¡Filiberto Vive! South Bronx Freedom March! Bring El Grito de Lares to the South Bronx! In memory of El Comandante Filiberto Ojeda Rios, let's take it the streets! South Bronx Freedom March! Saturday, September 26th, 2020 at 1pm---Meet at Hostos Community College, South Bronx

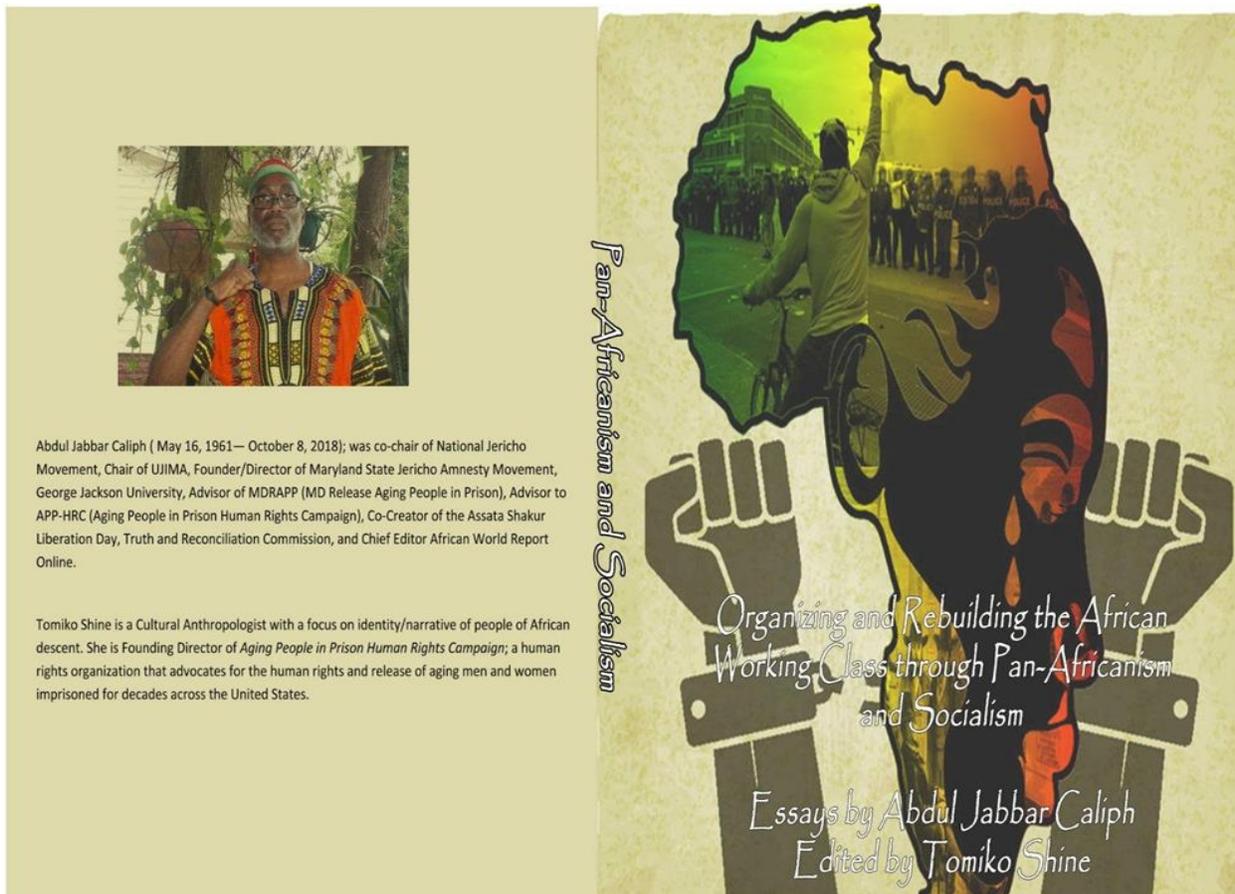
15 years ago: On Friday, September 23rd, 2005, the U.S. government assassinated El Comandante Filiberto Ojeda Rios, one of the leaders of the Revolutionary Clandestine organization known as Los

Macheteros. 152 years ago: On September 23rd, 1868 in Lares, Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rican people rose up against Spanish colonialism, chattel slavery, and declared Freedom for the Puerto Rican Nation. In the Spirit of El Grito de Lares and in loving memory of El Comandante Filiberto Ojeda Rios, join ProLibertad as we take the streets! Lares was a revolt of the people and Filiberto was a man of the people. Join us as we march through the heart of the Puerto Rican community! We will be educating, chanting, and demanding INDEPENDENCE, SELF DETERMINATION, AND LIBERATION FOR PUERTO RICO! Bring your flags, noise makers, banners, and panderetas!” The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign www.ProLibertad.org, ProLibertad@hotmail.com, Facebook.com/ProLibertadFC, Twitter: @ProLibertad, Instagram: @ProLibertadFC, ProLibertadTV/YouTube Channel, Telephone: 718-601-4751” See <https://facebook.com/events/s/filiberto-vive-south-bronx-fre/736159353597109/?ti=icl>

