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The Dragons Fire

THE NATIONAL JERICO MOVEMENT NEWSLETTER
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**“When the prison doors are opened,
the real dragon will fly out”
Ho Chi Minh**

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. 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.

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"The life of a single human being is worth a million times more than all the property of the richest man on earth." — Che Guevara

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 keeping track of latest developments; attending numerous online meetings, calls to action, as well as strategizing on gaining the release of our Political Prisoners.

Chairperson's Corner

Please Check Back next month

Jericho Highlights and Tributes

2021' IS THE YEAR TO FREE ALL U.S. HELD POLITICAL PRISONERS & POWS
FREE EM' ALL: PRISONER ADVOCACY AND JUSTICE NEWS!
SPECIAL REPORT: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

In the Spirit of Mandela: International Tribunal On Human Rights Violations & U.S. Held Political Prisoners
 New York City... Friday, October 22, 2021 – Tuesday, October 26, 2021



To: All Prisoner Advocacy Organizations, Campaigns & Individuals
 From: National Jericho Movement - Spirit Of Mandela Coalition, Outreach Committee
 Re: 2021 International Tribunal On Human Rights Violations & U.S. Held Political Prisoners
Greetings Friends, Families, Comrades & Supporters Of U.S. Captured Freedom Fighters,
 Jericho is spearheading the "In the Spirit of 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 Na-

tions to review the cases of Political Prisoners. In collaboration with interested others, much headway is being made regarding organizing and media efforts. The campaign “In the Spirit of Mandela” has almost completed the research, and the academic team will meet with the lawyers for an initial review of the condensed summary points. Collaborating, attending working sessions, media prep, among other activities continue. 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.

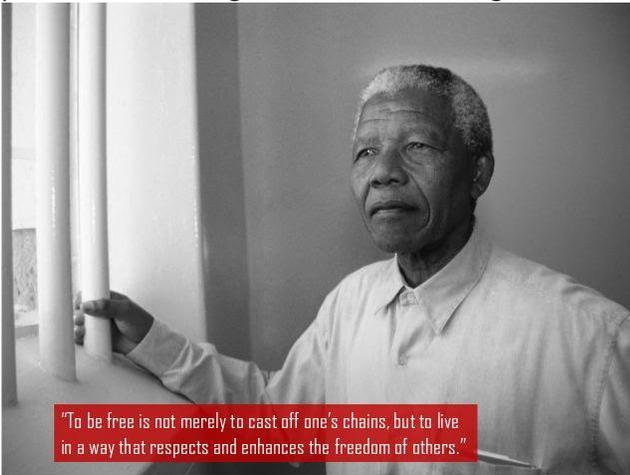
We intend to document, in detailed evidentiary form and utilizing all available contemporary human rights precedents, the gross violations faced by colonized people and those who have defended basic self-determination principles. But this will not be a narrow or dry legalistic affair. This people’s Tribunal 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!



Dr. 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 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 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.

Dates: Friday, October 22nd – Tuesday, October 26, 2021 **Location:** New York City (Venues TBA)

Formally indicting the United States government and its States with historical, systematic, and ongoing human rights violations against people of color, working class people, and the planet! Outcomes Reparations Establishment of People's Senate International Solidarity Truth & Justice Commission to Free All Political Prisoners. Contact your local Representative or:

Jihad Abdulmumit, Outreach Committee Representative

jihadabdulmumit@gmail.com

<https://spiritofmandela.org/>

804-304-8595

Jericho meets virtually to work on the campaign "In the Spirit of Mandela/I.T. 2021". Due to Covid19, our meetings are online. For future meetings contact nycjericho@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved. We invite you to support this initiative. Everyone is encouraged to check out the website <http://spiritofmandela.org>. In the Spirit of Mandela, 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 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 government can become so elitist and concentrate on elitist interests. To help the government, you must constantly hold its attention." - Winnie Madikizela-Mandela

The IN THE SPIRIT OF 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 contacting 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,

Sadiki "Bro. Shep" Olugbala, Tribunal Outreach Committee for The National Jericho Movement In the Spirit of Mandela Coalition Panthershepcat@aol.com <https://spiritofmandela.org/>

Political Prisoners/POWs Updates

Medical

Mutulu Shakur: "Mutulu seems to have mostly recovered from both the stem cell transplant for the stage 4 bone cancer as well as from COVID that he contracted shortly thereafter. He is a strong man! Unfortunately, we know that this cancer is incurable and COVID can recur, so we are continuing the struggle to free him from prison just as hard if not moreso." <https://mutulushakur.com/2021-health-legal-update/>

Mumia Abu Jamal: Mumia called Pam Africa the other week, he couldn't breathe and tested negative for COVID. On Saturday he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and ten pounds of fluid was drained. Mumia tested positive for COVID 19. Mumia's skin condition is back again with sores, he was sent back to the facility on Wednesday. ICFMAJ wants to have his chosen outside movement doctor to be able to go into SCI Mahoney infirmary to see him. She is asking that people call DOC Secretary John Wetzel: 717-728-2573 and SCI Mahoney: 570-773-2158 to make this demand. Update: Mumia has Covid-19. See Call to Action below.

Legal

Mutulu Shakur: "Mutulu was notified last month that he was denied parole after the hearing in October. Our legal team immediately appealed the decision on multiple grounds, and is actively exploring other avenues to argue for Dr. Shakur's release." <https://mutulushakur.com/2021-health-legal-update/>

Joy Powell: Joyce's son got some new attorneys involved in her case and hopes for an overturn on her case before her next birthday.

Iman Malik: still in Florence with limited communications, not allowed to speak to speak Arabic. Serious repression.

Eric King: "Eric's trial has been pushed to October 12th in the U.S District Court of Colorado in Denver. This was granted by the Judge because Eric's lawyers requested a continuance, in part, based on gaps in the discovery (legal documents shared between both parties) and that FCI Florence is closed to legal visits (the site of the incident in question needs to be inspected)." <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/03/updates-9-mar-2021.pdf>

Other Political Prisoner Updates

Leonard Peltier: "We received an e-mail from Leonard on the 12 stating "TODAY, I had a brief conversation with my Case Manager. He told me they are putting me in for a transfer, he also said he knows i have served the sentence I received from ("the illegal court"!) (MY words,) but I would or could not be transferred while this pandemic is going on no one is. and it could be up to 6 mos., even longer b/4 they start up the BOP's Prison air flights, for A transfer.? He also said my security level has been lowered." With Leonard's lower security level his request to be transferred to Oxford WI should be approved. Unfortunately, there was a problem with our Gofundme to raise money for the campaigns to free Leonard from the efforts for transfer, parole,

compassionate release, FOIA requests, clemency, and his First Amendment lawsuit. We decided to use another platform rather than wait. Please share this Fundrazr far and wide." See https://fundrazr.com/e1lwxe?ref=ab_39woXa_ab_32k7rBBqkQe32k7rBBqkQe

Bill Dunne: Some letters are getting returned.

Veronza Bowers: We are going to begin sending a monthly amount to his commissary.

Ed Poindexter: "The Pressure and political work in Nebraska is having an impact. Members of the Freedom for Ed campaign have met with the Omaha World Herald (the state's leading newspaper was notoriously negative about Mondo and Ed) and asked for at least neutrality in reporting. . . More recently the group, led by Preston Love, and others met with the former US Senator from Nebraska, Bob Kerry. At the groups prompting Kerry, they issued a public call for a Pardon for Ed Poindexter (by the Pardon board) last week. Governor Ricketts had two responses, that Kerry's request was motivated by politics, and that "Bob has his number and can call him."

Eric King: "While you cannot write Eric directly, you can still send him books and magazines. In fact, when Eric was last allowed to write, he expressed how much he appreciated the deluge of books he received from supporters. Please check out Eric's list at tiny.cc/EK_Books" See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/03/updates-9-mar-2021.pdf>

Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

March Birthdays!

Dr. Aafia Siddiqui: Birthday-March 2



POST 911 MUSLIM POLITICAL PRISONER

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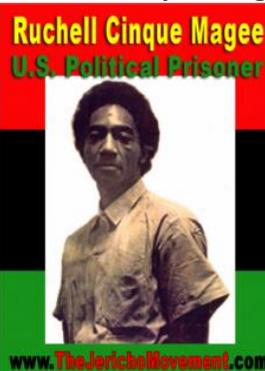
#90279-054--FMC Carswell, Box 27137Fort Worth, TX 76127, United States

Captured: 2008. Sentence: 86 years.

"Her parents were Pakistani strivers – middle-class folk with strong faith in Islam and education. Her father, Mohammad, was an English-trained doctor; her mother, Ismet, befriended the dictator General Zia ul-Haq. Aafia was a smart teenager, and in 1990 followed her older brother to the U.S. Impressive grades won her admission to the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology and, later, Brandeis University, where she graduated in cognitive

neuroscience. In 1995 she married a young Karachi [Pakistan] doctor, Amjad Khan. A year later their first child, Ahmed, was born." <http://FreeAafia.org> International Prisoner-Post 9-11 Muslim Political Prisoner

Ruchell Cinque Magee: Birthday- March 17, 1939



Political Prisoner

Contact Information/Prison Address

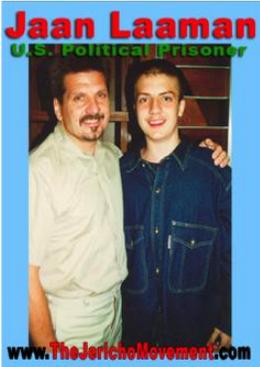
#A92051, #T 115 California Medical Facility, P.O. Box 2000Vacaville, CA 95696-2000

Captured: 1963.

Ruchell is the longest held political prisoners in the U.S. and perhaps the world, having been locked up since 1963. Politicized in prison, he later participated in the Marin County Courthouse Rebellion (Aug 7, 1970) in the attempted liberation of political prisoner George Jackson by his younger brother,

Jonathan Jackson. Ruchell has worked tirelessly as a jailhouse lawyer, working on his own case and helping many other prisoners win their freedom.... <http://denverabc.wordpress.com/prisoners-dabc-supports/political-prisoners-database/ruchell-cinque-magee/>
<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/magee-ruchell-cinque>

Jaan Karl Laaman: Birthday- March-21



Affiliation: Ohio 7

Contact Information/Prison Address

#10372-016--USP McCreary, P.O. Box 3000

Pine Knot, KY 42635

Captured: 1984. Eligible for Parole in 2018.

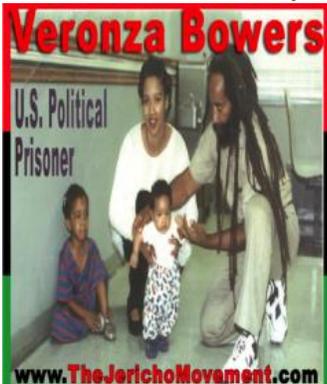
IN PRISON 35 YEARS

“Ohio 7/United Freedom Front--a clandestine anti-imperialist organization took responsibility for urban guerrilla actions targeting many institutions of repression in the 1970’s and 1980’s...Freedom Struggle is necessary and possible in the U.S., just like anywhere else in this world. We need to create the conditions and changes, by every possible means, for all our people to have a chance for a real life.”*

https://www.facebook.com/jaan.laaman?fref=ts&ref=br_tf 4STRUGGLEMAG.ORG

February Birthdays!

Veronza Bowers: Birthday-Feb 4, 1946



Affiliation: Black Panther Party

Captured: Sept. 15th, 1973: Life

Contact Information/Prison Address

#35316-136,

Butner Medium II,

P.O. Box 1500,

Butner, NC 27509

Freddie Hilton (Kamau Sadiki): Birthday-Feb 19



Affiliation: Black Panther Party

Captured: 2002: Life without parole

Contact Information/Prison Address

#0001150688 -Augusta State Medical Prison,

Bldg 23A-2, 3001 Gordon Highway,

Grovetown,, GA 30813, United States

“The government and police, knowing that he suffers from Hepatitis C, Cirrhosis of the Liver and Sarcoidosis, told Kamau that unless he helped them capture Assata Shakur that he would “die in prison.” The police told Kamau that if he worked with them and “got Assata to leave Cuba” and go to some other country where they could apprehend her, they would not prosecute on the false police killing charge. Kamau’s two

daughters and grandchildren are devastated by the absence of their loving, hard-working father (he supported them by working for the telephone company in New York for over eighteen years) and are active in efforts to release him. <http://freakamau.com/>

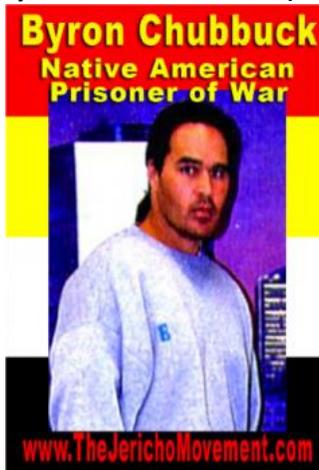
Abdullah Malik Ka’Bah (aka Jeff Fort): Birthday-Feb 20, 1947

Affiliation: Muslim

Contact Information/Prison Address

#92298-024, USP Florence ADMAX, P.O. Box 8500, Florence, CO 81226* **NOT allowed to receive mail**

“We believe that Abdul Malik was indicted because of the new vision that he had acquired and which he was trying to share with other street organizations not only in Chicago, but throughout the U.S.! He was indicted because, for example, he (and others) had worked and were continuing to work to maintain a peace among street organizations, so that they could begin to redirect their energies in ways that would ensure the survival of their people, and the development of their communities.” <http://newafrikan77.wordpress.com>

Byron Shane Chubbuck (OSO BLANCO): Birthday: Feb 26, 1967

Affiliation: Ejército Zapatista de Liberación Nacional, EZLN Defender

First Nation Political Prisoner, Author, U.S. Prisoner

Captured: 1999 – Release Date 2071

Contact Information/Prison Address

#07909051 USP Victorville, PO Box 3900, Adelanto, CA 92301

“The new Aztlan is now. We shall no longer kill mother Earth and everything else just to have modern technologies, the time of that will end soon. We shall rise up as warriors—refusing to be slaves of commerce and political lies. In our own land we shall be HIGH Master, high master of the heart, high masters of consciousness. I am Oso Blanco de Aztlan, I support EZLN and the Brown Berets.”

<http://freesosblanco.blogspot.com>



***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 Prisoner Voices**Health and Legal update from Family and Friends of Dr. Mutulu Shakur**

“After a month in transit, supporters received a health and legal update from Dr. Shakur. On October 14th, the stem cell irrigation started. On October 20th, I had a mandatory parole hearing, which I was again denied. I was notified of this denial on January 12th, and my next hearing will be in 2022. The final stage of the stem cell transplant took place from October 28th until November 14th, during which I was hospitalized. Upon my return

from the stem cell procedure in November, I received the denial of compassionate release by the sentencing judge. Two days later, I was infected with COVID-19, in light of my immune system being compromised from stem cell replacement. I was put in quarantine in an unfavorable isolated area of the unit. I survived and won the battle to overcome the virus—now I am in the recovery period. We are still waiting on a district Judge ruling on the Ninth Circuit habeas corpus petition and a response from the BOP on the renewed compassionate release petition in light of COVID-19. Not surprisingly, all past decisions have referred to a pre-trial motion filed in 1988 as a consideration in denying my release. This I believe is contrary to the spirit and intent of pre-trial motions, but more importantly offers no facts or law pertaining to the relief requested, from the manipulation of constitutional right filed in 3 federal jurisdictions over the 30-odd years of carrying out this sentence. Again, I want to thank you all. There are still some avenues for release to explore available and I'm requesting your support. I continue to hope that you are all healthy and using your wisdom to stay so. This virus is no joke, and clearly apolitical. Mud and Water, Dr. Mutulu Shakur" See

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/03/updates-9-mar-2021.pdf>

Eric King

"This is a wee poem I wrote at golly-heck 3:30 AM. It may be all internal but I feel the climate changing. The protest really got to me, all the letters and books and magazines really got to me. We aren't alone in this, even tho the Bureau is very proficient at isolation tactics. We're all a part of the same fist, and same garden. Antifa everywhere, anarchy always."-EK

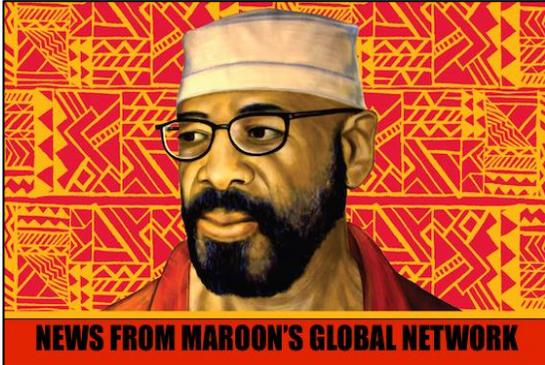
Can you feel the heat rising?
 Where there's smoke, there's fire
 Eyes in the scope
 Watching from the guard tower
 Taking back our lives
 Seems like the time is now
 Do you think they can feel the tides Shifting on the ground?
 Do you think they can hear
 As our voices got louder?
 Alarm bells sing
 We're not ready to disperse
 Despite what they preach
 They're not ready for the worst
 Hit em' in the wallet Hit em' where it hurts
 Hear the people chanting
 No justice in the courts
 We're rocking in the streets
 On our way to the feast
 Time to hold steady
 Strapping on our cleats
 Policing is a disease
 And we are the vaccine
 They've got too much blood on their hands
 And they wont come clean"

See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/03/updates-9-mar-2021.pdf>

Community Calls for Action

(Ongoing Calls for Action)

Urgent action needed!!! (Ongoing)



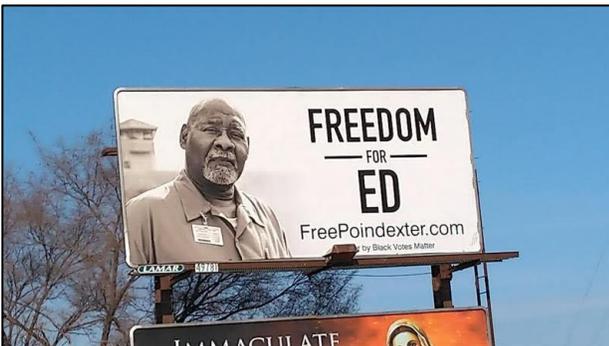
“Our beloved elder Russell Maroon Shoatz, suffering stage 4 cancer for the last year and a half, has now been diagnosed with COVID-19. This infection is no doubt a result of the “full-blown resurgence” of the virus in Pennsylvania state prisons, and the callous disregard shown by prison authorities to elderly and infirm incarcerated people, including withheld testing and unhygienic isolation of those who report symptoms. Maroon is asking that all supporters call the office of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and demand his immediate, unconditional release, as well as that of ALL elderly prisoners infected with COVID-19. Please call (717) 787-2500 and

keep the pressure on! All PA-based organizations, please sign a community letter demanding the immediate release of Russell Maroon Shoatz <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScx2SeLR-Z1f3XLp0F9BopPRDzyVKbldUwh7wker97yr7D-Mw/viewform> New Go-Fund Me to support the Shoatz Family <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-the-shoatz-family-fighting-injustice> For sample tweets and graphics, check out the #FreeMaroon Social media kit

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MaFFfcapISjN2MdoL0eYSQomEaKoW30PezJHNIVkSf8/edit>

Continue to Call Governor Tom Wolf: Contact: (717) 787-2500. Russell Shoatz’s health is rapidly deteriorating. His DOC is #AF3855. Demand Immediate Release of Russell Maroon Shoatz. They track the calls from different phones and how many times the same number calls so please keep calling and activate your networks. Our sincere gratitude for all of your support. <https://www.instagram.com/p/CHI85IFhiAm/>

CALL-IN CAMPAIGN FOR ED POINDEXTER--Demand Freedom for Ed Poindexter(ongoing)



Billboard on I-480 North at the Martha Street exit!

