

## The Dragons Fire



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

**Ho Chi Minh**

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### **Revolutionary Greetings,**

Welcome to our National Jericho Movement Newsletter. Thank you to all of our members and affiliations who contribute critical information regarding our Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War as well as updates on activities, events and actions. Moving forward, we stand in fierce determination and solidarity to free our remaining Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War still languishing behind the dungeon walls. Much work has been done by Jericho and other organizations, and there is still much more work to do. With 20 years behind us and much work ahead, Jericho is growing and is taking on new projects and missions. Our shared vision is that we will reach a time in this country (and others) wherein there will be no more Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War. We envision the day when they **all** will walk free and into their family's arms-who have been waiting for decades. We hope you join us in making this a reality.

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

**Kojo Bomani Sababu**

## **Jericho Movement's Current Work and Progress**

Jericho actively maintains direct connections with our Political Prisoners by visiting or writing them monthly. We also maintain contact with and assist their families. We monitor health & legal status and provide support and intervention. We hold political education classes, table at events, travel to give presentations, interviews and speak on radio shows.

We are actively involved in collaborating with and supporting other organizations and events which are in alignment with our missions and values to break down walls of injustice, racism, oppression and Free our Political Prisoners. Jericho meetings and teleconferences occur during the month nationwide.

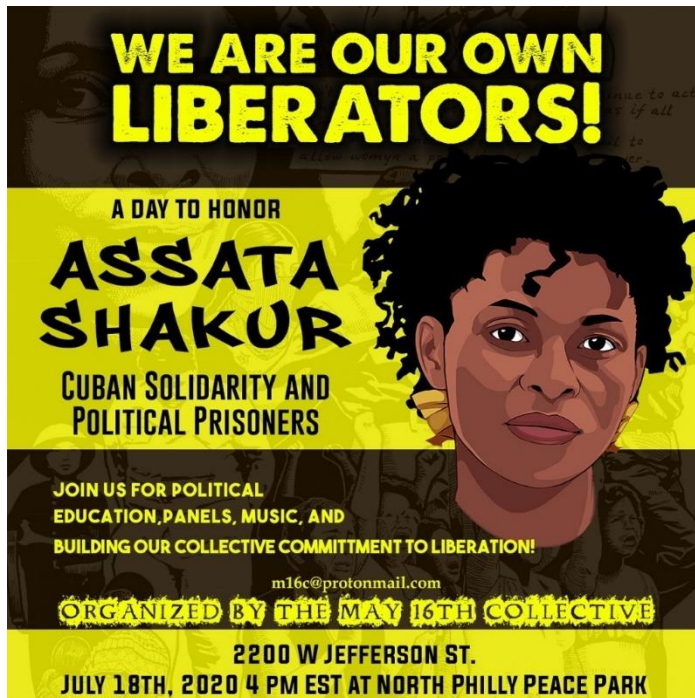
We are currently focusing on the campaign “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela”, raising funds to support our PP’s financially, and addressing health and legal issues. We are actively involved in the Covid-19 prison crisis and are attending numerous online meetings, calls to action, as well as strategizing on gaining the release of our Political Prisoners. In addition to our new NC Jericho Chapter, we are happy to announce our new PA Jericho Chapter! We are planning to add a section to our newsletter (or an addendum) which will contain interviews with Jericho members and other comrades and affiliates. Our first interview session will be with PA Jericho Chapter! Stay tuned!

## **Jericho Highlights and Tributes**

### **REPORT BACK ON PHILLY JERICHO MEETING July 18**

Philadelphia Jericho called a meeting with Sister Pam Africa, Razakhan Shaheed, Noelle Hanrahan, and myself. We discussed:

- the development of Philadelphia Jericho which brings with it the rich cultural, political, resourceful, respected, seasoned and powerful persons of Saleem, Mike and Ghani;
- the need and some strategies on fusing the call to free all Political Prisoners into the essence of the Black Lives Matter movement. Philly Jericho spoke on the Political Prisoners in Pennsylvania, including Russell Maroon Shoats, Joseph "Joe Joe" Bowen, Fred Muhammad Burton, and Mumia Abu Jamal and their critical need for support;
- that Jericho facilitates and enhances the efforts of its Chapters, individual members, allies and supporters to use their local resources and creativity to educate, organize and champion the cases of freedom fighters in prison; and
- the use of social media to educate, organize and incorporate the call to free Political Prisoners.



Afterwards, we went to meet a beautiful brother named Tommy Joshua, one of the key organizers of the North (and West) Philly Peace Park - a four cornered block area taken over by the community. Ghani Banga set up an information table selling BLM workbooks for children (all of us really) and Maroon Comix to raise funds for PP work. He also had a sign up sheet for those interested in Jericho. Eleven people signed and expressed interest in learning more about Jericho. The atmosphere was completely peaceful and you could feel the unity in the air. The outdoor program was in honor of Comrade Sister Assata Shakur. I was invited to speak and in so doing took the opportunity to connect Sister Assata's rich history in the Panthers with the model example

of the Peace Park, viz. addressing the issue of self-determination and providing food, education, and opportunities for the people to own and control their own community and lives. I also pointed out that any movement for liberation MUST have at the top of their priorities the demand to free all Political Prisoners. From there, my son and I were provided the comfortable accommodations of a hotel room.



On Sunday, Abdurrahman and I joined Comrade Mike Africa, Jr. Pam Africa, and Razakhan at a demonstration on 59th Street in front of ex-Mayor Wilson Goode's house. Goode had the arrogant audacity and blatant effrontery to have the block on which he lived named after him. Here we met another strong brother and

organizer by the name of Gabe Bryant. We will hear more from this brother later! The demonstrators protested in front of Wilson Goode's house. It was powerful. A sister who lived in the neighborhood spoke and revealed that not only did City Hall authorize the renaming of the block/street, but it was done without ever consulting or notifying the neighbors who lived there. And, mind you, this also by a person who ordered, sanctioned, authorized the 1985 bombing of a MOVE home, killing 11 sisters and brothers, five of whom were children, and incinerating an entire city block with all the residents being displaced and losing their homes and personal belongings! We then walked several blocks over and posted up in front of the Black City Councilman who conspired with Goode to have this done. The demand was to take the name down! Comrade Mike also added that he had spoken to Mumia Abu

Jamal's son and found out the address where Mumia was raised and declared that we demand that that street be renamed Mumia Abu Jamal Way!!!! I forgot what Mike said the name of that street was, but



we will be sure to find out. Mike pointed out in his presentation that many may think changing street names and taking down monuments may be only symbolic and not dealing with the issues of police violence, etc. He made it clear that these symbols are violence also - mental and psychological violence - the type of violence that has Black people submissive, ignorant to our own history and strength, and betraying and killing each other for centuries!

Tommy Joshua, Saleem Holbrook, Jihad, and Ghani Banga

**Philly Links:** <https://www.cultureworkspbila.org/stories/north-philly-peace-park>

**Ghani Banga:** <https://popula.com/2020/02/12/we-will-walk-with-you-and-sing-your-spirit-home/>  
<https://youtu.be/LTOi487aIZU>

In Solidarity,  
 Jihad Abdulmumit

## Chairman's Corner

No Reports this Month



**Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War**

## Medical Updates

No Updates at this Time

## Legal Updates

**Jalil Muntaqim:** Jalil has another court date: “**Tuesday, August 4 at 1pm EST**, the Art 78 challenging Jalil's latest parole denial will be heard via skype. The case is in front of the same Judge, J. Schick, who granted our writ earlier this year, not that we should get our hopes up too high given the unfavorable legal standard involved. Still sorting out with Jalil's attorney, what is the best way for us all to show our support, here is the link so we can pack the virtual court!” Join online meeting <https://meet.lync.com/nycourts/3jdvcsulsup/7HKP1160> Join by Phone+1 347-378-4143,,771122806# (Dial-in Number) English (United States) (833) 262-7886, 771122806# (Dial-in Number) English (United States) Find a local number Conference ID: 771122806

**REPORT BACK:** “Oral arguments were held today regarding Jalil Muntaqim's Article 78 appeal of last year's parole hearing in Sullivan County Supreme Court with Judge Schick presiding. Judge Schick previously made a decision favorable to Jalil when he ordered him temporarily released under DOCCS supervision due to the high probability Jalil would contract Covid. While Attorney General Letitia James' appeal was pending, Jalil did contract the virus, and was hospitalized at Albany Medical Center. Unfortunately, the Appellate Division Third Department overturned Judge Schick's excellent decision. Thanks to excellent advocacy by attorney Kathy Manley, the de novo hearing will be held on the date of Jalil's regularly scheduled parole hearing in September. If the outcome of the de novo hearing is negative, the scheduled parole hearing will be held in November 2020. One of the many noteworthy quotes from Judge Schick:

“I believe this court and the parole board must follow the law of the land.”

Please check <https://jerichony.org/> for actions you can take for Jalil regarding his Commutation of Sentence Campaign to Gov. Cuomo.

Please also sign the petition: <https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/support-medical-parole-and-commutation-for-jalil-muntaqim>

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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ANTHONY JALIL BOTTOM, 77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, New York 12733-0115.

For more information concerning Jalil's case, check <https://thejerichomovement.com/> If you have not yet signed the community letter in support of Jalil's release, you can do so at the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfx2CRPV1KMqGJkekATCese8Wlz\\_UQPxZl6pwh7IWEo-2Mlw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfx2CRPV1KMqGJkekATCese8Wlz_UQPxZl6pwh7IWEo-2Mlw/viewform)

**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.

**Jeremy Hammond:** Jeremy has been moved:

Please write him at:

Jeremy Hammond #18729-424

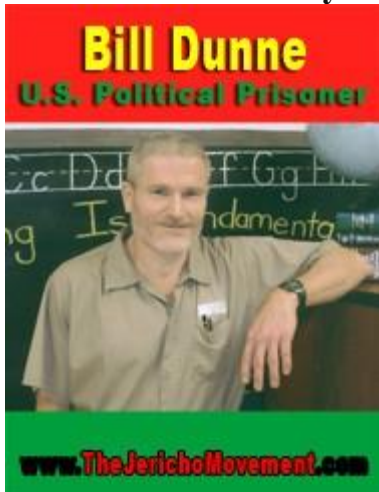
FCI Memphis, Post Office Box 34550

Memphis, Tennessee 38184

## Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

### *August Birthdays!*

#### **Bill Dunne: Birthday: August 3**



Class War Prisoner

Contact Information/Prison Address

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

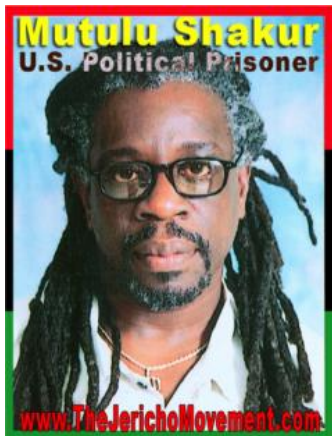
Adelanto, CA 92301 United States

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

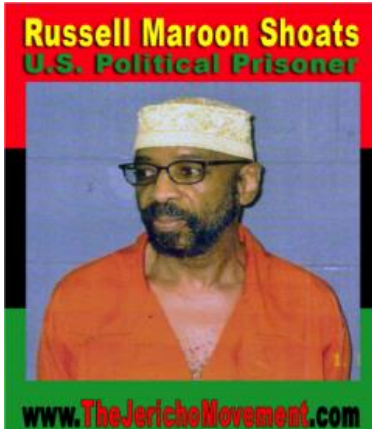
\*Address envelope to Beaumont Gereau #5161331

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

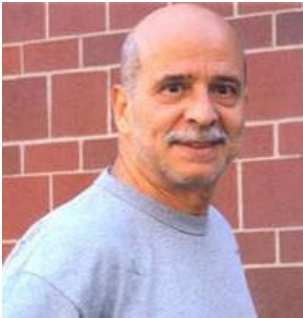
Contact Information/Prison Address

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

## *July Birthdays!*

### **Simon Trinidad- Birthday: July 30th**



#### Contact Information/Prison Address

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

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



*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**

### **Running Down the Walls 2020** by Jaan Laaman

“A loud revolutionary shout-out, to all the runners, joggers, walkers, and others coming together this September 6th, for Running Down the Walls 2020. In the midst of this deadly COVID pandemic and the even more deadly centuries-long racist pandemic, we need to come together across the country and on both sides of the walls, this year more than ever.