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News, Articles, and Updates

Face to Face with Mumia in a historic interview in 1996 Aug 14

“On March 28, 1996, Workers World Party leading members Monica Moorehead and Larry Holmes traveled to a remote rural township in central Pennsylvania to pay a visit to the dungeon within a dungeon, death row. For at least two hours, they interviewed a shackled Mumia Abu-Jamal from across

a thick glass partition. The interview was videoed by the late Key Martin, founder of the People's Video Network. The conversation took place less than a year after the state signed a death warrant for Aug. 17 — the birthday of Black Nationalist Marcus Garvey — to execute this wrongly imprisoned Philadelphia journalist, revolutionary and former Black Panther. An estimated 10,000 people held an emergency protest in the streets of Philadelphia on Aug. 12, 1995, that helped stop this legal lynching. Mumia was eventually taken off death row at Greene state prison in December 2011 thanks to the power of the people. He still remains, after 39 years, in a Pennsylvania prison fighting for his freedom." See

https://www.workers.org/2020/08/50604/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=face-to-face-with-mumia-in-a-historic-interview-in-1996

Black Agenda Report: “Black August” Honors Captives of Armed Struggle Aug 15

“Black August started in San Quentin to highlight the armed struggle,” said Jihad Abdumumit, chairperson of the Jericho Movement, which advocates for political prisoners. “These struggle in the past are reflective of the conditions that protesters in the streets are still fighting,” said Abdumumit, a former Black Panther who spent 23 years as a political prisoner.” Listen here:

<https://blackagenda.com/black-august-honors-captives-armed-struggle>

COVID-19 cases in prisons near 100,000 Aug 15

“Since March, The Marshall Project has been tracking how many people are being sickened and killed by COVID-19 in prisons and how widely it has spread across the country and within each state. Here, we will regularly update these figures counting the number of people infected and killed nationwide and in each prison system until the crisis abates. By Aug. 11, at least 95,398 people in prison had tested positive for the illness, a 10 percent increase from the week before.” See

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

ICE guards “systematically” sexually assault detainees in an El Paso detention center Aug 16

“Allegations include guards attacking victims in camera “blind spots” and telling them that “no one would believe” them in ICE detention centers, which imprison about 50,000 immigrants each year at a taxpayer expense of \$2.7 billion. Guards in an immigrant detention center in El Paso sexually assaulted and harassed inmates in a “pattern and practice” of abuse, according to a complaint filed by a Texas advocacy group urging the local district attorney and federal prosecutors to conduct a criminal investigation.” See

<https://www.propublica.org/article/ice-guards-systematically-sexually-assault-detainees-in-an-el-paso-detention-center-lawyers-say>

Confront normalization, escalate the boycott: Organizing for Palestine Aug 17

“Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network expresses its clear rejection of yet another sham of injustice, repression and capitalist exploitation, the so-called “diplomatic breakthrough” between the United States, Israel and the United Arab Emirates. In reality, this provides no peace and no justice, just a plan for continued collaboration between the forces of imperialism, Israel, Zionism and Arab reaction, along with escalated war on the Palestinian people and all people of the Arab region. We stand firmly together with the Palestinian people and all progressive and anti-imperialist forces in the region against every form of normalization with Israel, including those of the Palestinian Authority.

We also stand with equal strength and commitment with the Palestinian prisoners’ movement, which has clearly rejected normalization. The prisoners’ movement’s clear position is a compass that directs our struggle and our political commitment. The camp of aggression – imperialism, Israel, Zionism and Arab reaction – has dismantled the unity of peoples in the region and opened its people and resources for exploitation by local and global capitalist forces, to the benefit of the Zionist project and imperialism globally. The statement from the UAE, the U.S. and Israel is perhaps the clearest expression of the forces confronting the Palestinian people and all forces seeking justice and liberation

throughout the region.” <https://samidoun.net/2020/08/no-to-normalization-escalate-the-boycott-confronting-the-us-israel-uae-agreement/>

Announcing Our New Prison Abolition Wishlist Aug 17

“Thank you for your continued support of NYC Books Through Bars. While the pandemic rages on, our collective has been working on fulfilling packages again for people in prison. In the past, we have partnered with Greenlight Bookstore to help us fulfill popular requests such as Black history and activism, drawing, language learning, and more. This month, we are starting a new initiative with Greenlight to get books about prison abolition, police abolition, the history of racial capital and incarceration in the United States, and transformative justice outside of the carceral system into the hands of incarcerated people and your own. We have been heartened over the past months to see the massive surge of popular interest in the abolition of carceral systems and behaviors in America and we hope to spread resources to networks on the inside and outside.

We encourage you to buy a copy of a book about prison abolition for someone who is incarcerated through our wishlist and then buy a copy for yourself through Greenlight Bookstore’s general online purchasing system. We will match one or more of these books to someone who is incarcerated based on letters and requests we receive. We thank you in advance for your solidarity and happy reading! If you have any questions about the new initiative, please reach out to us at info@booksthroughbarsnyc.org! Sincerely, The NYC Books Through Bars Collective”

Fifty years ago an Omaha bombing that killed a policeman and divided the city still echoes

by richardsonreports Aug 17

“On August 17, 1970, at 2:07 a.m., Omaha police received a 911 emergency telephone call from a male who spoke in a deep gravelly voice that a woman was screaming at 2867 Ohio Street, a vacant house. Instead of a screaming woman, the eight officers who converged on Ohio Street only found an empty house and a suitcase inside the front doorway. Patrolman Larry Minard bent over to examine the suitcase when a tremendous, blinding flash and deafening blast shook the silent neighborhood and ripped through the walls of the vacant house. The officers in the kitchen broke down the back door in the darkness to escape choking dust and smoke.” See