“Preston Love Jr. led an effort to put up a billboard in Omaha, Nebraska calling for Ed Poindexter’s release. Read Michael Richardson’s report about it here:

Billboard for Ed:

<https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2021/02/05/black-votes-matter-asks-nebraska-pardon-board-to-release-former-black-panther-ed-poindexter-from-prison>.

We also have a new central website for the campaign.:

www.freepoindexter.com

Please phone the Nebraska Pardons Board as many times as you and your friends, comrades, associates, and family can. We have provided a script below. Please give your name and the state that you live in, and if you can, leave a phone number. **CALL:** Governor Pete Ricketts 402-471-2244, Attorney General Peterson: 402-471-2683, Secretary of State Evnen: 402-471-2554

Free Ed Poindexter Immediately (Script):

“Dear Pardons Board Member, I am calling to demand and pray for the Compassionate Release/Commutation of Sentence and rapid release of Mr. Edward Poindexter #27767. Ed Poindexter is one of the eldest prisoners in the state penitentiary and as such, along with other elderly prisoners in Nebraska is at great risk of serious illness or death should he contract the coronavirus. We are focusing on Ed, but also pray for the release of other elderly prisoners. Therefore, I request you schedule a special Pardons Board hearing as soon as possible to consider ALL the commutation applications at once, particularly for prisoners over the age of 60. Nebraska is not

alone in facing this crisis, and if you act now with compassion to protect the lives of elders in prison, you will be in step with several other states who have taken this important step toward humanity and toward the application of the basic principle of human rights. Please release Ed Poindexter and his peers immediately! Thank you for having compassion for elderly prisoners who are at high risk of dying from covid19, and for recognizing that holding them during this worsening pandemic is tantamount to inflicting a sentence of death or debilitation.”

Please share this campaign, write a letter to the Pardons Board and **sign the online petition:**

<http://chng.it/vctskKv49k> Ed would be very grateful. We would also appreciate if you could send us a copy of your letter to: freedomford@gmail.com

EMAIL: ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov **WRITE:** Nebraska Board of Pardons, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509

Sample Letter Script

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

Mutulu Shakur: Compassionate Release Efforts Renewed Due to COVID (ongoing)



“We are renewing the push to petition for compassionate release now that we have resubmitted an application for compassionate release due to the COVID diagnosis. Please sign the online petition using the link if you haven’t yet and continue to share it: Sign the Petition: bit.ly/cr-petition. We ask that you continue to keep him in your prayers. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please use the PayPal link for our fiscal sponsor by clicking here <https://cadnational.org/>. Then click on the very top donate button in the right sidebar of the CAD website (please indicate that donation is for Dr. Mutulu Shakur). If you do not require your donation to be tax deductible, you can donate at mutulushakur.com.

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=uWXNr1Bal88&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>

Online Fundraiser for Joy Powell (ongoing)



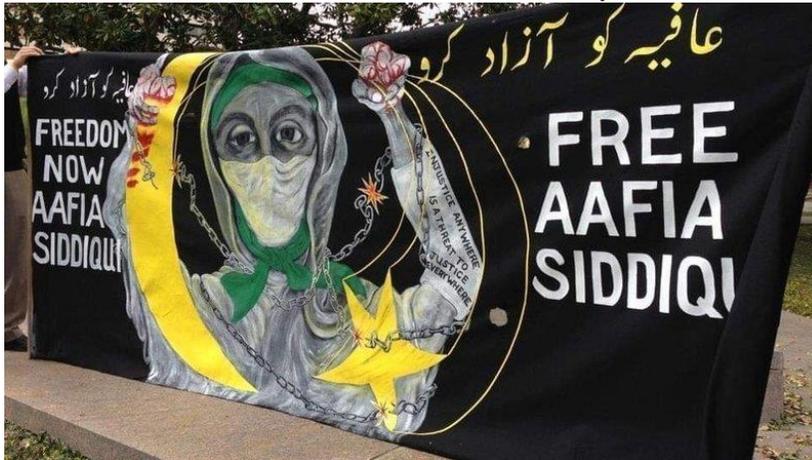
"Joy's family recently covered some legal expenses in order to proceed to the next step in appealing her wrongful conviction. The online fundraiser is to cover these costs as well as any future costs for her support. We are still seeking options for pro bono counsel to keep these costs as low as possible,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

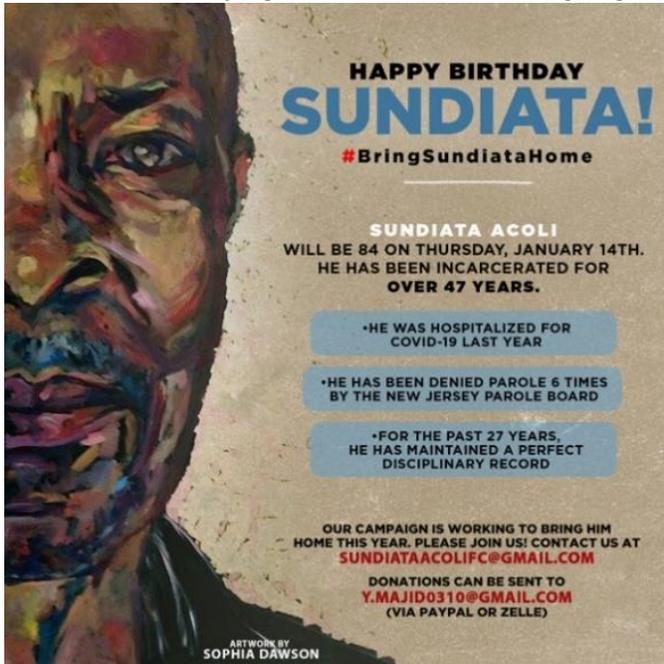
Release or Home Confinement for Dr. Aafia Siddiqui from Coronavirus Infected Prison (Ongoing)



(Photo from <https://www.change.org/p/donald-j-trump-release-or-home-confinement-for-dr-aafia-siddiqui-from-coronavirus-infected-prison>)

"Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani neuroscientist, is serving an 86-year term at FMC Carswell. Carswell is a prison-cum-medical facility for female prisoners in the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas. Other than Seagoville Prison, which is also located in Dallas-Fort Worth and has 1,359 cases, Carswell has the largest COVID-19 outbreak of any U.S. prison. According to the Bureau of Prisons own website, the number of reported cases there is 542. (Other sources place it even higher, at 571.) Carswell's inmate population totals 1,357. That translates to an infection rate of 40% at the facility. Three female prisoners, Andrea Circle Bear, Sandra Kincaid, and Teresa Ely, have died from the virus at the facility. The deceased women were 30, 69, and 51-years of age, respectively. The 48-year old Dr. Siddiqui has been imprisoned since she was 31. She has been in very poor health for much of this time, including appearing in a wheel chair at her New York trial, due to the extremely harsh—some would say unlawful—conditions of her capture as well as her incarceration. She is clearly at grave risk from COVID-19." See <https://www.change.org/p/donald-j-trump-release-or-home-confinement-for-dr-aafia-siddiqui-from-coronavirus-infected-prison>

The Freedom Campaign for Sundiata Acoli (Ongoing)



“A former employee of NASA and a civil rights era Freedom Rider, Sundiata Acoli turned 84 on January 14. The college graduate and grandfather of two has been incarcerated for over forty-seven years. Acoli has been consistently denied parole for more than twenty-five of those years, going all the way back to 1994. The Sundiata Acoli Freedom Campaign (SAFC) is the largest coordinated campaign to free Acoli since his incarceration and follows years of behind the scenes advocacy and legal filings. The campaign will use the hashtag #BringSundiataHome and kicks off this week. There are media appearances planned throughout the week as well as a major social media push on Thursday where individuals, advocates and other organizations and religious institutions will join in the wishes of love and support for the soon to be 84 year old. The SAFC will participate in this MLK march carrying signs to #BringSundiataHome. They will also hand out informational flyers to spread the

word in the Black and Brown community as the group begins its public outreach around this case. For more information visit our Facebook page or email Sundiataacolifc@gmail.com.”

See: “The Freedom Campaign for Sundiata Acoli with Soffiyah Elijah”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPUb7RO3pisSoffiyah&feature=youtu.be>

Parole Letters Needed for Xinachtli (Ongoing)

“Xinachtli, as many of you know, means literally in English, “Seed,” or, as Comrade “X” likes to phrase, it from a prisoner’s perspective, “Germinating Seed” and s/n Alvaro Luna Hernandez, is a Chicano/Mexicano-Anarchist Communist and Anti-Imperialist Internationally-recognized Political Prisoner, has suffered long enough from a (50-year) bogus Aggravated Assault conviction rife with racist civil rights abuse and judicial misconduct. Presently, Xinachtli is preparing for his (1st) upcoming ‘Parole Review Hearing,’ on July 18, 2021. We are in need of help with a groundswell of support from the Prison Abolitionists, Human Rights, Indigenous, and Prison Activist Movement communities. TBPP suggests that FEW, clear & concise letters are preferred, to place in his case-file for review; lazy eyes is a disguise with TBPP Parole Panels. Include in the letter that Xinachtli, though he has tested ‘COVID-19 -negative,’ and in recent months received a ‘flu shot,’ has hypertension that’s medicated, and is ostensibly cured of Hep-C, he nonetheless will be 69 years old May 12th, 2021; so the Corona Virus danger rages on! Also include a solid confirmation that there’s a solid support system waiting, available opportunities of employment, residence, and transportation, as well as psychological/coping support and a period of adjustment, are all important—he’s been in a solitary ‘time-capsule, the worldwide ‘spider’ web has exploded on the social scene since his conviction in June of 1997. We are working on preferably a place here in the Austin/Metro area, or in West Texas, Lubbock, and/or Midland/Odessa region—but not near Alpine, except to visit family. **Please address all your Letters of Support for Xinachtli with his registered name, ALVARO LUNA HERNANDEZ, and prison number, TDCJ-CID#00255735, to: Texas Department of Criminal Justice -Parole Division, Attn: Correspondence, Post Office Box 13401, Austin, Texas 78711”**

See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/updates-15-dec-2020.pdf>

Leonard Peltier! (Ongoing)



“The International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee has launched an urgent appeal for funds to support legal efforts to free this Native political prisoner, who has been held in U.S. dungeons for 45 years. Peltier is a leader of the American Indian Movement, who was framed and jailed for the 1975 deaths of two FBI agents who had invaded the Jumping Bull compound on Pine Ridge Reservation and started a shootout at dawn, over a warrant for alleged theft of a pair of cowboy boots. (tinyurl.com/y4ncc5ee) FBI intervention had increased following the 1973 AIM-led occupation of the town of Wounded Knee, site of the 1890 U.S. 7th Cavalry’s massacre of Big Foot’s Band of 300 Lakota, who were starving and struggling in blizzard conditions to reach the new reservation and surrender. The [ILPDC](#) strategy is three-pronged. First, at Peltier’s request, lawyers will be working to get him transferred closer to his family on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota. Second, his legal team will continue to work on a possible parole hearing for early summer. Third, the attorney in Peltier’s first-amendment case in Seattle, Wash., is prepared for trial this summer. Despite strong support by former U.S. Attorney James Reynolds, 55 members of Congress and international dignitaries including Bishop Desmond Tutu, the U.S. government refuses to release Peltier, whose health is rapidly failing after more than four decades of incarceration. To make a donation to Peltier’s legal effort and to support his campaign for freedom, please go to the ILPDC Facebook Page (facebook.com/PeltierHQ/) and to the fundraiser. (tinyurl.com/yxtkb77a) This is the year to free Leonard Peltier!” See https://fundrazr.com/e1lwxe?ref=ab_39woXa_ab_0RczzOepD4l0RczzOepD4l

Support SF Bay View -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://gofund.me/4799009d> “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 are 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.”

Support the Black Panther Party Alumni Legacy Keepers Network! (Ongoing)



"The past year has seen many successes for The Black Panther Alumni Legacy Keepers Network. We successfully implemented educational/training classes which met online two times a week, started an online clothing store <https://blackpantherpower.com/>, had food distributions twice a week for the homeless and those in need, collaborated and formed alliances with other organizations and individuals who have a vested interest in our missions,

started the preliminary planning and strategic steps forward for many of our programs such as the educational and job placement program, and outreach to universities and colleges regarding a proposed Lecture Series on Theory, Social Practice and Historical Interconnectedness of the Black Panther Party. Please help the Black Panther Party Alumni Legacy Keepers Network continue to educate, inspire and advocate for the creation of community institutions that address the needs of the people. Go to bpplegacykeepers.com and click on "donate" to show your support. All donations are tax-deductible. Tax ID 46-0803016. You can also visit our online store to purchase clothing, merchandise, bookings, and other education materials. Please see: <https://blackpantherpower.com/>"

New Calls for Action

Demand Action: Vaccines delayed & denied: End Israel's medical apartheid against Palestinians! Feb 18

"Israel's system of military checkpoints and total control of Palestinian movement denies Palestinians their right to healthcare on the daily, causing harm and heartbreak. Regularly, 1 in 10 pregnant Palestinians are delayed in reaching hospitals by Israel's military checkpoints. In 2018, about 4 in 10 Palestinians with cancer or other severe conditions, who sought to leave Gaza's blockaded and bombarded hospital system for specialized treatment elsewhere, faced denials by Israel's racist permit system. And then on Monday, Israel delayed the transfer of COVID-19 vaccines that could save the lives of Palestinian doctors in Gaza. Broadly, Israel's vaccine policy in the occupied Palestinian territories has been to deny this lifesaving resource to Palestinians, while exclusively providing vaccines to Israeli settlers living illegally on Palestinian land. We know from generations of struggle that we can and must turn moments of crisis into opportunities to advance justice beyond what feels immediately possible. That's why today we are working with our 7 Invest in Justice Coalition partner organizations to launch a campaign to make Congress demand that Israel uphold its obligations under international law to provide vaccines to Palestinians and dismantle and defund Israel's broader system of medical apartheid. Take action now!" See <https://act.newmode.net/action/mpower-change/tell-congress-demand-israel-provide-covid-19-vaccine-palestinians>

HUGE NEWS: Shakoure is home! We won ALL of our #FreeThemAll campaigns- #WelcomeHomeShakoure Rally! Feb 18



“If you love to see justice, this is an amazing development. We began three #FreeThemAll projects in the last year to free three Muslims from outrageous extended ICE detention: Ousman, Mr. F, and Shakoure. As of now, we're honored to say that all three have been released. We couldn't be happier to share that **Pascal Shakoure Charpentier** is now home. Alhamdulillah.

This Thursday, at 12pm Eastern, we're holding a virtual #WelcomeHomeShakoure celebration and rally with our partners Freedom To Thrive, New Sanctuary Coalition, and BAJI. We'll unveil the next steps in our campaign to #FreeThemAll. Hear from Shakoure and his family, Ousman Darboe—who was released from the same ICE jail last September, and learn more about where we go from here.

Register here https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wUsWWUSZS6q2k3En6fceRO

TELL THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO END ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IN THE FACE OF THE GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC Feb 20



“The situation in Haiti is at a crisis point and activists have asked for solidarity from people in the United States to pressure our government to stop its interventions. Jovenel Moïse, who was installed as president by the United States, is refusing to step down even though his term ended on Feb. 7. He has gutted the legislature and is ruling by decree. People have held massive protests demanding that he leave office so their chosen interim leader Supreme Court justice Joseph Mécène Jean-Louis can take over and organize an election. The government has responded with attacks on movement leaders, arrests and violence. **Here are actions you can take:** **1.** Contact Congress using this toolkit from the Haiti Action Committee. Click here for the toolkit. **2.** Sign the open letter calling for the United States, United Nations and Organization of American States to stop their interference. Click here to read and sign the letter. **3.** Show your solidarity this Sunday. On Feb. 21, Haitians will take to

the streets in massive numbers as they did last Sunday. You can show your solidarity online and we are compiling a list of local actions. Find more information at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/429568911449028/> And you can still sign the petition to end the US' economic wars. SIGN THE PETITION TO TELL THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO END THE SANCTIONS.” See

<https://sanctionskill.org/petition/>

Online version of (Mumia Abu) Jamal Journal issue #1 released -48 Hour Fundraising Campaign Begins Now!
Feb 23



“On the Sunday, Feb. 21 episode of WURD's Radio Court-room, hosted by attorney Michael Coard, Pam Africa announced the release of the Jamal Journal issue #1, our newly restarted newspaper. The Jamal Journal was last published in the mid-1990s by the uncompromising International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal (ICFFMAJ). We have begun a 48 hour fundraising campaign to print as many newspapers as we can. If we can raise \$3000, we will be able to print 15,000 copies later this week and still have over \$500 for postage costs. If you donate \$10 we will send you a newspaper as a

thank you gift. If you donate \$50 or more, we will also send you a gift copy of Mumia Abu-Jamal's new book, Murder Incorporated, Vol. 3: Perfecting Tyranny (donate here). We have released the online version to give you a preview of what you will be supporting with your donation. We the ICFFMAJ volunteers that worked together to publish the Jamal Journal are very proud of our work and we hope you agree that the Jamal Journal is a powerful resource to help Free Mumia. Read more about donating at the bottom of this article.”

Read the Jamal Journal online <https://jamaljournal.blogspot.com/2021/02/petition-to-philadelphia-district.html> Sign the petition to Larry Krasner <https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/to-da-krasner-stop-defending-mumia-abu-jamal-s-conviction> See <https://jamaljournal.blogspot.com/2021/02/the-jamal-journal-issue-1-is-now.html>

Film Screening: The War on Cuba Feb 26

THE VENCEREMOS BRIGADE
LOCAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO
A FILM SCREENING &
PANEL DISCUSSION OF:

BELLY OF THE BEAST
PRESENTS
THE WAR ON CUBA
Inside the economic war waged on the Cuban people by the U.S. government

Organizer/Brigadista
Red Espiritu

Educator/Organizer
Nancy Cabrero

Educator/Organizer/
Brigadista
Pam Segura

Moderated by
Organizer/Educator/
Brigadista Nova
Karina Lucero

JOIN OUR ESTEEMED GROUP OF PANELISTS DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATE OF CUBA-US RELATIONS, CUBA'S EXAMPLE OF SOLIDARITY AND CALLS TO ACTION!