I believe this is the 21st Running Down the Walls. In 1999, we had a real good solidarity run in Leavenworth and lots of political prisoners and prisoners overall, have been running down the walls in prison yards, control units, and other seg cells ever since.

Here in USP McCreary and throughout the federal BOP prisons, we have been on a pandemic lockdown since March. Hard to say if yards will be open by September. If they are, I along with other conscious-minded convicts will be joining everyone else- outside and in, on September 6th. If I am still locked down, I will join you all in my cell, throwing hard, high and fast kicks for 45 minutes straight! Well, haha, probably with a few breaths in between, but I will be with you all, in strong spirit and focused activity.

OK, let’s kick it off- get to running. Let me finish by telling you about this button I used to always wear when I was a student in 1968- “Less talk, More action, SMASH RACISM”.”

BLM, Jaan Laaman, Ohio 7 political prisoner

Jaan Laaman #10372-016

USP McCreary, PO Box 3000, Pine Knot, KY 42635

### **Recorded Message from Imam Jamil!** July 17

“Imam Jamil recorded a Message for his supporters, Click The Link to hear it!” See

<https://www.change.org/p/fulton-county-district-attorney-paul-howard-new-trial-for-imam-jamil-al-amin-fka-h-rap-brown/u/27315106>

**Community Calls for Action**

## Demand Freedom for Ed Poindexter



### Ed's Story

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

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

### Take Action Now

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

**Governor Pete Ricketts**  
P.O. Box 94848  
Lincoln, NE 68509  
402-471-2244  
[ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov](mailto:ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov)

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

**Secretary of State Robert B. Evtan**  
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

[freedomfored@gmail.com](mailto:freedomfored@gmail.com)

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

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

### Please support these recently released Political Prisoners!

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

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

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

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

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

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

“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

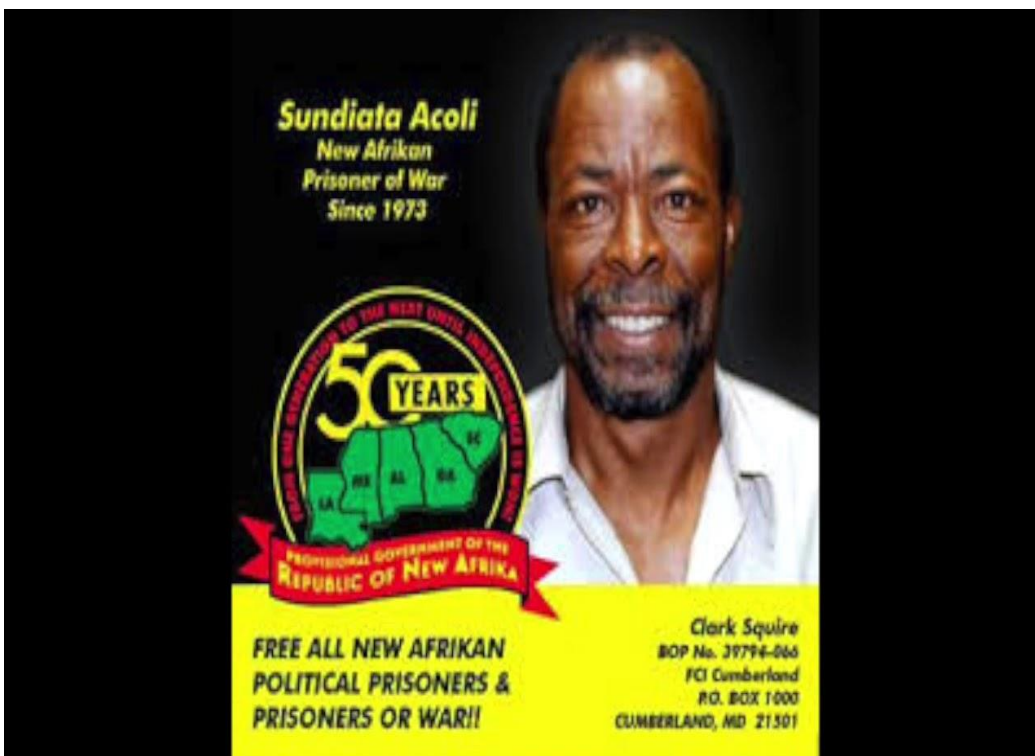


to this one has been truly overwhelming and we would be remiss if we didn't show our appreciation so again, shukran/thank you and insha Allah our efforts will not be in vain this time. For 20 years we've pointed out all of the discrepancies and poked all of the holes in this case to no avail but Allah 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**



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

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

#### **FREE SUNDIATA ACOLI**

Please give generously to ensure that lack of funds does not contribute to any delay in pursuing freedom for Sundiata, who is 83 years old and has been in prison for 47 years. Sundiata deeply appreciates the support, and commitment to getting him released. Much thanks in advance, on his

behalf. How we can help FREE SUNDIATA ACOLI: Make checks or money orders payable to Sundiata Acoli Freedom Campaign (or SAFC). Mail them to: Florence Morgan, 147-25 Northern Blvd. #5Q, Flushing, New York 11354. Or, if paying via Pay Pal, use this email: SAFC766@gmail.com. And use this link to pay using the “pay with debit or credit card” option: [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=DVMHWEW8D7SWW&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=DVMHWEW8D7SWW&source=url). Be safe, healthy, and be encouraged. Attorney Florence Morgan can be reached at [flomorgan@nyc.rr.com](mailto:flomorgan@nyc.rr.com). Editor’s note: In addition to your monetary donation, send our brother some love and light: Sundiata Acoli (Squire), 39794-066, FCI Cumberland. P.O. Box 1000, Cumberland MD 21501.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2020/05/fundraiser-to-free-political-prisoner-sundiata-acoli-83-from-47-years-in-prison/>

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

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

We are reaching out to those that have been amplifying our voices in these state, federal, or immigration jails and prisons, and to allies that uplifted the national prison strike demands in 2018. We call on you again to organize the communities from August 21st - September 9th, 2020, by hosting actions, events, and demonstrations that call for prisoner human rights and the end to prison slavery. We must remind the people and legal powers in this nation that prisoners' human rights are a priority. If we aren't moving forward, we're moving backward. For those of us in chains, backward is not an option. We have nothing to lose but our chains. We rage with George Jackson's "Blood in my eyes" and move in the spirit of the Attica Rebellion! **August 21st - September 9th, 2020** AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANIZE Dare to struggle, Dare to win! We are--"Jailhouse Lawyers Speak" NLG EMAIL CONTACT FOR LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL LAW PROJECT: [micjlsnlg@gmail.com](mailto:micjlsnlg@gmail.com) PRISON STRIKE DEMANDS” For full article & actions see: <https://jailhouselawyerspeak.wordpress.com/2020/02/11/prisoners-national-demands-for-human-rights/>

### **Petition: Return the Black Hills now! July 23**

“Less than one month ago, we marked the 40-year anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision awarding more than \$100,000 million to the Great Sioux Nation as compensation for the federal government’s taking of the Black Hills. Just a few days later, President Trump’s visit to Mount Rushmore highlighted why we have never accepted that payment. No amount of money could possibly alleviate the pain we feel at the repeated desecration of one of our most sacred sites. True justice can only be accomplished one way: the return of the Black Hills to the Lakota people. We’ve recently seen how people power can tear down monuments of hate and influence public policy — and we’ve also seen the backlash. I ask you today to watch the video of our protest action against Trump’s visit, and sign our Congressional petition to return the Black Hills to the Lakota people. If ever a moment existed when these wrongs could begin to be righted, this is it. Speaking together with one voice, let’s get lawmakers to abide by treaty law and return this sacred land to my people.” See <https://www.lakotalaw.org/our-actions/land-back-2020>

### **Fri. July 24 National Day of Action: Defend Portland! Defend People's Resistance! \*Union Sq, NYC 6pm July 24**

“Hands Off Portland! Support Portland’s Fightback Movement! Federal Troops OUT of Our Cities! No Police State! Abolish Department of Homeland Security! Defend People’s Resistance! Despite the brutal attempt of the White House to crush the heroic Black Lives Matter movement by sending camouflaged federal agents – secret police – to Portland, Chicago

and other U.S. cities, the movement and all who support it have been fighting back. The initial response to the threat of a police state – when mothers and working and oppressed people in general put their bodies on the line in Portland – is the best news possible. Millions of people understand that the young people of color, LGBTQ2+ people and the most militant forces in the streets with the Black Lives Matter movement have accomplished more in two months than decades of electoral campaigns in dismantling institutional racism.” List an action or endorse See

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScg1BdcZO9E1xvnHrn2FSz1VsBtwO2bQRw-foQ9ogDe0qCKQw/viewform>

**.Call to Action: Stand with Puerto Rico! July 25**

# USA OUT OF PUERTO RICO!

## JOIN US AS WE DENOUNCE 122 YEARS OF U.S. COLONIALISM!



FIGHTING FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE IS NOT A CRIME!

RAFAEL CANCEL MIRANDA

### EL BARRIO FREEDOM MARCH!

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

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

122 years of Exploitation!  
122 years of Repression and Oppression!  
122 years of U.S. White Supremacy and Racism!

**122 years of RESISTANCE AND REBELLION!**

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

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

WEAR YOUR MASKS AND GLOVES!  
BRING WATER!

BRING YOUR FLAGS, PANDERETAS,  
AND BANNERS!

“ProLibertad is proud to announce that we will be joined by Prophet and The Abrazos Army! The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign [www.ProLibertad.org](http://www.ProLibertad.org) [ProLibertad@hotmail.com](mailto:ProLibertad@hotmail.com) [Facebook.com/ProLibertadFC](https://www.facebook.com/ProLibertadFC) Twitter: [@ProLibertad](https://twitter.com/ProLibertad) Instagram: [@ProLibertadFC](https://www.instagram.com/ProLibertadFC) [ProLibertadTV/YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) Telephone: 718-601-4751”

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



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

Get involved: Endorse the statement here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT3bduPO1aINxKdDD9BnlhfliisuyWyCdB5HZe7UGvhX59oEw/viewform> Add your event here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNaThNLE4IvJkYBt\\_NidTS8goYdvJsDXq\\_rHKrPWjCRq9QWg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNaThNLE4IvJkYBt_NidTS8goYdvJsDXq_rHKrPWjCRq9QWg/viewform?usp=sf_link) If you are organizing an event, would like materials for your action, or have questions, please contact us at [samidoun@samidoun.net](mailto:samidoun@samidoun.net) or message us on Facebook” See <https://samidoun.net/2020/07/call-to-action-days-of-resistance-for-palestine-august-7-9-2020/>

## US HANDS OFF CUBA July 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm



ProLibertad is proud to announce that we will be joined by Prophet and The Abrazos Army!

The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign  
[www.ProLibertad.org](http://www.ProLibertad.org)

[ProLibertad@hotmail.com](mailto:ProLibertad@hotmail.com)

[Facebook.com/ProLibertadFC](https://www.facebook.com/ProLibertadFC)

Twitter: [@ProLibertad](https://twitter.com/ProLibertad) Instagram:

[@ProLibertadFC](https://www.instagram.com/ProLibertadFC)

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

Telephone: 718-601-4751

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



## The Committee to Stop FBI Repression says Free Simon Trinidad! 70th birthday Twitter storm July 29

### Happy Birthday Simon Trinidad !

**Who is Simon?**

Simón Trinidad is a peace negotiator for the FARC-EP. In 2004 Simón was extradited to the United States on trumped up charges. It took four trials to convict Simón of only one of the various charges. Simón is a political prisoner locked away in the federal Super Max prison in Florence, Colorado where he is cut off from the world.



**Why must Trump free him?**

The Colombian peace agreement(2016) is foundering due to government neglect and paramilitary violence. At least 215 former members of the FARC as well as an estimated 600-800 social leaders, have been assassinated by paramilitary forces who are believed to have ties to sectors of the Colombian military and government. As a respected and experienced peace negotiator, Simón can play an important role in the reconciliation of Colombian society and should be freed and returned to his homeland.