<https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/08/17/fifty-years-ago-an-omaha-bombing-that-killed-a-policeman-and-divided-the-city-still-echoes/>

Policing the police in New York City-The NYPD Is Withholding Evidence From Investigations Into Police Abuse Aug 17

“The NYPD has regularly failed to turn over key records and videos to police abuse investigators at New York’s Civilian Complaint Review Board. “This just seems like contempt,” said the now-retired judge who ordered the NYPD to use body cameras. Last summer, New York City police officers drove by two friends sitting on a bench outside a Brooklyn school. The officers stopped, later telling investigators that they suspected the two — a 16-year-old and 21-year-old, both male and Black — of carrying marijuana. As the teenager ran, one of the officers grabbed the 21-year-old from behind, lifted him up and slammed him into the pavement. The officer, who was 60 pounds heavier than the young man, broke three bones in the man’s left foot, and among other injuries caused a brain bleed, leaving him hospitalized for six days.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/the-nypd-is-withholding-evidence-from-investigations-into-police-abuse>

A Buffalo Mother Turns To Mutual Aid To Support Imprisoned Women, WNYC Aug 17

“Hear RAPP’s own Donna Robinson speak about her work to support women incarcerated with her daughter at Bedford Hills. Listen here.” <https://www.wnyc.org/story/buffalo-mother-turns-mutual-aid-support-imprisoned-women/>

Civil Rights Pioneer Gloria Richardson, 91, on How Women Were Silenced at 1963 March on Washington Aug 17

“Fifty years ago this week, Martin Luther King Jr., John Lewis, A Philip Randolph, Bayard Rustin and other civil rights leaders spoke at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. But where were the female civil rights activists? At the historic march, only one woman spoke for just more than a minute - - Daisy Bates of the NAACP. Today we are joined by civil rights pioneer Gloria Richardson, the co-founder of the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee in Maryland, which fought to desegregate public institutions like schools and hospitals. While Richardson was on the program for the March on Washington, when she stood to speak she only had a chance to say hello before the microphone was seized. This is just the first part of the interview. To watch the interview in full, please visit <http://www.democracynow.org/2013/8/27> Richardson is the subject of a pending biography by Joseph R. Fitzgerald, "The Struggle is Eternal: Gloria Richardson and Black Liberation." Richardson, 91, joins us to discuss the 1963 March on Washington and the censorship of women speakers; the Cambridge Movement to desegregate Maryland; her friendship with Malcolm X; and her assessment of President Obama and the civil rights struggle today. Democracy Now! Special Page about the "March on Washington" Anniversary <http://www.democracynow.org/special/5> <http://www.democracynow.org>”

The unforgettable life of prison rebel Martin Sostre William C. Anderson - August 18

“The burden of a long sentence would be lightened by the satisfaction of knowing that the mission set out for me, that of helping my people free themselves from the oppressor, is being accomplished.
— Martin Sostre”

“Malcolm X once said, “We’ve only suffered from America’s hypocrisy ... If you go to jail, so what? If you’re black, you were born in jail.” For Black people in the United States today, this statement is still as true as it ever was. The state as prison has been the lived experience for countless Black people throughout generations, but sometimes a myriad of lives can be crystallized into a single account exposing the oppressive realities in intimate detail. The life of the great intellectual, imprisoned litigator and revolutionary organizer Martin Sostre was just that. Not enough people know Sostre today, though his impact on the prison struggle is as large as Black radicals like George Jackson, Angela Davis and Mumia Abu Jamal. Sostre passed away on August 12, 2015 — five years ago today. His story is one that demands telling, because were it not for him, the world would not be what we know now.” See <https://roarmag.org/essays/martin-sostre-prison-activist/> For more about Martin Sostre: https://search.freedomarchives.org/search.php?s=%22martin+sostre%22&no_digital=1

Immigrants being doused in toxic industrial disinfectant at Trump-funded ICE detention center over Covid, activists say Louise Boyle - August 18

“Immigrants being held at a Trump administration-funded detention facility in California are allegedly being doused with an industrial disinfectant in confined spaces in an attempt to control the spread of the coronavirus, according to activists on Thursday. Adelanto Immigrant Detention Facility, outside of Los Angeles, is reportedly spraying detainees with HDQ Neutral, a potent and potentially toxic disinfectant, which can cause severe skin burns and serious eye damage. The chemical is only supposed to be used outdoors or in well-ventilated areas while wearing protective gloves, clothing and eye and face protection, according to the manufacturer Spartan Chemical Company.” See <https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/ice-detention-immigrants-trump-california-toxic-chemicals-covid-a9668716.html>

The Marshall Project: COVID-19’s toll among people of color- COVID-19’s Toll on People of Color Is Worse Than We Knew Aug 21

“New data shows deaths from all causes—COVID and otherwise—have gone up 9 percent among White Americans, but more than 30 percent in communities of color. As many as 215,000 more people than usual died in the U.S. during the first seven months of 2020, suggesting that the number of lives

lost to the coronavirus is significantly higher than the official toll. And half the dead were people of color—Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans and, to a marked degree unrecognized until now, Asian Americans. The new figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention highlight a stark disparity: Deaths among people of color during the crisis have risen far more than they have among Whites.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/08/21/covid-19-s-toll-on-people-of-color-is-worse-than-we-knew>