Friday, Feb. 26th, 7:00PM
Register here to join:
<http://bit.ly/3ucob1E>

VENCEREMOS

Register at <http://bit.ly/3ucob1E>

Fb event page: <https://fb.me/e/MJpWQiYo>

Urgent: Mumia's Symptoms of COVID. TAKE ACTION NOW! Feb 26

“Take Action Now! Make the Urgent Calls: We demand the immediate release, treatment and hospitalization (not solitary confinement) of Mumia, an innocent elder who has Covid-19.

Mumia Abu-Jamal Inmate Number: AM 8335

Call: Supt. SCI Mahoney Bernadette Mason: 570-773-2058, SCI Mahoney: 570-773-2158, Philly DA Larry Krasner: 267-456-1000 DOC Secretary John Wetzel: 717-728-2573

**URGENT CALL TO ACTION
MUMIA HAS COVID-19**
IMMEDIATE IN PERSON ACTION:
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27TH 12 PM

**MEET AT DA LARRY
KRASNER'S OFFICE AT
3 PENN SQUARE
PHILADELPHIA, PA
AT 12 PM**

*MUMIA ABU-JAMAL IS MEDICALLY VULNERABLE AND IS
EXPERIENCING SHORTNESS OF BREATH AND CHEST PAINS*

**FREE MUMIA!!!
FREE ALL ELDERS OVER 50!!
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!!!**

@MUMIAABUJAMAL @BRINGMUMIAHOME

**TAKE ACTION NOW!!!
MAKE THE URGENT CALLS:**

WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE, TREATMENT AND HOSPITALIZATION (NOT SOLITARY) OF MUMIA, AN INNOCENT ELDER WHO HAS COVID-19 .

**MUMIA ABU-JAMAL
INMATE: AM8335**

**SUPT. SCI MAHANAY
BERNADETTE MASON:
(570) 773-2058**

**PRISON: SCI MAHANAY
(570) 773-2158**

**PA DA LARRY KRASNER
(267) 456-1000**

**PA DOC SECRETARY.
JOHN WETZEL:
(717) 728-2573**

@MUMIAABUJAMAL @BRINGMUMIAHOME

“Yesterday Mumia Abu-Jamal called from his cell block at SCI Mahanoy, reaching Pam Africa, and letting all of us know that he is seriously ill. He has had difficulty breathing and chest pain, symptoms of COVID. We will continue to closely monitor his health and provide updates. **At a demonstration this afternoon, his grandson spoke:** "We have to each one teach one, and when we teach one we teach more. They are trying to bury my grandfather... freedom is the only solution in Mumia Abu-Jamal's case. They have built careers off of trying to convict and kill Mumia Abu-Jamal. I need Larry Krasner to do what he was elected to do, give Mumia a fair trial, and let the evidence be heard in court. We have to shout from the roof tops."

As a survivor of chronic hepatitis C, and medical neglect, Mumia Abu-Jamal is an elder and at a heightened risk for serious complications. The prison must immediately test Mumia Abu-Jamal, and it must provide him with treatment, monitoring of his oxygen levels, and hospitalization if his oxygen falls below safe levels. Every action matters. It is time for our political prisoners and elders to return home to their families.”

#UnblockCuba #UnBlockCuba2021 #vb2021 Feb 28



**N.Y.C. CUBA
SOLIDARITY RALLY
& CAR CARAVAN**

**Sunday
Feb. 28th
at 1:00 pm**

End the U.S. Blockade of Cuba
Normalize U.S.-Cuba Relations

“Sunday, February 28th

12:30pm caravan departs: 62nd St. between Amsterdam & Columbus Ave.

1pm rally: At José Martí statue, Central Park (59th St. & 6th Ave.)”

The Caravans across the US have given an important boost to the worldwide campaign to end the criminal US blockade once and for all. **We demand:**

1. Lift all US economic and travel sanctions against Cuba!
2. Stop US attacks on Cuban medical volunteers working around the world!
3. For US-Cuba medical collaboration to fight the COVID-19 pandemic!”

Join the social media storm for #Justice4ElHalabi Sun. Feb 28 + Free Khitam Saafin! Palestinian feminist's administrative detention renewed Feb 28

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - 10 AM PT - 1 PM ET - 7 PM EUROPE - 8 PM PALESTINE

“#Justice4ElHalabi Twitter Storm and Social Media Campaign, **Sunday, February 28 10 am Pacific** – 1 pm Eastern – 7 pm central Europe – 8 pm Palestine, Use the hashtag: #Justice4ElHalabi Suggested Tweets and Images: <https://bit.ly/justice4elhalabi> Mohammed El-Halabi is the former director of World Vision in Gaza. A Palestinian “humanitarian hero,” Mohammed El-Halabi, 42, was detained by Israel in 2016. In a widely promoted press campaign, El-Halabi was accused by Israeli officials of financing Hamas using funds from the charity. However, audits by World Vision and the Australian government found not only that there was no misuse of funds but that, further, the Israeli charges were fundamentally impossible — World Vision’s budget over multiple years never reached the sums of money cited by Israeli officials. Join Just Peace Advocates, Canada Palestine Association, Palestine House and Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network in a social media

storm on Sunday, February 28. On March 3, 2021, Mohammed El-Halabi will face his 156th court hearing. All of his hearings have taken place behind closed doors, and UN experts noted that el-Halabi’s “arrest, interrogation and trial is not worthy of a democratic state.” He refused a plea bargain after being warned by the judge in his case that he will likely be convicted and that, “You’ve read the numbers and the statistics,” the judge told el-Halabi, according to ABC. “You know how these issues are handled.” The plea bargain offer would have seen him imprisoned for three years. He has now been imprisoned without conviction for four and one-half years.”

Free Khitam Saafin! Palestinian feminist's administrative detention renewed Feb 28

“**Outrage: Palestinian feminist Khitam Saafin’s detention extended for four more months.** On Thursday, 25 February, Israeli occupation authorities ordered Khitam Saafin, the President of the Union of Palestinian Women’s Committees, detained without charge or trial for four additional months under administrative detention. The UPWC denounced the extension of her arbitrary imprisonment in a statement posted on Facebook. Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network condemns the unjust, unlawful extension of Khitam Saafin’s administrative detention by the Israeli occupation and urges people of conscience around the world to join in the call for her freedom and the liberation of all Palestinian prisoners and detainees. Follow and share our campaign page at <https://freekhitamsaafin.org/> Download resources <https://bit.ly/KhitamResources> Khitam Saafin is a leading Palestinian feminist and women’s organizer and a well-known

international advocate for Palestinian women and freedom and justice for the Palestinian people. She has spoken around the world about the struggle of Palestinian women, including at the World Social Forum, and served as chair of the Global Women’s March Palestine. Saafin was seized by Israeli occupation forces from her home in occupied Beitunia on 2 November 2020; she was originally ordered to six months in administrative detention, imprisonment without charge or trial, which was then reduced to four months after a legal battle.” See <https://samidoun.net/freekhitamsaafin/> <https://samidoun.net/2021/02/outrage-palestinian-feminist-khitam-saafins-detention-extended-for-four-more-months/>

Urgent Action Needed for #HALTsolitary March 2-3

Solitary Confinement killed Layleen Polanco, Kalief Browder, Ben Van Zandt, Dante Taylor & so many others.



TAKE ACTION to end this deadly torture.
Visit bit.ly/HALT-phone-action



PHONE 2 ACTION

"Now is a critical moment for the HALT Solitary Confinement Act, [S2836/A2277A](#). With 37 cosponsors in the Senate and 79 cosponsors in the Assembly, we need you to [take action today](#) to urge the legislature pass, and the Governor sign, HALT immediately.

1. Please Use & Share Widely this New [Phone 2 Action Tool](#) to Call, Email, and Tweet at your Legislators. Click [this link](#) and it will automatically direct you to call, email, and tweet at your state Senator and Assembly person: bit.ly/HALT-phone-action. We are looking for a groundswell of support this week, so please use the tool TODAY, and please encourage anyone and everyone you know to use it too! **2. Send a New 2021 Memo of Support for HALT ASAP.** Please have your organization write a memo of

support for the HALT Solitary Confinement Act, S.2836/A.2277A and send a copy to caicadvocacyday@gmail.com. If helpful, please use [this template memo of support](#). Even if your organization has sent a memo of support in past years, please send a 2021 memo. **3. Join A "Call Party" to Encourage Others to Use the Phone 2 Action Tool to Contact Their Legislators.** We will be hosting these three "Call Parties" this week where we will all get together and do outreach to encourage people to use the Phone 2 Action tool for urging their legislators to pass HALT. Please join and please invite anyone and everyone to join! Tuesday, March, 2, 6 pm. Register [here](#). March 3, 12 pm. Register [here](#). March 3, 6 pm. Register [here](#). Please use [this social media guide](#) to spread the word about the toolkit and urge HALT's passage. Download Graphic [HERE](#) and include with every post."

Make Calls Today to #HALTsolitary! March 8

"Please call Assembly Speaker Heastie TODAY to urge that the HALT Solitary Confinement Act, S2836/A2277A, be added to tomorrow's Assembly Corrections Committee agenda, so that the bill can move and pass immediately! Assembly Speaker Heastie 518-455-3791, @CarlHeastie

"Thank you, Speaker Heastie, for your ongoing leadership and support for the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. Now is the critical moment to get HALT passed and we urge you to ensure that HALT is added to tomorrow's Correction Committee agenda. HALT must move through the Assembly and be brought to a vote immediately as a matter of racial justice and basic human rights."

Please also call Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins. Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins 518-455-2585, @AndreaSCousins

"Thank you, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, for your ongoing leadership. Now is the critical moment to pass the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. We urge you to bring HALT to a vote immediately as a matter of racial justice and basic human rights. Solitary is torture and it has to stop."

Please also continue to use and share the Phone to Action tool to urge all of our legislators to pass HALT now! Use this social media guide to help spread the word, and please share this email with at least five to ten other people who live in New York State." See <https://p2a.co/vlchm7u>

URGENT: The State Wants Mumia To Die! TAKE ACTION NOW! March 9

"Freedom is the only Treatment." - Mumia's physician, Dr. Ricardo Alvarez. "Rise up, the power is in the people, Mumia's life is in our hands." - Pam Africa. Dear Friend: Let me be clear. This is a life and death situation and we need to mobilize immediately. Congestive heart failure. Unrelenting skin eruptions are causing damaged, ruptured, leathery, dry, exposed wounds. Not one spot on his body is free of dry cracked and bloody open wounds. No longer in an outside hospital, Mumia is back in the prison infirmary in excruciating discomfort and pain. The message from his personal physician, Dr. Ricardo Alvarez, could not be clearer, "Freedom is the only treatment." **Mumia requires: Treatment - Diagnosis - Liberation.** We must not wait one moment, one day, one heartbeat. We must ACT NOW to treat these conditions: Congestive Heart Failure, Covid-19 breathing Difficulties, Organ failure of the skin.

Mumia is being denied diagnosis and adequate treatment for his skin condition. He is held in isolation in the prison infirmary without healing salves and ointments that he had in his cell. He is also denied regular access to a phone or access to his tablet which provides the connection to his email. This communication is a vital lifeline. Make no mistake, phone calls do work - last week your phone calls meant that he was whisked to the hospital for four days. He was diagnosed and treated for congestive heart failure and they removed excess fluid in his body. Those treatments must continue to be carefully monitored. **He is now in the infirmary at SCI Mahanoy: the same infirmary where he suffered medical neglect in 2014 that sent him into renal failure. That year his medical care required careful blood sugar monitoring and when he did not receive that, he went into a diabetic coma.** Abu-Jamal vs. Wetzel, a lawsuit over those conditions, is still pending. The Fraternal Order of Police has stated that it intends for Mumia to die alone, inside this prison. We say no. CALL TO ACTION call, write, tweet, post and fax to demand "freedom, treatment, diagnosis, and access to his lawyers, doctors, and family for Mumia Abu-Jamal at SCI Mahanoy." PADC-Phone number: 717-728-2573. Contact form: <https://expressforms.pa.gov/apps/pa/cor/contact-us>, Email address: ra-contactdoc@pa.gov, Twitter page: @CorrectionsPA, Facebook page: @CorrectionsPA. John Wetzel, Secretary of Corrections - name Mumia Abu-Jamal, his number AM8335 and SCI Mahanoy in subject line. Phone number: 717-728-4109; Email address: ra-crofficeofrds@pa.gov or ra-crpadocsecretary@pa.gov, Twitter page: @johnewetzel, @DOCSecretary, Tom Wolf, Governor-Phone number: 717-787-2500, pick option #3 for operator-Fax: 717-772-8284. Online form: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/contact/> Write: Office of the Governor, 508 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120 Twitter page: @GovernorTomWolf, @GovernorsOffice, Facebook page: @governorwolf, @TomWolfPA, Instagram page: @governortomwolf, Larry Krasner, District Attorney Phone number: 215-686-8000, leave a message. Email: DA_East@phila.gov, DA_Central@phila.gov, DA_Northwest@phila.gov, DA_South@phila.gov, DA_Southwest@phila.gov, DA_Northeast@phila.gov Write: Main Office, Three South Penn Square, Corner of Juniper and South Penn Square, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3499. Twitter page: @philadao, Facebook page: @philadao. Reach Philadelphia DA Krasner as he speaks - demand that he drop the case and free Mumia at once: April 20 Author event at 6:30 p.m. CDT, free to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/larry-krasner-for-the-people-a-story-of-justice-and-power-tickets-142138954439> Vincent Hughes, State Senator, Phone: 215-879-7777 (District Office), 717-787-7112 (Harrisburg Office), Fax: 215-879-7778 (District Office), 717-772-0579 (Harrisburg Office). Write: 2401 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131 (District Office) 545 Capitol Building, Senate Box 203007, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3007 (Harrisburg Office). Online form: <https://www.senatorhughes.com/contact/> Email: hughes@pasenate.com. Twitter page: @SenHughesOffice, @SenatorHughes, Facebook page: @vincent.hughes.7, Instagram page: @senhughesoffice, Cindy Bass, City Council of Philadelphia, Phone number: 215-686-3424, Fax: 215-686-1937. Online form: <https://phlcouncil.com/cindybass/>, contact field at the bottom. Twitter page: @cindybassphilly, Facebook page: @cindybassphilly, Instagram page: @cindybassphilly, Bernadette Mason, SCI Mahanoy Superintendent. Phone number: 570-773-2158, Office of Criminal Justice, Email: justice@phila.gov, rachel.eisenberg@phila.gov (Director). Hashtags #FreeMumia #COVID19 #FreeAgingPeopleFromPrison #FreeTheVulnerable #FreeAllPoliticalPrisoners #TreatmentisFreedom #BlackLivesMatter #FreeThemAll"

Samidoun: #FreePalestinianStudents- Join our social media storm! March 11



**GET SAMPLE TWEETS AND RESOURCES:
BIT.LY/FREEPALESTINIANSTUDENTS**

Hundreds of Palestinian university and high school students are jailed by the Israeli occupation. Their organizations are banned and their activities repressed. Palestinian students need freedom and solidarity!

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN: FREEPALESTINIANSTUDENTS.ORG

See <https://samidoun.net/freepalestinianstudents/>

"#FreePalestinianStudents Twitter Storm and Social Media Campaign Thursday, 11 March 10 am Pacific – 1 pm Eastern – 7 pm central Europe – 8 pm Palestine. Use the hashtag: #FreePalestinianStudents. Suggested Tweets and Images: <https://bit.ly/FreePalestinianStudents>.

Join the #FreePalestinianStudents campaign – supported by over 300 organizations around the world- – for a social media action and Twitter storm on Thursday, 11 March!"

RAPP: Join Us For a #WomensHistoryMonth Virtual Advocacy Day for Parole Justice March 16

newhour
**Prisons Aren't Feminist:
 Parole Justice is Gender Justice**
 In honor of Women's History Month, New Hour, joined by the People's Campaign for Parole Justice, will be holding a virtual
Advocacy Day
 In support of women, mothers, and gender non-conforming people behind bars, join us for a day of meetings and a press conference with lawmakers to demand Gender Justice & Parole Reform.
March 16th, 2021 | 9:30am-3:30pm
 To join us, register at bit.ly/NHMarch21Advocacy

"Prisons Aren't Feminist: Parole Justice is Gender Justice Virtual Advocacy Day.

Please join us, New Hour, and the People's Campaign for Parole Justice on TUESDAY, March 16th, Beginning at 9:30am for a parole justice virtual advocacy day in honor of Women's History Month.

The day will center women, girl, and gender non-conforming people."

Register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehZgGddRnLjZDG5cqBvp3c4O1xVwllnSzHAPg8-Z_X5BbmbQ/viewform

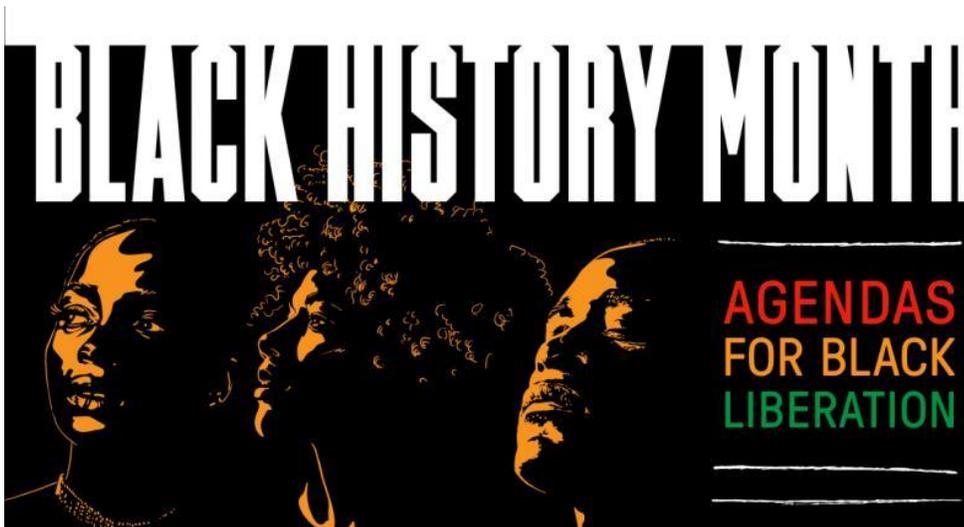
Community Events & Resources (Feb 15-March 15, 2021)

#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. #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/>

CCR: The Radical Futures of Black History-BLACK HISTORY MONTH, 2021: A Legacy of Irresistible Black Futures Feb 1-Feb 28



“To honor Black history is to celebrate Black futures and the radical imaginings of our ancestors. Generations of Black freedom fighters have put forward liberatory political, social, and economic platforms, and Black artists have charted a future where Black people live abundant, healthy, safe, and joy-filled lives. Black History Month is an opportunity to study and uplift the work of the Black organizers, cultural workers, and militants who make a transformed world irresistible...” “As we enter 2021, we celebrate and stand with the people who through organizing a mass movement have created an unprecedented opening to advance visionary, affirmative, Black-centered agendas. The Center for Constitutional Rights is proud to be part of this continued legacy of resistance and invites all to join us as we build towards irresistible Black futures in a liberated world.”