**Twitter Storm!**

July 30th, Simon's official 70th birthday, let's takeover Twitter with:

#FreeSimonTrinidad  
@realDonaldTrump  
@IvanDuque  
@JEP\_Colombia

**What can you do?**

Send your personal and organization's 70th birthday greeting to him at [simontrinidadlibre@gmail.com](mailto:simontrinidadlibre@gmail.com)

We will post your messages on Twitter!

“Happy birthday to Colombian revolutionary Simon Trinidad on July 30. Free Simon Trinidad! Join the Twitter storm on Thursday, July 30. Send President Trump a message demanding the release of Simon Trinidad. Who is Simon? Simón Trinidad is a peace negotiator for the FARC-EP. In 2004 Simón was extradited to the United States on trumped up charges. It took four trials to convict Simón of only one of the various charges. Simón is a political prisoner locked away in the federal Super Max prison in Florence, Colorado where he is cut off from the world.

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### Free Mahmoud Nawajaa! Aug 1

“A nine-year-old boy shouts: “Leave dad alone. Get out. Your dog doesn’t scare me!” The boy’s home has just been invaded in the middle of the night by a score of soldiers in full battle-dress, armed to the teeth. Accompanying them is a vicious, trained military hound. The boy and his younger brother are outwardly defiant. “Take care of the kids,” their father tells his wife as the soldiers take him away. He is blindfolded, handcuffed and led away into the night by this cowardly gang of thugs who pass themselves off as soldiers. This scene is not fiction. It happened in the early hours of Thursday morning, 30 July, in occupied Palestine” “The BNC is calling on the BDS movement’s supporters to write to their governments to demand Nawajaa’s release, mobilise support in local groups, parties and unions, raise awareness on social media (using the hashtags #FreeMahmoud or

#LibertadParaMahmoud) and strengthen and escalate our BDS campaigns. Take inspiration from the fearless example of Nawajaa's young son – yet another sign that the Palestinian people refuse to give up, go away and die quietly. Take action: Free Mahmoud Nawajaa!" See <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20200801-free-mahmoud-nawajaa/>

## Join the Sunday, August 2, 2020 National Call to Action to Free Veteran Black Panther Political Prisoner Imam Jamil Al-Amin aka "H. Rap Brown" Aug 2

"Save the Date, Spread the Word & Watch Online @ 6:00 PM est Sign the Petition for a New Trial for Imam Jamil Al-Amin to the Fulton County Conviction Integrity Unit: <https://www.change.org/p/fulton-county-district-attorney-paul-howard-new-trial-for-imam-jamil-al-amin-fka-h-rap-brown> .

Donate to the fundraiser: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/bring-imam-jamil-home-in-the-next-612-months> This is being organized by Jamil's son and attorney Kairi Al-Amin. Website is <https://whathappened2rap.com/>"

**This is the 50th Anniversary Year of Black Solidarity Day.** Aug 1, 15, 17, 22; Nov 2

"UNIA at Prospect Park, **Aug 15.** Nat Reparations Day at Trump International Hotel at Columbus Circle, **Aug 22.** Countering Police Terror, **Nov 2.** No Work, No School No Shopping "

Facebook: [fb.me/BlackSolidarityDay](https://www.facebook.com/BlackSolidarityDay)

**"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=UXJyOVEvdkpUL3NjVGp4MnpRaHVNQT09>

**Meeting ID: 870 8193 3862**

**Passcode: 529823**

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87081933862?pwd=UXJyOVEvdkpUL3NjVGp4MnpRaHVNQT09>

A CEMOTAP Forum Sponsored with The Black Solidarity Day Organizing Committee

<p>Dial by your location</p> <p>+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)</p> <p>+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)</p> <p>+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)</p> <p>+16465588656,,87081933862#, 0#,,529823# US (New York)</p> <p>+13017158592,,87081933862#, 0#,,529823# US (Germantown)</p>	<p>Dial by your location</p> <p>+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)</p> <p>+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)</p> <p>+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;"><b>Meeting ID: 870 8193 3862</b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;"><b>Passcode: 529823</b></p>
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"What Do You Know About the Red, Black and Green Flag? Black People all over the world embrace and proudly wave the Red, Black and Green flag. Some call it the Pan-African flag. Some call it the

African-American Flag. For others, it is the Black Liberation Flag. The Red, Black and Green is actually the official Universal Negro Improvement Association [UNIA] flag, adopted at the August 1920 Convention of the UNIA under the leadership of the Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey. The Red stands for the color of our blood which must be shed for our liberation and our redemption; The Black, for our noble and distinguished race; And the Green for the luxuriant vegetation of our Mother Africa. The flag is 100 years old this year.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2020 - 3PM JOIN US AS WE RAISE THE RED, BLACK AND GREEN FLAG @ PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN (OCEAN & PARKSIDE AVENUE ENTRANCE) DON'T MOURN, ORGANIZE ACTIVATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNIA TODAY**  
718-570-7350 • [www.unia-aclgovernment.com](http://www.unia-aclgovernment.com)

### **NYC Running Down the Walls 2020 Announcement (Please Donate!) Aug 10**

DONATE at <https://www.paypal.me/nycabc>

Since 2008, NYC ABC has been organizing annual events in solidarity with Running Down the Walls (RDTW), started by ABCF-Los Angeles in 1999. Over the years, our RDTW events have become more than fundraisers for the ABCF Warchest and local organizations: they've become hubs where folks from overlapping radical and revolutionary communities—multigender, multiracial, and multigenerational—come together and socialize after an enthusiastic five kilometers of running, walking, biking, skating, and rolling. Many of the folks who anticipate each year's event do so knowing they will see folks they might not see more than once a year. So, with all that said, we regret to announce that for 2020 we will not be organizing a physical Running Down the Wall event. The stakes are too high and we have too many close comrades who are elders or otherwise at higher risk if exposed to Covid-19. While recognizing the importance of the local event to various communities, it is ultimately the way by which we help build the warchest and directly support out political prisoners and prisoners of war (PP/POWs). Therefore we are calling on those communities to help us reach a goal of \$3,000. Unless otherwise noted by the donor, all donations to <https://www.paypal.me/nycabc> through September 6th will go directly to the warchest. Just as we support those facing repression in the fallout of recent uprisings, we must also support the PP/POWs who have been imprisoned for years, even decades. Please help us spread the word and direct your friends, loved ones, and comrades to <https://www.paypal.me/nycabc>” See <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/08/07/rdtw2020>

### **NATIONAL REPARATIONS DAY Aug 17**

**NATIONAL REPARATIONS DAY**  
Commemorating the 1st National Reparations Rally in the United States August 17, 2002

**REPARATIONS NOW!**

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

**AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

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

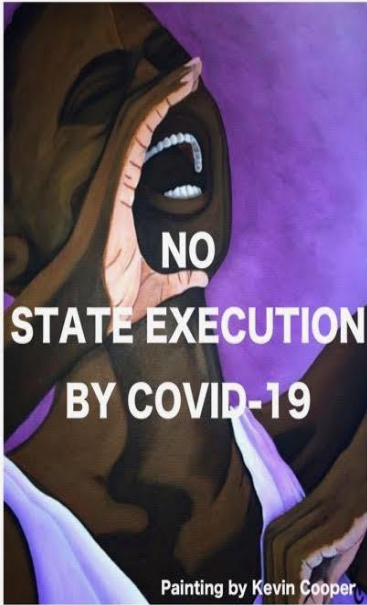
December 12th Movement / 718-398-1766 / d12m.com

## Take Action for Imam Jamil Al-Amin! Aug 2

“Imam Jamil Al Amin, formerly known as H Rap Brown, a longtime forgotten Black Revolutionary and Civil Rights Icon wrongfully imprisoned, has a new opportunity for justice and needs our urgent help. Students for Imam Jamil, a grassroots campaign of national youth organizers, calls upon all local organizations, in particular those related to the life of Imam Jamil - Black, Muslim, Civil Rights, Justice, Advocacy, Community, Student, and Faith Organizations to advocate and act on his behalf.”

See <https://linktr.ee/freeimamjamil>

## San Quentin Prison protest against state execution by COVID-19 this Sunday, Aug. 2



**SAN QUENTIN PRISON PROTEST**  
**Sunday, Aug. 2**

NoJusticeUnderCapitalism &  
 #WeAreTheirVoices

**March and rally @ noon**  
 Larkspur Ferry Terminal Parking Lot  
 Larkspur, CA 94939

Info & press kit: [bit.ly/SQ2Aug20](https://bit.ly/SQ2Aug20)

**Contact/Volunteer:**  
 @NoJusticeUnderCapitalism  
[nojusticeundercapitalism1@gmail.com](mailto:nojusticeundercapitalism1@gmail.com)

Painting by Kevin Cooper  
 Labor donated

“Incarcerated people are being executed by the state through Governor Newsom’s and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation’s (CDCr) complete failure in mitigating the pandemic within the prison and jail system. As of July 29, 2020, CDCr COVID-19 deaths are at 47; deaths in San Quentin are at 19. “No State Execution by COVID-19” protest will take place at Larkspur Ferry Terminal, **Sunday Aug. 2 at 12PM.** The fifth protest at San Quentin to demand that the State of California protect incarcerated people from the deadly COVID-19 virus will take place on

Sunday, Aug. 2nd. Protesters will assemble at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal parking lot at 12PM and march up Sir Francis Drake Blvd. for a rally at the West Gate of San Quentin State Prison.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2020/07/san-quentin-prison-protest-against-state-execution-by-covid-19-this-sunday-aug-2/>

## Indigenous Peoples Day Aug.9th, Mother Earth's Pandemic Webinar, Columbus Statue Statement Aug 9

“On Dec 23, 1994 the United Nations (UN) declared August 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples after 17 years of human rights complaints v. nation states, including lives lost to uranium mining and nuclear waste disposal. In 2007 the UN adopted the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples' RIGHT TO EXIST with prior, free and informed consent. We call upon public officials and the good people of WNY to fully clean up West Valley NY nuclear waste site. You are invited to the Native Artist Online Market August 7-8-9, 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2812727959004724/> and on

Sunday August 9, 2020 4-9 pm at The Buffalo History Museum’s LIVE on Facebook.com/TheBuffaloHistoryMuseum/ then at 7-9 pm ZOOM

<https://zoom.us/j/94367842616?pwd=S0hSU0FGWUFyOWcycGR2aExvZUIVdz09> Passcode: 735284 to celebrate life and work for a Nuclear Free Future”

### **New York, August 7: Day of Resistance to Defend Palestine! Protest** Aug 4

“Al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, is an endorser of the call for Days of Resistance for Palestine between August 7 through 9. In New York, Al-Awda PRRC is part of the NY4Palestine Coalition, organizing a demonstration in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn on Friday, August 7. We encourage all to attend! **ALL OUT THIS FRIDAY FOR THE NYC DAY OF RESISTANCE IN DEFENSE OF PALESTINE! AUGUST 7TH • 4PM • 72ND STREET & 5TH AVE • BROOKLYN**

After leading the largest Palestine protest in Brooklyn since the Second Intifada on July 1 alongside the NY4Palestine Coalition, we will be mobilizing again on Friday, August 7th in defense of Palestine as part of the Days of Resistance from August 7th-9th.” See <http://al-awda.org/new-york-august-7-day-of-resistance-to-defend-palestine-protest/>

### **Answer Coalition: Shut Down California's Concentration Camps: Statewide Day of Action for Immigrant Justice** Aug 8

“Sat. Aug 8 @ 12PM , Rally and March to ICE:, Embarcadero Plaza, SF ~or~ 11 AM Car Caravan: Red's Java House on the Embarcadero, SF End location: ICE Building at 630 Sansome St.

\*\*We ask that everyone wear a mask, physically distance, and bring hand sanitizer (there will also be sanitizer on site). On August 8th 2020, people from all over the state, including San Diego, Los Angeles, and the Bay Area, will be converging on immigrant detention and state centers. In San Francisco, we will be marching from Embarcadero Plaza to the ICE building to make the following demands: To save lives, Gov. Newsom and AG Becerra must immediately end ALL California cooperation with ICE. We demand that Gov. Newsom support the demands of detained immigrants, who are organizing across California, and community organizations:

1. Stop all transfers from California prisons and jails to ICE detention
2. Stop all expansion of detention centers in our state
3. Lead an independent investigation and hold detention centers accountable for putting lives at risk during the pandemic.