'Severe inhumanity': California prisons overwhelmed by Covid outbreaks and approaching fires
August 21

“California’s raging wildfires have created a crisis at multiple state prisons, where there are reports of heavy smoke and ash making it hard to breathe, unanswered pleas for evacuation, and concerns that the fire response could lead to further Covid-19 spread. A massive fire in the Vacaville area, north of San Francisco, has rapidly spread within miles of two state prisons this week, including one that imprisons terminally ill people in hospice care and the elderly and medically vulnerable. Despite mass evacuation orders in surrounding areas authorities have resisted calls to evacuate the two adjacent prisons – California Medical Facility (CMF) and Solano state prison. In Los Angeles, a separate fire has grown near the Lancaster state prison, which has also suffered a significant Covid outbreak.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/aug/21/california-fires-prisons-covid-outbreaks>

George Jackson Radicalizes the Brothers in Soledad and San Quentin by newafrikan77 Aug 22

“After Tad Szulc's prison conversation with George Jackson in April, he submitted four additional questions to Jackson through one of the lawyers in the case. The questions were these: (1) Aren't any black people guilty of crimes in American society? (2) Aren't any of them criminals—for example, a black man who rapes or murders a black woman? (3) What about a black man who guns down a Black Panther? (4) Are you really saying that all criminals are victims of society? Here is the response that Jackson wrote in longhand on ruled, legal - size paper..” See

<https://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/2020/08/22/george-jackson-radicalizes-the-brothers-in-soledad-an-san-quentin/>

Fifty years ago FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover gave command for no report on identity of Omaha policeman’s killer in order to arrest Black Panther leaders for murder by richardsonreports Aug 22

“Fifty years ago Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover gave his written approval to keep secret the identity of an Omaha policeman's killer. Hoover was on vacation when a federal conspiracy to blame leaders of a Black Panther affiliate chapter for the death of Patrolman Larry Minard was hatched by Paul Young, the Special Agent in Charge. Hoover, in California on vacation when the Omaha bombing murder happened on August 17, 1970, gave his verbal approval to Young's plan to withhold the identity of the anonymous 911 caller who lured Minard to his death with a false report of a woman screaming in a vacant house. Young had been under secret orders from Hoover to get group leaders off the street.” See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/08/22/fifty-years-ago-fbi-director-j-edgar-hoover-gave-command-for-no-report-on-identity-of-omaha-policemans-killer-in-order-to-arrest-black-panther-leaders-for-murder/>

Prisoners at “Prison Nursing Home” Say They Can’t Access Medical Care0Governor’s Cuomo’s prison “nursing home” is essentially be used as a warehouse to send older prisoners to die.

“An 80-year-old man, suffering from osteoporosis, ordered to do manual labor. A 63-year-old with AIDS deprived of a routine blood test. A 64-year-old with chronic lung disease unable to see a doctor. These are some of the stories from men incarcerated at the Adirondack Correctional Facility, a prison in Ray Brook, New York, just south of the Canadian border. Nearly 100 inmates over the age of 60 were

hastily transferred there in June, as COVID-19 was spreading through downstate prison” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/updates-8-sept-2020.pdf>

Trans Women Who Report Abuse in Prison Are Targets of Retaliation August 23

“For trans people in the U.S., 2020 might be a record high year for fatal violence. As tens of thousands of people poured into the streets to declare #BlackTransLivesMatter in June, six Black trans women (Brayla Stone, Merci Mack, Shaki Peters, Draya McCary, Tatiana Hall and Bree Black) were found dead within a nine-day period. At the end of July, two other Black trans women (Queasha D. Hardy and Tiffany Harris) became the 20th and 21st trans women murdered this year. “If this rapid pace continues through the year, 2020 will set a record for violence against the transgender community,” wrote Devin Norelle. The killings of trans and gender nonconforming people disproportionately target Black trans women and trans women of color. In 2018, 82 percent of trans people killed were trans women of color. In 2019, 26 trans women died from fatal violence; 20 of those women were Black. A report by the Human Rights Coalition found that, of fatal violence in the trans and gender nonconforming communities between 2013 and 2018, 95 of the 128 victims identified were Black or African American and at least 103 were trans women of color.” See <https://truthout.org/articles/trans-women-who-report-abuse-in-prison-are-targets-of-retaliation/truthout.org>

"Who is Imam Jamil Al-Amin: A Case for His Innocence | ICNA CSJ" on YouTube Aug 25

A short history of his case. For more: www.icnacsj.org/imamjamil <https://youtu.be/Qy1isADRDuk>

Court rules Communities United for Police Reform may intervene in NYPD misconduct database case Aug 25

“Today, a federal court ruled that Communities United for Police Reform (CPR), represented by the Center for Constitutional Rights and the law firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, may intervene in a lawsuit brought by five New York City police unions, as well as corrections and firefighter unions, that seeks to block the City from publishing officer misconduct and discipline information and roll back the historic repeal of N.Y. Civil Rights Law § 50-a. The unions sued the City in July, after the New York State legislature repealed 50-a, a law that had shielded the records from the public, and the de Blasio administration announced plans to release a searchable NYPD misconduct database. Also last Friday, the court denied the unions’ request for a preliminary injunction blocking release of the records during the duration of the litigation.” See <https://ccrjustice.org/home/press-center/press-releases/court-rules-communities-united-police-reform-may-intervene-nypd>