“WEEK I

[A Legacy of Irresistible Black Futures](#)

A statement from the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Black Liberation Archives

A look at the legacy of generations of Black freedom fighters

Creating Black Futures

A call to action for visionary futures

WEEK II

[The Activist Files Podcast](#)

The Breathe Act: A love letter for policy

Black Liberation Archives

Creating Black Futures

WEEK III

A [Freedom Flicks](#) Event

Agendas for Black Liberation: Past, Present, Future(s)

Black Liberation Archives

Creating Black Futures

WEEK IV

Art for Black Liberation

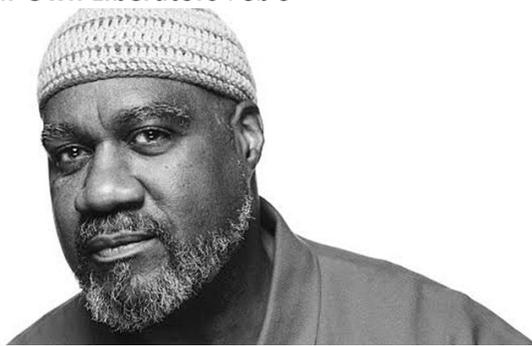
A celebration of art, expressions, and creations advancing agendas for Black liberation.

Black Liberation Archives

Creating Black Futures”

See <https://ccrjustice.org/home/blog/2021/01/29/black-history-month-2021-legacy-irresistible-black-futures>

We Are Our Own Liberators Feb 9th



“In early February 2021, **Jericho Boston** is hosting, and Jalil Muntaqim is leading a six part seminar on Jalil’s book, *We Are Our Own Liberators*. Jalil Muntaqim is a former Black Panther and political prisoner.

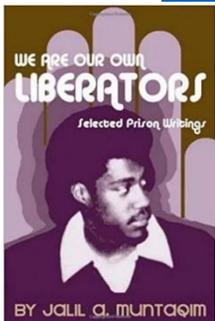
He was released from prison on October 7th 2020 after serving nearly 50 years. During his decades in prison, Jalil earned numerous educational degrees, authored two books, led multiple education programs, and mentored many younger incarcerated

men. In this six-part educational series, Jalil will bring his collection of writings to life and delve into the criteria needed for building a revolutionary nationalist front. Additional information can be found by clicking on the event link here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-are-our-own-liberators-tickets-133279563763>. In this educational series, Jalil Muntaqim will cover his book, *We Are Our Own Liberators*, in six parts. Jalil will lead each class, on either Tuesdays or Thursdays, your choice, via zoom. Once you have signed up and paid for the seminar, the zoom link for the day you signed up for will be emailed to you. A detailed schedule is provided below.

Seminar Schedule Series will be held every other week via Zoom, you can sign up for either Tuesdays **OR** Thursdays

Tuesday Track	Thursday Track	
Tuesday, February 9th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, February 11th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Part 1:
Tuesday, February 23rd 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, February 25th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Part 2:
Tuesday, March 9th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, March 11th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Part 3:
Tuesday, March 23rd 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, March 25th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Part 4:
Tuesday, April 6th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, April 8th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Part 5:
Tuesday, April 13th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, April 15th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Part 6:

Fee: Jericho Boston is requesting a \$60 donation be made to participate in the seminar. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-are-our-own-liberators-tickets-133279563763>”



“**Book Purchase:** Jericho Boston has a limited number of hard copies of WE ARE OUR OWN LIBERATORS on sale for \$10 + Shipping. Please email:

kellie.jerichoboston@gmail.com for a copy. The E-book can also be purchased independently here: bit.ly/E-Book_WAOOL. Join us!” See

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-are-our-own-liberators-tickets-133279563763>

<https://jerichoboston.com/>

https://www.pmpress.org/index.php?l=product_detail&p=481

Please reference the links below for updates: [Jericho Boston](#)

[Facebook - Jericho Boston](#)”

An Inspiring Book: “Letters of life from slow death row-A review of ‘Pen Pal: Prison Letters from a Free Spirit on Slow Death Row’ by Tiyo Attallah Salah-El by David Gilbert Feb 15

“This inspiring book consists of a selection of 92 of the 568 letters prisoner Tiyo Attallah Salah-El sent out to Paul Alan Smith over the course of 14 years – just one of Tiyo’s richly engaging correspondences. From this book, one can learn a lot about the realities of prison and see a stellar example of a wonderfully productive life despite all kinds of obstacles and feel the passion for social justice. Tiyo was incarcerated in 1975 in Pennsylvania, where 60 percent of prisoners are Black or Latinx. “Pen Pal” is not about his case. We only learn in passing that it involved drugs, guns and murder and that he is ashamed of the person he was. Tiyo was sent to SCI Dallas, a prison built to house 950 but holds 2,480. He was placed on “slow death row,” the unit for 453 lifers, with little or no chance at all for parole. Pennsylvania holds 5,370 such people. Tiyo remained there until he died in 2018 at the age of 85. On slow death row, Tiyo formed deep friendships with Phil and Delbert Africa of the revolutionary Black liberation and environmental MOVE organization. Mike Africa Jr., the son of two other MOVE activists who each did four decades in prison, wrote the touching preface to this book.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2021/02/letters-of-life-from-slow-death-row/> “David Gilbert is in Shawangunk Correctional Facility in his 41st year of a life sentence. Send our brother some love and light: David Gilbert, 83A6158, Shawangunk CF, P.O. Box 700, Wallkill, NY 12589.”

Report from Inside: Press Conference & Digital Rally Feb 18

Justice Roadmap

REPORT FROM INSIDE
DIGITAL RALLY & PRESS CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 18TH AT 10:30AM EST

With surging cases and mounting deaths, New York legislators went to jails, prisons and ICE detention centers to visit constituents and highlight the health crisis behind bars.

Now, join us to demand passage of the Justice Roadmap to save lives and decarcerate jails, prisons, and detention centers.

RSVP for Zoom:
bit.ly/report-from-inside

“In the past two weeks, over a dozen state lawmakers have visited their constituents behind bars in jails, prisons and ICE detention centers. We organized these visits to bring attention to the health crisis behind bars, to call for vaccine access for incarcerated people, and to highlight the dire need to pass the Justice Roadmap 2021 - from Elder Parole to HALT Solitary Confinement - in order to decarcerate and save lives. Now, join currently and formerly incarcerated leaders, families and lawmakers for a “Report from Inside” as we bear witness to the health crisis and demand action. Join us for a digital rally on **February 18th at 10:30am** to demand passage of the Justice Roadmap to decarcerate & save lives.” Register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_p0rZcGA_SuiNGDd379GExA

Video Interview: Original Black Panther member creates trailblazing community organizations in Oakland Feb 18

“Founded by Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale in October 1966, the Black Panther Party (BPP) inspired community self-reliance, challenged police brutality, and paved the way for today’s activists. As a former original Black Panther Party member, Saturu Ned was an integral part of the Black Panthers’ mission to empower Black Americans. “Everything that we did was answering issues in the community and then it spread from community to community,” said Ned. “Because you’re working together and you have the same problems in your community, you become brothers and sisters united as one people in America.” The Black Panther Party is known for its Ten-Point Program (or Ten-Point Party Platform), which outlined a set of guidelines rooted in freedom for Black Americans. The organization created over 60 community assistance programs including medical services, free clothing and shoes, and legal aid instruction. Today, Saturu Ned is the founder of the B.P.P. Legacy Keepers Network and Black Panther Power, which honor the work of the Black Panther Party by continuing to make strides toward social justice.” See full interview here <https://abc7news.com/localish/original-black-panther-creates-trailblazing-community-organizations/10354503/>

Texas Snow Storm 2021: Dr Fowzia worried about life, health of Aafia Siddiqui Feb 18

“Karachi : Aafia Movement Pakistan leader and noted neurophysician of the country Dr Fowzia Siddiqui has said that their family is worried about the health and life of the daughter of the nation, Dr Aafia Siddiqui, jailed in Texas, where is massive winter storm and suspension of electricity and heat system has posed massive threat to life and health of jail inmates. She said as per reports of the US media as a winter storm wreaked havoc on Texas, about 1,000 women at the federal medical prison in Fort Worth were left without heat in freezing temperatures, according to women in the prison and family members of women incarcerated there. Winter storm Uri left hundreds of thousands without power in Dallas-Fort Worth and damaged electric lines across the state. While FMC Carswell retained electricity, the heat never kicked on and only cold water was available from Sunday to Monday evening, women at the prison said. The prison is the only federal medical facility for women in the country, and most people incarcerated there have medical problems. As of Tuesday, 31 women officially still had COVID-19, according to BOP data, although many more were still sick from the virus, family members and women at the prison said. Dr Fowzia Siddiqui regretted that Aafia family has no information about the life and health of Dr Aafia, as the family has no facility of telephone contact with her for a couple of years. She said that despite her repeated appeals telephone contact between Aafia and her family is yet to be restored. She said in these circumstances the family is exty worried about the health and life of Aafia. Dr Fowzia once again appealed to the administration of the US and government of Pakistan to have a mercy on their family and ensure resumption of telephonic contract between Aafia and her family on urgent basis.” See <https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com/2021/02/18/texas-snow-storm-2021-dr-fowzia-worried-about-life-health-of-aafia-siddiqui/>

Future Focus: A Conversation with Jalil Muntaqim Feb 19

“Friday, February 19, 2021 at 4 PM PST-Jalil Muntaqim is an activist, author, and former member of the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army. During his five decades of incarceration, Muntaqim remained a pioneering leader within and without his prison walls. He initiated national campaigns for the United States to recognize the status of political prisoners who, like himself, fought for liberation in the face of state persecution, surveillance and intimidation, and later helped to found an amnesty movement dedicated to freeing political prisoners and prisoners of war. He also earned multiple college degrees, mentored hundreds of people, and taught classes on sociology, African Studies, poetry, IT, and other life skills. Released on parole in October 2020, and now at Citizen Action NY, Muntaqim lends his experience and knowledge of history to discuss the way forward from our present moment on policing, popular resistance, criminal (in)justice, and our collective imaginings for a more just, more humane future. The conversation, co-hosted by the UR Abolition Coalition, the Center for Community Engagement, the Frederick Douglass Institute, the Susan B. Anthony Institute, the Rochester Decarceration Research Initiative, and the Central New York Humanities Corridor, includes a moderated discussion followed by an audience Q&A. ASL Interpretation will be provided. Please be in touch with sbai@rochester.edu with other requests for accommodation or questions as far in advance of the event as possible. REGISTER HERE: <https://rochester.zoom.us/j/742794713340591>” See <https://www.facebook.com/events/742794713340591>

MALCOLMITES ‘GO BEYOND NETFLIX!’ IN VIRTUAL OBSERVATION OF THE 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ASSASSINATION DEDICATE EVENING TO POLITICAL PRISONER KAMAU SADIKI Feb 20

“On Saturday, February 20th at 5pm EST, in observation of the 56th anniversary of his assassination, the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee (MXCC) will host an important virtual roundtable entitled ‘Malcolm X-Beyond Netflix!’ Among the presenters will be Professor Zak Kondo, author of *Conspiracies: Unravelling The Assassination of Malcolm X*, considered the definitive volume on the assassination and Professor James Small of the Organization of AfroAmerican Unity. It will be moderated by Zayid Muhammad, the founding press officer for MXCC. Kondo and Muhammad were spotlighted in Netflix’s critically acclaimed docuseries *Who Killed Malcolm X?* Small has served as a consultant for the drama series *Godfather In Harlem*.” “The event will be dedicated to Panther political prisoner Kamau Sadiki. Sadiki has been in prison since 2002. He was convicted of a police killing that is said to have taken place in Georgia back in 1971. However, serious critics of the courts and

the case say that the case is a punitive prosecution because Sadiki would not cooperate with the authorities with apprehending exiled Panther Assata Shakur. Shakur was a codefendent in a NY case in which they were

both acquitted. She is mother of one of his daughters. Sadiki has been facing some major health challenges in the last several years, including Hepatitis C, Sarcoidosis and even being threatened with the amputation of his foot. He will be represented by his daughter filmmaker Ksisay Sadiki. The event will also update the emerging new campaign to secure the release of Sundiata Acoli. This series of events began on May 19th 2020, on the annual birthday appreciation of Malcolm X benefiting Acoli, who just turned 84 in January and is now going into his 48th year in prison. These virtual forums are being done to address organizers not being able to host their long established annual political prisoner dinner tribute and fundraiser, an endearing event they have done

Observing the 56th anniversary of his assassination
The Malcolm X Commemoration Committee proudly presents
'MALCOLM X: BEYOND NETFLIX!'
With Special Guests
Baba Zak Kondo
Baba James Small
Also
A Report Back on the Int'l Tribunal on Police Violence Against African Descendants in the U.S.
Dedicated to Political Prisoner Kamau Sadiki with his daughter Ksisay Sadiki
Please contribute to his commissary <https://www.paypal.me/PPOWs>
SAT., FEBRUARY 20TH
@5PM
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For more information, call or text 973 202-0745



for 25 years. The event is free, but organizers are trying to raise funds for Sadiki's commissary. Those willing to contribute can do at <https://www.paypal.me/PPOWs>." See <http://www.mxcc519.org/>

SOPHIA DAWSON: ARTIST TALK AND PANEL Feb 20 & Feb 27

ARTIST TALK AND PANEL
Featuring Sophia Dawson, former U.S. Held Political Prisoner, and their supporters.
Sophia Dawson talks about her work currently exhibited at Langston Hughes Library and her upcoming book "Correspondence," a collection of letters and ephemera from political prisoners, published by Maria Editions.

FEBRUARY 20 AND 27, 2020 | 2PM
FREE VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE
REGISTER BELOW

"Happy Black History Month! I pray that you are well, healthy, that you have peace and that your spirit is lifted. I am excited to announce that at the end of this month I will be releasing "Correspondence," a collection of letters and ephemera from political prisoners over the past decade, published by Maria Editions.

In 2010, when the Holy Spirit pricked my heart and sent me to City College's former 'Assata/ Morales Center' to sign birthday cards for political prisoners, I had no idea that my life's work would change forever. Now I am excited to share this aspect of my journey with you. The book will be released during Printed Matter's virtual book fair- February 24-28.

To celebrate the upcoming book launch I am having two artist talk's and panels with former US held political prisoners and their supporters. Both events are free and open to the public and have been sponsored by the Queens Library - Langston Hughes branch where my work is currently exhibited. I hope to see you there!"

UPDATE: "My book "CORRESPONDENCE" is available for pre-order at Printed Matter's Virtual Book Fair!!! **"Correspondence" is a collection of letters and ephemera sent to me from political prisoners over the**

past decade, published by Maria Editions. A percentage of the proceeds of every book sold will support the legal defenses of current political prisoners, the release funds of those who have come home, and my church's building project (we are renovating our recent 15 acres of land acquisition in Stamford, CT.) In 2010, when the Holy Spirit pricked my heart and sent me to City College's former 'Assata/ Morales Center' to sign birthday cards for political prisoners, I had no idea that my life's work would change forever. Now I am excited to share this aspect of my journey with you. The book will available during Printed Matter's virtual book fair- February 24-28. Register below for the 2/27 virtual event to join me and former political prisoners as we talk more about their journey, my work, and the book. Also! My church, Kingdom Full Tabernacle International Ministries, is hosting

its first ever men's conference! I encourage you to come and to share. :) Love, Sophia #thankyouJesus
ORDER HERE <https://mariaeditions.pmvabf.org/Correspondence-copy-copy>

Renegade Culture Podcast: Jalil Muntaqim Interview: Free After 49 Years! Feb 20



“This week the Renegade Crew celebrates its 100th episode of Renegade Culture. Jalil Muntaqim former political prisoner and veteran Black Panther Party Member gives his first podcast interview since his release. He talks about joining the Panther Party, the role of the Black underground, his 49 years in prison, and where the Black Movement is today. Musical Guest: Ken the Misfit. Support us at our new Patreon Page and get behind the scene outtakes, new mixtapes, archived shows and more. *As always, parental discretion is advised...Check out the video version on Black Power Media on YouTube. Hosted by Kalonji Changa and Kamau

Franklin, Produced by Naka "The Ear Dr", Recorded at Playback Studios in the Historic West End of Atlanta, Ga. Check out the website at www.renegadeculture.org. Check out some of our organizational efforts at communitymovementbuilders.org and www.siafumovement.org” See <https://soundcloud.com/renegade-culture/rc21121aaa-2-12-21-1214-pm>

THERE IS A FIELD- A FILM BY JEN MARLOWE Feb 21

“A timely new documentary tells the story of Asel Asleh, a 17 year old Palestinian peace activist who was murdered by Israeli police, through the lens of Black Lives Matter activists in the United States.

www.TherelsAField.com Sunday, February 21st at 3pm ET. Panel discussion to follow.”

Register here: https://horowitzresearch.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pwXYHI_KRTiW39sWPJkzYg

BREAKING NEWS: Monday, February 22, 2021 THE MUMIA ABU JAMAL JOURNAL IS BACK! Feb 22



“Published By International Concerned Family & Friends Of Free Mumia Abu-Jamal.

We are excited to release issue #1 of our newly restarted newspaper.

The Jamal Journal was last published in the mid-1990s by the uncompromising International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal (ICFFMAJ).

The lead story is our petition demanding that Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner stop defending Mumia Abu-Jamal’s conviction.”

See <https://jamaljournal.blogspot.com/2021/02/the-jamal-journal-issue-1-is-now.html>

Upcoming: Malcolm X/Killer Cops and Cristianismo y Marxismo! Feb 22 & 25

**MONDAY
FEB.
22nd**

**Malcolm X: The Fight Against Killer Cops
And Brutality Then And Now**

A Mass Action Coalition to Jail Killer Cops

Speakers

- **Alyssa Jones-Garner** - an SEIU Local 1023 Member-leader, Shop Steward, political organizer and, community activist from San Francisco
- **Tia Kurlinger-Edison** - a leader of movement pursuing justice for Breonna Taylor, Secretary of Kentucky Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression
- **Cleve Andrew Pulley** - Coordinator Mass Action Coalition to Jail Killer Cops, former member of GTS United Against the War in Vietnam, member of UFCW Local 400
- **Ike Nahem** - Retired Amtrak Locomotive Engineer and Teamster Union member, Organizer, NY-NJ Cuba Si Coalition, International US-Cuba Normalization Conference Coalition, Author, To the Memory of Malcolm X: Tribute to a Revolutionary

Co-chairs

- **Aislinn Pulley** - BLM Chicago, Chicago Torture Justice Center
- **August Nimitz** - Professor of Political Science and African American and African Studies, University of Minnesota.

