

## The Dragons Fire



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

**Ho Chi Minh**

### **THE NATIONAL JERICHO MOVEMENT NEWSLETTER**

**in Fierce Determination Since 1996**

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## **Revolutionary Greetings,**

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

**“Never underestimate the power of the people. The people United can do seemingly the impossible. From moving mountains, dismantling racist statues, pulling down steel bars that lead to Freedom, and other unimaginable feats. It may not come at the time that we want...but it comes in Allah's time... and when it does, Victory is oh so sweet.” A.M.**

## 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.

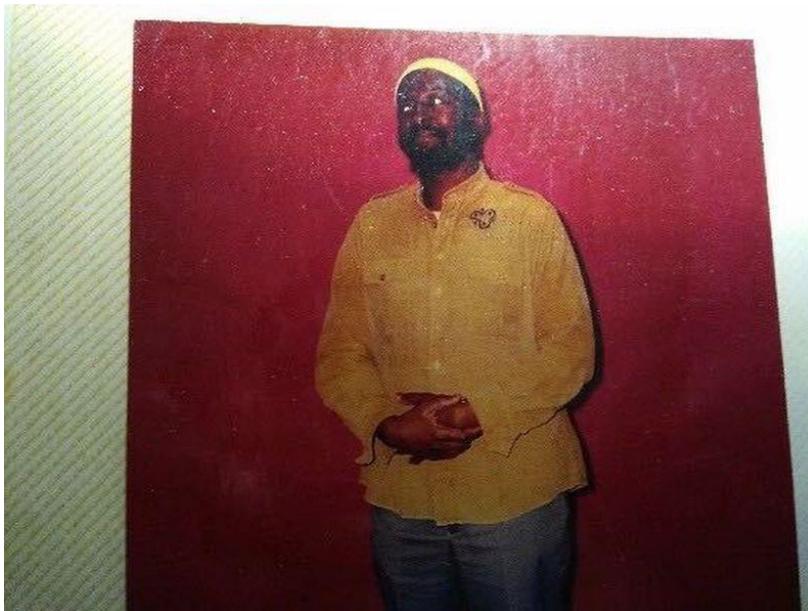
We are actively involved in collaborating with and supporting other organizations and events which are in alignment with our missions and values to break down walls of injustice, racism, oppression and Free our Political Prisoners. Jericho meetings and teleconferences occur during the month nationwide.

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

## Jericho Highlights and Tributes

**Salih Ali Abdullah**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1946- September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



### **Our Beloved Comrade, Brother Transitioned on September 26, 2020**

It is with great sadness that we send our condolences to brother Salih’s family and loved ones. Salih suffered a massive stroke during his 14<sup>th</sup> parole hearing and transitioned days later at a hospital in Buffalo, NY. Salih was 74 years old.

Salih was incarcerated for 47 years and was a mentor, scholar, and beloved leader in the Muslim community. Salih was an artist who loved painting, calligraphy, and planned on starting a business when he was released. In his letters (which were beautifully inscribed with Arabic calligraphy) he expressed hopes of traveling, becoming a professional artist, and reuniting with his beloved family. Salih was a humble and true servant of Allah swt, May Allah in His mercy grant brother Salih the highest ranks of Jannah.

A’isha Mohammad, Jericho Newsletter Editor

(Photo from RAPP Flyer)

## Welcome Home Jalil!!! October 7, 2020



The National Jericho Movement joins with family, comrades, friends, and the international community in the historic celebration of the release on parole of freedom fighter and Political Prisoner Jalil Muntaqim. Jalil's release comes after being confined for almost 5 decades. Jalil is the co-founder (along with deceased Comrade Sister Safiya Bukhari, d. 2003 and Baba Herman Ferguson, d. 2014) of the National Jericho Movement to Free All Political Prisoners. Founding Jericho in 1998 was just one of Jalil's many significant achievements. During his time in prison Jalil had also received many degrees and certifications. He mentored other prisoners and resolved numerous prison beefs. He stood by his principles and maintained the highest level of discipline, integrity and self-respect and respect for others. Jalil's activism never ceased and is unquestionable. He has consistently provided movement leadership and guidance under the worse of conditions behind concrete and steel bars.

The best way to honor Jalil now is for us all to continue our human rights activism and movement building, and to continue to fight for the release of the remaining national liberation and civil rights era Political Prisoners ([www.thejerichomovement.com](http://www.thejerichomovement.com)). While in prison Jalil called for the establishment of the "In the Spirit of Mandela Coalition." ([spiritofmandela.org](http://spiritofmandela.org)) The major initiative on the table is the October 2021 International Tribunal. Jalil requests our solidarity, input, energy, and drive!

The struggle continues!  
Free All Political Prisoners  
IT 2021!!!

- Jihad Abdulmumit  
Chair, National Jericho  
(Welcome home Comrade!)

## Chairman's Corner

No News this Month



## Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

### Medical Updates

**Ed Poindexter:** Ed is being quarantined during covid for added safety measures Edward is now in a wheelchair, and he will need a lot of help when gets out.

### Legal Updates

**Ed Poindexter:** The rally in Omaha was successful, but the governor refused to move up the hearing due to Covid. Please write a letter to the Pardons Board. Ed would be very grateful. We would also appreciate if you could send us a copy of your letter to: [freedomford@gmail.com](mailto:freedomford@gmail.com). See Call to Action below” (ongoing).

### Jalil Muntaqim: Jalil has been Granted Parole!

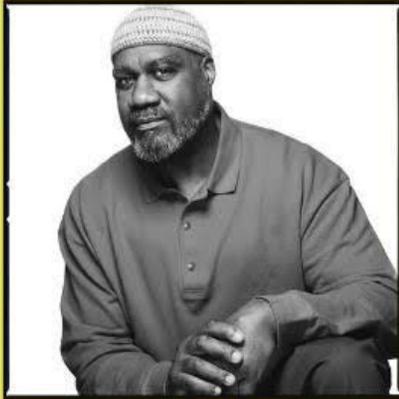
Jalil Muntaqim (Anthony Bottom), a 68-year-old respected elder, was granted parole on September 22, 2020, after serving nearly 50 years in prison. Jalil is one of thousands of incarcerated older people in New York State who was repeatedly denied parole for over two decades after completing his minimum sentence despite his excellent record, and “lowest risk” score on the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) COMPAS risk assessment instrument.



Let us hope that his release brings inspiration for more change. Jalil is deeply humbled and grateful for the broad expressions of support he has received from his family and community throughout the years, and looks forward to coming home, where he can reunite with his loved ones and continue to heal from COVID 19, which he contracted in prison in May.

**Jalil Muntaqim is Home! Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

## **JALIL MUNTAQIM IS HOME!**



We are thrilled to announce that former Black Panther and respected and beloved elder, Jalil Muntaqim (Anthony Bottom), was released on October 7th after serving nearly 50 years in prison. During his decades in prison, Jalil led education and mentorship programs for other people in prison, as well as earning numerous educational degrees and mentoring many younger incarcerated men.

Jalil is now home with his family and community and asks for everyone to respect his privacy at this time as he reconnects with his loved ones in freedom, and continues to heal from COVID 19, which he contracted in prison last May. Jalil is deeply humbled and grateful for the broad expressions of support he has received from his family and community throughout the years and looks forward to this next chapter. He will not be making any public statements at this time.



**Jalil and his Mom in Rochester “on this side of the wall”  
A beautiful Reunion October 15<sup>th</sup> 2020!!!**

## Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

### *October Birthdays!*

#### **Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin-Birthday: October 4, 1943**



# 99974-555, USP Tucson, P.O. Box 2450, Tucson, AZ 85734

Affiliation: Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Captured: 2000- Life No Parole (Georgia to Federal custody).

The prosecutor in the Atlanta case after the conviction said, "After 24 years we've finally gotten him," which means the prosecutor was counting back to the day when Jamil walked out of a prison in New York City. So this case in Atlanta...was and is an extension of the targeting." - Karima Al-Amin, Attorney & Wife in extensive San Francisco Bay View article [photo: Imam Jamil with his son Kairi when he was a child – Kairi is now an attorney practicing law with his mother, Karima Al-Amin.]

New Trial For Imam Jamil Al-Amin FKA H. Rap Brown

<https://whathappened2rap.com/>

<https://thejerichomovement.com/profile/al-amin-jamil-abdullah>

#### **David Gilbert- Birthday: October 6, 1944**



#83A6158 Wende Correctional Facility

3040 Wende, NY 14004

Affiliation: ANTI-IMPERIALIST POLITICAL PRISONER

Captured: October 20, 1981. Sentence: 75 years to life.

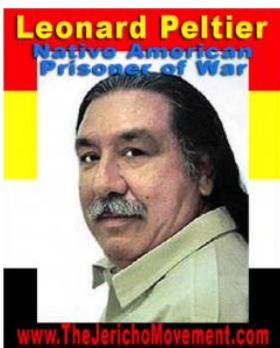
"The starting point for me is identifying with other people. That solidarity, that tenderness, mandates standing with the oppressed—the vast majority—against the power structure...The Civil Rights Movement also showed me more of a sense of humanity and nobility of purpose than I found in the white suburbs where I grew up." \*Political Autobiography, David Gilbert - 10/13/08

<https://thejerichomovement.com/profile/gilbert-david>

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

### *September Birthdays!*

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



American Indian Movement -ANISHINAABE/LAKOTA

Contact Information/Prison Address #89637-132 USP Coleman I, P.O. Box 1033, Coleman, FL 33521, United States

Affiliation: American Indian Movement

Captured: Feb. 6, 1976- 2 life sentences

"You do not have the ability to see that the Government must suppress the fact that there is a growing anger amongst Indian people and that native Americans will resist any further encroachment by the military forces of the capitalist

Americans." <http://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info> Author

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



Muslim- Republic of New Afrika  
 Contact Information/Prison Address  
 #09891-000--Federal Medical Center Rochester, P.O. Box 4000,  
 Rochester, MN 55903 United States  
 Captured:1986: In Exile 9 yrs. Captured 1995: Life sentence "Mayes claims that he has been "A citizen of the sovereign Republic of New Afrika" and that his "secession from the United States of America is the motivating factor behind the government's prosecution" and has no criminal basis. Mayes asks the court to recognize him "as a political prisoner in accordance with the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Protocol 1."



*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**

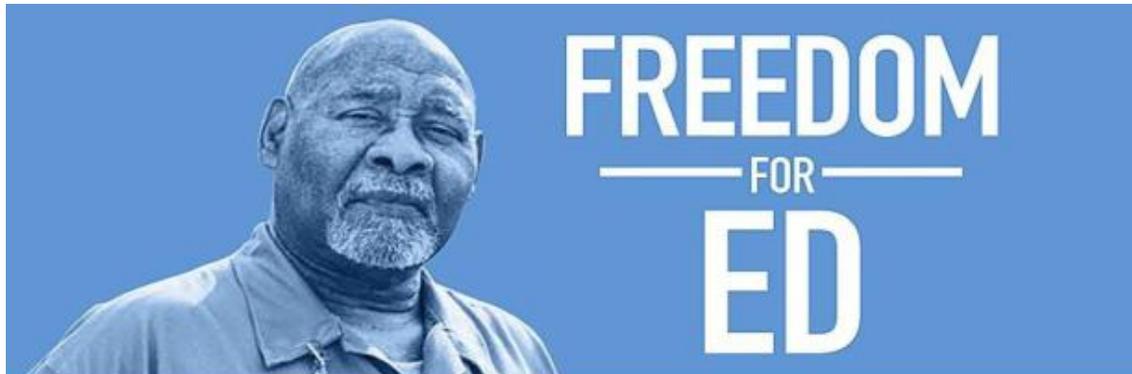
**Eric King's amazing account of life in solitary confinement in the Bureau of Prisons (Flipping the Script) has been featured in Solitary Watch.**

"Read about the lived experience of people in the system and not experts! This article expertly describes the Kafkaesque existence of over 10,000 people being housed in segregation for at least 23 hours a day in the Bureau of Prisons. Eric is a friend and political prisoner and facing up to 20 more years in prison for being assaulted by BOP staff. More via supportericking.org and Support Eric King." See <https://solitarywatch.org/2020/09/30/voices-from-solitary-flipping-the-script/>

## **Community Calls for Action**

### **Ongoing Calls**

**Demand Freedom for Ed Poindexter (ongoing)**



### Ed's Story

In April of 1971, Edward Poindexter and Mondo we Langa, formerly David Rice, were sentenced to life in prison for the death of an Omaha police officer- a crime they did not commit. The two 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. His last chance for freedom is to receive a commutation of sentence from the Nebraska Board of Pardons. At age 75, he is at high risk for COVID related health complications. He must receive an immediate and expedited commutation hearing from the Board.

### Take Action Now

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

#### WRITE:

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

#### EMAIL:

ne.pardonsboard@  
nebraska.gov

#### CALL:

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

\*please email a copy of your letter  
to [freedomfored@gmail.com](mailto:freedomfored@gmail.com)

#### Sample Letter

Dear Pardons Board:

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

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

 @freedom4ed

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

**\*Ed was denied an expedited hearing, his hearing will be sometime next year.**

**PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION FOR ED:** Here is the link to the Petition for Ed Poindexter.

Please sign-- and also write to the Nebraska Pardons Board demanding commutation of Ed's life sentence to---Time Served! <http://chnng.it/vctskKv49k>

Please write a letter to the Pardons Board (and forward this), Ed would be very grateful. We would also appreciate if you could send us a copy of your letter to: [freedomfored@gmail.com](mailto:freedomfored@gmail.com) Thank you so much

for your decades of support for Ed, and for Mondo we Langa!