LISTEN: The Legacy of Black August - Freedom Struggles from Prison Today Aug 26

“On Episode 29 of the Activist Files, communications assistant Alex Webster speaks with TRANScending Barriers executive director Zahara Green and Abolitionist Law Center executive director Robert "Saleem" Holbrook about what Black August means to them and the ways that they continue its legacy in their work. They discuss the importance of honoring the solemnity of the month, how current and former prisoners are the embodiment of Black August, and how we must take this moment to remember those freedom fighters who are still inside. They also highlight the ongoing work to challenge transphobia in both prisons and in organizing, the impact of COVID-19, and how abolition is an undertaking that requires entire social transformation.” See <https://ccrjustice.org/activist-files>

COVID-19 death toll in prisons reaches 1,000 Aug 28

“More than 108,000 prisoners have tested positive for COVID-19, an increase of five percent over last week’s tally. At least 928 prisoners and 72 prison employees across the country have died of coronavirus-related causes. Over 24,000 employees have tested positive. In collaboration with the Associated Press, here is our updated tracker.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

Real life member of the Cuban Five responds to Netflix film "The Wasp Network" Aug 29

“Red Lines host Anya Parampil speaks with René González, a member of the Cuban Five whose real life experience inspired the recent Netflix film “The Wasp Network”. They discuss his reaction to the film as well as what it was like for him to work as a Cuban agent in the 1990s monitoring right-wing terrorist networks in Miami. Anya also asks González about current US-Cuba relations.” See <https://thegrayzone.com/2020/08/29/real-life-member-of-the-wasp-network-responds-to-netflix-film/>

Fuel to the fire in Portland Aug 30

“Political violence in Oregon. Portland police have identified a man who may be linked to the shooting death of a counter protester Saturday night. The shooting, and other violent clashes, occurred after a pro-Trump “caravan” of about 600 vehicles rolled from the suburbs into the city.” See <https://www.oregonlive.com/crime/2020/08/man-under-investigation-in-fatal-shooting-after-pro-trump-rally-allegedly-took-loaded-gun-to-earlier-portland-protest.html>

Prisoners held in solitary ask full Ninth Circuit for review Aug 31

“Today, men who sued the state of California for imprisoning them in solitary confinement for over a decade asked the full Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to review a panel ruling that reversed a decision that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) had violated the terms of a settlement agreement in the case. The district court had ruled that CDCR violated the settlement when it transferred men imprisoned in Security Housing Units (SHU) for over 22 hours-per-day to units in which they receive less out-of-cell time than they did in the SHU, as well as when it deprived certain people any social interaction with other prisoners. But a three-judge appellate panel reversed that decision. The petition filed today requests that the full Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hear the appeal.” See <https://ccrjustice.org/home/press-center/press-releases/prisoners-who-continue-be-held-solitary-ask-full-ninth-circuit>

White Capitalist Law vs “Uncontrollable Blackness” / The Black Geography of HIV-AIDS / Biography of a Largely Forgotten Aug 31

“The United States “criminalizes Black Americans,” but Black men “are not looking to be controlled” by this racist system, said Douglas Flowe, an historian at Washington University, in St. Louis, and author of the book, “Uncontrollable Blackness: African American Men and Criminality in Jim Crow New York.” Dr Flowe wants his audience to “understand what it is that might exist in American society that might render illegality into a form of resistance when the law, itself, is stacked against you.” **The Black Geography of HIV-AIDS:** When HIV-AIDS struck in Philadelphia, mostly white organizations and epidemiologists “were blinded to the kind of locations and geography” where the contagion might be centered in the Black community, said JT Roane, a Fellow at the Schomburg Research Center. “They all but ignored Black communities and Black queer bars” in placing AIDS awareness information. Dr Roane has written a book on the subject and is author of the article, “Black Harm Reduction Politics in the Early Philadelphia Epidemic.” See <https://www.blackagenda-report.com/black-agenda-radio-week-august-31-2020>

Mumia's Quest for Freedom: PA Supreme Court will Rule Soon Aug 31

“The ruling from the PA Supreme Court on the King's Bench petition could come down at any time. Join our email listserve for breaking news reports <https://www.prisonradio.org/about> . Whether the petition is granted or not — whether the prosecution is led by Krasner or Josh Shapiiro from the PA Attorney General's office — the new evidentiary hearing and the new trial will not be a cakewalk. Krasner upheld his oath by releasing suppressed evidence, but he's still fighting to uphold all of Philly's old corrupt convictions. It's likely the documents Krasner asked the Supreme Court to put under seal are a pledge that he will work to maintain Mumia's conviction.” See <https://www.prisonradio.org/media/audio/mumia/pa-supreme-court-126-mumia-abu-jamal>

The movement against police violence in the United States resonates with the release of Mumia Bhavi Mandalia with Johanna Fernandez - September 1