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Register for Zoom Meeting at
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¿Quién Somete a quién?

Presentadores:

- ➔ **Padre Luís Barrios**
Teología de la Liberación/
Iglesia Santa Cruz-Holyrood N.Y.
- ➔ **Narciso Isa Conde**
Revolucionario Socialista
Dominicano

VIA ZOOM

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8:00PM (REPUBLICA DOMINICANA)
7:00PM (NEW YORK)

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Ministerio de Solidaridad con
Los Pueblos de La Iglesia Santa Cruz y
Fuerza de La Revolución.

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Changing the Narrative Feb 23



CHANGING THE NARRATIVE.
 Storytelling for Parole Justice
FEBRUARY 23 6:30 PM REGISTER FOR ZOOM:
bit.ly/feb23-storytelling

Storytelling is deeply rooted in BIPOC ancestry and organizing, it is a tool to bring people together and also raise consciousness around the system. Join us for a storytelling political education session to build deeper and more intentional relationships around our shared understanding and history of the parole system, learn more about the People's Campaign for Parole Justice and how you can get involved.

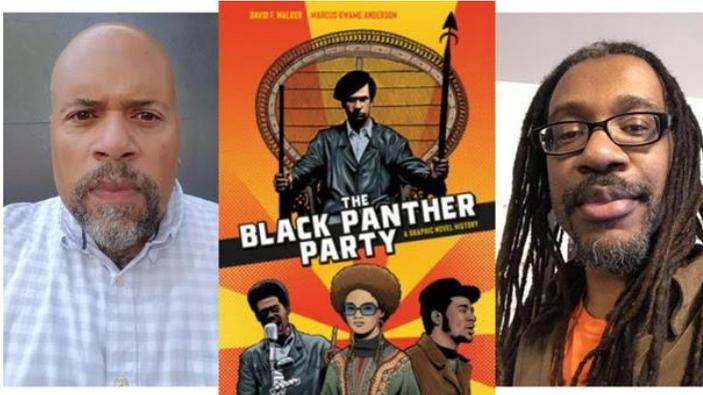
“THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 6:30 PM: Changing the Narrative: Story Telling for Parole Justice. Storytelling is deeply rooted in BIPOC ancestry and organizing, it is a tool to bring people together and also raise consciousness around the system. Join the People's Campaign for Parole Justice for a storytelling political education session to build deeper and more intentional relationships around our shared understanding and history of the parole system, learn more about the People's Campaign for Parole Justice and how you can get involved.” Register for the event here. https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkcumurTkqHdW_XeQNHKj4xMdh4t8q9r-u

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, February 23, 2021 Call in 1 (347)857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Feb 23

“SPECIAL GUESTS: Kalambayi & Ticharwa & Kelly Harris - Director Africana Studies - Seton Hall University

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, Nellie Bailey
2. Updates from the Political Prisoner Death Camps - Anne Lamb (NYC Jericho), Gil Obler (Free Mumia Coalition-NYC)
3. Prof. Louie: Liberation Poetry- In remembrance of Sister Lynne”

Event: David F. Walker and illustrator Marcus Kwame Anderson discuss new Black Panther Party graphic novel Feb 24



“A Freebird/NYC Books Through Bars event. February 24, 2021 @ 6pm EST. Author David F. Walker and illustrator Marcus Kwame Anderson discuss their collaboration on a new graphic novel history of the Black Panther Party. Founded in Oakland, California, in 1966, the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense was a radical political organization that stood in defiant contrast to the mainstream civil rights movement. This gripping illustrated history explores the impact and significance of the Panthers, from their social, educational, and healthcare programs that were designed to uplift

the Black community to their battle against police brutality through citizen patrols and frequent clashes with the FBI, which targeted the Party from its outset. Using dramatic comic book-style retellings and illustrated profiles of key figures, The Black Panther Party captures the major events, people, and actions of the party, as well as their cultural and political influence and enduring legacy. To make a donation of The Black Panther Party (along with the other books featured this month) to Books Through Bars, you can purchase a copy at <http://www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html> See <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/black-panther-party-book/register>”

The People’s Campaign for Parole Justice Virtual Town Hall Feb 25



“THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 6:30–8 PM: Join the People's Campaign for Parole Justice for the second Town Hall in the Long Island Town Hall Series. This Town Hall will focus on Senate District 8 and will highlight the voices of directly impacted Long Islanders. Register for the event here”
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsdemorjwvE91oGUi87PJro5imGMIOc_M6”

Celebrating Black History Month Feb 24



“JOIN US! Topic: Celebrating Black History Month

Time: Feb 24, 2021 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/99821330749>

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +16699006833,99821330749# or +13462487799,99821330749# Or Telephone: Dial: +1 669 900 6833 (US Toll) +1 346 248 7799 (US Toll) +1 253 215 8782 (US Toll) +1 646 876 9923 (US Toll)+1 301 715 8592 (US Toll) +1 312 626 6799 (US Toll) Meeting ID: 998 2133 0749”

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, FEB. 25/26 @ 6:30 & 5:30 PM – EST. PART 2 - AFRICA & THE WORLD THANKS CUBA CULTURAL TRIBUTE WEBINAR Feb 25 & 26

Coming Soon
Ending African History Month With A Bang
The Get Out Of Cuba Way Campaign and Movement

Presents
The 2nd Africa And The World Thanks Cuba Cultural Tribute and Festival

Dates: Saturday February 27th 2021 6:30pm
Sunday February 28th 2021 5:30pm

Stay Tuned For Further Details
Twitch Site
<https://www.twitch.tv/africantheworldthankscuba>

"THE WAR ON CUBA" A VIRTUAL FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION Feb 26

THE VENCEREMOS BRIGADE
LOCAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO
A FILM SCREENING &
PANEL DISCUSSION OF:

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PRESENTS
THE WAR ON CUBA
Inside the economic war waged on the Cuban
people by the U.S. government

Organizer/Brigadista
Red Espiritu

Educator/Organizer
Nancy Cabrero

Educator/Organizer/
Brigadista
Pam Segura

Moderated by
Organizer/Educator/
Brigadista Nova
Karina Lucero

JOIN OUR ESTEEMED GROUP OF PANELISTS
DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATE OF CUBA-US
RELATIONS, CUBA'S EXAMPLE OF SOLIDARITY
AND CALLS TO ACTION!

Friday, Feb. 26th, 7:00PM
Register here to join-
<http://bit.ly/3ucob1E>

"#UnblockCuba #UnBlockCuba2021 #vb2021
Congrats VB NY local committee in organizing
this event! Please come thru and support!
Register at <http://bit.ly/3ucob1E>
Fb event page: <https://fb.me/e/MJpWQiYo>"

Aging Prisoners Letter Writing Night Feb 28

VIRTUAL LETTER WRITING NIGHT
FIGHTING FOR INDIVIDUALS WRONGED BY THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL
COMPLEX
HOSTED BY
AGING PEOPLE IN PRISON HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN &
ISLAMIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE WRONGFULLY INCARCERATED OR ARE VICTIMS OF
MASS INCARCERATION IN THE US. PEOPLE LIKE IMAM JAMIL AL AMIN, KENNY COLLINS, AND
AAFIA SIDDIQUI NEED YOUR HELP

WE WILL BE WRITING LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO PRISONS, STATE OFFICIALS AND
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN ORDER TO VOUCH FOR THEIR RELEASE.

YOUR ACTIONS CAN BE THE STEP BETWEEN INJUSTICE AND FREEDOM.

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 28TH,
7:00PM EST

**APP-
HRC**

SIGN UP AT:
[WWW.ISLAMICLEADERSHIP
.ORG](http://WWW.ISLAMICLEADERSHIP.ORG)

"Hundreds of Thousands of People are Wrongfully Incarcerated or Are Victims of Mass Incarceration in the US. People like Imam Jamil Al Amin, Kenny Collins, and Aafia Siddiqui Need your Help We will be writing letters of support to prisons, State Officials and correctional facilities in order to vouch for their release. Your actions can be the step between injustice and freedom. Imam Jamil and others like him, as well as seniors who are wrongfully denied parole, need your support. We will be writing letters of support to state officials, prisons, and correctional facilities in order to vouch for their release. Your actions can be the step between injustice and freedom. **Date: Sunday, Feb 28th 7-8:30pm.**"

See <https://islamicleader.square.site/virtual-letter-writing-night>

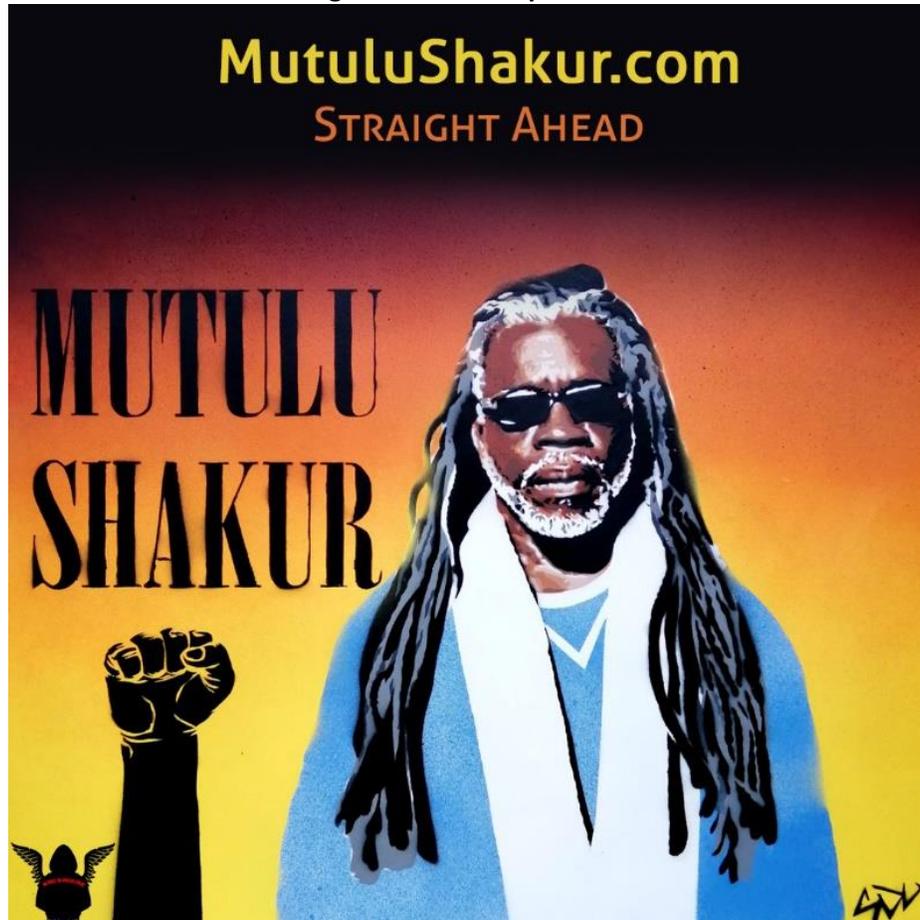
Sign up here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4881203?section=SEC-000724>

EP. 94: FREE YO MIND AND YO A*S WILL FOLLOW (Feat Jalil Muntaqim) | HELLA BLACK PODCAST Feb 28

“This episode was a long time coming. On this episode we sit down with New Afrikan R/evolutionary Jalil Muntaqim and talk about what it was like growing up in San Francisco and San Jose. We talk about why he joined the Black Panther Party and eventually the Black Liberation Army. Jalil also talks about the Republic of New Afrika, and what New Afrikan means as it relates to Pan Afrikanism. We also talk about his book *We Are Our Own Liberators*, Spirituality, the Jericho Movement, and more. Tap in!!!!” See Video here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mMtdjPWX0g&feature=youtu.be>

Dr. Mutulu Shakur 2021 Legal and Health Update March 1



“Greetings everyone: Mail going into and out of the prison seems to be subject to long delays. After a month in transit, we received a health and legal update from Dr. Shakur that you can read on his website. As always, he cannot personally respond to every letter, but he is receiving mail. Everyone in his prison was also just given a memo about new mail restrictions, initiated by the Trump administration, that are to go into effect in all federal prisons. The essential difference is that all mail will be sent to an outside 'Smart Communications' facility where it is scanned and it will have to read on kiosks in the prison. We hope that this change is reversed by the current administration before it is initiated, but if it is not Dr. Shakur might soon not be able to receive

photos and greeting cards. **The legal and health update** in sum is that he was notified last month that he was denied parole after the hearing in October. Our legal team immediately appealed the decision on multiple grounds and is actively exploring other avenues to argue for Dr. Shakur's release.

He seems to have mostly recovered from both the stem cell transplant for the stage 4 bone cancer as well as from COVID that he contracted shortly thereafter. He is a strong man! Unfortunately, we know that this cancer is incurable and COVID can recur, so we are continuing the struggle to free him from prison just as hard if not moreso. We appreciate that people are moved by the film 'Dope is Death' and want to know how to lend support! We thank everyone who has been donating online as it helps us make sure that all of Mutulu's needs, legal and otherwise, are met. Another way to support him right now is to share this graphic on social media with your thoughts on the film, how learning about his case affected you, etc. If you are unable to download the image from this email you can do so on the website.” Please donate here <https://mutulushakur.com/support/> And see <https://mutulushakur.com/2021-health-legal-update/>

Mobilization4Mumia-"A BOOTS ON THE GROUND PRESS CONFERENCE & RALLY FOR POLITICAL PRISONER MUMIA ABU JAMAL March 3



“Press Conference: **When:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 11AM **Where:** In front of D.A. Larry Krasner’s Office, 3 Penn Square. **MUMIA ABU-JAMAL'S LABORED BREATHING PROMPTS PRESS CONFERENCE AT D.A.'s OFFICE, CALL FOR END TO INHUMANE IMPRISONMENT OF ILL AND ELDERLY** . Mumia Abu-Jamal—an innocent husband, father, grandfather, imprisoned radio journalist, "voice of the voiceless," political prisoner, award-winning author of more than 13 books, 66 years old with liver damage and high blood pressure—is experiencing chest pressure, labored breathing, and a marked change in the distinctive tenor of his voice. After political pressure through phone calls to officials, Mumia was tested for COVID and its antibodies. The prison reports that both were negative. However, officials are not always truthful about Mumia’s health condition. We remain very concerned about the causes of his current symptoms, which need immediate medical evaluation. We await direct communication from Mumia to further update his supporters. Independent physician with decades of work in prison advocacy, Dr. Ricardo Alvarez, noted “Prisons are the physical manifestation of Racism. We have a simple cost-effective public health intervention in the face of COVID in prisons- release our elderly prisoners. Data shows they do not pose a public safety risk.

Free Mumia! Free all elderly prisoners now!” Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, urges the release of " older detainees and those who are sick.” (<https://bit.ly/3kFNWDc>). Mumia Abu-Jamal, a senior with serious pre-existing conditions, needs a battery of complex tests. These include chest X-rays, oxygen level testing, and medication to relieve the potentially deadly symptoms he is experiencing. None are adequately available in prison. “Aging people in prison are vulnerable to premature death if they contract the flu, cancer, hepatitis, pneumonia or now COVID-19. The only humane recourse is to let elderly and vulnerable prisoners go home. Free Mumia and all incarcerated people over 50 in Pennsylvania and every state prison immediately!” (From Email “Mobilization4Mumia”).

BREAKING NEWS: PRISON QUACKS BUSTED IN ATTEMPT TO KILL POLITICAL PRISONER MUMIA ABU-JAMAL WITH PHONY NEGATIVE COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS ~ WATCH BELOW PRESS CONFERENCE VIDEO RECORDING & JOIN TONIGHT'S URGENT ZOOM MEETING March 3

“PRISON QUACKS BUSTED IN ATTEMPT TO KILL MUMIA ABU-JAMAL WITH A PHONY NEGATIVE COVID DIAGNOSIS. CONTRARY TO THIS PRISON ADMINISTRATIVE LIE & THE LATEST EXAMPLE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE & NEGLECT; THE FOLLOW UP TESTS WHICH WERE DEMANDED & WON BY THIS WEEKS MONDAY & TUESDAY PEOPLE'S PHONE CAMPAIGNS HAVE JUST CONFIRMED THAT MUMIA INDEED DOES HAVE COVID-19 AND HE HAS JUST BEEN MOVED TO THE PRISON INFIRMARY FOR MORE OF THEIR INEPT MEDICAL CARE. WE STILL DEMAND THAT MUMIA BE IMMEDIATELY BE SENT TO A "NON-PRISON" HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT & THEN RETURNED HOME TO HIS FAMILY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE COMPETENT OUTSIDE MEDICAL CARE FROM HIS OWN DOCTORS. CLICK BELOW TO WATCH THE VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MORNING’S PRESS CONFERENCE @ THE PHILLY D.A. OFFICE, WHERE WE RECEIVED THIS BREAKING NEWS FROM ONE OF MUMIA'S LEAD LEGAL ATTORNEYS.

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DNUn2x0qB1> Facebook (With Closed Captions):

<https://www.facebook.com/41320112664/posts/10157795438672665/?d=n>

“URGENT EMERGENCY MUMIA ORGANIZING ZOOM MEETING TONIGHT @ 7:00 PM - EST.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84414887585?pwd=Nzd6eFVCRWNNeEcyMHFPeHNJS3o5UT09Meeting>”

More Dangerous Than a Thousand Rioters! March 5

More dangerous than a thousand rioters

Free Joy Powell

Presentation on the arts and collective memory

RSVP:
tiny.cc/moredangerous

Friday March 5th
4pm PST / 7pm EST

Featuring:
Alicia Siu
Ceiba ili
Edxi Betts
Michelle Wright
Sima Lee

Sin Fronteras 1312

Logos: BIPOC arts, CEAC, UNICA, USA

“UCLA students are hosting an event to honor the lives of Berta Caceres, an Eco-Indigenous feminist assassinated in Honduras, Afro-Indigenous labor organizer Lucy Parsons, and the struggles of Rev. Joy Powell. Joy's son will be speaking at this event and hopes to also have his Mom record her statement. RSVP at tiny.cc/moredangerous for the Zoom event @ 4 p.m. PST (7 p.m. EST).”