At the federal level, we are also fighting to Abolish ICE, Close the Camps and #FreeThemAll: ICE must release all detained people, starting with the most vulnerable to COVID. While decarceration takes place, ICE and private prison corporations must provide safe housing, protective gear, and medical attention.”

### **Save the Date: #WhatAboutHer at Rikers Rally** Aug 18

“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. The Task Force is planning a series of Twitter Power Hours leading up to the event. This week's Power Hour was on Wednesday, August 5 at 12 pm. The focus is on solitary and conditions of confinements at the Rose M. Singer Center. Find sample tweets and posts here <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nacWdYglz2YyEvqebxLnmRb8NFDIdQ0oByRfT9dkg/edit?usp=sharing>

## **Community Events & Resources (July 15<sup>th</sup>-August 15<sup>th</sup> )**

### **New Episode of Twin Trouble** July 14

“For as long as Jeremy Hammond is bounced from county jail to county jail, he and his twin brother are recording episodes of an incredible podcast, “Twin Trouble.” Listen at [twintrouble.home.blog](http://twintrouble.home.blog)

Another episode, another seismic shift in the global landscape. This time, it's an unprecedented mass uprising against police led by activists, protesters and yes, rioters, who are making moves to change the violent systemic racism of the police, prisons and politicians. So we'll be talking about the government repression of BLM and Antifa. In other news, the BOP is still on lockdown, but slowly, people are getting moved around, and Jeremy, after months of waiting in limbo in Grady County Jail where he caught coronavirus (and recovered), was finally transferred to a raggedy ass CCA joint, Talahatchie County Correctional Center, so we go in on them for a bit. Finally of course we're gonna delve into #Blueleaks, a leak by Anonymous published by Distributed Denial of Secrets, and we have Grace again with an additional very special guest. This podcast featured musical guest is Godless Tyrant, who maybe can be best described as Brutal Plague War Metal." See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/updates-28-jul-2020.pdf>

## Resisting Grand Juries-What you Need to Know July 16

**FREE WEBINAR!**

**RESISTING GRAND JURIES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**Thursday, July 16th**  
3-5 p.m. PST/6-8 p.m. EST

**A tactic of State repression, grand juries have been used throughout US history to attack those with unpopular political views. Join CLDC lawyers to learn more about how you can resist them.**

**Register online:**  
[bit.ly/grand-jury](https://bit.ly/grand-jury)

**CIVIL LIBERTIES DEFENSE CENTER**

## Family & Friends of Mutulu Shakur: Zoom series & Podcast July 26

“While we wish we had a more momentous legal or health update for you all, we continue to actively push the compassionate release petition: [campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/support-parole-and-compassionate-release-for-dr-mutulu-shakur](https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/support-parole-and-compassionate-release-for-dr-mutulu-shakur)MORE: In the meantime, Dr. Mutulu Shakur continues to receive recognition for the radical contributions he made to community healthcare through acupuncture. The next four events in Dr. Tenisha Dandridge's 'Acu-points: Black Acupuncture Meet and Greet' series will direct donations to the Family and Friends of Mutulu Shakur organization. These online events are held every Sunday, July 26th-August 16th, with Black acupuncturists from all over the country, so everyone can participate. Your financial support aids us in securing the freedom of Dr. Shakur and is much appreciated! Register at [eventbrite.com/e/acu-points-black-acupuncturists-meet-and-greet-tickets-110215333028](https://eventbrite.com/e/acu-points-black-acupuncturists-meet-and-greet-tickets-110215333028)” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/updates-28-jul-2020.pdf>

## Omaha prayer session held for family of Ed Poindexter and victims of racial conflict

July 27 by richardsonreports



### **Special Prayer Vigil** *For Unity, Mercy and Healing*

Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 4pm

Clair Memorial United Methodist Church  
5544 Ames Avenue  
Omaha, Nebraska 68104

**Facilitator: Pastor Portia Cavitt**

“Omaha, Nebraska was for one brief hour at the very center of healing and recovery from America's race warfare. In an unique, ecumenical gathering of prayer at the Clair Memorial United Methodist Church in Omaha, ten pastors offered ten prayers for unity, mercy and healing. Men and women of peace came together and collectively asked for divine guidance in the work of bringing together a fractured people, wounded by racial division.

Facilitated by Pastor Portia Cavitt, the prayer vigil was the idea of Preston Love, Jr., director of Black Votes Matter following his appearance in June at the Nebraska Board of Pardons. Love sought the release of Edward Poindexter, former leader of a Black Panther affiliate chapter in Omaha. Poindexter is serving a life without parole sentence for the 1970 bombing murder of an Omaha police officer, Larry Minard. Poindexter denies his guilt and says he was wrongfully convicted.

Governor Pete Rickett, chairman of the Pardon Board, suggested to Love that he reach out to the family of Patrolman Minard. Thus was born the idea for the prayer vigil in an effort to bring closure and reconciliation to a scarred city, wounded by events a half-century ago..” See

<https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/07/29/omaha-prayer-session-held-for-family-of-ed-poindexter-and-victims-of-racial-conflict/>

## **NYC ABC: BK/NY – Tuesday July 28th – Letter Writing Dinner for International Antifa Prisoners**

July 28

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, July 28th, 2020 WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free

Since the last July 25th International Day of Solidarity with Antifascist Prisoners, the worldwide struggle against the nightmare of fascism and the far-right has grown and intensified. The news steadily reports racist and bigoted attacks, the harassment of journalists, the increasing presence and violence of organized fascist and far-right groups, and the demonization of those who most militantly oppose them. Unidentified federal agents roam U.S. cities in response to uprisings against cops killing Black folks (and policing in general). While the bigoted, nationalist imagination reproduces itself on a global scale, it also attempts to turn us all into prisoners of the border. Meanwhile, there are still many prisoners around the world, held for their explicit rejection of fascist ideology and organizing. Therefore, NYC

ABC, in collaboration with Page One Collective, is answering the call and encouraging folks to support those in prison through the simple act of writing a letter as we continue our every-other-week letter-writing events while maintaining social distance by writing from home. Please take the time to write a letter to one or more of these anti-fascist prisoners (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online): [supportantifaprisoners.wordpress.com/antifascist-prisoners](https://supportantifaprisoners.wordpress.com/antifascist-prisoners)”

<https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/07/23/antifa2020>

**NYC PEOPLES SURVIVAL PROGRAM: Dr. Tenisha Dandridge's 'ACU-POINTS': Black Acupuncture Meet & Greet Series Events Held Every Sunday To Support The Campaign To Free Dr. Mutulu Shakur Campaign ~ Community Acupuncture Returns @ Harlem's Legendary Peoples Church-July 28**

“Join us for the 'Acu-Points' Zoom events starting on Sunday, July 26th!

The next four events in Dr. Tenisha Dandridge’s ‘Acu-points: Black Acupuncture Meet and Greet’ series will direct donations to the Family and Friends of Mutulu Shakur organization. These online events are held every Sunday with Black acupuncturists from all over the country, so everyone can participate. Your financial support aids us in securing the freedom of Dr. Shakur and is much appreciated!” Register on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/acu-points-black-acupuncturists-meet-and-greet-tickets-110215333028>

**John Brown Anti-Klan Committee virtual event Tuesday! July 29**

“Burning Books is co-sponsoring this exciting virtual event with Hillary Moore & James Tracy on their book No Fascist USA! The John Brown Anti-Klan Committee and Lessons for Today's Movements Topics focus on anti-racism, multi-racial coalitions, and solidarity. Be sure to check it out at 1pm this Tuesday, August 4th by REGISTERING HERE: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/no-fascist-usa-talk-1-anti-racist-multi-racial-coalitions-solidarity-tickets-113840712636?mc\\_cid=afeba18fdb&mc\\_eid=fddd9954fa](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/no-fascist-usa-talk-1-anti-racist-multi-racial-coalitions-solidarity-tickets-113840712636?mc_cid=afeba18fdb&mc_eid=fddd9954fa)”

**Eid Mubarak! Celebrate social justice this Eid with our brand new #PolicingIsHaram digital zine July 29**



”As salaamu alaykum, Over the past few months, the war against Black America has ignited the streets and the hearts of people of conscience throughout the world "Abolition" seems to be on everyone's lips... but what does it mean? What does it require from us? Here's what we do know—liberation for



those who suffer racist policing and incarceration can't wait. For Muslims and allies alike, this Eid al-Adha 2020 is a great opportunity to bring the conversation on police violence and inhumane incarceration home. It's time to start practicing for a future where safety is no longer defined by the enforcement of racist laws, but something much *much* better that is within our grasp. With our friends at the Action Center on Race and the Economy and Little Sis, we are excited to launch #PolicingIsHaram: Courageous Conversations in Defense of Black Lives. #PolicingIsHaram is a digital zine including stories and conversations from thinkers, activists, and ordinary people from Muslim communities—building the architecture of a Muslim-led abolitionist movement that is only growing. All that is left is you (and everyone you know). Since the protests to the murder of George Floyd started, our communities have been speaking up about anti-Black racism with more honesty and openness than ever.” See <https://www.mpowerchange.org/policingisharam?akid=9153.409282.avZYwR&rd=1&t=5>

### **RAPP Three Opportunities to Get Involved and #FreeOurElders July 30**

“CAPITAL REGION OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Thursday, July 30:

If you live in the New York Capital Region, please join us THIS THURSDAY at 6 pm for a regional Open Membership Meeting. We will discuss updates on RAPP's work and ways to get involved in organizing happening in Albany. Join via Zoom: [bit.ly/july-albany-meeting](https://bit.ly/july-albany-meeting). STATEWIDE OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Wednesday, August 5:

If you do not live in the Capital Region, join our monthly Statewide Open Membership Meeting on Wednesday, August 5 at 6 pm. We will also discuss updates on our work and strategies for future actions. Join via Zoom: [bit.ly/august-rapp-meeting](https://bit.ly/august-rapp-meeting).

ADIRONDACK CORRECTIONAL FACILITY: A WEBINAR ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN THE NORTH COUNTRY, Thursday, August 6: Join us and local residents and activists from the North Country to learn more about Governor Cuomo's new prison nursing home at Adirondack Correctional Facility on Thursday, August 6 at 6 pm. Join via Zoom: [bit.ly/ClemencyADK](https://bit.ly/ClemencyADK)”.

### **Virtual Event @ 6 p.m. tonight for Imam Jamil Al-Amin Aug 2**

#FreeImamJamil #FreeHRapBrown  
National Call to Action  
Sunday August 2, 2020 at 6PM EST  
Watch Online: [icnacsj.org/live](https://icnacsj.org/live)

Imam Khalid Griggs      Dr. Omar Suleiman      Kairi Al Amin

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Actual link is on FB: [https://www.facebook.com/ICNACSJ/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/ICNACSJ/live_videos/)

### **NYC Books Through Bars Book Bundle for August!** Aug 3

“August's pick for NYC Books Through Bars is a bundle focused on illustrated works: John Lewis's account of how he became a Civil Rights activist, George Takei's memoir on being held in a Japanese internment camp during World War II, and an instructional book on how to draw faces. These are being offered at 35% off their retail price.

Please note that these books will be sent to NYC Books Through Bars to fulfill requests from incarcerated readers at prisons nationwide.