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EMAIL: [ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov](mailto:ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov)

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### **Please support these recently released Political Prisoners! (ongoing)**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

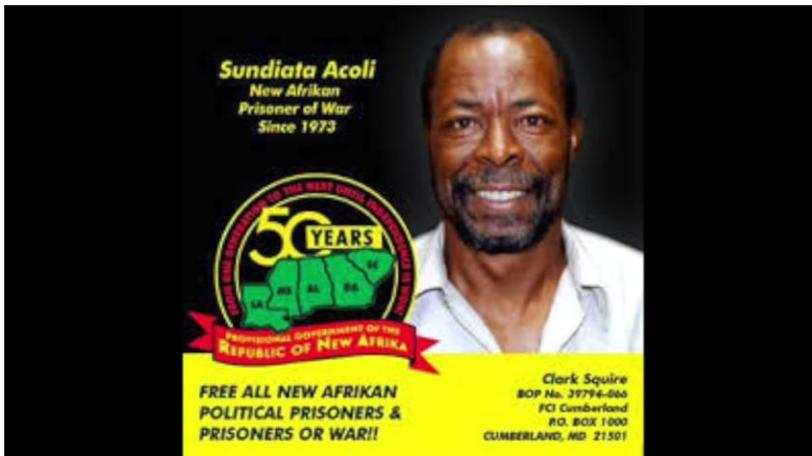
shukran/thank you . We have launched numerous campaigns over the last 20 years but the response to this one has been truly overwhelming and we would be remiss if we didn't show our appreciation so again, shukran/thank you and insha Allah our efforts will not be in vain this time. For 20 years we've pointed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

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

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

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

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



“Dear Friends and Supporters of Sundiata Acoli: The New Jersey Appellate Court denied Sundiata’s release on parole in a decision dated Dec. 27, 2019. He gets a mandatory appeal to the New Jersey Supreme Court. Sundiata’s attorney must get transcripts and will have other expenses, including printing, and of course his legal fees, as he prepares the next phase of this case. A minimum amount of \$20,000 is the fundraising goal. His attorney needs

funds now. He has done a great job so far, on behalf of Sundiata, and no doubt will continue to do so. Please give generously to ensure that lack of funds does not contribute to any delay in pursuing freedom for Sundiata, who is 83 years old and has been in prison for 47 years. Sundiata deeply appreciates the support, and commitment to getting him released. Much thanks in advance, on his behalf. How we can help FREE SUNDIATA ACOLI: Make checks or money orders payable to Sundiata Acoli Freedom Campaign (or SAFC). Mail them to: Florence Morgan, 147-25 Northern Blvd. #5Q, Flushing, New York 11354. Or, if paying via Pay Pal, use this Email: SAFC766@gmail.com. And use this link to pay using the “pay with debit or credit card” option: [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=DVMHWEW8D7SWW&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=DVMHWEW8D7SWW&source=url). Be safe, healthy, and be encouraged. Attorney Florence Morgan can be reached at [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/>

### **Support SF BayView -PLEASE DONATE NOW (ongoing)**

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

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

**Happy day at the Bay View: Join us to celebrate Malik’s freedom and Willie’s 88th b’day Sept 20**

“Please join our celebration of Comrade Malik’s freedom and Dr. Ratcliff’s 88th birthday via Zoom on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20, 2020, at 2 p.m. Use this link: <https://bit.ly/2ZCLTGA> (meeting ID: 934 6083 4752, passcode: 318631). Picture this: On Sept. 7, the day after Labor Day – the day the wildfires blotted out the sun – suddenly we filled all the desks that have been empty here in our office all these years. We made the leap from a staff of one to a staff of FIVE: Malik, Nube, Griffin, John and me. Thanks to Malik’s charisma, he found John among his recently released comrades at the halfway house he’s temporarily assigned to. John is the accountant we’ve been looking for so long, and he’s a CPA to boot!” Along with Dr. Ratcliff, we’ve filled 4917 Third St. to the rafters with people dedicated and eager to change the world in the ways the Bay View has long advocated.” See <https://sfbayview.com/donate/>

### **Russell Maroon Shoatz: 77 Letters for Russell Maroon Shoatz** Sept 15

“Maroon Party for Liberation are launching their 77 letters in 7 days campaign this #MaroonMonday for political prisoner Russell Maroon Shoatz. Maroon was our sensei, Fred Ho's comrade, and organized multiple campaigns to Free Maroon. We were successful in obtaining his freedom from solitary confinement, yet not from behind enemy lines. As a commitment to Fred Ho (ibaye asé), to Maroon, and our liberation movement, the maroon party for liberation is launching this support letter campaign to wish him a happy b'earthday and to keep his energy and spirits up as we continue to strategize on ways to liberate our elders and freedom fighters. FREE THEM ALL! Please follow the link below to submit your letter. We will print it out and mail it to him once we receive our goal of 77 to flood the mail waves and to fill his spirits with love. <http://tiny.cc/77forMaroon>” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/updates-22-sept-2020.pdf>

### **Washington, DC: NO to Israel/UAE Normalization. Free Palestine!** Sept 15



“Tuesday, 15 September

11 am - 3 pm

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

Washington, DC, US

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2385385028432836/>

Samidoun is a part of this coalition of more than 50 organizations co-sponsoring this protest in opposition to the US-brokered normalization treaty between the UAE, Bahrain and Israel. There should be NO normalization with occupation and colonization! This protest will take place on the same day and same time as the signing ceremony. Meet at BLM Plaza!

### **Mother to Lead #Justice4FrankieDiaz Philly March** Sept 17

“Mother to Lead #Justice4FrankieDiaz Philadelphia March Thu, Sept 17, Starting at 10 am. Justice for Frankie Diaz, Philly Victim of Corrections Homicide! Eva Diaz, mother of Frankie Diaz who died after blunt force injuries at Philadelphia Detention Center will lead a march of family members, friends and supporters demanding answers and justice for Frankie Diaz. While Philadelphia Corrections is stonewalling against family demands for answers, some details of the circumstances surrounding Frankie Diaz's death that are known are provided in the interview with Eva Diaz below.” See <http://decarceratenj.blogspot.com/2020/09/mother-to-lead-justice4frankiediaz.html> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2671301059754422/>

**BAP: The DNC and the Politics of Betrayal – EVENTS: Sept 19-Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

**Endorse the statement here:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbpUhl14xyL3aQYMREzBgcUwxkr\\_rFE2hyITD-La3WwIuExA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbpUhl14xyL3aQYMREzBgcUwxkr_rFE2hyITD-La3WwIuExA/viewform)

**Add your event here** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPdGaiYB7MXZqNvENgICpp-WpxKDh0elZ21T6ohw1t77AEw/viewform>

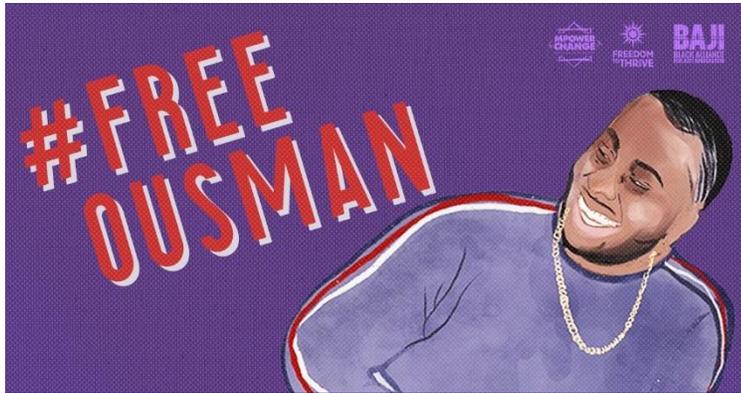
**Read the full call to action, download posters and get event ideas here**

<https://samidoun.net/2020/08/action4return-september-18-26-palestinian-return-and-refugee-rights-confronting-normalization-towards-liberation/> This call is initiated by Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner

Solidarity Network, Al Naqab Center (Bourj al-Barajneh Camp). Palestinian Chess Club (Shatila Camp), Al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, Palestinian Youth Movement, Alkarama Palestinian Women’s Mobilization, the Global Campaign to Return to Palestine, National Students for Justice in Palestine, Within Our Lifetime – United for Palestine, Collectif Palestine Vaincra, NY4Palestine, CAPJPO-EuroPalestine, International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network-Canada, International Forum – Middle East Group, American Muslims for Palestine NJ, Actions4Palestine,

Plate-forme Charleroi-Palestine, Independent Jewish Voices-Toronto, Friends of Palestine Against Imperialism and Zionism, Women in Solidarity with Palestine-Toronto, and Anti-Imperialist Action Ireland.”

**A Black Muslim father detained by ICE longer than almost anyone else** Sept 23

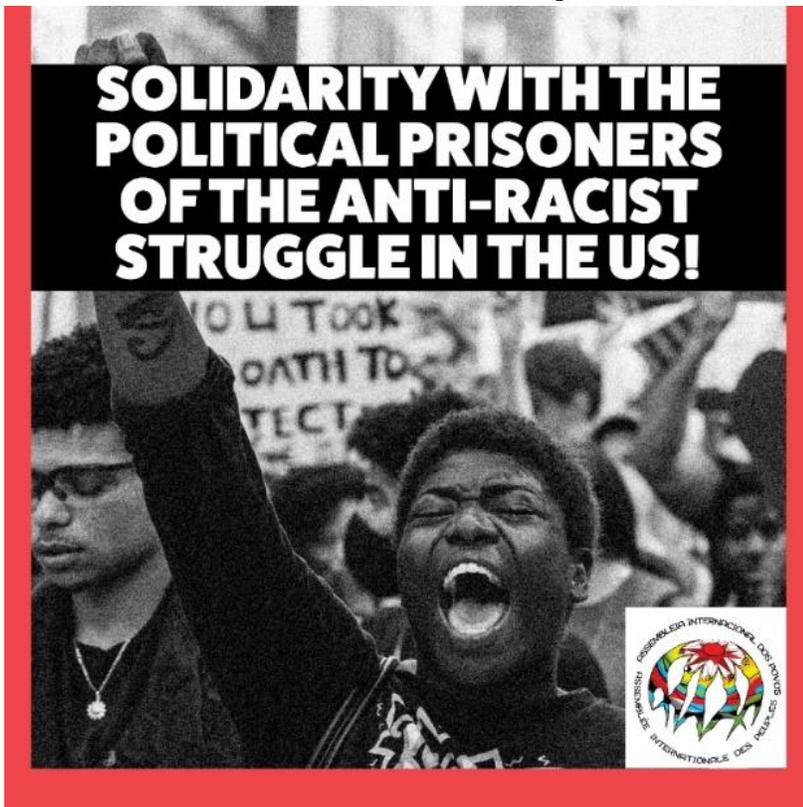


“Our collective fight to #FreeOusman has come a long way. At last, we have a real chance to end this longstanding, deep injustice in the next 5 days. So I'm just going to get right into it. Ousman Darboe, a 26-year-old Black Muslim, father and husband from the Bronx, has been imprisoned by ICE longer than any other New Yorker currently in detention. And this Monday, he gets a bond hearing that could finally end his brazenly unjust and

unjustified detention. Today, we're teaming up with the Bronx Defenders, Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI) and Freedom To Thrive to get as many people as possible to sign a public letter for Ousman ahead of his Monday bond hearing. Please: sign the petition so we can show the courts Ousman's community wants him home.” See

<https://act.mpowerchange.org/sign/freeousman/#?t=2&akid=9199%2E409282%2E6uynIO>

**STATEMENT IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLITICAL PRISONERS OF THE ANTI-RACIST STRUGGLE IN THE USA!** Sept 25



“The movements and member organizations of the International Peoples’ Assembly make an international call for solidarity with the political prisoners of Denver, USA, arrested on September 17, for leading in the massive anti-racist protest movement that has taken to the streets demanding justice for George Floyd, Elijah McClain and other victims of racist police brutality in the United States. Sign the petition to drop all the charges.” Sign Here:

<https://www.pslweb.org/dropthecharges>

## Weekly Actions to End Solitary in NYC Sept 25, Sept 30, Oct 11

**STOP THE TORTURE.  
STOP THE KILLING!**

**Weekly Actions @ City Hall to  
End Solitary Confinement in NYC**



**Fri., Sept. 25, 12:30 pm  
Wed., Sept. 30, 12:30 pm  
Wed., Oct. 7, 11 am**

**City Hall Entrance at Broadway & Murray**




“Join Tomorrow, Fri., Sept. 25, 12:30 pm. Weekly Actions Outside City Hall to Demand NYC End Solitary Confinement. The NYC Mayor and Board of Correction still have not issued rules to end solitary confinement, as they have been long promising, and instead now say they will vote on rules in October. From now until the Board of Correction's next meeting (Oct 13), we will continue to hold weekly rallies at City Hall to demand that NYC immediately, finally, and fully ends solitary confinement in a real and meaningful way. Join us at the Broadway side entrance to City Hall (Broadway & Murray): This Fri., Sept. 25, 12:30 pm, Wed., Sept. 30, 12:30 pm, Wed., Oct. 7, 11 am. Now is the moment to demand that NYC ends this horrific and racist torture once and for all!

## Stand up to fascist rally in Portland Sept 26

“As you may have heard, the ultra-right Proud Boys group has called a national rally for Portland, Oregon this Saturday, September 26 to “end antifa.” This white supremacist, anti-feminist, fascist gathering is a reaction to the protests against police brutality that have exploded in Portland, Seattle and around the country. Trump’s racist, sexist, anti-left vitriol encourages them. The far-right Proud Boys work with fascists and have a history of harassing Black Lives Matters protesters, Muslims, Jewish people, immigrants, people of color, women, LGBTQ folks, abortion clinics, leftists and unionists, and the homeless. Under the guise of upholding “Western Values,” they promote bigotry and violence.

Unionists and community activists are mobilizing to say NO to the Proud Boys, NO to racism, and NO to fascism.

Counter-demonstrators with diverse political affiliations and views are coming together to stand against the far-right and for the rich cultural and racial diversity in the Pacific Northwest. Radical Women and Seattle/Puget Sound Freedom Socialist Party are organizing carpooling on Saturday morning, leaving New Freeway Hall at 7am. The event link is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/435328737435976> In Portland, we are meeting at 11am at north west corner of Peninsula Park (the corner N. Rosa Parks Way and N. Albina Ave.) in Portland.

Portland’s Labor for Black Lives/Labor Against Fascism’s event is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3260995753978700> To donate to the effort, go to <https://fsp-seattle.square.site/>, contribute via Venmo @Seattle-PS-FSP or mail a check to FSP, 5018 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118. Please note that it is for the Portland trip.”

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

“In the Spirit of Filiberto Ojeda Rios and of El Grito de Lares, join us for the ¡Filiberto Vive! South Bronx Freedom March! Bring El Grito de Lares to the South Bronx! In memory of El Comandante Filiberto Ojeda Rios, let's take it the streets! In the Spirit of Filiberto Ojeda Rios and of El Grito de Lares, join us for the ¡Filiberto Vive! Join us South Bronx Freedom March! Bring El Grito de Lares to

# ¡FILIBERTO VIVE!

## SOUTH BRONX FREEDOM MARCH!



**Saturday, September 26th, 2020 @ 1pm**  
**Meet at Hostos Community College**  
**500 Grand Concourse, South Bronx**

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

**152 years ago:** On September 23rd, 1868 in Lares, Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rican people rose up against Spanish colonialism, chattel slavery, and declared Freedom for the Puerto Rican Nation.

In the Spirit of El Grito de Lares and in loving memory of El Comandante Filiberto Ojeda Rios, join ProLibertad as we take the streets! El Grito de Lares was a revolt of the people and Filiberto was a man of the people. Join us as we march through the heart of the Puerto Rican community! We will be educating, chanting, and demanding **INDEPENDENCE, SELF DETERMINATION, AND LIBERATION FOR PUERTO RICO!**

**Bring your flags, noise makers, banners, and panderetas!**



The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign

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### **Online fundraiser for Joy Powell Oct 1 (ongoing)**

"Joy's family recently covered some legal expenses in order to proceed to the next step in appealing her wrongful conviction. The online fundraiser is to cover these costs as well as any future costs for her support. We are still seeking options for pro bono counsel to keep these costs as low as possible, but even with pro bono representation there will be filing fees, legal visit costs, etc.