[Friday Webinar] It's Not Just Cops: How a Racist Prosecution Cost Curtis Flowers 23 Years March 5

Facebook LIVE Zoom

COALITION FOR CIVIL FREEDOMS

Moderated by Steve Downs, Esq., CCF Board Chair

It's Not Just Cops: How a Racist Prosecution Cost Curtis Flowers 23 Years

Friday 3/05 2:30pm EST

Curtis Flowers
Exoneree

Jeffrey Deskovic
Exoneree and Founder,
The Deskovic Foundation

Alan Bean
Executive Director,
Friends of Justice

“There are 2.3 million people in U.S. prisons and jails, and 67% of those are people of color. Many are there as a result of widespread prosecutorial misconduct. Episode 26 is the first of a two-part webinar examining this issue. Joining us is Curtis Flowers, a Black man from Mississippi who spent 23 years fighting for his freedom because of a racist prosecution. His disturbing story was covered in depth in season 2 of the popular podcast, "In the Dark." Joining him will be Alan Bean, Executive Director of Friends of Justice, which advocated to free Flowers for more than 12 years. Finally, Jeffrey Deskovic, another exoneree, attorney, and founder of the Deskovic Foundation will speak about efforts to end prosecutorial misconduct and how to get involved. Moderated by CCF Chair of the BOD Steve Downs. Register on Zoom <http://bit.ly/curtisflowers> or watch live on Facebook on Friday, March 5, at 2:30 PM EST at <http://www.facebook.com/civilfreedoms/live>”

"The Letter Room" - Screening & Conversation for LSPC March 5



"LSPC is excited to invite you to join us this Friday for a virtual conversation and screening of "The Letter Room." This short film takes a personal look into the lives that pass through a prison letter room, and the complex issues and relationships that the prison industrial complex creates. Click here to view the trailer

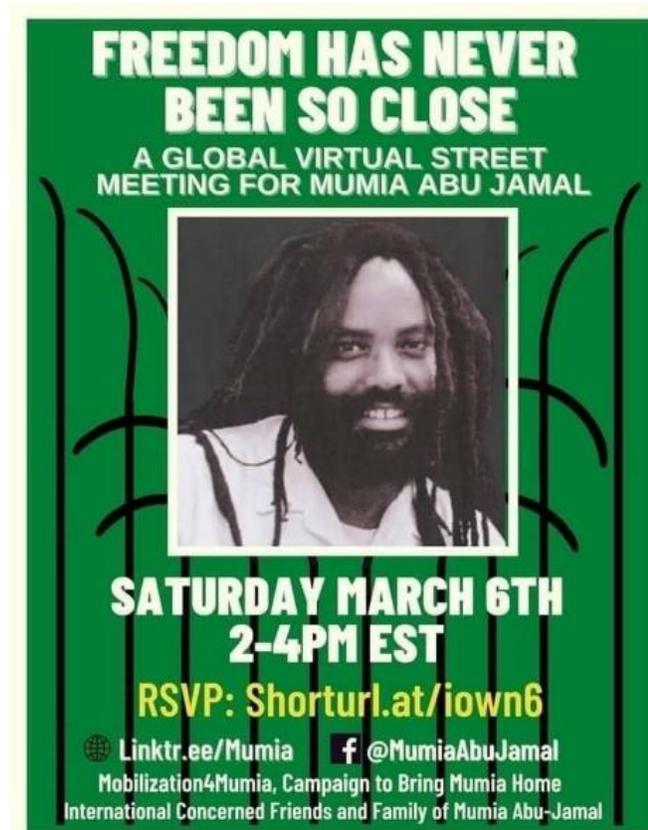
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6qYirv9jzI>
Before the screening, join us for a special conversation in which cast members—including Director Elvira Lind and actor Oscar Isaac (Inside Llewyn

Davis, Star Wars), discuss those issues with LSPC Executive Director Dorsey Nunn, LSPC Administrative Director Hamdiya Cooks-Abdullah, and Root & Rebound In-Prison Coordinator Sandra Johnson. They also share the work formerly incarcerated organizers do to keep incarcerated loved ones and family members connected.

What: Conversation & Screening of The Letter Room When: Friday, March 5, 2021 • 8pm Eastern / 5pm Pacific

Where: Click here to reserve your virtual ticket <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/theletterroom/register>"

Mumia Abu-Jamal: Freedom Has Never Been So Close! March 6



"WHAT: Virtual Town Hall WHEN: 2:00pm, Saturday, March 6th WHERE: Register at linktr.ee/mumia COST: FREE

A Global Townhall Event Calling for the Freedom of Author and Political Prisoner, Mumia Abu-Jamal."

RSVP: [Shorturl.at/iown6](https://shorturl.at/iown6)

"Freedom Has Never Been So Close: Global Street Meeting for Mumia Abu-Jamal: "A Global town hall event calling for the freedom of world-renown author and political prisoner, Mumia Abu-Jamal. Join organizers, artists, supporters, and educators as they shine a light on the important history of this international movement to #FreeMumia along with a summary of Mumia's health, current legal situation, and ways that we can get involved. Virtual Event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dc5KCymyD0w>"

"Mumia is currently in the infirmary with congestive heart failure and COVID-19. Send strength and revolutionary love to our beloved elder, Mumia and arrive with a fighting and learning spirit. LINKS TO EVENT: FREEDOM IS THE ONLY TREATMENT (2PM EST/11AMPST). Campaign YouTube Stream:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dc5KCymyD0w>

Common Notions YouTube Stream:

<https://youtu.be/jHrgLOWxfRc> Facebook Live: For more information and resources, visit

<https://linktr.ee/Mumia>

Virtual Event: Retaliation against leaders of Elijah McClain protests @ 4pm MT / 6pm ET March 6



N Tune in to the Virtual Event

RETALIATION AGAINST LEADERS OF ELIJAH MCCLAIN PROTESTS

SOLIDARITY NEEDED IN DENVER

Sat. March 6 **4pm^{MT} | 6pm^{ET}**

JOIN THE EVENT HERE **bit.ly/denversolidarity**

“Retaliation against leaders of Elijah McClain protests: Solidarity needed in Denver to drop the charges Saturday March 6 at 4pm MT / 6pm ET. An explosive new report just released in Aurora, Colorado confirms that the Aurora Police's entire encounter with Elijah McClain which ended in his death was unjustified. It documents how the investigations that took place in the aftermath weren't investigations at all—they were tools to help exonerate the killers. The investigation that produced this report, and several others, were forced by the mass public movement demand-

ing justice in Elijah's case. While the killer cops walk free, the targeted organizers head to a preliminary hearing on March 9. We must mobilize support throughout the nation to oppose this blatant retaliation and call on the Aurora District Attorneys to drop the charges! Join a virtual event hosted by the National Committee for Justice in Denver on Saturday, March 6th at 4pm MT about the urgent situation in Denver, why people all over the country must pay attention, and what you can do to support the campaign to drop the charges. You can use this link to view the webinar.” Webinar Link:

https://www.facebook.com/events/217864470027820/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22surface%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22create_dialog%22%7D%7D&onload_action=online_event_upsell_dialog

TRIBUTE: Samidoun in action for International Working Women's Day 2021! International Women's Day: Palestinian women are on the front lines of liberation struggle March 8

“To our colleagues, to Palestinian students and those around the world, from the heart of the Zionist prisons. On the occasion of 8th of March, we long for freedom, justice and equality for all women of the world, including students, inside and outside the prison cells. Our battle is united, as we are all fighting oppression on the basis of gender, fighting class exploitation and fascist colonialism and foremost among which is the occupation on our land. To our female university colleagues, who are at the front lines of the battle for change, our confidence is in your struggle and resistance that illuminates the sky of our homeland and lights the road for freedom. For all Palestinian women, we believe that our social struggle is an inherent part of the struggle of our people, and for the liberation of land and people, we sacrifice, struggle and bring forth strugglers.” – Bir Zeit University student prisoners, Layan Kayed, Elia Abu Hijleh, Ruba Assi, Shatha Tawil, Damon prison, Mount Carmel, 8 March 2021. “On this 8 March, humanity exposed to the devastation of the Corona pandemic on the one hand, and the regime of tyranny, racism and colonialism on the other hand. A thousand greetings to every voice that resists injustice and oppression. May women remain at the forefront of this resistance, and 8 March stand as a symbol of liberation!” – Khalida Jarrar, imprisoned Palestinian leader, feminist and rights advocate, Damon prison, Mount Carmel 7 March 2021.” “ As we commemorate International Working Women's Day around the world this 8 March, there are 35 Palestinian women in Israeli jails, representing all facets of Palestinian society: students, activists, organizers, parliamentarians, journalists, health workers, mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, strugglers, freedom fighters. Palestinian women have always been at the center of the liberation movement through all aspects of struggle and have led within the prisoners' movement, organizing hunger strikes and standing on the front lines of struggle even behind bars. On International Working Women's Day, Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network salutes the leading role of Palestinian women in struggle and urges the

immediate release of all Palestinian women prisoners in Israeli occupation prisons.” See

<https://bit.ly/FreePalestinianStudents>

Letter writing to grand jury resister Steve Martinez March 9

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing with NYC ABC, WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, March 9th, 2021, WHERE: YOUR HOME, COST: Free. Please join us this week in writing letters to water protector and grand jury resister Steve Martinez. Steve Martinez, an Indigenous and Chicano activist who participated in the protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) on the Standing Rock reservation in North Dakota in 2016, is being held on charges of contempt of court for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury. Steve invoked the Fifth Amendment in an effort to avoid participation in the grand jury. For more information and resources on grand jury resistance, visit supportstevemartinez.com. Please take the time to write a letter to Steve (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online): **Steve Martinez**, Burleigh County Detention Center, Post Office Box 2499, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502”

Black Agenda Report: Free All Political, Elderly and Sick Prisoners March 9

“Dr Johanna Fernandez and other advocates for Mumia Abu Jamal asked the city of Philadelphia to “stand with common humanity who face illness” and “bring our elderly population home, let them go. They are sick, they have been held by an unjust system” – as is Abu Jamal, the nation’s best known political prisoner, who has contracted Covid-19. Dr. Fernandez said setting Mumia free is good medical practice, as well as justice.” See <https://www.blackagenda.com/free-all-political-elderly-and-covid-infected-prisoners-say-mumia-supporters>

Help Amplify New "Unlocking Billions" Report by Columbia Center for Justice March 11

“Today, experts from the Columbia University Center for Justice released a new report, “Unlocking Billions: A Fiscal Analysis of Pending Justice Reforms in New York State,” finding that a slate of policy changes would net the state an estimated \$1.52 billion annually, or \$15.2 billion over the next decade. Find the full report here. The economic fall-out from the COVID-19 pandemic has led to massive budget shortfalls and significant funding cuts to essential services at the exact time that such services are needed most. This report charts a path forward for policymakers. Please help amplify the report with this social media guide and these graphics.

Sample Tweets and Posts: **DOWNLOAD SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS** and include with your tweets here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hNOZFDnaZPyg6qecHrueqHJ4tjrWWE>”

How We Build Unity Event Tomorrow March 11

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Kenny Truong
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“Dr. Saturu Ned, Black Panther Party Alumni Legacy Keepers will be part of a discussion panel Thursday, March 11 at 6 PM PST on "Solutions Only! How Do We Build Unity" hosted by HiptHopTv.com. Register here: <https://hiphoptv.com/conference-registration-03112021>”

The Legacy of Fred Hampton March 13

Operation P.O.W.E.R. Presents:
The Legacy of Fred Hampton

Join Operation POWER in a conversation with
 Fred Hampton Jr. and his Mother, Akua Njeri

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021
12:00 PM TO 2:00 PM EST
ZOOM ID: 958 3937 0603
PASSCODE: 907631
bit.ly/op_march13

"Operation POWER Presents: The Legacy of Fred Hampton. Join Operation POWER in a conversation with Fred Hampton Jr. and his Mother, Akua Njeri.

Saturday, March 13, 2021, 12 PM to 2 PM EST-ZOOM ID: 958 3937 0603 PASSCODE: 907631 or just use the link: bit.ly/op_march13"

"What's Happening" BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 9-10:30pm/ EST Call in (347) 857-3293 March 16

"I would truly consider it an honor if you would join PAM AFRICA, DOLORES COX, SARA FLOUNDERS, MYA SHONE & me in a conversation regarding Sister Lynne on Tuesday evening, & strategize to free them all- March 16 anytime between 9-10:30pm/est. MARCH 16 PROGRAM: SPECIAL GUEST: GEOFFREY STEWART, ESQ.

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, Nellie Hester Bailey

2. Updates from the Political Prisoner Death Camps- Anne Lamb (NYC Jericho),

3. Liberation Poetry –Prof. Louie– (in remembrance of Sister Lynne”

Women Political Prisoners: Defending Our Communities, Defending Our Lives - Former Women Political Prisoners Speak Out for International Women's History Month March 25



“Across the U.S. and the globe, unprecedented health, economic and social crisis is leading to escalating violence against BIPOC communities, often targeting women and TGNC people in particular. Over 10,000 people were arrested in the course of the 2020 uprisings after George Floyd's murder, but they have largely been disappeared from public view. Women who have been imprisoned for defending themselves and their communities have much to teach us about resisting state violence. Join us for a conversation with courageous women who have stood up for their lives and their communities.” FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE:

<https://fb.me/e/Ae2nxLTA> REGISTER HERE: bit.ly/DefendOurLives

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

- Janet and Janine Africa, the MOVE family
- Siwatu Salama Ra, Freedom Team Detroit/Grassroots Global Justice
- Laura Whitehorn - Release Aging People in Prison
- Moderated by Aleta Toure' - Parable of the Sower Intentional Community Cooperative, Grassroots Global Justice (GGJ), People's Strike, and AfroSoc

*Hosted by California Coalition for Women Prisoners & Parable of the Sower Intentional Community Cooperative @Art Drawing by: Fran Murphy, <https://www.franmurphyillustration.com/>

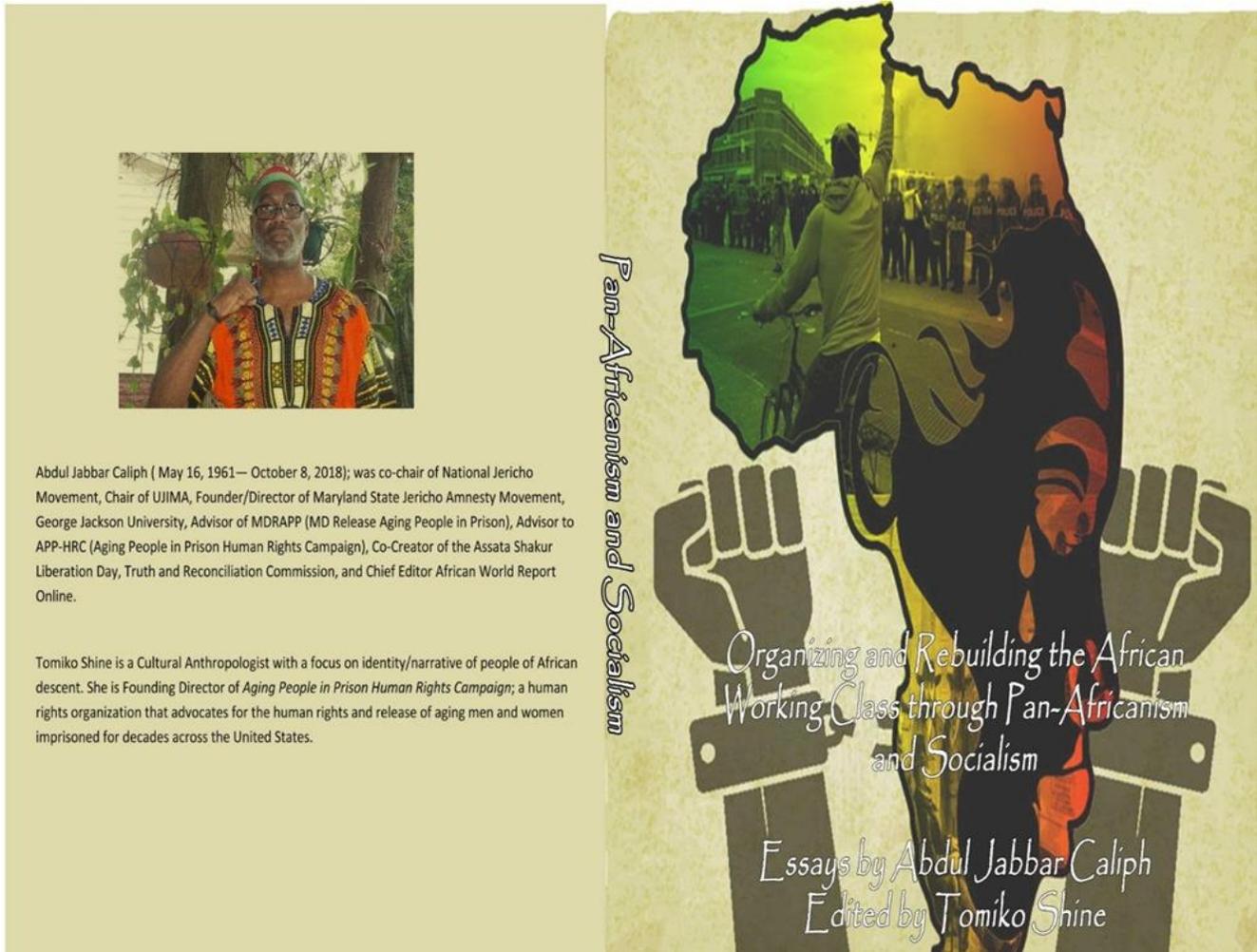
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**“Organizing and Rebuilding African Working Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism, a Collection of Essays” by Abdul Jabbar Caliph; Edited by Tomiko Shine. (Ongoing)
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News, Articles, and Updates

The Silencing of Eric King Feb 14

"Eric King, imprisoned since 2016, recently received a notice stating that his mail privileges have been restricted for the upcoming six months: stripping him of his ability to communicate with anyone outside of his immediate family. Prison Radio Restricted communication, however, is not new for Eric: "I've been denied phone calls for 2 years after a website posted about me, and my wife was denied visiting access due to her 'ideology," Eric wrote in a snail mail interview conducted by the Seattle-Tacoma chapter of Black and Pink. The warden's reasoning was broad and weak: "Your continued access to unfettered general correspondence privileges might pose a threat to the security and good order of the institution and protection of the public." There was no explanation of what kind of threat Eric imposed, neither was there further discussion of what Eric had done to provoke this message. The restriction was simply stated. The ease at which the warden could enforce this restriction, revoking the right of a person on the inside to communicate for six months, speaks measures about the brutality and dehumanization process of the prison industrial complex.

Eric, a vegan anarchist political prisoner, is constantly targeted by guards and thrown into the hole for his outspoken belief and determined fight against oppression. This mail restriction was no different: as a retaliation to a noise demonstration hosted outside of FCI Englewood on New Year's Eve, Eric's mail was restricted. Eric

had nothing to do with organizing this demonstration, a fact that the BOP admitted, but did nothing to change the stated constraint on communication.