While NYC Books Through Bars operating out of Freebird's basement is currently limiting in-person volunteering and drop offs due to COVID-19, book requests continue to pour in from prisons around the country: nearly 300 per week. In response to the challenges of accepting those donations during the pandemic, we have started a monthly program in which specific, in-demand titles can be purchased through Freebird at a discount.” See

[http://www.freebirdbooks.com/store/p65/March%2FThey\\_Called\\_Us\\_Enemy%2FHow\\_to\\_Draw\\_Faces.html](http://www.freebirdbooks.com/store/p65/March%2FThey_Called_Us_Enemy%2FHow_to_Draw_Faces.html)

### **Birthday Messages for Eric King** Aug 3

“Our friend and comrade, Eric King, turns 34 on Sunday, August 2nd and we are saddened that we are unable to write Eric and send him piles of birthday cards this year. Eric has been on 'restricted general correspondence' since May 20th and is only able to receive letters from his partner and wife. This is the third birthday in the row in solitary confinement for Eric and that is just unacceptable. Eric is facing up to 20 more years in prison based on allegations he assaulted a Lieutenant at FCI Florence in the Bureau of Prisons. He has experienced tremendous harassment from the BOP & has received numerous incident reports that carry a loss of mail, phone and email. In fact, Eric has no access to the phone at all. He has no access to email at all. He can only write mail to his lawyers and to his partner & mother. This is a situation that we find unacceptable. We love Eric and have his back fully and we wish he could receive mail from us, letting him know we care and wishing him a happy birthday. So, join us in leaving comments on this thread or by sending them to [erickingsupportcrew@riseup.net](mailto:erickingsupportcrew@riseup.net) Please send your birthday wishes and words of solidarity. We hope to get these to him when the restrictions are no longer in place. Thanks for all your support for Eric through the last 6 years. Please continue to watch supportericking.org and here for updates!”

### **Black August Communique 1, The Panthers - The Lords and The Cubs are coming...** Aug 3

“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

#1: 2nd Aug - Maisha, Amarah, Dorien & Elayne

#2: 9th Aug - Maisha & Dorien

#3: 16th Aug - Amarah & Elayne

#4: 23rd 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/rRNwMuuwFVM> 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/elb8bq6c6yszmjk/AACUxft4dknMzc7r2GCeRZila?dl=0black%20august%20political%20education> black august political education



### **black august 3rd**

black panther womxn speak featuring sister Yasmeen, sister Bunny, sister Claudia and Mama C

### **black august 10th**

black panther men Bro. Shep, Brother Bullwhip, Brother Tariq and Brother B.J.

### **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”

## **Mutulu's 70th Birthday is Saturday & Upcoming Events Aug 6**

“It is bittersweet that this Saturday marks the 70th birthday of Dr. Mutulu Shakur. While this birthday will be spent in prison, we hope the next is outside with his loved ones.

Show him some birthday love! Dr. Shakur is unable to respond to most mail due to his current medical condition, so if you choose to send mail photos or postcards to brighten his day are ideal. Any envelope must be white due to prison regulations. Please give a Birthday Donation

<http://mutulushakur.com/site/paypal/> “ 1. **Sophia Dawson**, a Brooklyn-based visual artist, honored Dr. Shakur by including his image in her painting of the word 'lives' in the Foley Square Black Lives Matter mural. 2. **August 17th, 8pm EST Screening** introduced by the director, Jenna Bliss. The People’s Detox explores the history of a revolutionary drug clinic collectively organized to occupy the Lincoln Hospital in the South Bronx. The radicalized clinic examined global politics vis-à-vis the influx of heroin into urban centers, and proposed new treatments, such as acupuncture to replace established, economically incentivized protocols. The acupuncture program was spearheaded by Dr.

Shakur. **3. The Acu-points Black Acupuncture Meet & Greet** events continue this Sunday with Dr. Shakur's former student, Dr. Shadidi Kinsey.

You do not need to be an acupuncturist to attend! These weekly events share perspectives from Black

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healers and for the next two Sundays, donations made when registering via Eventbrite will go to Family & Friends of Mutulu Shakur! Mark your calendar for the following week, 8/16 at 8pm EST featuring herbologist Alison Reid-Bretell. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/acu-points-black-acupuncturists-meet-and-greet-tickets-110215333028>

### Letter-writing to Jaan Laaman Aug 11

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free---Hot on the heels of our formal announcement regarding Running Down the Walls 2020, NYC ABC is back with another letter-writing event. Again collaborating with Page One Collective, and still encouraging folks to write from home as we navigate the continued threat of the novel coronavirus, focusing on anti-imperialist political prisoner Jaan Laaman. It is impossible to think about Jaan without thinking of his United Freedom Front co-defendant Tom Manning, who died in prison at the hands of medical neglect and state tyranny. Your spirit lives with us, Tom! Jaan Laaman is imprisoned for actions carried out by United Freedom Front (UFF). The UFF was a clandestine revolutionary organization active in the United States in the early 1980s. The group targeted government institutions and major corporations that had ties to the South African Apartheid system or right-wing paramilitaries in Central America. This included taking actions directly against the South African and United States governments. The UFF carried out targeted bombings of corporate buildings, courthouses and military facilities as well as bank robberies to fund revolutionary projects, while insuring that those buildings were empty when targeted. Prior to his role in the UFF, Jaan was deeply involved in anti-South African apartheid organizing. Please take the time to write a letter to Jaan (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online)”

Jaan Karl Laaman #10372-016, USP McCreary, Post Office Box 3000, Pine Knot, Kentucky 42635

See <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/08/09/jaan2020>

Join Dr. Angela Davis at Courage for the People! Aug 13

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: MOLLY WATSON  
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“Join us on August 13 for “Courage for the People,” a conversation with long-time activist and educator Dr. Angela Davis led by Black Women for Wellness Action Project Executive Director Nourbese Flint and a fundraising event to benefit Courage California. The evening will spotlight the visionary leadership of Black, Indigenous, and other women of color; connect Black Lives Matter to our broader lineage of movements; and highlight how we can fight systemic racism on the ballot. The event will also feature special guests such as Oakland Youth Poet Laureate, Samuel Getachew, and a special appearance by the Emmy-, Tony-, and Grammy-winning Billy Porter! Register [HERE](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/courage813?akid=10650.2314518.O4PRIM&rd=1&refcode2=10650_2314518_O4PRIM&t=16): [https://secure.actblue.com/donate/courage813?akid=10650.2314518.O4PRIM&rd=1&refcode2=10650\\_2314518\\_O4PRIM&t=16](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/courage813?akid=10650.2314518.O4PRIM&rd=1&refcode2=10650_2314518_O4PRIM&t=16) to reserve your spot NOW. Please note that this is an exclusive event, and to attend you must register before August 11 or while space is available. There are a limited number of tickets, and the event will NOT be recorded or made available to the public afterward. Once you register, our team will follow up with more information in the first week of August. For questions or concerns, contact Molly Watson at [Molly@couragecalifornia.org](mailto:Molly@couragecalifornia.org). The revolution is live, and Courage California is here for it. We look forward to having you join us on August 13! In Solidarity, Molly Watson and the Courage California team”

## Special video interview with Mumia: Black August to Black Lives Matter Aug 13

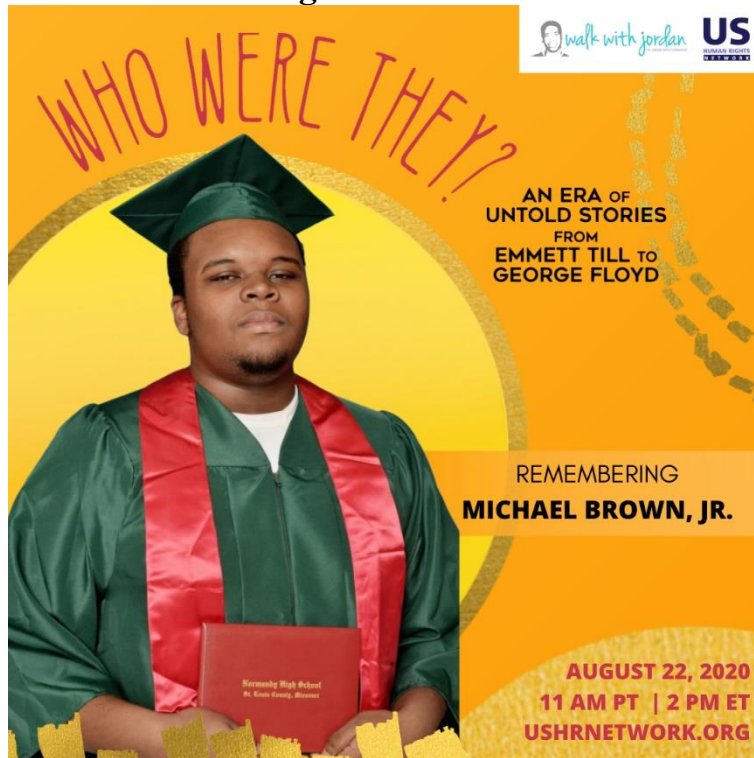


“August 13 8pm ET/5pm PT. Workers World Party's Prisoners Solidarity Committee invites you to a Black August webinar featuring a video interview with Mumia Abu-Jamal, plus live speakers including Yvonne Orr-El, Monica Moorehead & more. Speakers include: Mumia Abu-Jamal, Historic video footage of George Jackson; Yvonne Orr-El, born of both the MOVE Organization and the Black Panther Party, daughter of Delbert Africa. Mirinda Crissman, Prisoners Solidarity Committee of Workers World Party; Monica Moorehead, Managing Editor of

Workers World newspaper and editor of Marxism, Reparations and the Black Freedom Struggle.”

Register here [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_P1D2zGIJSxy--qviHDhnqA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P1D2zGIJSxy--qviHDhnqA)

## 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:

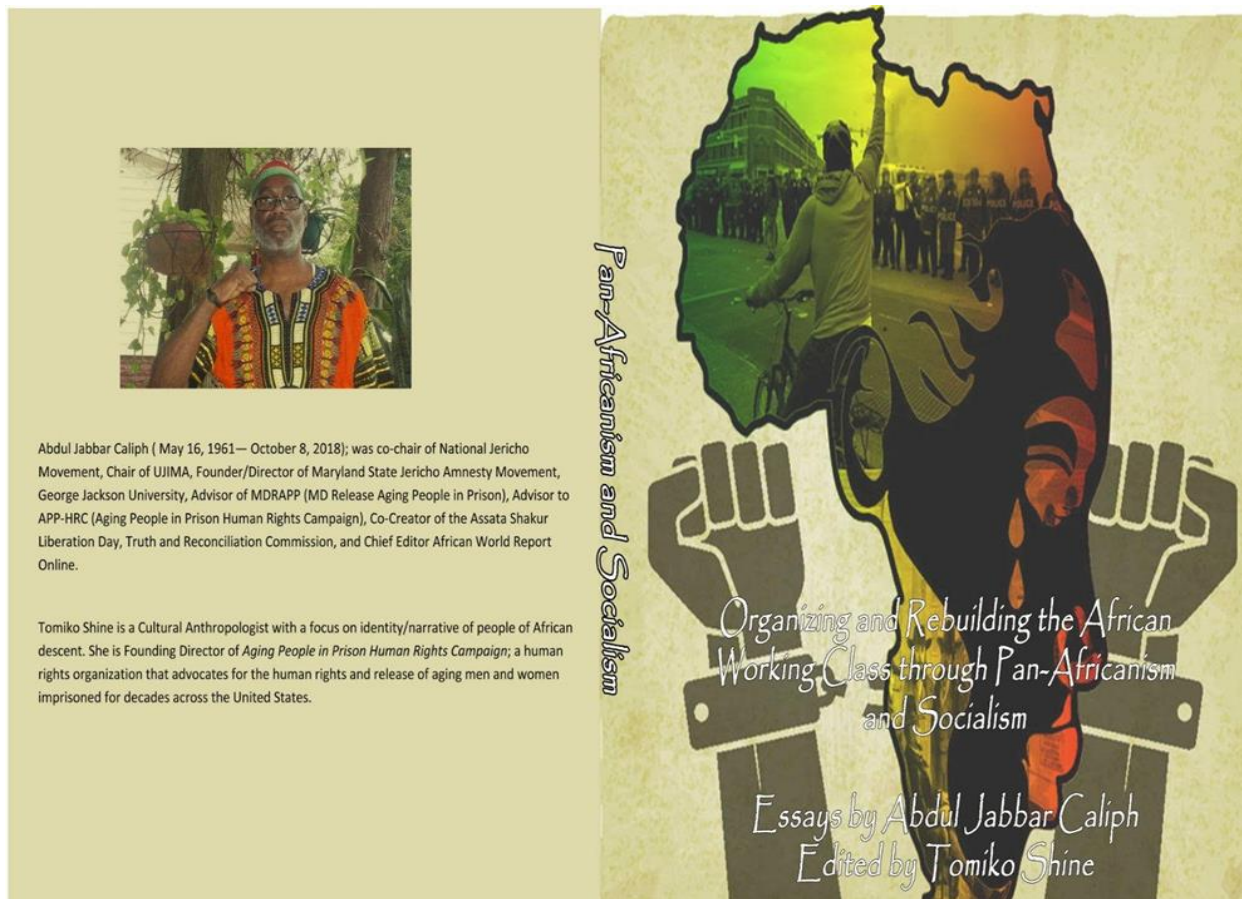
Ron Davis, father of Jordan Davis, event co-host and CEO of The Jordan Davis Foundation, Wanda Cooper-Jones, mother of Ahmaud Arbery, Shante Needham, sister of Sandra Bland, Michael Brown Sr., father of Mike Brown Jr., Gwen Carr, mother of Eric Garner, Martinez Sutton, brother of Rekia Boyd, Cephus Johnson, 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>