“What state of health is Mumia in with the Covid-19 pandemic hitting the United States hard? Johanna Fernandez American prisons are overcrowded and there is no possibility of social distancing within them. The Covid-19 therefore represents a deadly threat for all prisoners, in particular prisoners over 50 years of age with poor health conditions, as is the case for Mumia Abu-Jamal. The prison’s inability to treat his hepatitis C in a timely manner, three years ago, permanently weakened his state of health. Medical examinations determined he had liver damage. Although this damage is latent at the moment, he is among the prisoners who run serious risks if they contract the Covid. Despite these circumstances, Mumia is doing well. As always, he spends his days reading and writing.” See <https://pledgetimes.com/the-movement-against-police-violence-in-the-united-states-resonates-with-the-release-of-mumia/>

BOP starting visits in October Sept 2

“The federal Bureau of Prisons will begin allowing inmates to have visitors again in October, almost seven months after visits were suspended at the 122 federal prisons across the U.S. Balsamo and The visitation plan —detailed in a memo to senior bureau officials on Monday —instructed wardens to “immediately begin developing local procedures to reinstate social visiting.” Social visiting is scheduled to begin no later than Oct. 3, though physical contact will be prohibited, according to the memo. Inmates and visitors would be required to wear face coverings and visitors would have their temperatures taken and would be questioned about whether they have shown any coronavirus-related symptoms. The Bureau of Prisons had suspended all visitation in March as part of its coronavirus response plan. For months, the agency has struggled with a ballooning number of coronavirus cases among inmates” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/updates-8-sept-2020.pdf>

After 18 Years in Detention, Dawwoud Alkhateeb Latest Palestinian Prisoner to Die in Israeli Prisons September 2

“A Palestinian prisoner, Daud Al-Khateeb, 45, died in Ofer prison today only four months before completing his 18-year prison sentence. Al-Khateeb died as a result of what Palestinian rights activists describe as medical negligence by Israeli prison authorities. Medical negligence is one of the main causes of death of Palestinian prisoners inside Israeli jails. Al-Khateeb was detained by Israeli occupation forces in 2001 and was sentenced to 18 years in prison as a punishment for committing resistance acts against the Israeli occupation. Throughout the years, Palestinian prisoners carried major strikes in Israeli prisons protesting mistreatment and other horrific prison conditions. “Ramzy Baroud’s book of Palestinian prisoners’ stories is a remarkable work. With each story, there is a roll-call of... Posted by These Chains Will Be Broken by Ramzy Baroud on Monday, August 31, 2020. The last Palestinian prisoner to die from medical negligence was Saadi Al-Gharably, 75, who died at Assaf Harofeh medical center on July 6.” See <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/after-18-years-in-detention-dawwoud-alkhateeb-latest-palestinian-prisoner-to-die-in-israeli-prisons/>

A State-by-State Look at Coronavirus in Prisons Sept 4

“Over 115,000 COVID-19 cases inside America’s prisons after another 7 percent increase over the past week. At least 973 prisoners, and at least 74 employees, have died of COVID-19-related causes. 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>

Breaking News: Prominent Palestinian Astrophysicist set to administrative detention! Sept 4

“Our colleague Dr. Imad Barghouthi, Professor of Physics at Al-Quds University, who was scheduled to be released on bail within 48 hours, by an order of an Israeli military commander in the West Bank will remain under administrative detention until November 15th. Prof. Barghouthi was first arrested on

July 16th at an Israeli check-point, then held without charges for over two weeks and then finally charged in relation to his Facebook activity. After thousands of scholars worldwide demanded Prof. Barghouthi to be freed from prison, his lawyer successfully argued for his release on bail which on September 2nd was granted by the judge on his case. But just when our hopes rose that Prof. Barghouthi could be freed, reunited with his family and restart his activity as a researcher and mentor of his many students, an Israeli military order was used to override the decision of the judge, indefinitely continuing the unlawful imprisonment of Prof. Barghouthi” See <http://www.scientists4palestine.com/breaking-news-prominent-palestinian-astrophysicist-set-to-administrative-detention/>

Fifty years ago an Omaha prosecutor told confessed bomber Duane Peak that truth did not matter in policeman’s murder by richardsonreports Sept 5

“Deputy Douglas County Attorney Arthur O’Leary was the lead prosecutor in the Larry Minard murder trial. Minard, an Omaha policeman, was killed in an ambush bombing on August 17, 1970, at a vacant house on the Near-Northside. Two Black Panther leaders, Edward Poindexter and David Rice, were convicted in April 1971 for the crime following a controversial trial. On August 28, 1970, Omaha police arrested sixteen year-old Duane Peak for the murder. Peak underwent a week-long interrogation of multiple sessions before he finally implicated Poindexter and Rice. The interrogations began at police headquarters by two black patrolmen known to Peak. The last interrogation, a week later by white detectives, was at the Dodge County Jail in Fremont, Nebraska where Peak was being held.” See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/09/05/fifty-years-ago-an-omaha-prosecutor-told-confessed-bomber-duane-peak-that-truth-did-not-matter-in-policemans-murder/>

The US Has Long Led the Assault on Human Rights Sept 5

“The historical record on U.S. human rights policies, both domestic and international, is one of hypocrisy, deceit, and denigration. “Europeans on both sides of the Atlantic reconciled slavery with human rights by declaring non-whites non-human.” The idea of human rights is premised on the position that human beings come into society with the expectation that the society they are born into will recognize their inherent dignity. That assumption is supposed to be reflected in social relations, laws and practices that allow for the individual to realize their inherent dignity. This understanding was the foundation for the liberal conception of individual human rights which emerged as part of the ideological weaponry of the rising bourgeoisie in Europe and in its colonies in the 18th century.” See <https://www.blackagenda.com/us-has-long-led-assault-human-rights>