Every dollar truly counts, and Joy is very appreciative of everyone's support. The direct link for the fundraising page is <https://fundrazr.com/freejoypowell>, and we have added a link to her website at <https://www.freejoypowell.org/support/>. We also posted a link on the Facebook page for her (Free Joy Powell). Please share these with your social networks! Don't hesitate to let us know if there are any questions and THANK YOU for helping spread the word about this important step to secure Joy's freedom. -Philly ABC and NYC Jericho”

### **Gainesville IWOC: Petition to Release Prisoners Oct 1**

“#CagingCOVID is launching an effort led by the Nation Inside team, in partnership with prisoners and their families on the outside. We have three ways you can help:

1. Sign and share this petition to the DOJ and CDC demanding both investigation and enforcement action to stop the rampant spread of COVID-19 among prisoners who are both unable to socially distance or stuck in isolation; <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-the-doj-investigate-and-enforce-cdc-guidelines-on-covid-19-in-prisons>

2. Fill out this form with info about any family or friend who is locked up and has a story to tell about COVID-19;

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7roo3nvZmFUSRiizsZfwndKp06KxNOrO\\_WpB6A-E\\_if2oKA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7roo3nvZmFUSRiizsZfwndKp06KxNOrO_WpB6A-E_if2oKA/viewform)

3. Use the #CagingCOVID campaign page to generate a persistent social media buzz

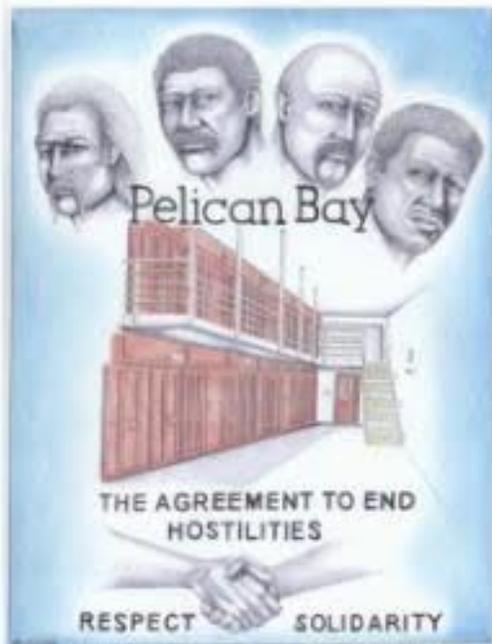
<https://nationinside.org/campaign/cagingcovid-stopping-the-spread-behind-bars/>

This new campaign page is full of stories and resources for activists, journalists and policy-makers to use. Our petition will be delivered to Department of Justice (DOJ) staff, as well the Center for Disease Control (CDC), to call for immediate action. While the CDC has acknowledged the danger in prisons, it has fallen short of advocating the level of decarceration that is needed to truly implement its guidelines.”

**Update to the plans for our PROTECT OUR ANCESTORS RALLY and PROCLAMATION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY in CALEDONIA and RUSH! Oct 10**

The RALLY TO PROTECT OUR ANCESTORS scheduled for October 12th will occur with the following modifications as we learn how many attendees there will be and how we can best socially distance to protect everyone's health. For those with walking challenges, please meet at the Avon Wesleyan Church/Four Corners Campus just west of River Road/Livingston County #84 and Rt. 5. You will walk the short distance from there to the Canawaugus marker in the Town of Caledonia, Rt.5 and River Road/Livingston County #84. The RALLY will begin at 11:00. If you plan to walk, due to limited parking, please arrive early at the boat launch at the east side of the Genesee River, south side of Rt. 5&20. We may need to accommodate overflow parking. The walk will start there and end up at the Canawaugus sign where the RALLY will begin at 11:00. The PROCLAMATION for INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY will occur on October 12th at 3pm at the Rush Town Hall in the Town of Rush; but attendance will be limited to 50 people. The address is 5977 East Henrietta Road, Rush, NY 14543. The Haudenosaunee organizers and Residents United to Save our Hometown apologize for any inconvenience this abrupt change in plans may cause. We hope to see you at these events, wearing masks, carrying signs and staying well. Please bring your NO MASSIVE SOLAR SIGNS."

**MARCH TO SAN QUENTIN-Saturday Oct 10**



NoJusticeUnderCapitalism, California Prison Focus,  
& KAGE Universal

**SATURDAY, OCT 10th**  
**March to San Quentin Prison**

**PRISON RESISTANCE THEN AND NOW:**

George Jackson, the Attica uprising,  
and the Agreement to End Hostilities

Protest, art, music and speeches honoring the  
prison resistance movement

NO STATE  
EXECUTIONS



BY COVID-19

**Meet at 4:30pm**

Ferry Terminal Parking Lot  
Larkspur, CA 94939

[bit.ly/PrisonResistance](https://bit.ly/PrisonResistance)

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



@NoJusticeUnderCapitalism

**Denounce NYPD'S intimidation tactics against Black Lives Matter activists! Oct 11**

"The New York Police Department didn't have a warrant to arrest Derrick "Dwreck" Ingram, a prominent organizer of Black Lives Matter events. So instead, on August 7, they brought dozens of officers, a helicopter, riot gear, and police dogs. To his front door. In a five-hour-long siege. All to coerce him into leaving his home. Make no mistake: this is a clear attempt to intimidate peaceful protesters and chill free speech. The NYPD aimed to mislead Derrick about his rights, threatened to break down his door, attempted to interrogate him without counsel, and stationed dozens of officers in his hallway, on his fire escape, and in positions in and around nearby buildings. The police left only

after Derrick livestreamed the events, a large crowd of protesters gathered, and the media began asking questions.” Sign here:

<https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/add-your-name-denounce-nypds-intimidation-tactics-against-black-lives-matter-activists>

## Rally for Salih Abdullah: 74-year-old Elder Who Died in NY Prison Custody After 47 Years in Prison and 13 Parole Denials Oct 13

**EMERGENCY RALLY** *Foley Square*

**AND VIGIL** *Wednesday, Oct. 14, 5:30 pm*

On Sept. 16th, Salih Abdullah suffered a fatal stroke in the middle of his 14th Parole Board interview at Wende prison. Salih was 74 years old and served nearly 50 years in prison. He was a mentor, leader in the Muslim community, and had so much to offer the outside world. Instead of releasing Salih at his minimum 25-year sentence, the Parole Board denied Salih's release 13 times.

**Join us to demand justice in the wake of Salih's death. We demand no more death by incarceration in NYS prisons. We demand lawmakers in Albany pass the Elder Parole bill and Fair and Timely Parole Act.**

**In Memory of**  
**Salih Abdullah**

Zoom: [bit.ly/rally-for-salih](https://bit.ly/rally-for-salih)

Please join us tomorrow, October 13th at 5:30pm in Foley Square, NYC and outside the Governor's Mansion in Albany (138 Eagle St.) for an emergency rally and vigil in wake of the death of 74-year-old Salih Abdullah.

Salih had a fatal stroke literally during his 14th parole interview at Wende Correctional Facility on September 16th and died in state prison custody 10 days later. He served nearly 50 years in prison after the Parole Board denied his release 13 times over.

Salih was a leader in the Muslim community and mentor to many of his peers. We are devastated, saddened, and angered at the many injustices that led to his numerous, torturous parole denials and his ultimate death behind bars.

Read more about Salih's life in this new Daily News story and read our official statement here:

<https://twitter.com/RAPPCampaign/status/1316146325604519937?s=20>

<https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/nyc-crime/ny-salih-abdullah-dead-parole-board-hearing-stroke-hostage-cop-dead-20201013-di3rrbv2vbzzahztpfjcdgvm-story.html>

Join us tomorrow to demand justice in the wake of Salih's death. We're calling on the Governor and Parole Board to release people instead of killing them. We're demanding Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie pass the Elder Parole bill and Fair and Timely Parole Act instead of standing by as elders in prison die. #JusticeForSalih. Please bring flowers and candles if you can. If you can't join in person, register to watch the NYC rally on Zoom: [bit.ly/rally-for-salih](https://bit.ly/rally-for-salih).”

**This is the 50th Anniversary Year of Black Solidarity Day. Nov 2**

“Countering Police Terror, Nov 2.

No Work, No School No Shopping”

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

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



## Community Events & Resources (Sept 15<sup>th</sup>-Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

### Kevin Cooper: Surviving Death Row and COVID-19 in San Quentin (Interview) Sept 21

“I interviewed long-time death-row prisoner, Kevin Cooper in San Quentin, on August 18th. Cooper is now a double survivor of death-row and Covid19. My Flashpoints Radio Team did some of the key research that helped to rescue Cooper in 2004 when he was exactly three hours forty-seven minutes from a California state-sponsored murder. Cooper has been incarcerated for over 37 years (35 years on death Row) for the murder of the Ryan family and child guest Christopher Hughes, a brutal crime he doggedly maintains he did not commit. Currently, having exhausted appeals through the courts, Kevin is requesting that Governor Newsom order an innocence investigation to consider all the evidence that points to others and exonerates Kevin Cooper. Gov. Newsom has ordered DNA testing which has almost been completed at this time. Quoting from a letter from Norman Hile, Kevin’s lawyer, to Gov. Newsom on July 6, 2020:

“The current profound awakening in California and the US as a whole to the systematic racism that affects Black lives every day is a clarion call to examine, under a bright light, the racism that drove the investigation, prosecution, and conviction of Kevin Cooper. The murder of George Floyd, and of so many other Black men, by racist law enforcement has brought us to a moment where the State of California can no longer look away. It is time to finally provide Kevin Cooper with a meaningful opportunity to prove his innocence. “It is undeniable that racism was the driving factor in the SBSB’s [San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department] investigation and framing of Mr. Cooper and in the SBCDA’s prosecution and conviction of him. Racism drove this case from the moment the SBSB became aware of Mr. Cooper and continued unabated until he was tried, convicted and sentenced to death.” See

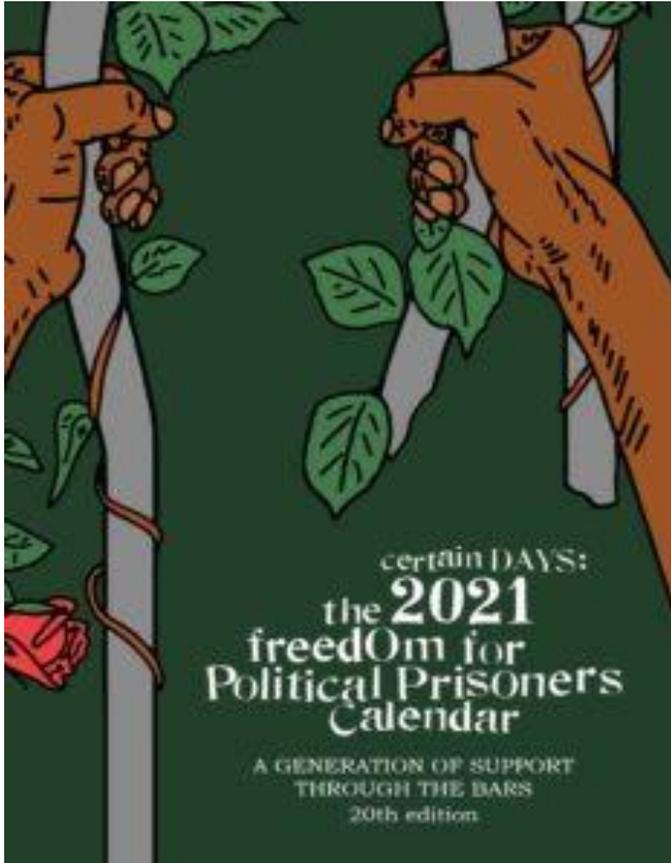
<https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/09/21/kevin-cooper-surviving-death-row-and-covid-19-in-san-quentin/>

### Certain Days Calendar Sept 21

We are happy to announce that pre-sales for the 2021 Certain Days calendar (OUR 20th EDITION)

have begun! Order now and calendars will ship soon. In the U.S., order from Burning Books in Buffalo. In Canada, order 1-9 copies from Left Wing Books (See below in newsletter, NJ). Order 10 or more copies (and raise funds for your own organizations and projects!) via [certaindays.org](http://certaindays.org).

Certain Days 2021: The Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar is a joint fundraising and educational project between outside organizers in Montreal, Hamilton, New York and Baltimore, with two political prisoners being held in maximum-security prisons: David Gilbert in New York and Xinachtli (s/n Alvaro Luna Hernandez) in Texas. Founding members Herman Bell and Robert Seth Hayes were happily welcomed home from prison in 2018. Learn more about them at [certaindays.org](http://certaindays.org).



Your group can buy 10 or more for the rate of \$10 each and sell them for \$15, keeping the difference for your organization. Many campaigns, infoshops and projects do this as a way of raising funds and spreading awareness about political prisoners. Use the discount code "BULK" to get 10 or more calendars for \$10 each. In Canada, you can order at our bulk rates at [certaindays.org](http://certaindays.org). This year's theme is "A Generation of Support Through the Bars" and features art and writings by Grae Rosa, Herman Bell, Veronza Bowers, David Campbell, Saima Desai, Damon Locks, Tom Manning, Monica Trinidad, Nidal el-Khairi, David Gilbert, Gord Hill (aka Zig Zag), Eric King, Jaan Laaman, Paul Lacombe, Joy Powell, Richard Rivera, Laura Whitehorn, Linda Evans and Susan Rosenberg, Xinachtli and more! While COVID-19 makes its way around the world causing massive shut downs, prison officials make measly attempts at controlling the spread to the most vulnerable inside. Let's raise the voices of prisoners, now more than ever.

Proceeds from Certain Days 2020 were divided amongst Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association (Palestine), Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP), Civil Liberties Defense Center and the Rosenberg Fund for Children. This year's proceeds will go to some of the same grassroots groups and more. Don't forget - if you buy 10 or more, be sure to use the discount code "BULK" to get 10 or more calendars for \$10 each. love, Certain Days"

### **Letter Writing To Ed Poindexter** Sept 22

WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, September 22

WHERE: YOUR HOME, COST: Free. When reflecting on a heightened level of repression by the state and cooperators, it is impossible not to think of those imprisoned under similar, past historical conditions. So join NYC ABC and Page One, Collective this week to write to Ed Poindexter, a Black Panther political prisoner in Nebraska. Ed Poindexter and Mondo we Langa are commonly known as the "Omaha Two." They were leaders of the Black Panther Party in Omaha in the late 1960s and, like others, were targeted both by the Omaha police and the FBI under its notorious COINTELPRO spying and disruption program. In August 1970, the Two were framed on charges of killing an Omaha police officer, who died after being lured into a home where a suitcase bomb exploded. They were subsequently imprisoned. After a long illness, we Langa died in 2016 after 45 years in prison, while Ed Poindexter remains locked up. Currently, a campaign to secure clemency for Ed is underway and details are available at <https://www.jerichony.org/events2.html> Please take the time to write a letter to

Ed (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online):

**Ed Poindexter** #27767, Nebraska State Penitentiary, Post Office Box 22500, Lincoln, Nebraska 68542.

NOTE: It is important to write to Ed in at least 18 point type, as he has difficulty reading due to a cataract in one eye. State of Nebraska has refused cataract surgery, stating: "He still has one eye." See <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/09/20/ed2020>

**Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, September 22, 2020 -Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Sept 22**

“Beginning List: Charles & Inez Barron-NY, Eritha Akile Cainon-Fla, Howie Hawkins- US,” Belinda Parker Brown-LA.