Eric understands that these tactics of psychological and psychical torture are not accidental. "I'm not sure people realize or care about the amount of psych games these people play. It is violent. Withholding mail for weeks or months claiming you don't have any, searching your cell and vandalizing your family photos. Placing you intentionally around people who wish to harm you," Eric wrote of the prison-industrial complex is designed to limit any and all human connection, leaving letter writing as one of the few avenues for people who are incarcerated to connect with the free world. Restricting this is a clear expression of power and a grave form of oppression. Prison Radio stands with Eric King. We demand the prison end this six month restriction ban, and release Eric immediately. To further support Eric, check out his support page, his commissary and E-book wish list, and never stop listening, learning, and acting on his words." See

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/02/updates-23-feb-2021.pdf>

3 Detectives Obtained a False Murder Confession. Was It One of Dozens? Feb 15

"Huwe Burton was wrongly convicted because of deceptive interrogation techniques. How many more cases were "solved" the same way? For Huwe Burton, the breaking point came late on the night of Jan. 5, 1989, as he sat with detectives in a cramped, windowless room on the second floor of a Bronx police precinct. He had not eaten or slept much in 48 hours. A detective leaned in and said, "Tell us again about what happened that day." Mr. Burton, who was 16 then, repeated his story. He had come home two days earlier after spending the day at school and then at his girlfriend's house, to find his mother, Keziah Burton, facedown on her bed, stabbed to death. Her nightgown was pulled up to her waist. A blue telephone cord was wrapped around her wrist. What happened next in the interrogation room would reverberate in powerful ways over the coming decades. A false confession. An innocent man imprisoned for nearly 20 years. Serious questions about the tactics used by the three detectives involved in the investigation into Ms. Burton's killing — and many others." See

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/15/nyregion/3-detectives-obtained-a-false-murder-confession-was-it-one-of-dozens.html>

The Biden administration has spent Black History Month deporting Black immigrants. Why aren't people in the streets? Feb 15

"In the days it took to pull together this Q&A with two leaders in the immigrant rights movement—Haitian Bridge Alliance's Guerline Jozef and the UndocuBlack Network's Patrice Lawrence—the federal government deported more than 70 asylum-seekers to Haiti, including a two-month-old baby and 21 other children. Haiti is in the midst of political turmoil and advocates are calling these deportations "death flights." Soon, hundreds more Black immigrants are expected to be deported, including 135 Haitian immigrants. Most of them are families. While the coverage of these deportations hasn't been extensive, what does exist largely frames the large-scale deportation of Black immigrants as an example of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operating as a "rogue agency" that is refusing to comply with the Biden administration's orders, which instructed ICE to only remove suspected terrorists and people who have been convicted of felonies. During his first days in office, President Joe Biden also ordered a 100-day moratorium on some deportations, which was temporarily blocked by a judge in Texas. The judge's order left in place new guidelines stipulating that only the most serious immigration cases should be subject to deportation." See

<https://www.prismreports.org/article/2021/2/11/qa-the-biden-administration-has-spent-black-history-month-deporting-black-immigrants>

BIKO: And the Eyes of the World Are Watching Now Feb 16

"To mark Black History Month, music legend Peter Gabriel has teamed up with the non-profit Playing For Change and artists around the world to re-record his soaring 1980 anthem "BikCo," inspired by the savage murder of anti-apartheid icon Steve Biko by South African police while in custody. A gifted medical student and charismatic organizer, Bantu Steve Biko was arguably the most famous martyr of the struggle against South African apartheid. Filling the void left by the ban on the African National Congress and imprisonment of Nelson Mandela and other leaders, Biko launched the South African Students Organization in 1969, and a few years

later the Black People's Convention. His "black consciousness movement" sought "the cultural and political revival of an oppressed people" and stressed the need for self-reliance under the rubric, "Black man, you are on your own." His goal: "The realization by the Black man of the need to rally together with his brothers around the cause of their oppression - the blackness of their skin - and (to) rid themselves of the shackles that bind them." See <https://portside.org/2021-02-16/biko-and-eyes-world-are-watching-now>

Women, some sick with COVID-19, left 'freezing' without heat at Fort Worth medical prison Feb 16

"As a winter storm wreaked havoc on Texas, about 1,000 women at the federal medical prison in Fort Worth were left without heat in freezing temperatures, according to women in the prison and family members of women incarcerated there. Winter storm Uri left hundreds of thousands without power in Dallas-Fort Worth and damaged electric lines across the state. While FMC Carswell retained electricity, the heat never kicked on and only cold water was available from Sunday to Monday evening, women at the prison said. The prison is the only federal medical facility for women in the country, and most people incarcerated there have medical problems. As of Tuesday, 31 women officially still had COVID-19, according to BOP data, although many more were still sick from the virus, family members and women at the prison said." See <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/women-some-sick-with-covid-19-left-freezing-without-heat-at-fort-worth-medical-prison/ar-BB1dJOTV>

Executioners sanitized accounts of deaths in federal cases Feb 17

"Executioners who put 13 inmates to death in the last months of the Trump administration likened the process of dying by lethal injection to falling asleep and called gurneys "beds" and final breaths "snores." But those tranquil accounts are at odds with reports by The Associated Press and other media witnesses of how prisoners' stomachs rolled, shook and shuddered as the pentobarbital took effect inside the U.S. penitentiary death chamber in Terre Haute, Indiana. The AP witnessed every execution. The sworn accounts by executioners, which government filings cited as evidence the lethal injections were going smoothly, raise questions about whether officials misled courts to ensure the executions scheduled from July to mid-January were done before death penalty opponent Joe Biden became president." See <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/executioners-sanitized-accounts-of-deaths-in-federal-cases/ar-BB1dKKRL>

Black Agenda Report: Haiti: Black Despots and White Rulers Feb 17

"The horror story in Haiti since 2004 is not really about despotic Black government, but is the consequence and crime of global white rule. "Moïse is the product of a broader system blocking Haiti's democratic path and sovereignty, a system that is built and maintained by the white rulers of the world." The past week has seen growing protests against the contested presidency of Haiti's Jovenel Moïse. An unpopular figure who has ruled without a mandate, and, increasingly, by decree, Moïse refused to relinquish power when his presidential term expired on February 7, 2021. While claiming that his term ends in February 2022, Moïse has lashed out against his political rivals, arresting his critics, members of opposition political parties, and supreme court judges, all the while consolidating his draconian, some would say dictatorial, rule over Haiti." See <https://www.blackagendareport.com/haiti-black-despots-and-white-rulers>

No End In Sight: America's Enduring Reliance on Life Imprisonment Feb 17

"Before America's era of mass incarceration took hold in the early 1970s, the number of individuals in prison was less than 200,000. Today, it's 1.4 million; and more than 200,000 people are serving life sentences – one out of every seven in prison. More people are sentenced to life in prison in America than there were people in prison serving any sentence in 1970. Nearly five times the number of people are now serving life sentences in the United States as were in 1984, a rate of growth that has outpaced even the sharp expansion of the overall prison population during this period. The now commonplace use of life imprisonment contradicts research on effective public safety strategies, exacerbates already extreme racial injustices in the criminal justice system, and exemplifies the egregious consequences of mass incarceration. In 2020, The Sentencing Project obtained official corrections data from all states and the Federal Bureau of Prisons to produce our 5th national census on

life imprisonment.” See <https://www.sentencingproject.org/publications/no-end-in-sight-americas-enduring-reliance-on-life-imprisonment>

Arrested 63 times, activist says Israel is making Palestinians choose to let go of resistance or die

Ahmad Hwedi Feb 17

“It is no secret that the issue of occupied Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque is at the heart of the Palestinian cause. There is a daily struggle between Palestinian Jerusalemites and the Israeli occupation authorities. I spoke with Palestinian activist Hanadi Halawani to shed some light on this issue. Ahmed Hweidi: Tell us about the violations committed by the Israeli occupation against the Islamic and Christian religious endowments in occupied Jerusalem. Hanadi Halawani: First of all, let me assure you that the attacks on holy sites are very clear, whether on mosques or churches, and they have become more apparent and are happening more than before. All Jerusalemites, Muslims and Christians, are exposed to these ongoing Israeli violations.” See

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20210217-arrested-63-times-activist-says-israel-is-making-palestinians-choose-to-let-go-of-resistance-or-die/>

Two Generations, One Goal: A Conversation About Black Liberation Feb 18

“Nearly three decades separate activists Janaya Future Khan and Ilyasah Shabazz, but they are bonded by the same goal: Black liberation. Shabazz was just a toddler when her father, civil rights icon Malcolm X, was assassinated in 1965 (in the presence of Shabazz, her pregnant mother and three of her sisters). She’s since devoted her life as an educator, motivational speaker, and author to preserving her father’s legacy. It’s a legacy that has inspired Khan at every step of their work with Black Lives Matter (they are one of the faces of the movement internationally and a co-founder of the Canadian chapter), and though his death came years before Khan was born, it’s undeniable that Malcolm X’s spirit lives on through the work of the charismatic, outspoken leader. Khan’s “Sunday Sermons” Instagram series has been hailed by Vogue as “the place where political action and spiritual liberation meet.” Every week, the Toronto-born, LA-based organizer tackles topics you could imagine Malcolm X approaching with the same fervor, reverence and urgency if he was an activist with an Instagram account in 2021. Over Zoom from her New York home, Shabazz states that her father is quoted “53,7000 times per hour on social media,” and it doesn’t come as a shock to Khan, who has “poured over every page” of X’s autobiography and has quoted the trailblazer herself. As a queer, gender-nonconforming social-justice educator and millennial, Khan may seem to stand in stark contrast to Shabazz, an adjunct professor of the Baby boomer generation, but their rapport comes easy and is clearly based on a mutual respect and admiration” See <https://www.refinery29.com/en-us/2021/02/10272677/ilyasah-shabazz-janaya-khan-blm-black-history-month>

“That Could Have Been Me”: The People Derek Chauvin Choked Before George Floyd Feb 18

“Nearly three years before the Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on George Floyd as he cried that he couldn’t breathe last May, Zoya Code found herself in a similar position: handcuffed face down on the ground, with Chauvin’s knee on her. The officer had answered a call of a domestic dispute at her home, and Code said he forced her down when she tried to pull away. “He just stayed on my neck,” ignoring her desperate pleas to get off, Code said. Frustrated and upset, she challenged him to press harder. “Then he did. Just to shut me up,” she said.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/02/02/that-could-have-been-me-the-people-derek-chauvin-choked-before-george-floyd>

The Border Patrol agent turned activist Feb 18

“Jenn Budd uses her experience to advocate for migrant rights and call for accountability on border. The migrant girl was around 6 years old, dehydrated, fluish and despondent. Her head looked too big for her body — a sign of malnutrition — and she had lice in her hair. The girl had spent two weeks outdoors held at the sunbaked Border Patrol detention center in El Paso with her asylum-seeking family before being brought to a migrant shelter in San Diego. That’s where Jenn Budd found her in the summer of 2018, and she needed serious medical intervention.” See <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/border-baja-california/story/2021-02-14/jenn-budd-border-patrol-critic>

The Real Story of the ‘Draft Riots’ Feb 18

“A mob murdered 23-year-old Abraham Franklin at 27th Street and Seventh Avenue in New York City. He had hurried to visit his mother to pray by her side for her protection when the rioters began raging from Downtown to Uptown. Just as he finished his prayers, they crashed through the door, beat him and hanged him as his mother looked on. Then they mutilated his body in front of her. During the riots in July 1863, the mob also came upon Peter Heuston, a 63-year-old widowed war veteran and a member of the Mohawk tribe, whom they took to be Black. They brutally attacked him on Roosevelt and Oak Streets near the East River. He died of his injuries, leaving his 8-year-old daughter an orphan. Another victim, William Jones, was so disfigured, whether from the mob’s mutilation or the decay his body endured waiting for observers to gain courage to investigate his identity, that he could be identified only by the loaf of bread under his arm. He had gone out to fetch the staple for his wife and never returned.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/18/opinion/draft-riots-racism.html>

Prosecutor son seeks father's release in fatal Brink's heist Feb 19



(Photo “Courtesy of Chesa Boudin via AP) (Uncredited”)

“David Gilbert went to prison a revolutionary, raising his fist and scorning authorities who prosecuted him for an infamous 1981 armored truck robbery in which a guard and two police officers were killed. Four decades later, advocates for the 76-year-old inmate’s release include San Francisco’s chief prosecutor, the son left behind at 14 months old when both his parents were arrested.” See <https://www.wftv.com/news/da-son-seeks-release-father-imprisoned-fatal-81-heist/HLZBAYQPVAJLU54HPMDZEB6Y/>

“In this May 1985, photo provided by Chesa Boudin, Boudin's father, David Gilbert, makes fists as his father holds him during a prison visit at Auburn Correctional Facility in Auburn, N.Y. Gilbert, now 76, was convicted of felony murder in the Oct. 20, 1981 robbery of \$1.6 million from an armored Brink's truck at the Nanuet Mall north of New York City that resulted in the deaths of three people. Boudin, now San Francisco's District Attorney, and others are lobbying New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo for clemency for Gilbert, one of the oldest and longest held inmates in New York state.”

Native American Tribes Fight Back Against the Rightwing Assaults on Deb Haaland Feb 19

“Responding to Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) publicly stated commitment to block the confirmation of the first Indigenous nominee for Secretary of the Interior, tribal organizations are launching a high-profile campaign to rally support for Congresswoman Deb Haaland (D-NM), President Biden’s pick to lead the Interior Department. Beginning in Daines’ home state of Montana, the Global Indigenous Council (GIC) and Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council (RMTLC) have billboards highlighting Haaland’s historic nomination being raised in two of the state’s main population centers, Billings and Great Falls. Under the headline “The First People of this land. The last to receive the vote” the billboards proclaim “Our first Secretary of Interior” with a striking image of Haaland shot by nationally renowned photographer, Joseph Kayne.” See <https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/02/19/right-back-at-you-tribes-fight-back-against-the-rightwing-assaults-on-deb-haaland/>

Unprepared for COVID, Texas Women's Prison Was Equally Unprepared for Uri Feb 20

“Federal Medical Center (FMC) Carswell, the only federal medical prison for women, as seen in Fort Worth, Texas. The recent winter storm left it without heat or hot water. Federal Medical Center (FMC) Carswell, the only federal medical prison for women, as seen in Fort Worth, Texas. The recent winter storm left it without heat or hot water. Federal Bureau of Prisons / Wikimedia When Winter Storm Uri hit Texas, Holli Wrice — a

woman incarcerated at a federal medical prison in the Dallas-Fort Worth area — had just gotten out of medical isolation after testing positive for COVID two weeks earlier. The storm, which hit over Presidents' Day weekend, wreaked havoc across the state, leaving millions without power." See <https://truthout.org/articles/unprepared-for-covid-texas-womens-prison-was-equally-unprepared-for-uri/>

'The past is so present': how white mobs once killed American democracy Feb 22

"Hours after Georgia elected its first-ever Black and Jewish senators, a mob of white Trump supporters stormed the US Capitol. They set up gallows on the west side of the building and hunted for lawmakers through the halls of Congress. People around the world watched in shock: was this the United States? As he monitored the attack from his home in South Carolina, the local historian Wayne O'Bryant was not surprised. He recognized the 6 January attack as a return to the political playbook of white mob violence that has been actively used in this country for more than a century. Mobs of white Americans unwilling to accept multi-racial democracy have successfully overturned or stolen elections before: in Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1898, in Colfax, Louisiana, in 1873 and New Orleans in 1874, and, in Hamburg, South Carolina, in 1876." See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/feb/22/us-white-supremacy-democracy-capitol-attack>

\$3 billion for a decade's worth of police settlements. But do they work?- Police Misconduct Costs Cities Millions Every Year. But That's Where The Accountability Ends. Feb 22

"We know that taxpayers pay hundreds of millions of dollars each year in the form of settlements for police brutality and other misconduct. The nation's three biggest cities account for over 80 percent of those costs. But the data on payouts to victims and their families is so spotty and inconsistent—some cities don't even agree on what constitutes "misconduct"—we can't tell whether the payments change the bad behavior that prompts excessive force or wrongful death cases in the first place. In the spring of 2016, the city of Cleveland agreed to pay \$6 million to the family of Tamir Rice, the 12-year-old boy who was shot and killed by a city police officer in late 2014. It was one of the only forms of justice the grieving family was likely to receive. A grand jury had already opted not to charge the officers involved, so the city's decision to settle the family's wrongful death lawsuit for such a large amount of money was all the more significant. After the payout was announced, the Rice family said they hoped the settlement would "stimulate a movement for genuine change in our society and our nation's policing." See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/02/22/police-misconduct-costs-cities-millions-every-year-but-that-s-where-the-accountability-ends>

Report: Raed Salah Held in Solitary Confinement by Israel Feb 22

"The head of the Islamic Movement in Israel, Sheikh Raed Salah, has been held in solitary confinement since he was jailed by Israel on August 15 last year, Arabi21.com reported on Sunday. His lawyer Khalid Zabarqeh said that Sheikh Salah has been facing harsh treatment and difficult conditions in the Israeli prison in the Naqab Desert. The leading Palestinian human rights activist is serving a 17-month sentence in a small, isolated cell. He is allowed out for one hour a day. Zabarqeh described solitary confinement as a form of torture for prisoners in Israeli jails. It is, he insisted, a violation of international human rights conventions and laws, which make it illegal to arrest people for their political views or religious affiliations. Torture is also illegal." See <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/report-raed-salah-held-in-solitary-confinement-by-israel/>

Independent probe accuses police and paramedics of wrongdoing in death of Elijah McClain Feb 22

"Colorado police and paramedics who stopped Elijah McClain made a series of crucial errors that ended in the young man's 2019 death, findings of an independent probe revealed on Monday. Aurora police had no justification to stop or use force to detain McClain, and responding paramedics sedated him with ketamine "without conducting anything more than a brief visual observation" of the 23-year-old Black man, according to a panel of medical and legal experts appointed by the City Council, which commissioned the report. McClain was stopped on Aug. 24, 2019 in Aurora by officers answering a call reporting a suspicious person in the area. The initial stop of McClain was questionable, as "none of the officers articulated a crime that they thought Mr. McClain had committed, was committing or was about to commit," the report found. "This decision had ramifications for the rest of the encounter," according to findings. A chokehold was used during the

confrontation and he was injected with ketamine, with authorities believing he was in a state of excited delirium and posing a threat to officers, authorities have said. "Based on the record available to the panel, we were not able to identify sufficient evidence that Mr. McClain was armed and dangerous in order to justify a pat-down search," the report said. "The panel also notes that one officer's explanation that that Aurora officers are trained to 'take action before it escalates' does not meet the constitutional requirement of reasonable suspicion to conduct (a stop or frisk)." See <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/independent-probe-accuses-police-paramedics-wrongdoing-death-elijah-mcclain-n1258499>

Compassionate Release During COVID-19 Feb 22

"Administrative and judicial processes offer those incarcerated in federal prisons a path home. Since the pandemic began, at least 222 people serving federal prison sentences have died due to complications from COVID-19. But they did not all have to die while in federal custody. The U.S. Congress has established a process for sick and vulnerable people in federal prisons to seek "compassionate release"—a process through which sentencing courts can reduce an incarcerated person's sentence to "time served." When compassionate release is granted, the Federal Bureau of Prisons—the federal agency responsible for overseeing the sentences of people convicted of federal crimes—releases people from prison immediately. As part of the First Step Act of 2018, Congress increased "the use and transparency of compassionate release." An incarcerated person may qualify for compassionate release if a court determines that "extraordinary and compelling reasons" justify a sentence reduction. Under the First Step Act, incarcerated people have two tracks through which they can get compassionate release requests before courts." See <https://www.theregreview.org/2021/02/22/downey-compassionate-release-during-covid-19/>