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## News, Articles, and Updates

### **Nearly 70,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in US prisons July 16**

“According to new research from the UCLA COVID-19 Behind Bars project, the death rate in US prisons is 39 deaths per 100,000, as opposed to 29 per 100,000 in the wider population. When age-adjusted for the disproportionately young US prison population, inmates are three times more likely to die from the virus than the population as a whole. According to the project, as of July 15, there have

been over 68,900 confirmed infections across prisons in the US and at least 675 deaths. Reflecting the trend of a nation-wide resurgence of the virus following the criminal bipartisan reopening campaign, this figure is over double the 29,251 cases reported on May 29.” See

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2020/07/16/pris-j16.html>

### **Stop the retaliatory abuse against Kevin ‘Rashid’ Johnson now!** by Shupavu wa Kirima July 17

“Dear Comrades, Friends and Supporters, I am writing this to inform you of recent events that have transpired involving Kevin “Rashid” Johnson. As many of you already know, Rashid was made a target of abusive and retaliatory practices back in May for publicizing the dangerous, inhumane and unsanitary conditions that prisoners were faced with amid a global health crisis at Pendleton Correctional Facility, where he is currently being detained. These conditions included but were not limited to inadequate food and nutrition, lack of any PPE, lack of cleaning supplies to disinfect their cells in attempts to control the spread of the virus, and COVID-19 positive prisoners being housed among those who were not infected etc.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2020/07/stop-the-retaliatory-abuse-against-kevin-rashid-johnson-now/>

### **Soledad 3 a.m. raid on 200+ Black prisoners** July 20

“Soledad guards in riot gear at 3 a.m. July 20 snatched 200+ Black prisoners from their bunks, brutalized them, crammed them into the kitchen for hours, zip-tied, unmasked by Tasha Williams. In the pre-dawn hours of Monday, July 20, white and Hispanic guards at the Correctional Training Facility at Soledad State Prison in California violently ripped hundreds of Black prisoners from their bunks, regardless of good behavior and lack of gang affiliation. The men were slammed around by wannabe commandos in full riot gear, then zip-tied and led in the dark to the chow hall. The men were barefoot, wearing only what they’d fallen asleep in. They weren’t even allowed to grab their masks. Reports from the prison indicate upwards of 200 men were assaulted then forced to sit shoulder to shoulder with other unmasked inmates in the kitchen as a tower sniper was called just in case one or some of the cuffed men needed to be executed on the spot. The men were made to sit there for hours without even being told what was happening” See <https://sfbayview.com/2020/07/soledad-3-a-m-raid-on-200-black-prisoners/>

### **BAP: Portland: A Harbinger of Things to Come?** July 20

“Masked men in unrecognizable police uniforms jump out of unmarked vans and grab an activist who has been involved in demonstrations against a repressive state. That person is disappeared. Is this Pinochet’s Chile, apartheid South Africa or a scene from a John Clancy novel? No, this is happening in Portland, Oregon, a major U.S. city. The culprits apparently are agents of the federal government who have essentially invaded the streets of that city over the objections of the mayor and the governor. The goal? To “restore order” because, according to U.S. Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf, the state and local authorities refused to do it themselves.” See <https://blackallianceforpeace.com/newsletter/portlandharbinger>

### **Police Unions Are Racist Power Brokers in Opposition to Movement for Black Lives** July 20

“The scene is all too frequent — a Black person is slain or wantonly brutalized on camera by police officers, most often white, and in response, a white police union leader steps to the microphone and unequivocally defends the actions, no matter how indefensible they are. A police chief or mayor, under pressure from the community, attempts to invoke modest reforms in response, and the union wields the power of its contract to defeat the measures. Progressive-leaning prosecutors are mercilessly attacked and judges plied with union contributions to support “law and order.” Killer cops are supplied with



lawyers, at union expense, when they are administratively charged or criminally prosecuted. When a department, pursuant to a consent decree or community pressure, implements de-escalation and peer intervention training, the union provides alternative “warrior mentality” training free of charge. The union leaps to the defense of a cop who sends a defenseless 75-year-old peace activist to the hospital in critical condition. Several police union leaders are notorious “repeater beaters” with long records of shootings, beatings and other misconduct. Cops in their union garb pack courtrooms to intimidate cops who break the code of silence and bravely testify about police torture and murder. Union leaders rally for Trump, while he encourages their violence. And the list goes on. Police unions are not the origin of racist police violence, which is inherent in the institution of policing. That violence would not disappear if corrupt union leaders were removed. However, police unions operate as racist power brokers, aiding and abetting the worst of policing’s manifestations, including police-perpetrated murders. It’s important to understand their history and how they function, if we are to understand what we’re up against in this pivotal moment.” See <https://truthout.org/articles/police-unions-are-racist-power-brokers-in-opposition-to-movement-for-black-lives/>

### **500 women at Fort Worth federal prison test positive for coronavirus, second most in U.S.** July 21

“More than 500 women at Fort Worth’s federal medical prison have tested positive for coronavirus, according to the Bureau of Prisons. On Sunday, the Bureau of Prisons reported 200 women had tested positive for COVID-19 at FMC Carswell. That number jumped to 510 on Tuesday, giving Carswell the second highest number of cases out of all the country’s federal prisons. Only FCI Seagoville, which is also in Dallas-Fort Worth, had more infected inmates, with 1,156 cases as of Tuesday. “We’re like a whole bunch of hamsters in a cage chasing our own tails,” Holli Chapman, an inmate at Carswell, said.” See [star-telegram.com](https://www.star-telegram.com)

### **Israel Demolishes Palestinian Coronavirus Testing Center in Hebron** July 21

Israeli soldiers watched construction on desperately needed facility go ahead for two months before sending in the bulldozers, residents say. The idea of the project was to ease pressure on hospitals in Hebron treating Covid-19 patients. Israeli authorities have demolished a Palestinian drive-through coronavirus testing centre in the city of Hebron, south of the occupied West Bank. The West Bank is struggling to contain a second wave of coronavirus infections, after appearing to successfully ward off the pandemic with a strict weeks-long lockdown implemented in March. Hebron, the territory's largest city and powerhouse of the Palestinian Authority’s (PA) economy, has been hit particularly hard. The PA recorded 65 coronavirus-related deaths in the Palestinian territories on Tuesday.” See <https://portside.org/2020-07-23/israel-demolishes-palestinian-coronavirus-testing-center-hebron>

### **How Prisons in Each State Are Restricting Visits Due to Coronavirus** July 22

“Prison visitation, slowly, is opening up again. even as COVID-19 cases climb behind bars. Our updated prison visitation tracker shows marked change over the past few weeks. Eight corrections systems around the country now allow prison visitations again, with restrictions, after spring lockdowns. Twenty-six states still have restricted visitation, except for legal visits, and 18 others have closed off all public visitation. Among the latter is Delaware, which resumed limited visitation late last month only to shut it down again last week.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/03/17/tracking-prisons-response-to-coronavirus>

### **All Eyes on Portland** July 24

“In Portland, Questions Swirl Around Local Police’s Coordination With Federal Officers. Local politicians condemned federal police actions in Portland, but evidence is mounting that the Portland

Police Bureau is coordinating with federal agents.” See <https://theintercept.com/2020/07/24/portland-federal-police-protests/>

### **Kings Bay Plowshare 7 Update** July 24

“The six remaining Kings Bay Plowshares 7 defendants were granted a continuance for sentencing by Judge Lisa Godbey Wood of the Southern District Federal court of Georgia in Brunswick from the end of July until September 3rd and 4th. MORE: Due to spikes in COVID-19 cases in GA and ensuing travel restrictions the anti-nuclear activists had asked the court to further postpone sentencing to accommodate their right to be sentenced in person in open court, not by video, witnessed safely by family, supporters and the press. The new sentencing dates and times are September 3rd: Carmen Trotta at 9 am, Fr. Steve Kelly at 1 pm, Clare Grady at 4 pm. On September 4 will be Mark Colville at 9 am, Patrick O’Neill at 1 pm, Martha Hennessy (granddaughter of Dorothy Day who co-founded the Catholic Worker movement) at 4 pm. It is possible that there will be further delays depending on the course of the virus over the next month. We will try to keep you updated as we find out more as that time approaches.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/07/updates-28-jul-2020.pdf>

### **MWM-We Charge Genocide "21" Black -Political Prisoners Task Force- "BLACK AUGUST" 2020 -Demand Retrial of Imam Jamil Al-Amin/H Rap Brown The Confession VIDEO: My Name Is James Santos aka Otis Jackson** July 25

“The case of Imam Jamil Al Amin is one of several that will be presented in the WE CHARGE GENOCIDE (WCG) "21" briefings and preliminary filings to national (US) entities, African Union officials, and others next year (2021). The attached video is for your review and for upcoming WCG "21" discussions. For those interested in working with the WCG "21"/Black Human Rights "Political Prisoners" Task Force, please feel free to contact us at: [nationalmwm@aol.com](mailto:nationalmwm@aol.com) or [nbhrproject@gmail.com](mailto:nbhrproject@gmail.com) <https://youtu.be/uWXNr1BaI88>

### **Israel's Supreme Court: Palestinian Prisoners Have No Right to Social Distancing against COVID-19** July 25

“Israel’s Supreme Court rejected yesterday a petition by Adalah, The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel, demanding Israeli authorities to implement COVID-19 protective guidelines for prisoners at Gilboa prison, where 30 prison guards and seven Palestinian prisoners are infected, while 489 guards and 58 prisoners are in quarantine.” See <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/israels-supreme-court-palestinian-prisoners-have-no-right-to-social-distancing-against-covid-19/>

### **In Portland, getting out of jail requires relinquishing constitutional rights** July 28

“A dozen protesters facing federal charges are barred from going to “public gatherings” as a condition of release from jail — a tactic one expert described as “sort of hilariously unconstitutional.” “Federal authorities are using a new tactic in their battle against protesters in Portland, Oregon: arrest them on offenses as minor as “failing to obey” an order to get off a sidewalk on federal property — and then tell them they can’t protest anymore as a condition for release from jail. Legal experts describe the move as a blatant violation of the constitutional right to free assembly, but at least 12 protesters arrested in recent weeks have been specifically barred from attending protests or demonstrations as they await trials on federal misdemeanor charges.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/defendant-shall-not-attend-protests-in-portland-getting-out-of-jail-requires-relinquishing-constitutional-rights>

### **OTISVILLE FEDERAL PRISON RESTRICTS INMATES FROM RECEIVING ORIGINAL MAIL** July 28

“Otisville, New York -- The warden of the Federal Correctional Institution Otisville, J. Petrucci, issued a memo to the inmate population today enacting a new local policy that will effectively cut off all

original letters and other general correspondence from being received by the inmates. According to the memo there is a threat to the safety and security of the prison staff and inmates due to narcotics and other controlled substances being sent in through the mail. The new policy will photocopy all letters and envelopes and these copies will be forwarded to the inmate. The original material will be destroyed after 30 days unless the inmate, at their own expense, requests to have the material mailed home. This new policy is slated to go into effect on August 3rd.” See [iwoc.nyc@riseup.net](mailto:iwoc.nyc@riseup.net)