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

**Online event: Solidarity with Issam Hijjawi Bassalat and the Saoradh 9 Sept 22**

“Online event: “Solidarity with Issam Hijjawi Bassalat and the Saoradh 9”

When: Tuesday, September 22 at 10:00am PT / 1:00pm ET/6:00 pm Ireland/8:00 pm Palestine

REGISTER TO JOIN ON ZOOM: <https://bit.ly/prisonersolidarity>

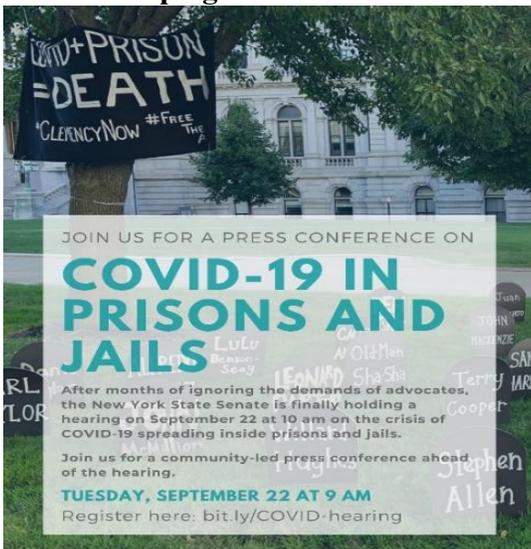
Please share the Facebook event: <https://facebook.com/events/s/solidarity-with-issam-hijjawi-379237706575136/?ti=icl>

We stand in full solidarity with Dr. Issam Hijjawi Bassalat and the Irish Republican prisoners, who have started a hunger strike on 16 September as protest against the isolation of Dr. Hijjawi Bassalat by the prison authorities.” Organized by Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE AT

<https://facebook.com/SamidounPrisonerSolidarity> Read more background information:

<https://samidoun.net/2020/09/dr-issam-hijjawi-bassalat-and-irish-republicans-on-hunger-strike-in-prison-organize-solidarity-and-demand-freedom/>”

**RAPP Campaign: THIS TUESDAY: Senate Hearing on COVID in Prisons and Jails Sept 22**



“After months of demanding the New York State Legislature address the crisis of COVID-19 in prisons and jails, the New York State Senate is holding a public hearing THIS TUESDAY, September 22 at 10AM.

Join us, advocates, formerly incarcerated people, and their families for virtual public hearing and at a virtual press conference before the hearing.

Register for the virtual press conference here

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_fRaD-tjdSu2js4Ze3KiaSw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fRaD-tjdSu2js4Ze3KiaSw) and view the hearing here

<https://www.nysenate.gov/events> “

Join the online event, support #LeilaKhaled, defend Palestinian speech and resistance Sept 23

**Teaching Palestine: Pedagogical Praxis and the Indivisibility of Justice**

WHOSE NARRATIVES? GENDER, JUSTICE, & RESISTANCE:  
**A CONVERSATION WITH LEILA KHALED**

**PARTICIPANTS**

Leila Khaled  
Rula Abu Dahou  
Ronnie Kasrils  
Sekou Odinga  
Laura Whitehorn

**CO-MODERATORS**  
Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi  
Dr. Tomomi Kinukawa

Join the open classrooms of Rabab Abdulhadi (AMED Studies) and Tomomi Kinukawa (Women and Gender Studies) for a historic roundtable conversation with Palestinian feminist, militant, and leader Leila Khaled, followed by Q&A discussion with students, activists, and scholars.



**REGISTRATION** [bit.ly/319EFeo](https://bit.ly/319EFeo) **SPONSORED BY** AMED Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Studies Program, SFSU • [amed.sfsu.edu](http://amed.sfsu.edu) Women and Gender Studies Department, SFSU • [wgsdept.sfsu.edu](http://wgsdept.sfsu.edu)

**September 23, 2020** 12:30-2:30pm PST, 3:30-5:30pm EST, 10:30-12:30am Palestine and Jordan

“Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network urges all supporters of justice in Palestine to urgently support the online event, “Whose Narratives? Gender, Justice and Resistance: A conversation with Leila Khaled,” featuring Palestinian resistance icon Leila Khaled along with Rula Abu Dahou, Ronnie Kasrils, Sekou Odinga and Laura Whitehorn, all former political prisoners. This Open Classroom event at San Francisco State University, hosted by Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi of AMED Studies and Dr. Tomomi Kimukawa of Women and Gender Studies, has found widespread community support.

Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network has joined numerous social justice and Palestine support organizations in endorsing and co-sponsoring the event, which has come under severe attack by Zionist, racist and right-wing forces attempting to block any and all communication by a distinguished, widely esteemed symbol of Palestinian resistance. We urge all supporters of Palestine to register for and attend the Zoom webinar:

[https://sfsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ycpMqzqcReO3HCQJKShi5g?fbclid=IwAR1UPafxWlyNR\\_C361i0V\\_RAhScr-DdgFb4fQI2raJDhL1oreMiVNO01o600](https://sfsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ycpMqzqcReO3HCQJKShi5g?fbclid=IwAR1UPafxWlyNR_C361i0V_RAhScr-DdgFb4fQI2raJDhL1oreMiVNO01o600) , join the Facebook event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/754000115385200/> and attend the Facebook Live event, streamed at <https://facebook.com/AMEDStudies/> at 12:30 pm Pacific/3:30 pm Eastern/10:30 pm Palestine time.”

**Leila Khaled speaks: Palestinian women and Palestinian resistance will not be suppressed! Sept 23**

“Today, 23 September, a series of major Silicon Valley corporations – Zoom, Facebook and YouTube (Google) – joined hands with racist, right-wing, Zionist campaigns in an attempt to silence an academic event, “Whose Narratives? Gender, Justice, & Resistance: A conversation with Leila Khaled,” organized by Prof. Rabab Abdulhadi and Prof. Tomomi Kinukawa at San Francisco State University. The event featured Palestinian resistance icon Leila Khaled along with Rula Abu Dahou, Ronnie Kasrils, Sekou Odinga and Laura Whitehorn, all former political prisoners.” See

<https://samidoun.net/2020/09/leila-khaled-speaks-palestinian-women-and-palestinian-resistance-will-not-be-suppressed/>

**AMED-WGS Webinar, Whose Narratives? Gender, Justice and Resistance: A Conversation with Leila Khaled, Wed. Sep. 23, 12:30pm PST**

“Zoom has threatened to cancel this webinar and silence Palestinian narratives. We expect SFSU/CSU to uphold our freedom of speech and academic freedom by providing an alternative venue to this open classroom. We will see you tomorrow at 12:30 pm (PST) at the Zoom webinar. For updates please refer to AMED studies and GUPS social media sites. AMED Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/AMEDStudies> (@AMEDStudies) AMED Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/AmedStudies> (@AmedStudies) AMED Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/amedstudies/> (@amedstudies)

Facebook: General Union of Palestine Students - GUPS SFSU Instagram: @sfsugups Twitter: GUPS\_SFSU”

**Both Sides of The Conversation in Collaboration with the Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party: OAKLAND, CA Every Sunday at 2pm PST Sept 23**

**Both Sides of the Conversation**  
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**Black Health During the Coronavirus Pandemic**  
*September 27th*

**Original Black Panther Party Guest Speakers:**  
Dr. Satara Nod  
&  
Prof. Steve McCutchen

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**Women and Gender Oppressed Prisoners: Survival and Resistance Sept 24**

**Women and Gender Oppressed Prisoners:**

**SURVIVAL AND RESISTANCE**

a webinar hosted by  
the prisoners solidarity committee  
of workers world party

**THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24TH  
@ 8PM ET/5PM PT**

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“Thursday, September 24, 8pm ET/5pm PT. Featuring:-Janetta Johnson, Executive Director of the Trans Gender Variant and Intersex Justice Project (TGIJP)

-Janet and Janine Africa of the MOVE Organization, two of the recently released MOVE 9 wrongfully incarcerated since 1978

-A statement from Vanessa Lee Naisha, a trans woman held in an all-men’s prison in Delaware

-Tribute to Leslie Feinberg, revolutionary communist and novelist, member of Prisoners Solidarity Committee.

Co-hosted by Mirinda Crissman, editor of Tear Down the Walls and PSC co-chair and Minnie-Bruce Pratt, WWPWomen are the fastest growing demographic of incarcerated workers. Women and all people of oppressed genders face unique and intensifying cruelties within prisons, which are concentration camps for the poor and oppressed. Meanwhile, the racist and misogynist US justice

system considers it a crime for women and gender oppressed workers to defend themselves from sexist, homophobic, and transphobic violence. Black, Brown and Indigenous women face the brunt of the carceral state. Black women were imprisoned in 2017 at twice the rate for white women. Latinx women are imprisoned at 1.3 times the rate of white women. Indigenous girls between 12 and 17 years old are incarcerated at more than four times the rate for white girls.” Register for the Webinar: [bit.ly/PrisonsWebinar](https://bit.ly/PrisonsWebinar) FB: [bit.ly/PrisonsFB](https://bit.ly/PrisonsFB)

### **March for Ed Poindexter in Omaha seeks release of longest-held COINTELPRO prisoner**

Michael Richardson - Sept 25



“Black and white, young and old, approximately one hundred marchers paraded down North Twenty-fourth Street in Omaha seeking freedom for Edward Poindexter from the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Poindexter, former chairman of the local Black Panther Party affiliate chapter, has been imprisoned fifty years for the August 17, 1970 murder of Patrolman Larry Minard. Poindexter and David Rice (later Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa) were leaders of the National Committee to Combat Fascism and targets of a clandestine counterintelligence operation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation code-

Marchers seeking freedom for COINTELPRO prisoner Ed Poindexter parade in Omaha, Nebraska (credit: Diane Topolski)

named COINTELPRO. Poindexter and David Rice (later Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa) were leaders of the National Committee to Combat Fascism and targets of a clandestine counterintelligence operation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation code-named COINTELPRO. FBI agents worked behind the scenes during the murder investigation and steered detectives toward the men who have come to be called the Omaha Two. The FBI Laboratory was ordered by Director J. Edgar Hoover to withhold a report on the identity of an anonymous 911 caller that lured police into a bomb ambush. The COINTELPRO operation was successful and resulted in the conviction of the Poindexter and Rice after a controversial trial marred by conflicting police testimony and apparently planted evidence. Omaha was recently the scene of a similar but more somber event, a prayer vigil for families of racial violence. Prayers were offered for both the families of Larry Minard and Ed Poindexter. The Nebraska Board of Pardons has a pending request from Poindexter to have his sentence commuted to make him eligible for parole. The March For Ed proceeded to Kountze Park where organizer Preston Love and others spoke. Retiring Senator Ernie Chambers participated in the march and spoke briefly calling for Poindexter’s release from prison. Freelance writer Kietryn Zychal, long an advocate for Poindexter’s freedom, also called for immediate release...” See

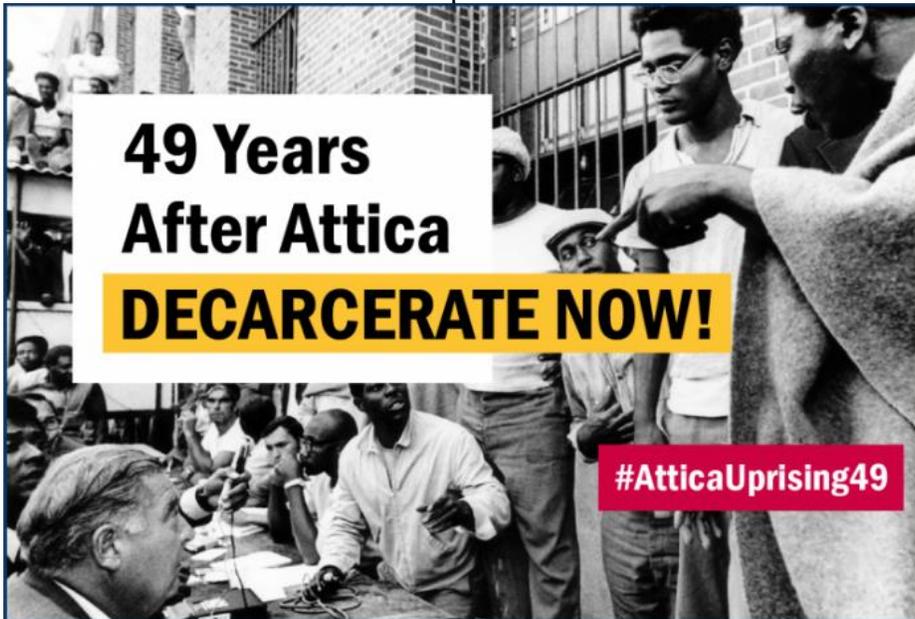
<https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/09/25/march-for-ed-poindexter-in-omaha-seeks-release-of-longest-held-cointelpro-prisoner/>

### **Webinar: COVID-19 Release Campaigns: Strategies to include people charged with violence, Sept 24**

“COVID-19 freedom efforts must include people who commit violence. Join A Little Piece of Light, Center for Racial Justice, Color of Change, Common Justice, Essie Justice Group, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, National Council For Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls (The Council), Ohio Justice & Policy Center, Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP), Silicon Valley and Southern Center for Human Rights for this timely discussion on COVID-19 release

campaigns, and strategies to include people charged with violence.” See [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WOTERssdS7-rRkR-Lx6mgw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WOTERssdS7-rRkR-Lx6mgw)

#### 49 YEARS AFTER ATTICA: Sept 25



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

See [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RW003TUDQf2i77TA\\_4hDCA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RW003TUDQf2i77TA_4hDCA)

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

“We’re thrilled and honored to announce this exciting event as part of the 2020 digital #Law4thePeople Convention—starting in just 10 days! On Saturday, September 26 at 5pm PT/8pm ET, join us for a very special discussion between longtime NLG San Francisco Bay Area member and human rights attorney Walter Riley, and son Boots Riley, activist music artist and filmmaker (Sorry to Bother You)! This inter-generational discussion will explore the current political moment as it intersects with systemic poverty, racism, capitalism, and the human rights movement. Moderated by historian, writer, activist and professor Barbara Ransby. Register for #Law4thePeople now to get access to the entire schedule of events we have lined up over those two weeks! (Please note all NLG committee meetings and the governance plenary are only open to Guild members.