With Over 115,000 Confirmed Cases, Incarcerated People Are Challenging Deadly Pandemic Conditions in Prisons Sept 6

“On April 10, Esther Arias made a video call to her son and asked him to stream the call on Facebook Live. Arias wanted the larger public to know about how the federal prison in Danbury, Connecticut, was handling COVID. One woman, she said, had tested positive three times — but remained in the housing unit. Four other women had been placed in quarantine, then onto her housing unit, she said. In March, Attorney General William Barr had ordered the Bureau of Prisons, which operates the federal prison system, to expand the early release of prisoners classified as low-risk to home confinement. But, Arias told her son, Danbury officials were “only picking the inmates that already have a [release] date.” That left herself and many other women, all of whom had already been classified as low-risk for recidivism, stuck in crowded dorms desperately hoping to avoid contracting COVID. They began asking their families to call Barr’s office and demand their loved ones’ release.” See truthout.org

Over a Dozen Black and Latino Men Accused a Cop of Humiliating, Invasive Strip Searches. The NYPD Kept Promoting Him. Sept 10

“The men said Assistant Chief Christopher McCormack touched them inappropriately during searches or ordered others to do so. Eighty-six NYPD leaders have at least one credible misconduct allegation on file. McCormack has the most.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/over-a-dozen-black-and-latino-men-accused-a-cop-of-humiliating-invasive-strip-searches-the-nypd-kept-promoting-him>

DAPL: Welcome home, Red Fawn! Sept 10



“Red Fawn Fallis is free! Last night, I and a few others joyfully met her at the airport in Bismarck to welcome her home. Over the past four years spent in prison, Red Fawn made a great sacrifice for all of us. Red Fawn was the person incarcerated the longest after our NoDAPL stand. She didn’t deserve that. A well-loved Oglala activist, she served as a medic at our Oceti Sakowin protest camp before being targeted by intelligence operatives and falsely imprisoned. As with Chase Iron Eyes, Red Fawn was singled out by law enforcement at

Standing Rock — and, sadly, she wound up bearing the brunt of police and state anger over our resistance. Of course, we know the real criminals are the oil companies and those in government and law enforcement who aid and abet their destruction of Mother Earth.

I am, and have always been, proud to stand at Red Fawn’s side. Though she’s now back with her community, this cannot be called justice. While she spent years behind bars, DAPL has operated without adequate environmental review. Always, the benefit of the doubt goes to white men and their industry, never to Native people who stand to protect the natural world. If we stop fighting, that pattern will never change. We must continue to protect our water, our sacred lands, and our future.

For those who continue to resist, we will be there with you and have your back. For example, we stand in solidarity with a civil lawsuit — Thunder Hawk vs. Morton County — to protect our freedom of speech at Standing Rock. We’ll also continue telling the real and full story of our resistance. Right now, our digital media team is teaching a class at Loyola University in Chicago. Each of the 25 students is helping us prepare content for our DAPL Archive, which will ultimately be the most comprehensive storehouse of DAPL-related footage available to the general public, anywhere.

We remain ever grateful to you for your support. Together, we’re creating a repository of information useful to resisters of every stripe: educators, journalists, attorneys, anyone who wants to apply the lessons of the recent past to what comes next. What comes next for Red Fawn is re-entry in our culture after nearly four lost years. We intend to do everything we can to support her, love her, and honor the sacrifice she has made for all of us. We know you are in this fight with us. Please join us in welcoming our sister back by resolving to keep your heart open and your commitment to justice firm.

Wopila tanka — Thank you, always, for standing with Standing Rock.

Phyllis Young, Standing Rock Organizer, The Lakota People’s Law Project”

“Free Red Fawn Video-Red Fawn is free! Our friends at Teton Productions made this powerful video in support of this Oglala water protector and camp medic after she’d been jailed during DAPL protests at Standing Rock. See the video “ <https://www.lakotalaw.org/resources/free-red-fawn> ” *** (Photo Credit:

Email: Red Fawn Fallis (left), Arrow Banks (center), and me in Bismarck after Red Fawn’s release-photo 9/9/20”)

The Leonard Peltier Podcast Sept 11

“Leonard Peltier Podcast <http://leonard.buzzsprout.com/> -recently Connie Nelson is in Episode 6.. Connie gives a sympathetic in-depth experience while visiting Leonard. You see it is a hardship for both the visitor and the visited. She has known Leonard since 1987, when she helped with a concert featuring Willie Nelson. Listen closely to her interview as she shares this very personal experience. The Dana McLendon Podcast on Spotify Dan McLendon Podcast Episode 15, featuring an interview with Judge Kevin Sharp by an attorney who knew Judge Sharp while at Vanderbilt 30 years ago. He has now covered the Peltier case in a unique documentary style podcast covering four episodes.”

Leonard Peltier ILPDC Store Sept 11

“The ILPDC store is excited to offer six new linen 11X14 Prints of some of Leonard’s most popular paintings for just \$45, at <https://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info/product/11x14-linen-prints/> You can support Leonard’s legal defense and own a beautiful linen print, order one soon before they are all gone.”