### **An uneasy policing deal in Portland** July 29

“Portlandia. Oregon’s governor says that she’s reached an agreement with the Trump administration to remove federal police from Portland. The feds say they’ll leave only when they are satisfied that federal properties are safe.” See <https://www.oregonlive.com/crime/2020/07/oregons-governor-announces-phased-withdrawal-of-federal-officers.html>

### **Jailed Immigration Law Lawyers Charge ‘Retaliation,’ Extralegal Treatment at Gov Home Protest** July 29

“SACRAMENTO – Fourteen people – nine of them immigration law attorneys – were not only arrested Monday at CA Gov. Gavin Newsom’s Fair Oaks mansion protesting “life-threatening conditions facing people in prisons, jails and ICE detention facilities,” but they appear to have been subjected to extralegal treatment by law enforcement and possibly “retaliation” by the Governor’s Office. The protestors chained themselves together and some were chained to the fence leading into Newsom’s massive complex. They were not released until about midnight Monday/Tuesday morning.” See <https://www.davisvanguard.org/2020/07/jailed-immigration-law-lawyers-charge-retaliation-extra-legal-treatment-at-gov-home-protest/>

### **The Marshall Project: “We are all George Floyd.”** July 30

“We are all George Floyd.” Michael A. Moore, a prisoner in Washington, says the violent death of George Floyd earlier this year on the streets of Minneapolis resonated strongly in his prison. Video replays of Floyd’s death with an officer kneeling on his neck, shown on prison televisions, reminded Moore of a recent episode he says he witnessed in which a guard used a similar restraint on a fellow prisoner who was eating a meal. Moore also recalls another episode in which a corrections officer lost his composure with a prisoner but was seemingly never disciplined for what appeared to be an obvious infraction (though the prisoner was sent into solitary confinement). Here is the latest in our “Life Inside” series.” <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/07/23/all-of-us-inside-have-cried-out>

### **Feds leave Portland, relative calm follows- Portland protesters have almost no interaction with state police as thousands gather downtown** Aug 1

“For the second consecutive evening after federal law enforcement officers retreated from the front lines in this city, protesters had almost no interaction with state police as thousands gathered downtown until early Saturday morning. Oregon State Police, who took over in the protection of a federal courthouse on Thursday, were rarely seen outside the building, despite a lingering crowd that screamed anti-police slogans and set several large fires in the street. Unlike Thursday evening, when there was an air of celebration, the tone of the protest on Friday evening seemed more somber and, at times, conflicted.” See [https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/with-law-enforcement-out-of-sight-portland-sees-second-peaceful-night-of-protest/2020/08/01/66bb6fe8-d41f-11ea-8d32-1ebf4e9d8e0d\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/with-law-enforcement-out-of-sight-portland-sees-second-peaceful-night-of-protest/2020/08/01/66bb6fe8-d41f-11ea-8d32-1ebf4e9d8e0d_story.html)

### **Border Patrol Launches Militarized Raid of Borderlands Humanitarian Aid Camp** August 2

“Camouflaged U.S. Border Patrol agents in armored vehicles launched a nighttime raid on a humanitarian aid camp in Southern Arizona on Friday. Agents zip-tied volunteers’ hands behind their backs, shouted at them with rifles raised, and confiscated their cellphones as well as the organization’s medical records. At least two helicopters hovered above the camp and a film crew documented the operation on the ground. Agents moved through camp structures and arrested more than 30 undocumented immigrants who were receiving treatment after trekking through the desert in the middle of heat wave. The humanitarian group, No More Deaths, a faith-based organization out of Tucson, believes the operation was likely part retaliation, part violent publicity stunt. The raid marked the second time in two years that the Border Patrol descended on one of No More Deaths’ aid stations immediately after the group published materials that cast a negative light on the border enforcement agency.” See <https://theintercept.com/2020/08/02/border-patrol-raid-arizona-no-more-deaths/>

### **Free Joy Powell! America’s Political Prisoner for Fighting Police Brutality** August 3

“If you protest against police brutality in America, you are definitely going to get brutalized by the police. And lately, federal marshals, homeland security, ICE officers, and assorted militarized federal goons and thugs will pile on. If you led a movement against police brutality in Rochester, NY in 2006, like Rev. Joy Powell did, you will be set up on felony burglary and then murder charges, and spend a long time in prison—doing very hard time as a female, African-American, political prisoner. It’s important to make sure Rev. Powell’s story is out there, because she was in the forefront of the black effort to protest this most lethal form of white supremacy, and as the only political prisoner jailed for directly fighting police brutality, is paying dearly for it.

### **Joy Powell recently wrote about the killing of George Floyd:**

“ We live in a system which blatantly displays “White Justice and Black Laws” with random killing of Black and Brown people based upon the color of their skin. . . [T]he world is enraged after the traumatic news aired of an unarmed black man named George Floyd being brutally murdered by a Minneapolis officer named Derek Chauvin who strangled him to death as his knee pressed in this unarmed victim’s neck while George was handcuffed on the ground. This evil and diabolic murderer didn’t treat George Floyd with dignity and humanity. . . [It] has me disgusted and totally vexed. We’re pushed to the brink and forced to protest. It’s really happening; it’s called “CIVIL UNREST”!” See <https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/08/03/free-joy-powell-americas-political-prisoner-for-fighting-police-brutality/> (Please note that some of the facts in the below article are incorrect. Joy is serving a 38+ year to life conviction. Her projected earliest release date on parole is December 23, 2045). “

### **Ninth Circuit Rules for California in Dispute Over Solitary-Confinement Settlement August 3, 2020**

“California is not violating a settlement agreement with suspected gang members formerly housed in solitary confinement by keeping them confined to their general population cells for up to 23 hours a day, the Ninth Circuit ruled Monday. The 14-page opinion by U.S. District Judge James Gwin, a Bill Clinton appointee sitting with the panel by designation from the Northern District of Ohio, reverses a 2018 finding by U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation violated prisoners’ rights by holding them in their cells for prolonged periods.” See <https://www.courthousenews.com/ninth-circuit-rules-for-california-in-dispute-over-solitary-confinement-settlement/>

### **The 50th Anniversary of the August 7th Marin County Courthouse Rebellion** Aug 3

“On August 7, 1970 – 50 years ago – Jonathan Peter Jackson the 17-year old brother of George Jackson, brought 3 guns into the Marin County Hall of Justice, where Judge Haley was presiding over the trial of San Quentin prisoner James McClain. He drew weapons from his satchel, and with the

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exiting the courthouse, Jackson and the other kidnapers attempted to flee with the hostages in tow. Police and prison guards opened fire on the van Jackson was driving. At the end of the shootout, Jackson, Haley, McClain and Christmas were dead and McGee and Thomas were seriously injured. The kidnapping was meant as a tool to negotiate the freedom of the Soledad Brothers, 3 Black prisoners (George Jackson, Fleeta Drumgo, and John Clutchette) who were charged with the murder of a prison guard at Soledad Prison in California...” See <https://freedomarchives.org/projects/the-50th-anniversary-of-the-august-7th-marin-county-courthouse-rebellion/> and Audio Clips taken from Prisons On Fire (2001) – produced by the Freedom Archives: Prisons On Fire: George Jackson, Attica & Black Liberation by Freedom Archives <https://freedomarchives.bandcamp.com/album/prisons-on-fire-george-jackson-attica-black-liberation> Introduction: The Soledad Brothers, Marin County Rebellion

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### **Black Alliance for Peace: Black August and Black Liberation: "Study, Fast, Train, Fight."** Aug 3

"Because we celebrate August as Black August, we highlight this Hood Communist article by BAP member Erica Caines on Black revolutionary and prison abolitionist George Jackson.

<https://hoodcommunist.org/2019/08/30/the-legacy-of-george-jackson/>

**August 15-16:** The Black Is Back Coalition, of which BAP is a member organization, is holding its annual conference online with the theme, "Fight for Black Power: Free All Political Prisoners."

Register today. <http://blackisbackcoalition.org/event/fight-for-black-power-free-all-political-prisoners-bibc-annual-conference-2020/>

**August 15:** Cooperation Jackson is hosting a People's Assembly on the housing crisis and on combating police terrorism at 1 p.m. at the Ida B. Wells Plaza, 1128 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi. <https://cooperationjackson.org/events-calendar/blackaugustresistance2020jackson>

**August 23:** At 1 p.m. PST/4 p.m. EST, BAP will hold the first in our Educational Webinar Series. The topic is "How the International War Against Black People Is Being Waged Locally - & How We Unify Against It". We will be focusing on organizing in Baltimore, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia and the San Francisco Bay Area, but participants from anywhere are welcome. Save the date and look out for more information in future newsletters.

**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."

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

### **Honoring the freedom fighters who walked before and among us during**

#### **#BlackAugust from BLM** Aug 3

"As we enter Black August, we give honor to those who sacrificed their lives and freedom for ours.

This month we give special acknowledgment to our political and politicized prisoners, many of whom are still living behind prison bars and walls. Our remembrance must not be one confined to words, but also of deed. During this month, we commit ourselves to discipline and self-determination. As taught by the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (MXGM), we fast, study, train, and fight that we might contribute to the liberation of our people.

Black August is the only widely practiced Black-led period of commemoration to be birthed by our incarcerated loved ones. Black August began in the early 1970s, following the murder of our beloved Ancestor George Jackson, who was murdered by prison guards in San Quentin. Brother George's murder came only a year after his brother, 17-year-old Jonathan Jackson, was killed along with William Christmas and James McClain. Ruchell Magee survived and remains imprisoned. The month of reflection and recommitment to liberation struggle draws heavily from Islamic and other spiritual practices and was first practiced beyond prison walls in August 1979.

Black Lives Matter commemorates Black August by calling the names of those killed in pursuit of Black freedom: Shaka Zulu, David Walker, Mary Turner, Harriette Moore, Malcolm X, Amilcar Cabral, Bunchy Carter, John Huggins, Dulcie September, "Little Phil" Africa, and thousands more. We call the names and are called to action around the political and politicized prisoners who continue to be held by the system of modified slavery: Ruchell Magee, Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Imam Jamil Al-Amin (H. Rap Brown), Sundiata Acoli, Mumia Abu-Jamal, and so many others.

**We also seek to honor the freedom fighters who walked before us and among us.**

**FAST** - All who are able are encouraged to abstain from eating from sun up to sun down to build discipline and empathy with our imprisoned folks and foster our collective spiritual unity.

**STUDY** - Read as much as we can about the struggle for Black liberation and the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters. Many of us will participate in a month-long read of Blood In My Eye by George Jackson. <https://unitedblackbooks.org/products/blood-in-my-eye-by-george-l-jackson-e-book>

**TRAIN** - Build our mental and physical endurance through fitness and exercise. Online classes are being offered by MXGM. <https://www.facebook.com/MXGMnational/>

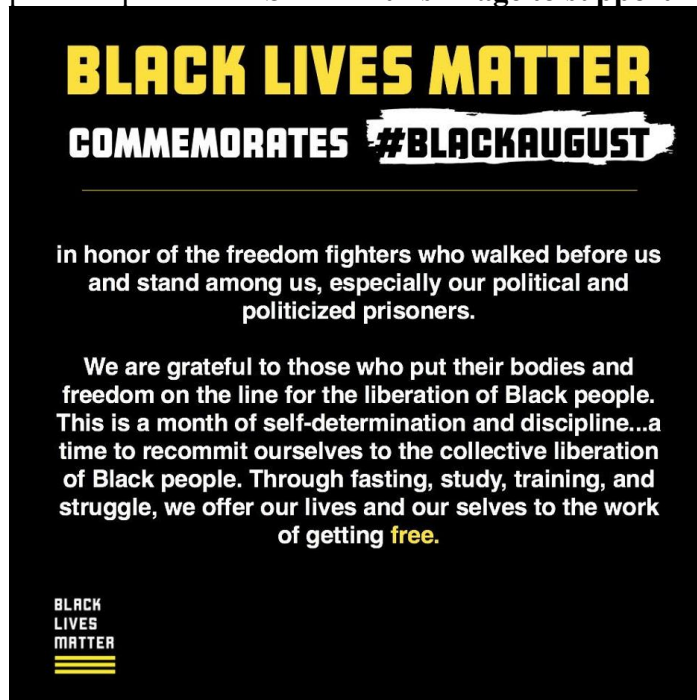
**FIGHT** - Redouble the work towards Black liberation. Join local Black Lives Matter chapters. <https://blacklivesmatter.com/chapters> **There's more that we can do...**

**SIGN** and share the petitions to free Ruchell Magee, Imam Jamil Al-Amin, and Dr. Mutulu Shakur. <https://www.change.org/p/governor-galvin-newsome-california-to-pardon-ruchell-magee-from-prison-being-incarcerated-since-1971-a-prisoner-who-s-been>

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

<https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/support-parole-and-compassionate-release-for-dr-mutulu-shakur> **DONATE** to the Jericho Movement, built to support political prisoners.