Please visit [nlg.org/join](http://nlg.org/join) to join or renew your NLG membership to participate in these events!) We strive to make the 2020 #Law4thePeople Convention as accessible as possible. CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) captioning will be available for all major panels, workshops, keynote speeches, CLEs and special events. In addition, we are collecting accessibility requests for NLG member meetings through attendees’ registration forms and will be fulfilling those upon request.” See [nlg.org/walter-riley-boots-riley-a-father-son-discussion-on-the-political-moment](http://nlg.org/walter-riley-boots-riley-a-father-son-discussion-on-the-political-moment) **REGISTER here** <https://www.nlg.org/civicrm/event/register/?reset=1&id=23>

**"What Should Our People Do Now, Before, On, and After Presidential Election Day 2020" Larry Hamm, Charles and Inez Barron, Tyrene Wright and James McIntosh Sept 26**

CEMOTAP & Black Solidarity Day Organizing Day Committee Present

***"What Should Our People Do Now, Before, On & After Presidential Election Day 2020"***

			
James C. McIntosh, M.D. Co-Chair CEMOTAP & Member Black Solidarity Day Organizing Committee	The Hon. Inez and Charles Barron NYC Councilwoman & NYS Assemblyman Educators, Agitators and Organizers	Dr. Tyrene Wright Author, Scholar Educator Activist and Broadcaster	Brother Larry Hamm Legendary Activist Recently got 118,802 Votes In U.S. Senate Primary in NJ

**Time: Saturday September 26, 2020 02:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting at Link below  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82928800738?pwd=L2V5ZnlwMmhlWmRiT1NFaCtwSGxGUT09>

Meeting ID: 829 2880 0738 Passcode: 395733 

“CEMOTAP & Black Solidarity Day Organizing Day Committee Invite You To A Zoom Forum “What Should Our People Do Before, On & After Election Day 2020” Speakers: Larry Hamm, who recently got 118,802 VOTES for U.S. Senator in NJ, Democratic Primary, The Honorable Inez and Charles Barron NYC Councilwoman and NYS Assemblyman respectively, Dr. Tyrene Wright, Author, Scholar, Educator, Activist and Broadcaster and James C. McIntosh, M.D., Co-chair Cemotap, Member BSD Committee and Author of The

Unauthorized Psychoanalysis of Donald J. Trump. Time: Saturday September 26, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time. Meeting ID: 829 2880 0738 Passcode: 395733 Join Zoom Meeting at Link below: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82928800738?pwd=L2V5ZnlwMmhlWmRiT1NFaCtwSGxGUT09>”

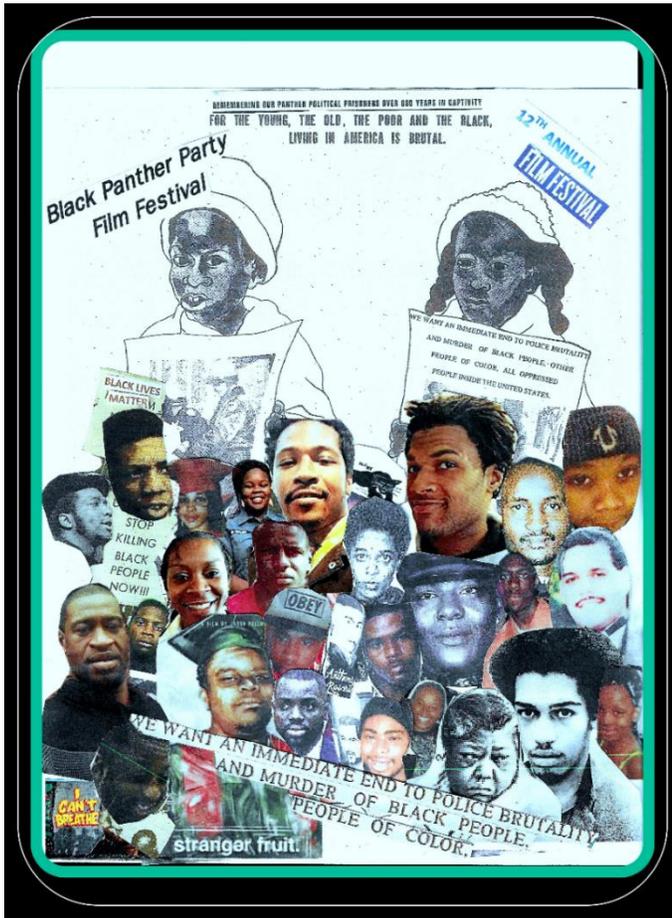
**“Cruel and Unusual,” Film will be screened @ 12 annual BPP Film Fest (October) Sept 26**

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



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

Prisoners and aid to their families when needed. There are 11 Veteran Panthers held captive in US prisons for decades, some in solitary confinement for 25 years and more, because of their political beliefs. Proceeds from our festivals are used for commissary and aid to their families when needed. We



received a letter from one of the prisoners; he stated that the funds he received came on time as he was able to buy a pair of much-needed sneakers. We were able to supply funds for gas so an eighty-five-year-old Mother of another prisoner so she could visit her son and bring his children with her. FYI it is a six-hour drive from Brooklyn NY to the prison. We have financially supported our Panther Cubs [Children of Panthers] many are also children of our political prisoners. Then there are Families of Fallen comrades whom we also support. We appreciate your Ur Support. Theme Pt. 7 Panther Platform. WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE END TO POLICE BRUTALITY AND MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE, OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR, And All OPPRESSED PEOPLE INSIDE THE UNITED STATES. "There is an entire generation of young people who know nothing about how viciously the FBI attacked The Black Panther Party and why." Bobby Seale.

[https://www.pbs.org/hueypnewton/actions/actions\\_cointelpro.html](https://www.pbs.org/hueypnewton/actions/actions_cointelpro.html)”

### JORNADA LARES Y FILIBERTO 21 SEPT 2020 - Puerto Rico Actions by the Independence Movement for El Grito de Lares . . . Sept 26



“This evening, September 21, 2020, el Frente Independentista Boricua (The Boricua Pro Independence Front), El Frente Socialista de Puerto Rico (The Socialist Front of Puerto Rico), el Movimiento Independentista Nacional Hostosiano ( The National Pro Independence Hostos Movement), and el Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario ( The Nationalist Revolutionary Movement), carried out actions that projected salutary images on several buildings for El Grito de Lares and in comemoration of the 15 years since the fall in combat of Machetero Comander Filiberto Ojeda Ríos. These images were projected on the Capital Building of the colonial government, the offices of the Banco Popular bank in Old San Juan and the offices of the dictatorial Final Control Board in the Milla de Oro (The Golden Mile Financial District). Over these buildings the messages of Don Pedro Albizu Campos, Emeterio Betances and Filiberto Ojeda Ríos were projected. (translations of Spanish names, etc. made to clarify for those not Spanish saavy -- Frank)”



Thank you to NYC Jericho's Frank Velgara for providing these amazing photos and updates!

**Watch this amazing video made by Philly ABC about Running Down the Walls 2020! Sept 26**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0ymZkPJthbf8NydZLDSWlzDbODrydafZ6h\\_Og7-jKgdvxHB\\_N5VF4Ee3I&feature=youtu.be&v=CmkG9ZOiVOo&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0ymZkPJthbf8NydZLDSWlzDbODrydafZ6h_Og7-jKgdvxHB_N5VF4Ee3I&feature=youtu.be&v=CmkG9ZOiVOo&app=desktop)

### **Prisons, Patriarchy, & a Pandemic Sept 29**

“Tuesday, Sept. 29th, 12:00 p.m. Join this Essie Justice webinar to hear from the authors of the report, the Black women doing life-saving work on the frontline of fighting the pandemic behind bars, and find out how you can use the report data to advance demands for immediate release of our incarcerated loved ones!” See [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7AdgPl-tTbCoTFs4dVuQoQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7AdgPl-tTbCoTFs4dVuQoQ)

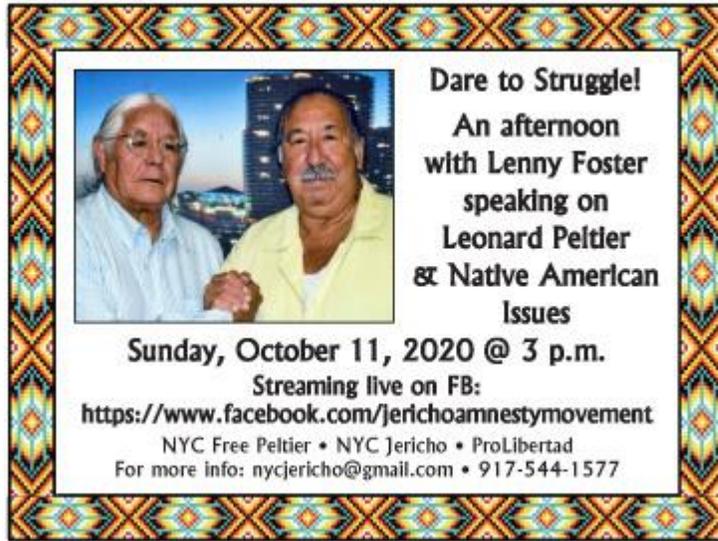
### **Political Prisoners Calendar at Leftwingbooks.net + Antifascist Antiprison October Book Sale Oct 5**



“As we enter what promises to be an Autumn of historic challenges, the theme of antifascism is front-and-center not only for our movements, but also in the mainstream media. At the same time, in a dialectic that is not at all difficult to decipher, prisoners' and antiprison struggles remain vitally important even if they don't generate the same kinds of headlines. Representing an essential white supremacist

containment strategy, prisons easily complement the rising threat of white revanchism outside the walls, in the united states but in so many other places too. It is not by chance that some of the most important revolutionary leaders, past and present, have come out of the prisons, any more than it is that so many revolutionaries have spent time behind bars as political prisoners or prisoners of war. Books dealing with the far right, antifascism, prisoners' struggles, and prison abolition, are all discounted at leftwingbooks.net for the month of October. Check them out at: <https://www.leftwingbooks.net/sale>”

**Dare to Struggle! An afternoon with Lenny Foster speaking on Leonard Peltier & Native American Issues Oct 5**



“Sunday, October 11, 2020 @ 3 p.m. Streaming live on FB. Lenny Foster of the Diné Nation is the former Director of the Navajo Nation Corrections Project and the Spiritual Advisor for more than 2,000 Native American prisoners in ninety-six state and federal prisons in the U.S. He has co-authored legislation in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado allowing Native American spiritual and religious practice in prison, resulting in significant reductions in prison returns. He is a board member of the International Indian Treaty Council, a sun dancer and member of the Native American Church. He has been with the

American Indian Movement since 1970 and has participated in actions including Alcatraz, the Trail of Broken Treaties, Wounded Knee 1973, the Menominee Monastery Occupation, Shiprock Fairchild Occupation, the Longest Walk and the Big Mountain land struggle. Lenny Foster has received many accolades and honors for his groundbreaking work with Indigenous prisoners’ human rights. He has testified before the Committee on the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination (CERD) in Geneva, Switzerland and before the UN Permanent Forum for Indigenous People's Issues in NYC on both Indigenous issues and Political Prisoner Leonard Peltier. Lenny has also testified in Congress on two occasions in 1992 and 1994 before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Leonard Peltier is a Native American activist who was unfairly and illegally tried and convicted for his participation in a firefight on the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1975. This event took place amid the high tensions and extreme violence known as the “Reign of Terror” and left one Native American and two FBI agents dead. After a trial the following year, in which two other firefight participants were acquitted on the grounds of self-defense, the FBI went to extraordinary lengths to get Leonard Peltier—someone had to pay. Leonard Peltier was illegally extradited from Canada to face a trial filled with Constitutional violations. Since his sentencing, documents proving FBI misconduct that included the fabrication and suppression of evidence have been revealed. During subsequent oral arguments, the US Prosecutor admitted “... we can’t prove who shot those agents.” Leonard Peltier remains in prison after being denied Executive Clemency by President Obama.” See Live Stream:

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

**RalphPoynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio: -Oct 6**

“October 6---Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET. "Analysis of Political Debacle/Debate”

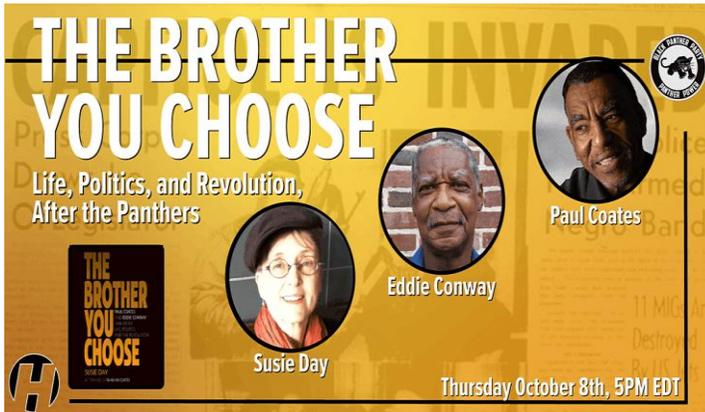
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**Letter Writing To Kamau Sadiki Oct 6**

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing, WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, October 6th, 2020, WHERE: YOUR

HOME, COST: Free. This week, as part of our every-other-week political prisoner letter-writing dinner, NYC ABC and Page One Collective will be writing to Kamau Sadiki, former Black Panther Party member and Black Liberation Army (BLA) soldier who is currently serving a life plus ten years sentence for the murder of an Atlanta cop in 1971. He was arrested and convicted over 30 years after the cop was killed based solely on the testimonies of former BLA comrades-turned-snitch that were not even present at the time of the action. This should not come as a surprise as the State has never ended their war against Black people and continue to divisively target Black communities. An increased interest in what the State labels terrorism is what led to the increased interest of Kamau in 2002 when he was brought in for questioning on an unrelated matter. They were aware of his former relationship with the perennially Most Wanted Assata Shakur, with whom Kamau has a daughter. They attempted to extract information from him about Assata and tried to recruit him to lure her away from Cuba or else he “would die in prison.” When he refused to turn his back on his principles and his community, the state of Georgia vindictively moved forward with charges of the decades old crime.” See <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/10/02/kamau2020>

**Paul Coates, Eddie Conway and Susie Day, Thursday, Oct. 8 at 5:00 pm - "The Brother You Choose" book launch Oct 8**



“When Eddie Conway and Paul Coates met in the Baltimore Panther Party, they were in their early twenties. They are now into their seventies. The Brother You Choose: Life, Politics, and Revolution is a record of their lives and their relationship, told in their own voices. Join Eddie Conway, Paul Coates, and Susie Day as they mark the release of this important book with a discussion of their lives, politics, and revolution after the Panthers.”

See <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-brother-you-choose-tickets-12241011896>

**Oakland's UNIA Panthers & NCCBPP: Growing Your Green Thumb Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

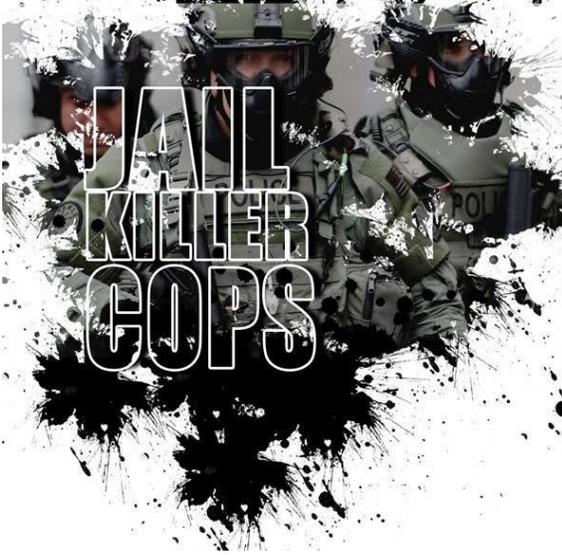


“Oakland's UNIA Panthers & New Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party will be holding a follow up from our community gardening event: Growing Your Green Thumb, Oct 10th this Saturday (same time) 11am - 1pm at Oakland community garden 1068 62nd st. 94608

Those that wish to get involved with our growing project please stop by. We have access to the garden and wish to fallow up consciously growing your green thumbs.”