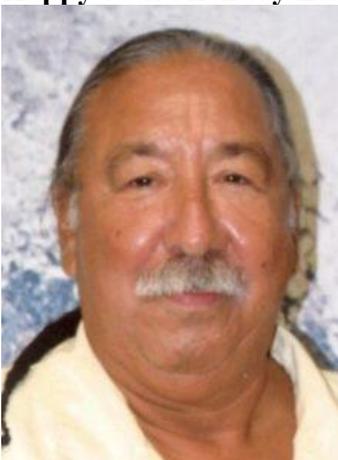
Oregon fires: evacuated prisoners sleep on floor in packed Covid-19 hotspot Sept 10

“Authorities admit the cramped conditions at the Oregon state penitentiary in Salem could further spread virus. Unprecedented wildfires and rushed evacuations in Oregon have wreaked havoc on the state’s incarcerated population, with thousands now packed into a single overcrowded prison that was already a major Covid-19 hotspot. A destructive and rapidly spreading fire in Marion county prompted the state to evacuate three prisons on Tuesday, transferring 1,450 people to the Oregon state penitentiary (OSP) in Salem. Evacuees are sleeping on the floor and on emergency beds throughout OSP, including in indoor recreational areas, program rooms and other facilities not typically used for housing.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/sep/10/oregon-fires-prisoners-evacuated-covid-19>

COVID threatens many N.Y. prisoners; why won’t Cuomo grant more clemency? Sept 12

“Read the article below and **then join the March for the Dead, Sun. evening, Sept. 20**, in Manhattan, sponsored by a broad coalition with a long list of COVID-19 survival/justice demands, including this one: Release incarcerated people and detained immigrants, all at greater risk for COVID. Do not leave them to die. Stop deporting COVID-19 sufferers. Details: <https://www.marchforthedeath.org/>
<https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-the-covid-crisis-in-our-prisons-20200912-bnltorrg5rejxezha3fpsak7eu-story.html>”

Happy 76th birthday Leonard Peltier!!! Sept 12



Write:

Leonard Peltier #89637-132, USP Coleman I

PO BOX1033, Coleman, FL 33521

(USP Coleman does not allow greeting cards. You must write on regular white paper and white envelopes)

“Native American activist Leonard Peltier has spent over 40 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Prosecutors and federal agents manufactured evidence against him (including the so-called “murder weapon”); hid proof of his innocence; presented false testimony obtained through torturous interrogation techniques; ignored court orders; and lied to the jury. People are commonly set free due to a single constitutional violation, but Peltier—innocent and faced with a staggering number of constitutional violations—has yet to receive equal justice.

<https://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info/> <https://www.facebook.com/PeltierHQ/>

<https://twitter.com/PeltierHQ>

Podcast

In 1977, Native American activist Leonard Peltier was sentenced to consecutive life terms for killing two FBI agents. Then in 2000, a Freedom of Information Act disclosure proved the Feds had framed him. But Leonard's still in prison. This is the story of what happened on the Pine Ridge Reservation half a century ago—and the man who's still behind bars for a crime he didn't.

commit.” <http://leonard.buzzsprout.com> <https://www.facebook.com/leonardpodcast/>

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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:

Jihad Abdulmumit

Outreach Committee Representative

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<https://spiritofmandela.org/>

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Mutulu Shakur asserted the need for a U.S. process of truth and reconciliation, and many have begun to discuss and implement grassroots forum for truth-telling, where witnesses listen and reflect

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

Jericho meets virtually to work on the campaign "In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela/I.T. 2021". Due to Covid19, we are restructuring our meetings to online. For future meeting contact nycjericho@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved. We invite you to support this initiative. **Everyone is encouraged to check out the website** <http://spiritofmandela.org>

As we continue to launch the In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela, Bring Back the International Jurists Campaign, we are providing links to some important documents. One of these is the United Nations Mandela Rules, unanimously passed by the Security Counsel in December of 2015. Another important document is Jalil Muntaqim's essay regarding the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the International Jurists. **[Click here to read the Report of the International Jurists—Visit with Human Rights Petitioners in the United States, August 3-20, 1979.](#)**

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

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

“Greetings of Peace!

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

The IN THE SPIRIT OF NELSON MANDELA COALITION invites you to join our campaign to develop an International Coalition to acknowledge, recognize and push for the release of US held Political Prisoners. The conditions under which US political prisoners are forced to live, and the length of their sentences violates international law and the UN Nelson Mandela Rules. In December 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted its landmark resolution 70/175 entitled “United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules)” (<https://www.penalreform.org/priorities/prison-conditions/standard-minimum-rules/>). These Rules condemn the United States’ policies and practices of punitive solitary confinement, medical neglect and long-term solitary confinement. This particular international initiative stems from a call from Political Prisoner and co-founder of the National Jericho Movement to Free All Political Prisoners, Jalil Abdul Muntaqim. Although efforts to present our issues in the international arena certainly aren’t new—

Malcolm X urged such in the 1960s—this Initiative begins with a much-needed renewed energy, focus and commitment.

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

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

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

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

Your input is valued at any level.

In solidarity,

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



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

Moving Forward

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

towards a better future for all, **not just some**-and to use the power of unified numbers to stand as strong as a spider web against those who have chosen a destructive path to abolish human rights.

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

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

Gratitude and Appreciation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Free all Political Prisoners!

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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