<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/home> **WRITE** messages of hope, love, and support to a political prisoner. **SHARE this image to support Black August**



We are grateful to be heirs to the Black freedom struggle. We pray that the work that we do honors our Ancestors and leaves the world better for those who come after.

Peace and Justice, The Black Lives Matter Crew”

**DONATE** [https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2008\\_email\\_blacklivesmatter](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2008_email_blacklivesmatter)

### **Interview: Kevin Sharp, on the Case of Leonard Peltier** Aug 3

“On June 26, 1975, FBI agents Jack Coler and Ron Williams died in a shootout on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The man who has spent the last 44 years in prison for aiding and abetting their murders is now 75-year-old Leonard Peltier, a member of the American Indian Movement, AIM, which seeks to address systemic racism and police brutality towards Native Americans. Former U.S. District Judge Kevin Sharp, who now represents Peltier, says that not only is Peltier innocent, he’s the longest serving political prisoner in American history.

#### **Kevin Sharp**

My name is Kevin Sharp. I am practicing law in Nashville, Tennessee. I was, for six years, a Federal District Court judge, which is the trial level judge in the federal system. I was appointed by President Obama, unanimously confirmed by a Republican controlled Senate and I took the bench in May of 2011. I practiced law before that, in a small plaintiffs firm that I had started. Prior to doing that, I had worked for Congress as a lawyer. I wanted to go to law school while I was serving in the Navy, and I eventually was nominated and appointed to the federal bench. I think I was a pretty good judge. I still hear from lawyers who say, “We wish you were back.” I was “a lawyer’s judge.” See

<https://crimestory.com/2020/08/03/interview-kevin-sharp-on-the-case-of-leonard-peltier/>

### **CCR: WATCH: Our client from Pelican Bay case testifies tomorrow!** Aug 4

Center for Constitutional Rights client Paul Redd, who was formerly imprisoned in the Pelican Bay Security Housing Unit (SHU) and is a plaintiff in our lawsuit challenging indefinite solitary confinement throughout California prisons, will testify tomorrow at an important hearing of the California Assembly Public Safety Committee. Mr. Redd was recently released from prison. While serving his sentence, he spent over thirty years isolated in the SHU. Tomorrow, he will testify in support of SB1064, a bill that would limit the use of confidential information by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

Listen to the hearing Wednesday, August 5, 2020 Hearing begins at 2:00 PM PDT (SB1064 is #19 on the agenda) Listen or watch at this link: <https://www.assembly.ca.gov/media/4202-video/audio>

### **“Leonard Peltier: “My Medical Problems are Not Getting Any Better. I am Seriously Hurting.”** August 5

“Citing health issues, Leonard Peltier (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians) has taken his name off the Party for Socialism and Liberation. Even though he has been incarcerated for the past 44 years, Peltier, 75, was on the party’s presidential ticket as the vice-presidential candidate. His withdrawal from the ticket was announced by Gloria La Riva, who is running for president of the PSL, and who received a statement from Peltier.

“I know this is a huge disappointment to you as it is mine, that I have to drop out of the campaign with Gloria La Riva. My medical problems are not getting any better. I need to try to get home or at least closer,” Peltier said in the statement. “If so, it would be easier to get out. So please, forgive me if I have disappointed any of you. I did not intend to. Nor was I dropping out because I did not believe in it. I’m seriously hurting. Just know I love you young people who support me. You’re awesome. Thank you for your support and love. Doksha, Leonard Peltier.” Peltier did not specifically name the medical condition that is causing him to be “seriously hurting.” Peltier’s health has long been a concern for those seeking his release from prison for his conviction of killing two FBI agents at Oglala on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1975.” See <https://nativenewsonline.net/currents/leonard-peltier-my-medical-problems-are-not-getting-any-better-i-am-seriously-hurting>



## "The Untold Story of Black Women Suffragists" Thursday, August 6, 7pm

Radical Women online event



“This year marks the 100th anniversary of the constitutional amendment granting U.S. women the legal right to vote. In tribute, Radical Women will show two short films on Black women and the fight for suffrage: a locally produced documentary by the KD Hall Foundation, followed by a recent lecture by Chicago historian Marcia Walker-McWilliams. Together they portray Black women’s role in defending the right to vote for both women and African American men. Black women started agitating for these

political rights from the time of slavery and are still fighting for access to the ballot today. Discussion will follow the films. Register in advance for the meeting here.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMud-6vqTorGtw5e\\_Hb9nWbIKLi3nX\\_XM7S](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMud-6vqTorGtw5e_Hb9nWbIKLi3nX_XM7S)

For more information: [RWSeattle@mindspring.com](mailto:RWSeattle@mindspring.com) • 206-722-6057 [www.facebook.com/RWseattle/](http://www.facebook.com/RWseattle/) “

### **New legal landscape for Native Americans in Oklahoma** Aug 4

“When police officers found the bodies of two children inside a hot pickup truck in Tulsa, Oklahoma, blame quickly fell on their father. Dustin Lee Dennis was supposed to be watching the 3- and 4-year old; instead, he slept the June afternoon away while they climbed into the truck, prosecutors said. This article was published in partnership with High Country News. The children died June 13 from heat exhaustion as the temperature outside rose to 94 degrees. Tulsa County prosecutors charged Dennis with second-degree murder and felony child neglect. But a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court upended the case. The court ruled July 9 that, under treaties dating back two centuries, much of eastern Oklahoma is Indian Country. That means tribal law and federal law, apply there in criminal cases involving Native citizens—not state law.” See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/08/04/half-of-oklahoma-is-now-indian-territory-what-does-that-mean-for-criminal-justice-there>

### **View from Death Row: We Are the Living Dead by Kevin Cooper** Aug 5

“For weeks, prisoners at San Quentin have been sick and dying as the epidemic spread rapidly in the crowded, stacked cells. Then the author fell ill, too. DEATH ROW, SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON — We men and women who unfortunately have been sentenced to death and sent to death rows here at San Quentin State Prison (for men) and the Central California Women’s Facility at Chowchilla have often been referred to as the “walking dead” or “Dead Man Walking,” as made famous by the 1995 movie, starring Sean Penn and Susan Sarandon, about a death row inmate. We were called these names long before the COVID-19 pandemic came upon us all, seemingly out of nowhere. After it came on the scene, we death row inmates got a double dose of death.” See <https://scheerpost.com/2020/08/05/view-from-death-row-we-are-the-living-dead/>

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“Current and previous issues of Re-Build! are available for download on our Resources page <https://www.rebuildcollective.org/events-1> The page also contains New Afrikan Independence Movement documents and links to related works and websites. Check it out! Free the Land! Re-Build!”

### **Mandela Taught Us the Value of a United Cause in Prison** Aug 6

“When one is a young political activist, it’s difficult to understand why it’s so problematic for the different political formations to unite for a common cause against a common enemy, apartheid. I could understand when we were still struggling against apartheid we, the Congress Alliance, used non-violence as our tactic, but that came to an end with the brutal massacre of 69 of our people on March 21, 1960.” See <https://portside.org/2020-08-06/mandela-taught-us-value-united-cause-prison>

### **Check out the photos from last week’s amazing Freedom March in El Barrio!** Aug 7

See <https://www.prolibertad.org/march-for-puerto-rico>

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### **ICE Resisted Covid-19 Testing to Avoid Releasing Detainees** Aug 7

“On the evening of July 1, four people in Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody slept on the floor of the intake room at the Mesa Verde ICE Processing Facility in Bakersfield, California. A detainee who arrived with them had tested positive for Covid-19, but there was no room in the detention center — which is run by the private prison company GEO Group — to isolate people exposed to the coronavirus. The next morning, the four people were gone, transferred along with others to another facility. “Looks like we’re dodging a bullet,” Mesa Verde warden Nathan Allen wrote in an email on July 2. If new detainees continued to arrive at Mesa Verde, and people inside continued to test positive for Covid-19, ICE would have no choice but to limit street arrests or release detainees to make room for people to isolate. But only if people were tested.” See <https://theintercept.com/2020/08/07/ice-coronavirus-testing-detainees-mesa-verde/>

### **Why It’s Not So Simple To Arrest The Cops Who Shot Breonna Taylor** Aug 8

“The entire internet, it seems, is calling for the arrests of the officers who killed Breonna Taylor in her Louisville, Kentucky, home. The viral meme goes like this: take any subject and insert a reference to Taylor. For example, on the first day of the delayed baseball season the Tampa Bay Rays tweeted: “Today is Opening Day, which means it’s a great day to arrest the killers of Breonna Taylor.” On Friday, Oprah Magazine began erecting some 26 billboards in Louisville making the same plea for arrests. But it’s not that simple, partly because of a tangled legal doctrine that applies to Kentucky and 28 other states. There is no specific law in these jurisdictions addressing police shooting in self-defense, which means officers have the same rights and obligations as any resident. Yet police have the unique power to initiate violence—like knocking down the door of a private home in the middle of the night—that other people don’t.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/08/08/why-it-s-not-so-simple-to-arrest-the-cops-who-shot-breonna-taylor>

### **COVID-19 cases inside state and federal prisons rise another 10 percent in the past week.** Aug 9

“At least 86,639 prisoners across the country have now tested positive for the coronavirus, led by recent spikes in about a half dozen states, including California, Florida and Texas. At least 804 prisoners have died of COVID-19-related causes. More than 19,000 prison staff also have tested positive for the virus. At least 62 have died. 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>

## **Claims of medical neglect of Palestinian detainees as the pandemic reaches the occupation prisons** August 10

“When Kamal Abu Waar received confirmation that he had Covid-19, early last month, he had already been struggling with throat cancer for two years. The 46-year-old Palestinian from the town of Qabatia, near Jenin, is behind the occupation bars since 2003, spending his six life-sentences, and facing two deadly diseases, in the middle of what human rights organizations describe as systematic medical neglect. Abu Waar is the latest in a long series of Palestinians having to experience the consequences of falling sick inside occupation prisons. Exactly a month ago, another Palestinian, Saadi Gharabli, a 74-year-old Palestinian from Gaza, died of cancer in Israeli prisons. He had been arrested in 1994 and spent 12 years in solitary confinement. Last November, the 37-year-old Sami Abu Dyak fell to cancer too. In the previous months, he had entered the deadly phase of his disease, which sparked a popular and legal campaign demanding his release for humanitarian reasons. His last wish was to die in the arms of his mother, which he was denied.’ See <https://qudsnen.co/claims-of-medical-neglect-of-palestinian-detainees-as-the-pandemic-reaches-the-occupation-prisons/>

## **Imam Jamil Al-Amin: Check out the coverage we received from FOX!!! Civil rights groups call to reopen case of Georgia deputy's murder** Aug 12

“We held a press conference on Monday to address the candidates running for the Fulton County District Attorney position and it was a great success! Click the link to see the coverage!!!! A special thank you goes out to CAIR Georgia, The Black Civil Action Fund and The Imam Jamil Action Network.” See <https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/civil-rights-groups-call-to-reopen-case-of-georgia-deputys-murder>

## **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 Abdul Muntaqim (Anthony Bottom). Hopefully you will agree to assist, and if you do, please feel free to engage at your own level of comfort and capacity.

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

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

### Outcomes

**Reparations**

**Establishment of People’s Senate**

**International Solidarity**

**Truth & Justice Commission to Free All Political Prisoners**

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

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

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”)  
[\(https://www.penalreform.org/priorities/prison-conditions/standard-minimum-rules/\)](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  
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