## Emergency National Conference to Jail Killer Cops Oct 10

“Saturday, October 10 at 3:00 Eastern, 2:00 Central, 1:00 Mountain, and 12:00 Noon Pacific A Webinar/Conference. VETERAN BLACK PANTHERS JIHAD ABDULMUMIT & SADIKI "BRO. SHEP" OLUGBALA AND OTHER NOTED ACTIVISTS TO SPEAK DURING THE OCTOBER 10, 2020 NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO JAIL KILLER COPS GLOBAL WIDE WEBINAR REGISTER NOW!”



“Conference Program: Opening Remarks: Cleve Andrew Pulley. Welcome: Ike Nahem – Co-chair introductions. Presentation from Youth Committee, Introduction by spiritchild, compilation video of “The Mike Brown Rebellion” documentary by Rebel Diaz. Rally Portion: Pastor Timothy Findley Kingdom Fellowship Church, Spokesman for Breonna Taylor Justice fight, Louisville Ky; Shhenika Carter, Leader of effort to win justice for Elijah McClain, Denver-Aurora, Co; Gabriel Prawl President, International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 152. Leading organizer of an unprecedented work stoppage of ILWU members up and down the West Coast in solidarity with Black Lives Matter against police murder and brutality. Aislinn Pulley, Co-Executive Director of Chicago Torture Justice Center, founder of Black Lives Matter. Danette L. Chavis-Founder of

National Action Against Police Brutality and Murder, a grassroots organization created in response to the epidemic of police brutality and murder across the nation [www.change.org/p/national-action-against-police-brutality](http://www.change.org/p/national-action-against-police-brutality) [www.facebook.com/NationalActionAgainstPoliceBrutality](https://www.facebook.com/NationalActionAgainstPoliceBrutality).

Jihad Abdulmumit-Chair Jericho National Movement, Community activist, motivational speaker, author, and playwright. Former political prisoner and prisoner of war and served 24 years of his life in prison for his involvement in the Black Liberation Movement. Jorge Gonzalez-National Lawyers Guild, LA, representing families of police killings and victimized protestors in NLG class-action lawsuit. Youth Committee Presentation: Speech by Adrienne Williams, Video presentation from youth speakers Strategy and Tactics: Sadiki “Bro. Shep” Ojore Olugbala, August Nimtz, Cleve Andrew Pulley, Panther-Zulu Nation King Sadiki “Bro. Shep” Ojore Olugbala. Director for the Universal Zulu Nation Department of Community Affairs & the Program/Development Officer for the Safiya Bukhari-Albert Nuh Washington Foundation. August Nimtz Author: “Why There Are No George Floyds in Cuba.” Co-coordinator of the Minnesota Cuba Committee; Professor of Political Science and African American and African Studies, University of Minnesota; Co-Author (with Esteban Morales), The Dynamics of Racial Discrimination in Cuba, Past and Present; Author, Marxism vs Liberalism: Comparative Real-Time Political Analysis. Cleve Andrew Pulley-DC Metro Coalition in Solidarity with the Cuban Revolution; Member of Fort Jackson 8 Case of Anti-Vietnam War Soldiers; Unjustly Fired Walmart Worker. Final Arts & Culture Video Presentation: Open Discussion: Moderated by Erin Feely Nahem & Pacey Bynum. Closing Remarks: Cleve Andrew Pulley. See <http://jailkillercopscoalition.org/> Register:

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## California kept prison factories open. Inmates worked for pennies an hour as COVID-19 spread. Oct 11

“Robbie Hall earned 60 cents an hour sewing masks at a factory in a women’s prison in Chino. She was hospitalized with a serious case of COVID-19 in May after an outbreak there.

While much of California shut down this spring, Robbie Hall stitched masks for 12 hours a day in a

sewing factory at a women's prison in Chino. For several weeks, Hall and other women said, they churned out masks by the thousands but were forbidden from wearing them. The incarcerated seamstresses at the California Institution for Women grew increasingly worried: The fabric they used came from the nearby men's prison, where an outbreak ended up killing 23 inmates. And their boss regularly visited both institutions. "Are we safe with her going over there and coming back here?" Hall remembered asking her co-workers as they sewed.

Then it happened. See <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-10-11/california-prison-factories-inmates-covid-19>

### **Prison Mail Night Oct 13**

"Tuesday, October 13th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. RSVP to [emily@ellabakercenter.org](mailto:emily@ellabakercenter.org) for Zoom link EBC will host a virtual mail night to respond to prison mail. With COVID-19 we are seeing a big influx of mail from our comrades inside, we will be sending in information about the pandemic, CDCR's response and respond to questions regarding recently passed legislation, reentry, and legal support."

### **Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, October 13, 2020 Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Oct 13**

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

2. Updates from the Political Prisoner Death Camps - Anne Lamb (NYC Jericho), Gil Obler (Free Mumia Coalition-NYC)

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

### **#HonorLivesLost - Candlelight Ritual to Free Them All (ongoing)**

"Every Sunday, 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. via zoom and live-streamed on Facebook. Hosted by Restore Oakland, California Coalition for Women Prisoners and 4 others. We invite you to #HonorLivesLost, an online weekly candle-lighting ritual to uplift incarcerated people we have lost to COVID-19 and #DeathbyIncarceration in California. These gatherings will take place every Sunday at sunset via Zoom in both English and Spanish. Organizers and advocates across the state have created this space so we can come together to mourn the lives of people we have lost and send light and love to families grieving the unnatural deaths of their loved ones. We hope this effort will grow and support our ongoing demands to release incarcerated people who face a potential death sentence amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. #HonorLivesLost is a network of organizers and advocates dedicated to memorializing and uplifting incarcerated people we lose to COVID-19 and #DeathbyIncarceration in California" See <https://www.facebook.com/events/2672414763015683/>

### **Women of the Black Panther Party Mural Unveiling Oct 17**

"Attention City of Oakland, there will be a mural unveiling and community celebration to honor the women of the Black Panther Party. The mural will be unveiled at the All Power to The People Block Party on October 17, 2020. This historic 2000sqft mural will be on a prominent house in West Oakland, the birth place of The Black Panther Party. For more information:

<https://www.wbppmural.com/> email: [womenbppmural@gmail.com](mailto:womenbppmural@gmail.com) **WOMEN OF THE BLACK**

**PANTHER PARTY Donielle Woods Librarian I African American Museum and Library at Oakland** "At the height of the Black Panther Party, analysis reveals that women constituted nearly two-thirds of the membership. Indeed, some have described women as the vital force—the "life blood"—of the Party. Indeed, it was their participation that ensured the survival and growth of the Black Panther Party and its programs. Women embraced the ideology and joined the Party for many different reasons. Some joined because the organization took active support the African American

community combated pressing problems. Such problems ranged from organizing around victims of gun violence, to meeting the nutritional needs of children via the free breakfast program, to forming solidarity with other sectors in the community. Some women were recruited by family and friends who held membership in the Party. While some women were attracted to a perceived separatist-nationalist bent of the organization, especially during the height of the Black Power Movement, other women felt the need to form more connections with other oppressed communities of color. Several decades, women who participated in the Black Panther Party continue to fight in the name of social justice. Moreover, these women have nurtured and influenced a younger generation of women (and men) in other campaigns, inclusive of the Black Lives Matter movement. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these women of the Black Panther Party who paved the way for us as we continue to fight for social justice.”

See <https://archive.org/details/MS1950001H264/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFjWWPg8QZw&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFjWWPg8QZw&feature=emb_logo)

A Taste of Power: A Black Woman's Story by Elaine Brown

[https://encore.oaklandlibrary.org/iii/encore/record/C\\_Rb2004944\\_Sa%20taste%20of%20power\\_P0\\_1\\_Orighresult\\_U\\_X7?lang=eng&suite=cobalt](https://encore.oaklandlibrary.org/iii/encore/record/C_Rb2004944_Sa%20taste%20of%20power_P0_1_Orighresult_U_X7?lang=eng&suite=cobalt)

Angela Davis--An Autobiography by Angela Y. Davis

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Assata: An Autobiography by Assata Shakur

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The Revolution Has Come: Black Power, Gender, and the Black Panther Party in Oakland by Robyn C. Spencer

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### People's Tribunal: Crimes of racism & empire Oct 17

“Our current political conditions have created the opportunity for both political upheavals, and social change. In that spirit, on October 17-18th, the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC) invites you to a two-day live-streamed event, The Freedom Side: The Peoples Tribunal and Congress, hosted by The Rising Majority.

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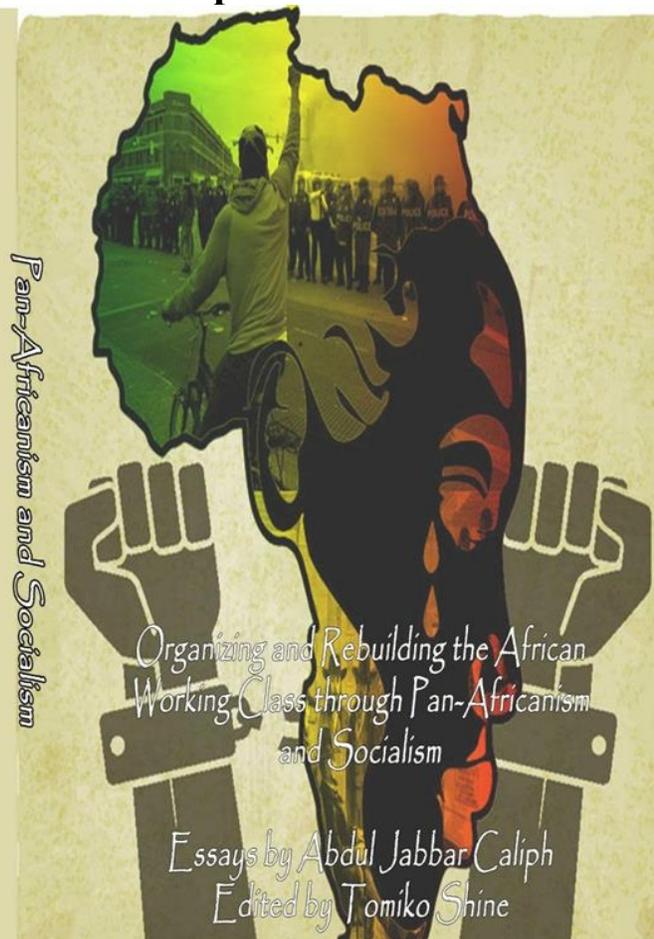
corrupt governments, greedy corporations, and actors of white supremacist and patriarchal violence accountable for the terror our communities face. The system is working exactly as it should — by failing us. So join us on October 17 and 18 to build a collective vision for what alternative world is possible. In front of a panel of esteemed guest jurors — including Oscar Lopez Rivera, Angela Davis, Tom Goldtooth, Arundhati Roy, Raquel Willis, and Albert Woodfox — we will hear testimonies from communities across the country on issues ranging from climate, education, policing, to militarism. We will learn more about what creates the conditions we face and discuss key ways that we as democracy defenders can engage in the fight for a just world.”

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### **Announcing Piper Kerman & Vikki Law in Conversation about the Importance of Sending Books to People in Prison! Oct 19**

“Monday, October 19 at 7 pm EST. You won't want to miss this one! This event is part of Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy's "Books Beneath the Bridge" series. Law and Kerman will discuss how prisons make access to literature exceptionally difficult, compounding institutional barriers to education. Often books are the sole instruments of learning for a prisoner. Books-to-prisons programs remain some of the few supply chains for making this happen. It's particularly critical now, as many of the incarcerated are in lockdown due to the pandemic.

Piper Kerman is the author of *Orange Is the New Black: My Year in Women's Prison*, a memoir of her prison experiences, which was adapted into the critically acclaimed Netflix original comedy-drama series. Since leaving prison, Kerman has spoken widely about women in prison and about her own experiences there. Register at <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/piper-kerman-and/register>. This is a NYC Books Through Bars and Freebird Books event” See <http://www.freebirdbooks.com/home/special-event-oct-19-piper-kerman-and-victoria-law-in-conversation-about-the-importance-of-sending-books-to-prisons>

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

### **Police Shot More than 115 People in the Head with Crowd-control Weapon Sept 15**

“Crowd-control weapons have caused at least 115 head injuries across the United States during protests following the killing of George Floyd. In the widespread protests following the police killing of George Floyd, law enforcement in cities across the United States used dangerous and indiscriminate crowd-control weapons against mostly peaceful protestors. PHR’s new open-source investigation revealed that police shot at least 115 people in the head or neck with kinetic impact projectiles (KIPs) such as rubber bullets, many causing serious injuries. Highlighting protests in Austin, Los Angeles, and Portland, the investigation shows the dangers of these weapons and their potential to violate freedoms of expression and assembly: clear evidence that the United States must ban the use of KIPs in crowd-control situations. Explore PHR’s visual investigation to learn more about the dangers of kinetic impact projectiles.” See <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/29cbf2e87b914dbaabdec2f3d350839e>

### **Black Agenda Report: Only Community Control Can Stop Police Atrocities Sept 15**

“A Minneapolis judge is moving forward with jury selection in the 2nd degree murder trial of the cop that killed George Floyd. At the height of protests, Minneapolis city council members vowed to disband the local police force. However, “there’s nothing being disbanded, dismantled or defunded, unfortunately, at this time,” said Sam Martinez, of the Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar Clark, a young Black man killed by cops five years ago. “We let the community know that what happened to George Floyd wasn’t going to stop unless the community has control of the police,” said Martinez.” See <https://www.blackagenda.com/black-agenda-radio-week-september-14-2020>

### **Firing and a federal probe in Rochester Sept 15**

“Rochester police chief fired. Mayor Lovely Warren also requests federal investigation into the suffocation death of Daniel Prude earlier this year. “The culture of policing must change,” Warren said Monday. Chief La’Ron Singletary, meanwhile, said he learned of his firing via Twitter.” See <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/09/14/rochester-police-chief-singletary-relieved-of-duty-by-mayor/5797926002/>

### **Staggering Number of Hysterectomies Happening at ICE Facility, Whistleblower Says Sept 15**

“A whistleblower complaint filed Monday by several legal advocacy groups accuses a detention center of performing a staggering number of hysterectomies on immigrant women, as well as failing to follow

procedures meant to keep both detainees and employees safe from the coronavirus. The complaint, filed on behalf of several detained immigrants and a nurse named Dawn Wooten, details several accounts of recent “jarring medical neglect” at the Irwin County Detention Center in Ocilla, Georgia, which is run by the private prison company LaSalle South Corrections and houses people incarcerated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In interviews with Project South, a Georgia nonprofit, multiple women said that hysterectomies were stunningly frequent among immigrants detained at the facility.” See [https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/93578d/staggering-number-of-hysterectomies-happening-at-ice-facility-whistleblower-say](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/93578d/staggering-number-of-hysterectomies-happening-at-ice-facility-whistleblower-say)

### **Forced Sterilization Is Nothing New to Criminalized People in the US** Sept 16

“The United States has long used citizenship status and perceived criminality as a means to determine whether individuals deserve basic human rights. This week’s egregious allegations of mass hysterectomies at an immigrant jail in Georgia are consistent with the long U.S. tradition of state-sanctioned eugenics, medical abuse and forced sterilizations against those whose humanity the state does not recognize or value. News reports on Monday revealed that gynecologists in an immigrant jail in Georgia have performed high rates of hysterectomies, often without the full awareness of the immigrant women themselves. According to a complaint filed by Project South, the revelation came from a whistleblower named Dawn Wooten, a Black woman who was a nurse at Georgia’s Irwin County Detention Center. In the detailed account, Wooten shares not only the pervasive accounts of medical neglect and oversight, but also the ways that immigrant women’s bodies have been infiltrated by the state.” See <https://truthout.org/articles/forced-sterilization-is-nothing-new-to-criminalized-people-in-the-us/>

### **Irish republican prisoners in Belfast go on hunger strike in solidarity with Palestinian activist** Sept 19

“About 20 dissident republican prisoners being held in top security Maghaberry Prison are refusing meals. The prisoners say they will fast for two weeks in solidarity with Palestinian doctor Issam Bassalat, who is being held in a Covid-19 isolation area in the Co Antrim prison.” See <http://www.irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/2020/09/19/news/prisoners-embark-on-hunger-strike-in-solidarity-with-palestinian-doctor-2071534/>

### **Justice Dept. targets Portland, New York and Seattle over protests** Sept 21

“The Justice Department on Monday labeled the cities of Portland, Ore., New York and Seattle as jurisdictions “that have permitted violence and destruction of property,” targeting them for possible cuts in federal funding. Following a memorandum that President Trump issued this month, the Justice Department published a list of cities where the White House wants to get more aggressive on civil unrest after police shootings and killings.” See [https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/justice-dept-targets-new-york-seattle-and-portland-over-protests/2020/09/21/9e85e46a-fc08-11ea-b555-4d71a9254f4b\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/justice-dept-targets-new-york-seattle-and-portland-over-protests/2020/09/21/9e85e46a-fc08-11ea-b555-4d71a9254f4b_story.html)

### **Black Agenda Report: Reparations and Anti-Police Torture in Chicago** Sept 21

“The young Black people that charged the US government with genocide at a UN conference in Geneva, Switzerland in 2014 helped set the stage for local legislation “for some form of apology and reparations for the long legacy of police torture in Chicago,” said Toussaint Losier, professor of African American Studies at the University of Virginia. Losier is author of an article titled “A Human Right to Reparations: Black People and Police Torture and the Roots of the 2015 Chicago Reparations Ordinance,” a bill that granted some monetary compensation for victims of police torture and required public schools to include police torture in the curriculum.” See <https://www.blackagenda.com/black-agenda-radio-week-september-21-2020-0>

### **How Criminal Cops Often Avoid Jail** Sept 23

“New Jersey officers accused of violence, sexual misconduct and more have walked free in deals that dodge a tough sentencing law. Now lawmakers want to eliminate it.” See

<https://www.propublica.org/article/new-jersey-law-says-criminal-cops-should-go-to-jail-records-reveal-they-often-dont>

### **NLG Responds to Grand Jury Proceedings in the Murder of Breonna Taylor** Sept 24

“The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) condemns the outcome of Kentucky’s grand jury proceedings and renews its calls for justice for Breonna Taylor. On March 13, 2020, Breonna Taylor was murdered in her home by police officers executing a no-knock search warrant. The officers were acting outside of the scope of the warrant, which required them to knock and announce their presence at Taylor’s apartment, and with a wanton disrespect for human life which ultimately led to her death. Protests erupted in Kentucky—and around the world—over the summer in response to Taylor’s death, as well as in reaction to the killing of George Floyd, and state and local law enforcement have reacted with extreme force and brutality, arresting over 500 activists in Kentucky since June. On September 23, 2020, a grand jury investigation of the police killing led to the indictment of only one officer involved in the no-knock raid on three counts of wanton endangerment—in other words, not for Breonna Taylor’s death. There were no charges issued for the other two officers.” See <https://www.nlg.org/nlg-responds-to-grand-jury-proceedings-in-the-murder-of-breonna-taylor/>

### **Update on support campaign for Jamil Al-Amin (formerly H. Rap Brown)** Sept 26

“As a signatory to the open letter calling on the Federal Bureau of Prisons to end the isolation of Jamil Al-Amin (formerly H. Rap Brown), I'm writing to you to update you on some current developments.

1) Around a thousand people, including prominent historians of the civil rights movement and a former Attorney General, have signed the open letter. However, the Bureau of Prisons has not reversed its decision and academics and journalists are still being prevented from interviewing Jamil Al-Amin. However, we are now considering legal options to challenge this decision. We'll update you as we move forward on this.

2) In the recent Fulton County (Atlanta) District Attorney runoff election, campaigners successfully pushed both candidates on the issue of re-examining Jamil Al-Amin's conviction, drawing a public statement of support from Fani Willis, the new District Attorney. She will take office in January and has the power to reopen Imam Jamil's case and exonerate him, based upon the clear evidence of his innocence – including a recently released video of another person confessing under oath to the crime for which Al-Amin was convicted.

3) A new student campaign has been launched to organize for Jamil Al-Amin's freedom, "Students for Imam Jamil." They are a group of youth organizers nationwide that formed in August. They are currently mobilizing students nationwide for an in-person National Rally, following COVID guidelines, in Atlanta, GA, on Imam Jamil's birthday, October 4, 3-5pm with prominent celebrities and activists. Please support the group in the following ways: If you are an educator, let your students know about "Students for Imam Jamil"; Follow the campaign's social media handles, @\_freeimamjamil on Instagram and Twitter; @freeimamjamil on FB; Visit <https://linktr.ee/freeimamjamil> to access the National Rally RSVP, a Call to Action for Students Nationwide, and 3 easy action items for anyone to complete to demand freedom for Imam Jamil; Watch a five-minute video on Imam Jamil's life and wrongful Imprisonment:

[https://www.instagram.com/tv/CE71c4MDeqO/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/tv/CE71c4MDeqO/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link) ; Watch a three-

minute campaign tutorial video: <https://youtu.be/0PDZoRWB97I> Spread the word about the rally in Atlanta within your networks and organizations. To contact the campaign, email [studentsforimamjamil@gmail.com](mailto:studentsforimamjamil@gmail.com), DM their account on Instagram or Twitter (@\_freeimamjamil), or text 713-363-4410. This is the best chance we have had in years of freeing Imam Jamil and we now need to mobilize as widely as possible for the October 4 rally and the related online actions.”

### **The H. Rap Brown I Knew** Sept 24

“The Imam Jamil Action Network (IJAN) is helping Change.org circulate a petition calling for the Imam’s retrial and exoneration. It’s at <https://www.change.org/freeimamjamil>. Meanwhile, one of many activists inspired by the former H. Rap Brown is Felipe Luciano, a member of The Last Poets, a founder of the Young Lord’s Party, and the first Puerto Rican news anchor on New York City’s WNBC-TV. In the following essay, Luciano recalls H. Rap Brown in his youth, and describes the qualities that made him an effective organizer.” See <http://amsterdamnews.com/news/2020/sep/24/h-rap-brown-i-knew/>

### **Check Out RadioJustice!!!** Sept 24

“RadioJustice provides media from diverse local communities to inform and empower them, and to promote and advocate for social justice” See <https://radiojustice.org/>

### **2-week health series: Black health during the Coronavirus Pandemic, led by the Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party!** Sept 24

“Join us as we kick off our 2-week health series starting this upcoming Sunday (09/27/20) @ 2pm like usual! We are hosting a presentation on Black health during the Coronavirus Pandemic, led by the Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party! Our special guest leading the conversation is CCBPP Member and Hip- Hop artist Eseibio Halliday. Our guest speakers are two original Black Panther Party Members; Dr. Saturu Ned and Steve McLutchins. Be sure to tune in either on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89321715567>) or on FB live”

### **The Real Home Stretch** Sept 28

“This is likely the last missive by anti-racist political prisoner David Campbell before his release. Hey Everyone, I’m on the real home stretch now, with less than 30 days to go. Thank you all so very much for keeping me sane, healthy & engaged this past year! It’s been truly amazing to experience first hand and gives me hope for a future that, let’s face it, often looks pretty bleak, despite whatever opportunities it may afford us. I’ll be out on October 16<sup>th</sup> and partying the next day. In the meantime, I’m gonna keep doing what I’ve been doing and finish responding to your letters. This site should be up for a year after my release and I’ll definitely have a post-release update for you. Thanks again so much for everything. See you soon! P.S. It was great running down the walls with you.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/10/updates-6-oct-2020.pdf>

### **Palestinian Prisoner Launches Hunger Strike to Protest Administrative Detention** Sept 29

“Palestinian prisoner Mohamed Abul Asal launched an open-ended hunger strike yesterday in protest against his continued detention in Israeli occupation prisons. Abul Asal, a resident from Aqabat Jabr refugee camp, southwest of Jericho, took the action after Israeli military forces decided to place him under administrative detention for three months on the day he was due to be released having served a ten-month term.” See

<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/palestinian-prisoner-launches-hunger-strike-to-protest-administrative-detention/>

### **BREAKING NEWS! JUDGE ORDERS GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPTS RELEASED FOR BREONNA TAYLOR!** Sept 29

“A judge has ordered the release of the transcript from the Grand Jury proceedings, in the murder of Breonna Taylor! Demands were made that the transcripts be released after NO INDICTMENT was given concerning her murder! The people, as well as the attorney representing the family have demanded to know what was presented to the grand jury that resulted in NO INDICTMENT for the taking of her life. The information will now be revealed.” See <https://www.change.org/p/national-action-against-police-brutality-and-murder/u/27807370>

**Fifty years ago the State's chief witness committed perjury against Black Panther leaders Edward Poindexter and David Rice at a preliminary hearing into policeman's murder** Michael Richardson Sept 29

“Fifty years ago, on September 28, 1970, Duane Peak, the teen-age star witness against Black Panther leaders Edward Poindexter and David Rice (later Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa) committed perjury. Peak told two contradictory stories under oath to an Omaha judge about the involvement of the two men in the bombing murder of Patrolman Larry Minard. County Attorney Donald Knowles and Arthur O’Leary represented the prosecution, Public Defender A.Q. Wolf and Thomas Kenney represented Poindexter, with David Herzog representing Rice. Duane Peak was called to testify. Herzog immediately objected to any testimony by Peak because he was a co-defendant, unreliable, and a minor. The judge overruled the objection stating he did not know anything about Peak. “I have no charge against this young man so I don’t know anything about him.” See

<https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/09/29/fifty-years-ago-the-states-chief-witness-committed-perjury-against-black-panther-leaders-edward-poindexter-and-david-rice-at-a-preliminary-hearing-into-policemans-murder/>

**Eric King's amazing account of life in solitary confinement in the Bureau of Prisons (Flipping the Script) has been featured in Solitary Watch.** Sept 29

“Read about the lived experience of people in the system and not experts! This article expertly describes the Kafkaesque existence of over 10,000 people being housed in segregation for at least 23 hours a day in the Bureau of Prisons. Eric is a friend and political prisoner and facing up to 20 more years in prison for being assaulted by BOP staff. More via supportericking.org and Support Eric King” see <https://solitarywatch.org/2020/09/30/voices-from-solitary-flipping-the-script/>

**Court Must Finally End California Prisons’ Unconstitutional Use of Solitary** Oct 1

“Five Years After Landmark Settlement, Violations Continue. Men who spent decades in solitary confinement in California prisons are charging that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is violating a landmark settlement agreement and continuing to violate their constitutional rights. They are asking a federal court to extend the judicial monitoring period of the settlement for the second time. The motion filed last night argues that, at this point—five years after the agreement was reached—the prisoners are entitled not only to an extension of the monitoring period, but also to remedies for continued violations of their constitutional rights.” See

<https://ccrjustice.org/home/press-center/press-releases/court-must-finally-end-california-prisons-unconstitutional-use>

**Over 125,000 prisoners now have tested positive for COVID-19** Oct 2

“Since March, The Marshall Project has been tracking how many people are being sickened and killed by COVID-19 in prisons and how widely it has spread across the country and within each state. Here, we will regularly update these figures counting the number of people infected and killed nationwide and in each prison system until the crisis abates.” See

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

**Dog bites man. And another man. And another...** Oct 2

“The tiny pink house was pretty much empty and run-down and dark since the electricity had been shut off. Nevertheless, someone was trying to burglarize it, a caller told 911 well after midnight on a Sunday in Montgomery, Alabama. The police called in a K-9 handler and his dog, Niko, to search 3809 Cresta Circle. The dog lunged, found a man and bit down, according to court records. It took almost two minutes for the handler to pull the dog off. And before long, their suspect, a 51-year-old Black man, bled to death. The dog had torn an artery in his groin.” See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/10/02/when-police-violence-is-a-dog-bite>

## **Coronavirus being used to intimidate Palestinians inside Israeli prisons, says group**

**By Shatha Hammad in Ramallah, Occupied West Bank Oct 2**

“Shorouq Dawayyat is serving a 16-year prison sentence in an Israeli jail. During her arrest, back in 2015, the 24-year-old Palestinian had suffered a serious chest injury, which led to a major artery being ruptured and several operations. Five months ago, she suffered bruises during a crackdown by Israeli prison guards. Then came the news on 23 September that an Israeli nurse working in Damon Prison, where Dawayyat is being held, had tested positive for coronavirus. The young woman from the village of Sur Baher, just outside occupied East Jerusalem, along with three other female Palestinian prisoners - Ansam Shawahna, Amani al-Hashim and Layan Kayed - who had been in contact with the nurse, were put into quarantine.” See <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/coronavirus-israel-palestine-prisoners-intimidated-pandemic>

## **Turning Gray in Israeli Prisons Oct 2**

“Today, 1 October 2020, the world celebrates the 30th anniversary of the International Day of Older Persons. The United Nations General Assembly designated this day as an opportunity to highlight the essential and influential role of older people in contributing to society, and as a means to spread awareness on the various challenges, older people face nowadays. Over 72 years, the Israeli authorities have established apartheid and discriminatory apparatus to suppress the Palestinian people.” See <http://www.addameer.org/news/turning-gray-israeli-prisons>

## **The alarming death toll in immigration detention Oct 3**

“Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) closed out Fiscal Year 2020, which ended this week on September 30, with its highest death toll in 15 years. Twenty-one people tragically lost their lives to the inhumane and unnecessary immigration detention system, including eight people who died due to COVID-19. We cannot allow this to happen. We must continue to join together and demand #FreeThemAll. Join Detention Watch Network’s email list to plug into our efforts to release all people from detention.” See <https://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/signup>

## **Imam Jamil Al Amin Birthday! Oct 4**

“This Sunday Oct.4th will be political prisoner IMAM JAMIL AL-AMIN aka H.RAP BROWN 77th bday iA..there will be a national rally @ West End Park in ATL that everyone should attend & locally here on the West Coast, we have organized a #solidarity rally @ Bobby Hutton Park in West Oakland: Free The Rap: Oakland Stands With Imam Jamil Al-Amin fka H.Rap Brown #FreeImamJamil #FreeHRapBrown #FreeTheRap #JamilAbdullahAlAmin #HRapBrown #ImamJamilAlAmin #ImamJamilActionNetwork #OaklandIslamicCommunityCenter #FreeImamJamilAlAmin NOW”

## **Trump’s Minnesota Visit had Him Acting Like a Proud Boy Oct 6**

“When President Trump visited Duluth, Minnesota, recently, he left more than a possible exposure to the coronavirus in his wake. He unleashed a new wave of racist expression and violence. When President Trump visited Duluth, Minnesota, recently, he left more than a possible exposure to the coronavirus in his wake. He unleashed a new wave of racist expression and violence. Trump flew to Minnesota to attend both a campaign rally and a private fundraiser on September 30, the day after his contentious debate with Democratic nominee Joe Biden. In that debate, Trump was not only unwilling to denounce white supremacy, but he also drew condemnation for saying that the Proud Boys should “stand back and stand by,” rather than cease operations immediately.” See <https://portside.org/2020-10-10/trumps-minnesota-visit-had-him-acting-proud-boy>

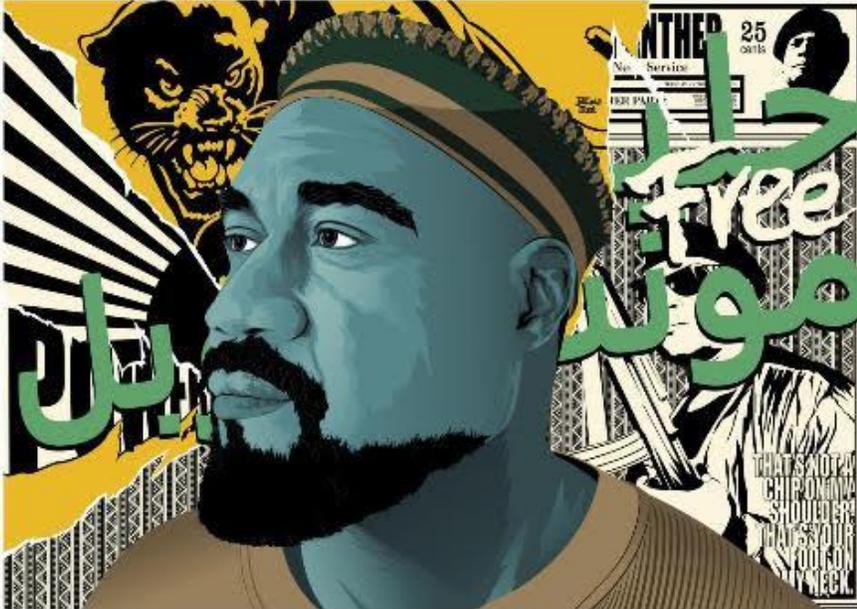
## **Thousands of Sick Federal Prisoners Sought Compassionate Release. 98 Percent Were Denied.**

Oct 7

“Wardens blocked bids for freedom as COVID-19 spread behind bars, data shows. Even before the

coronavirus pandemic hit, Marie Neba feared dying in federal prison. The 56-year-old had stage 4 cancer—and three children waiting for her at home. “Right now, I can barely walk around because of generalized body pain and feet numbness,” she wrote, as she struggled through chemotherapy earlier this year. “The way things are going regarding my treatments here at Carswell can lead me to my grave.” But last year when she tried to get a rare compassionate release from Carswell medical prison in North Texas, the warden denied her request. When COVID-19 hit, she tried again with a fresh request on March 30—and this time the warden ignored her altogether.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/10/07/thousands-of-sick-federal-prisoners-sought-compassionate-release-98-percent-were-denied>

### **Intifada Street: Revolutionary Artist Hamza Creates Art Work in Honor of Jalil Muntaqim’s Homecoming Oct 7**



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### **'PTSD is real, I wake up crying': the activist who stood up to prison guard abuse**

Oct 8

“Tired of daily harassment and violence by prison guards, Rojas decided to fight back. The 39-year-old, who spent 15 years behind bars in California, said officers routinely tormented transgender and non-binary people, mocking their bodies, threatening sexual violence and sometimes physically assaulting them. “We were sick of it. We weren’t going to let the officers abuse us any more,” said Rojas, who is gender-nonconforming (GNC) and uses a single name. “We organized on the inside.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/oct/08/prison-guards-abuse-california>

### **Lakota People’s Law Project: Truth and Healing legislation: a way forward Oct 8**

“The Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policy in the United States Act aims to establish a formal commission to expose the atrocities committed by the federal boarding school policy, and give a voice to the descendants dealing with the resulting trauma. It is co-sponsored by a long list of congressional reps, including Rep. Sharice L. Davids (D-Kan.), a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Davids and Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) were recently the first two Native women elected to the House.” See <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8420/all-info?emci=9255f5b3-810a-eb11-96f5-00155d03affc&emdi=fbf49aa6-110b-eb11-96f5-00155d03affc&ceid=8865254>

### **George Floyd's America Born with two strikes-How systemic racism shaped Floyd's life and hobbled his ambition: Living and dying in George Floyd's America Oct 8**

“Stamped from the beginning. George Floyd’s life began just as the civil rights movement was ending, and its many twists and turns reflected the ongoing effects of racism across American society, from education to housing to law enforcement. An exhaustive reporting effort—including 150 interviews—examines how Floyd’s biography, in all its singularity and complexity, was shaped by historical, political, and economic forces, all leading up to the moment he was killed by Minneapolis police and set off a national reckoning all leading up to the moment he was killed by Minneapolis police and set off a national reckoning.” (The Marshall Project). “His life began as the last embers of the civil rights movement were flickering out. Its horrific, videotaped end ignited the largest anti-racism movement since, with demonstrators the world over marching for racial justice in his name. During the 46 years in between, George Perry Floyd came of age as the strictures of Jim Crow discrimination in America gave way to an insidious form of systemic racism, one that continually undercut his ambitions. Early in life, he wanted to be a Supreme Court justice. Then, a pro athlete. At the end, he just longed for a little stability, training to be a commercial truck driver.” See

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/national/george-floyd-america/systemic-racism/>

### **Coronavirus In Jails And Prisons Oct 9**

“A ‘freedom fighter’ reports from the San Quentin prisons on Twitter, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reverses a ruling made to protect elderly prisoners, and a class-action lawsuit seeks \$400 million from the state of Delaware for ignoring basic COVID-19 precautions. Weeks before the first reported cases of COVID-19 in prisons and jails, correctional healthcare experts warned that all the worst aspects of the U.S. criminal justice system—overcrowded, aging facilities lacking sanitary conditions and where medical care is, at best, sparse; too many older prisoners with underlying illnesses; regular flow of staff, guards, healthcare workers in and out of facilities—would leave detention facilities, and their surrounding communities, vulnerable to outbreaks. Despite those early warnings, even jails and prisons that believed they were well-prepared have seen a rapid spread of the virus. Over the next several months, The Appeal will be examining the coronavirus crisis unfolding in U.S. prisons and jails, COVID-19’s impact on surrounding communities and how the virus might reshape our lives. In his Twitter bio, he describes himself as “Freedom fighter. Incarcerated human being reporting from inside of a prison with a contraband cell phone. Trapped in a petri dish.” As COVID-19 tore through California’s San Quentin prison in June, @RailroadUndergl documented the outbreak—alerting followers about its beginnings when the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation was denying there were any cases—and his own bout with the virus.” See

<https://theappeal.org/coronavirus-in-jails-and-prisons-65/>

### **What I Learned About Voting Rights in the Fields of Angola "We asked ourselves: Do we want to change our conditions, or do we want to change our circumstances?" By Norris Henderson as told to Maurice Chammah Oct 10**

“Originally published on March 12, this Life Inside is part of a series of stories based on an unprecedented survey asking thousands of incarcerated people about their political views. It is part of a collaboration between The Marshall Project and Slate that examines political life inside of prison and out. When I first arrived at Angola prison in Louisiana, in the 1970s, I worked in the fields like everyone else and then in the “tag plant” making the state’s license plates. On weekends, I’d go to law classes taught by some of the other prisoners. Many prisoners only had a fifth-grade education, but I’d been to some college and I loved to read. I played sousaphone in high school and was used to memorizing sheet music. Memorizing case law felt similar. Pretty soon, I was the one teaching the classes.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/03/12/what-i-learned-about-voting-rights-in-the-fields-of-angola>

### **77 days on strike for dignity and freedom: Maher al-Akhras resists!** Oct 11

Maher al-Akhras, Palestinian prisoner jailed without charge or trial, is currently on his 77th day of hunger strike. He launched his strike to demand an end to his administrative detention by the Israeli occupation, declaring that “I either live freely with my children, or I am killed in the name of false justice.” His health condition is particularly precarious after 77 days without food or other forms of nutrition. Al-Akhras is married and the father of six children; his wife, Taghreed, launched her own hunger strike alongside her husband four days ago to demand his freedom. He is held in the Kaplan medical center, where he suffers from severe weakness, emaciation, massive weight loss, difficulty moving and frequent loss of consciousness, and he is refusing medical examinations or supplements of any kind. He has emphasized that his message is “freedom or death.” See

<https://samidoun.net/2020/10/77-days-on-strike-for-dignity-and-freedom-maher-al-akhras-resists/>

### **Another Voice: David Gilbert, other elder inmates deserve clemency** Oct 12

“I am in my 12th year on parole after having spent 30-plus consecutive years in various correctional facilities in New York State. Since my release on parole, I strive each and every day to reach out to angry, bewildered and vulnerable young people through the work I do with the Mentoring and Nurturing Program I created while incarcerated and currently run for at-risk youth and justice-involved individuals in Western New York. The person who more than anyone is responsible for helping me – and literally hundreds of other young people – become productive and contributing members of society is still in prison today. David Gilbert, 75 years old, is in Shawangunk Correctional Facility, Ulster County, in his 39th year of a life sentence. In the interests of justice, mercy and the good of society, he – and others – deserves to be released.” See

[https://buffalonews.com/opinion/another-voice-david-gilbert-other-elder-inmates-deserve-clemency/article\\_9d000500-0a66-11eb-9fbb-0bce3719ebc5.html](https://buffalonews.com/opinion/another-voice-david-gilbert-other-elder-inmates-deserve-clemency/article_9d000500-0a66-11eb-9fbb-0bce3719ebc5.html)

### **Community Control of Police is a Right and Necessity** Oct 12

“In response to protests, the eastern North Carolina city of Greenville has discontinued its ties to the Pentagon’s infamous 1033 program that funnels military weapons and equipment to local police. However, the city continues to resist demands for community control of police. “We want to live in a society where these forces are nonexistent in our communities,” said Dedan Waciuri, of the Mapinduzi organization. “We have the ability to protect ourselves.” See

<https://www.blackagendareport.com/community-control-police-right-and-necessity>

### **Roots of “Strong Black Women” Ideology** Oct 12

“Systemic oppression, from slavery to mass Black incarceration, has led Black women to value self-reliance, said Dr Ashlee Davis, supervising psychologist at Fordham University’s counseling center and author of an article titled, “Traditional Femininity Versus Strong Black Women Ideologies and Stress Among Black Women.” During slavery and its aftermath, “African American women had to take on roles reflective of both traditionally feminine and traditionally masculine norms – having to be both the father and the mother,” said Davis.” See

<https://www.blackagendareport.com/roots-strong-black-women-ideology-0>

### **Dying alone: When we stopped caring for Palestinian prisoners** Oct 13

“No one cares about the prisoners.” Over the past few years, I have heard this phrase – or some variation of it – uttered many times by freed Palestinian prisoners and their families. Whenever I conduct an interview regarding this crucial and highly sensitive topic, I am told, repeatedly, that ‘no one cares.’ But is this really the case? Are Palestinian prisoners so abandoned to the extent that their freedom, life and death are of no consequence?” See

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20201013-dying-alone-when-we-stopped-caring-for-palestinian-prisoners/>

## In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Campaign

Jericho is spearheading the “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela” IT (International Tribunal) 2021 campaign proposed by 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 teams 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!**

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."

## 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. The “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela” initiative is the brainchild of Jericho’s co-founder Jalil 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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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>**. In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela” and activists across the country are urged to join and support in whatever way they are able in political solidarity toward the building of the National Coalition for the Human Rights of Political Prisoners”.

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

## “Greetings of Peace!

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

The IN THE SPIRIT OF NELSON MANDELA COALITION invites you to join our campaign to develop an International Coalition to acknowledge, recognize and push for the release of US held Political Prisoners. The conditions under which US political prisoners are forced to live, and the length of their sentences violates international law and the UN Nelson Mandela Rules. In December 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted its landmark resolution 70/175 entitled “United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules”) (<https://www.penalreform.org/priorities/prison-conditions/standard-minimum-rules/>). These Rules condemn the United States’ policies and practices of punitive solitary confinement, medical neglect and long-term solitary confinement. This particular international initiative stems from a call from 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 are not new—Malcolm X urged such in the 1960s—this Initiative begins with a much-needed renewed energy, focus and commitment.

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

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

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

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

Your input is valued at any level.

In solidarity,

The National Jericho Movement  
In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Coalition



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

## Moving Forward

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

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

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

## Gratitude and Appreciation

It is with great gratitude that we express our sincere appreciation to you-our supporters. Without your help, we could not accomplish all that we do for our Political Prisoner's/Prisoners of War. From helping their families visit them, to assisting with legal and medical needs, to putting monies in their commissary as well as providing forums wherein we can hold events to educate others about our Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War, your support helps make this possible. We know it, and our Political Prisoner's/Prisoners of War know it as well. There is power in the people, and this is where freedom lies. It is because of people such as yourselves, who so graciously give of your time, your donations as well as your thoughts towards this cause, that brings us closer to the day when we can finally say-They are Home at Last....Can you imagine? After sacrificing for the community-the community is the one who brings them home. After languishing in a steel dungeon waiting for freedom for decades, when that door finally swings open and they finally step into their family’s arms for good, it will be a powerful day indeed.

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

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

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

As you know, the obstacles to helping free our political prisoners are immense. It is to challenge the superpower and its many facets. It is to fight repression through education, organizing, mobilizing, and

creating a movement that embraces freedom and dignity for all people and freedom for all Political Prisoners.

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

## **Free all Political Prisoners!**

In Struggle and Gratitude, The National Jericho Movement

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

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