A deathbed letter written by a former undercover cop claims that the NYPD and FBI were involved in the 1965 assassination of Malcolm X Feb 22

"New evidence announced by Malcolm X's family claims that the NYPD and FBI were involved with the civil rights leader's assassination. A letter written by Raymond Wood, an undercover cop who worked for the New York City Police department between 1964 to 1971, included a confession about his role in Malcolm X's death and claimed that the FBI and the NYPD were involved in the coverup. "I participated in actions that in hindsight were deplorable and detrimental to the advancement of my own black people," Wood wrote in the letter obtained by Insider. It was released by a relative upon his death. "My actions on behalf of the New York City Police Department (BOSSI) were done under duress and fear that if I did not follow the orders of my handlers I could face detrimental consequences." In the letter, Wood said that he was assigned, without training, to the BOSSI unit to "infiltrate civil rights organizations throughout New York City," and "to find evidence of criminal activity, so the FBI could discredit and arrest its leaders." Wood's letter says he was tasked to ensure that members of Malcolm X's security team were arrested days before a speaking engagement at Audubon Ballroom in Manhattan in 1965, where he was shot 15 times." See <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/a-deathbed-letter-written-by-a-former-undercover-cop-claims-that-the-nypd-and-fbi-were-involved-in-the-1965-assassination-of-malcolm-x/ar-BB1dUNw8?li=BBnb7Kz&pfr=1>

ICE Contractor Tasked With Immigration Arrests Faces Class Action Feb 22

"Instead of planning for her future once she is released from a California state prison, Gabriela Solano, who was brought to the United States when she was 2 years old, filed a class action complaint Monday seeking to prevent an ICE contractor from arresting her for deportation. A third-party contractor that arrests immigrants released from state and local custody only to put them back behind bars in federal facilities faces a class action filed by a woman who has lived in the United States since she was 2 years old and fears being arrested and deported after serving 22 years in state custody. Gabriela Solano filed a 33-page class action complaint in the Northern District of California on Monday, asking a judge to find that policies by ICE allowing private contractor G4S Secure Solutions to arrest immigrants for deportation violates the Immigration and Nationality Act, which prohibits using private security companies to make immigration arrests." See <https://www.courthousenews.com/ice-contractor-tasked-with-immigration-arrests-faces-class-action/>

Activist Malcolm X's family calls to reopen investigation into his murder Feb 23

"The daughters of prominent Black activist Malcolm X have called to reopen the investigation into his murder in light of new testimony implicating the New York police and the FBI. "Any evidence that provides greatest insight into the truth behind that terrible tragedy should be thoroughly investigated," said Ilyasah Shabazz, one of Malcolm X's six daughters, during a press conference on Saturday.' See <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/activist-malcolm-xs-family-calls-to-reopen-investigation-into-his-murder/ar-BB1dT2no>

No charges against officers involved in Daniel Prude's death Feb 23

"No criminal charges for the cops implicated in the death of Daniel Prude in Rochester, New York, last March. A state grand jury declined to indict any of the seven police officers who restrained Prude with a mesh hood, cutting off his oxygen even after he was handcuffed behind his back during a mental health crisis. Police officers who put a hood over the head of a mentally distraught Black man, then pressed his body against the pavement until he stopped breathing will not face criminal charges after a grand jury declined to indict them, New York's attorney general announced Tuesday. Daniel Prude, 41, died last March, several days after his encounter with police in Rochester, New York. Police initially described his death as a drug overdose. It went mostly unnoticed. But nightly protests erupted after body camera video was released nearly six months later following pressure from Prude's family." See <https://apnews.com/article/no-charges-officers-daniel-prude-7886a45e038bb3dbf782932807bafd74>

Water Protector Steve Martinez ordered to be released Feb 23

"Bismarck – Water Protector Steve Martinez, who was confined for his principled refusal to participate in a federal grand jury investigation, was ordered to be "released from custody forthwith" late in the day on Monday, February 22. District Court Judge Daniel M. Traynor agreed with the arguments of counsel that the finding of contempt and associated "coercive confinement" at Burleigh Morton Detention Center were imposed by a Magistrate Judge who lacked authority to impose such sanctions. He ordered Mr. Martinez' confinement immediately terminated, and confirmed that all other litigation related to grand jury proceedings must take place before a District Court Judge." See <https://www.devilslakejournal.com/story/news/2021/02/23/water-protector-steve-martinez-ordered-released/4562371001/>

A corporate, commodified Black History Month is taking hold. We can't let it. Feb 23

"Black History Month, the annual commemoration of Black history in the United States that originated with Carter G Woodson's Negro History Week, is winding down. I have to admit, this year's celebration is among the worst yet. Instead of providing a platform to explore the rich history of Black people in America, this month has been a billboard for commodified representations of Blackness. Commercializing holidays and co-opting Black culture are both standard practices in America. Like the pat Black Lives Matter virtue signaling last June, branded co-optation of Black history has been rampant. For some, this visibility may indicate that Black people have advanced. But what I see is an admission: powerful elected officials and corporations in the US resort to symbolism and token opportunities, because they'd rather not offer anything else. In a system that relies on exploiting labor and directing resources to an elite minority, actually advancing the health and prosperity of the masses of Black people undermines the exploitation that capitalism relies on." See <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/feb/23/a-corporate-commodified-black-history-month-is-taking-hold-we-cant-let-it>

Biden is locking up migrant children. Will the world still care with Trump gone? Feb 24

"This week, the Biden administration did the unthinkable. It reopened a Trump-era detention site for migrant children. The detention center, a reconverted camp for oil field workers in Carrizo Springs, Texas, is expected to hold 700 children between the ages of 13 and 17, and dozens of kids have already arrived there. This is an awful development, reminding me of some of the worst abuses of the Trump years. And while we obviously don't know how this ominous development will play out in the long run, what we do know is this: unaccompanied

migrant children deserve compassion, not detention. But rather than seeking out new and better solutions, the Biden administration is instead trying to sell us an image of a kinder, gentler imprisonment.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/feb/24/biden-is-locking-up-migrant-children-will-the-world-still-care-with-trump-gone>

She sued her enslaver for reparations and won. Her descendants never knew. Feb 24

“Not long after his mother died on an October day in 2003, David Blackman journeyed with his teenage daughter from Pensacola, Fla., to the narrow two-story brick house in Southside Chicago, where he had lived as a boy. Mary Blackman’s home had once throbbed with life — the notes as she played the piano ringing through the rooms, the smell of biscuits and fudge filling the air and, not infrequently, the stern thunder of Mary’s voice as she kept her six children in line.” See <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2021/02/24/henrietta-wood-reparations-slavery/>

Biden Plans to “Reinvigorate” a Community Policing Office That Has a Dark History Feb 24

“President Joe Biden was swept into office amid arguably the largest protest movement in U.S. history, so it’s worth taking a closer look at his chief public safety funding proposal, one that is central to his own legacy on police reform. Biden has promised to “reinvigorate” funding for the Department of Justice’s Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPS, office with a \$300 million investment in putting new “community policing” officers on the street. But funneling Department of Justice dollars toward community policing initiatives and the COPS office is the wrong approach if the federal government truly wants to improve public safety and health for communities in this moment. It will neither drive structural changes to American policing nor tackle the root causes of gun violence in cities that have seen a sharp uptick in shootings since the pandemic’s inception.” See <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2021/02/biden-cops-office-funding-police-history.html>

What Happened When Life Sentences Got Out of Control Feb 25

“A new study shows that the number of Americans sentenced to life in prison has more than doubled since the early 1990s, even though violent crime declined for the bulk of that period. And before you try to argue that crime was declining because of those stiff sentences, examine the numbers: The drop in crime began well before sentence lengths started skyrocketing.” See <https://reason.com/2021/02/25/what-happened-when-life-sentences-got-out-of-control/>

Native American nominee’s grilling raises questions on bias Feb 26

“When Wyoming U.S. Sen. John Barrasso snapped at Deb Haaland during her confirmation hearing, many in Indian Country were incensed. The exchange, coupled with descriptions of the Interior secretary nominee as “radical” — by other white, male Republicans — left some feeling Haaland is being treated differently because she is a Native American woman. “If it was any other person, they would not be subjected to being held accountable for their ethnicity,” said Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, chairwoman of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah in Massachusetts.” See <https://apnews.com/article/biden-cabinet-confirmation-hearings-john-barrasso-native-americans-700b7b4c6ece06ba735c288492caa257>

Missouri AG : No charges in 2017 death of Black jail inmate Feb 26

“Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt announced Friday that no charges will be filed in the 2017 death of Tory Sanders, a Black inmate at a rural jail who died under similar circumstances to George Floyd — after a white law enforcement officer’s knee was pressed on his neck. Schmitt, a Republican, said in a news release that there is not enough evidence to prove first- or second-degree murder, which are the only options because the statute of limitations has expired on other potential charges, such as manslaughter. The statute of limitations for manslaughter in Missouri is three years.” See <https://apnews.com/article/race-and-ethnicity-michael-brown-statutes-racial-injustice-josh-hawley-894d4ff4f603d2c9bd0c330b5e66e5ec>

Krasner And Mumia Abu-Jamal: Philadelphians Demand Justice and Accountability Feb 26

“This year marks the 40th year since Mumia Abu-Jamal's contentious and problematic conviction for the December 9, 1981, death of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner. In a long-awaited December 16, 2020, decision, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in a 3 to 1 decision for District Attorney Larry Krasner, ruled there was no credible evidence of DA Krasner’s demonstrated bias toward Abu-Jamal. In the case currently before PA Superior Court, dueling appeals will decide the next steps. DA Krasner now must confront the legacy of police corruption, prosecutorial misconduct, and judicial bias that defines this case and runs through the fabric of Philadelphia's history. Krasner knows the legacy of Frank Rizzo, Judge Albert Sabo, Lynne Abraham, and Judge Ronald Castille. It would be hard to miss the work of the architects of the New Jim Crow. The devastation that mass incarceration fueled by naked racism wreaked on the Black community is undeniable.” See <https://www.blackstarnews.com/us-politics/justice/krasner-and-mumia-abu-jamal-philadelphians-demand-justice-and>

Samidoun: We will not be silenced by Israel’s “terrorist” designation Feb 26

“In response to Israeli Defense Minister and war criminal Benny Gantz’s designation of Samidoun as a “terrorist organization”, Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network affirms that we will continue to organize and mobilize internationally in defense of Palestinian rights and liberation. This is the latest manifestation of a smear campaign that is intended to silence international support for the Palestinian people and especially the nearly 5,000 Palestinians jailed by the Israeli occupation. This is an attack on the Palestinian prisoners’ movement as well as the right of Palestinians in exile and diaspora to organize. We affirm that we will not be silenced or deterred by Israel’s smear campaigns.” See <https://samidoun.net/2021/02/samidoun-we-will-not-be-silenced-by-israels-terrorist-designation/>

Black prison inmates in Soledad sue over a July 2020 raid that resulted in a mass spread of Covid-19.

Mary Duan Feb 26

“At the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad last July 20, a group of agents from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation launched a planned 3am raid on the cells of Black inmates in what was called “Operation Akili.” The goal, CTF Warden Craig Koenig said at the time, was to investigate gang activity inside the prison. As described by some of those inmates who were taken from their cells, as well as other prisoners and a staff member who witnessed the raid and spoke to the media, the Black inmates were dragged from their cells and physically assaulted by unmasked CDCR agents who made profligate use of the n-word and refused to let them put on masks to protect themselves from Covid. The Black inmates were forced to strip and then amassed in a dining hall while their cells were tossed, multiple witnesses say. The raid became what attorney Ben Pavone refers to as a “superspreader event” in which the CDCR weaponized Covid-19; the lack of pandemic safety precautions eventually led to 2,719 cases of Covid, including 17 deaths, directly traceable to the raid, he says.” See https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/news/local_news/black-prison-inmates-in-soledad-sue-over-a-july-2020-raid-that-resulted-in-a/article_c2566682-76db-11eb-bde2-c745a02ac24a.html

‘A living hell’: Inside US prisons during the COVID-19 pandemic Feb 26

“In the days before Christmas, 44-year-old April Harris sat in her prison cell at the California Institution for Women for more than 23 hours a day. In the 20 minutes she was allowed to leave it, she and the other prisoners would flood into the common areas – choosing either to take a shower or to make a short phone call. Restrictions have fluctuated during the various lockdowns implemented throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but in the 11 months since the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) first banned visitations across state prisons, Harris says she has seen the mental health of those around her steadily deteriorate.” See <https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2021/2/26/a-living-hell-inside-us-prisons-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>

Trooper kicked, dragged Black man who died in custody Feb 27

“A Louisiana State Police trooper has been suspended without pay for kicking and dragging a handcuffed Black man whose in-custody death remains unexplained and the subject of a federal civil rights investigation.

Body camera footage shows Master Trooper Kory York dragging Ronald Greene “on his stomach by the leg shackles” following a violent arrest and high-speed pursuit, according to internal State Police records obtained by The Associated Press. The records are the first public acknowledgement by State Police that Greene was mistreated, and they confirm details provided last year by an attorney for Greene’s family who viewed graphic body camera footage of the May 2019 arrest and likened it the police killing of George Floyd. The video shows troopers choking and beating the man, repeatedly jolting him with stun guns and dragging him face-down across the pavement, the attorney told AP.” See <https://apnews.com/article/arrests-us-news-louisiana-york-4a755f3307479b5dd8adbbcbc65cdebf>

Vulnerable Inmates Left in Prison as Covid Rages Feb 27

“Shacarey James was six weeks pregnant when she reported to the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Conn., last summer to serve a sentence for a parole violation. At risk for severe illness if infected with the coronavirus, Ms. James kept her mask on at all times, except when she was sleeping. In December, a woman assigned to the next bunk developed a hacking cough. Ms. James, 25, suspected a coronavirus infection, but officers at the prison at first dismissed her concerns, saying pregnancy “hormones” were making her anxious, and they refused to test her bunkmate. Four days later, the woman’s temperature spiked, and a diagnostic test came back positive. “She was three feet from me — we were eye-to-eye,” said Ms. James. “I thought she was going to pass away in front of me.” Ms. James escaped infection, but whether she should have been in the prison at all remains a pressing question. When the pandemic erupted last spring, federal prisons were told to move quickly to grant home confinement to medically vulnerable inmates who did not pose a risk to the public.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/27/health/coronavirus-prisons-danbury.html>

A Chapter In U.S. History Often Ignored: The Flight Of Runaway Slaves To Mexico Feb 28

“In a forgotten cemetery on the edge of Texas in the Rio Grande delta, Olga Webber-Vasques says she's proud of her family's legacy — even if she only just learned the full story. Turns out her great-great-grandparents, who are buried there, were agents in the little-known underground railroad that led through South Texas to Mexico during the 1800s. Thousands of enslaved people fled plantations to make their way to the Rio Grande, which became a river of deliverance. "I don't know why there wasn't anything that we would've known as we were growing up. It amazes me to learn the underground deal — I had no idea at all," says Webber-Vasques, 70, who recently learned the story of her forebear John Ferdinand Webber from her daughter-in-law who has researched family history.” See <https://www.npr.org/2021/02/28/971325620/a-chapter-in-u-s-history-often-ignored-the-flight-of-runaway-slaves-to-mexico>

North Carolina Prisons Agree To Fast-Track Release Of 3,500 Inmates March 1

“After 11 months of litigation, the North Carolina prison system will fast-track the release of at least 3,500 people over the next six months as part of a legal settlement over prison conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is one of the largest — and likely the largest and most specific — releases of people from prison as a result of a court action during a pandemic, according to Aaron Littman, the deputy director of the COVID-19 Behind Bars Data Project led by the UCLA law school. In other cases around the country where judges have ruled for the release of significant numbers of people, higher courts overturned the rulings. Since this is a settlement, or agreement between the parties, this will not be overruled.” See https://www.huffpost.com/entry/nc-prisoner-release-covid-19_n_603d1c6cc5b601179ebf8272

Continued Targeting of PLC member Khalida Jarrar March 1

“Today, Monday 1 March 2021, Ofer Israeli military court issued a ruling against Palestinian Legislative Council member Mrs. Khalid Jarrar. The ruling included a 24-month prison sentence, a 12-month suspension for five years from the day of her release, as well as a NIS 4,000 fine. Mrs. Jarrar was arrested on 31 October 2019 following the Israeli occupation's campaign targeting dozens of Palestinian political activists and university students during the second half of 2019. Since then, through various media outlets, the Israeli occupation authorities spread false accusations against Khalida in a failed attempt to hold her responsible for a military operation in Ein Boubin in August 2019.” See <http://www.addameer.org/news/press-release/en/khalidajarra>

We Asked People Behind Bars How They Feel About Getting Vaccinated March 1

“A year into the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, at least 1 in 5 people in prison has contracted the coronavirus—for more than 2,400 of them, those infections proved fatal. “This has been a horrible experience dealing with this virus inside of here,” wrote one man inside. “We never know what is happening from one day to the next.” In our latest survey of people behind bars, we asked incarcerated people how they feel about the vaccination efforts now underway in prisons across the country. Our resulting story marks the launch of “One Year Later: The Pandemic Behind Bars,” a series from The Marshall Project examining how the coronavirus has compounded the failings of the criminal justice system. What we found surprised us: While many people in prison said they do not trust the prison or medical staff, they were still overwhelmingly interested in receiving the vaccine. They hope that this is their shot at life inside returning to normal.” “Larry London, who is incarcerated at Oshkosh Correctional Institution in Wisconsin, said he has counted numerous ambulances leaving the prison grounds as he watched from his cell window. Four of the 25 people who have died from COVID-19 in Wisconsin prisons were housed in his facility. He knew two personally. This story was published in collaboration with Slate. Prison officials’ handling of the pandemic has given him another reason not to trust the prison or the medical staff, he said. Still, London said he is eager for the coronavirus vaccine. He is scared of dying in prison. “Since the onset of this pandemic I have feared for my health and safety,” he said. In 35 states, people in prison could be among the first to receive the coronavirus vaccine. So far, about 63,000 incarcerated people across the country have been immunized, according to data compiled by The Marshall Project and The Associated Press.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/03/01/we-asked-people-behind-bars-how-they-feel-about-getting-vaccinated>

Educate to Liberate: Oakland Community School led to success by Black Panthers March 1

“At the corner of 61st and International in Oakland sits an old church building rich with history. Today the building belongs to the Men of Valor but from the early 70s to the 80s it was home to the Oakland Community School. “Our school was child centered, community based, tuition free, and parent friendly,” said Ericka Huggins, former Oakland Community School Director. The Black Panther Party purchased the site in 1973 naming Huggins the school Director. “I didn’t know how to run a school but I knew what children and their families need,” Huggins said. That included three meals a day, extracurricular activities, and a think for yourself model that wasn’t taught in the public school system. “Our kids were performing three times higher than their children in Oakland Public school so they could not block us from accreditation,” said Dr. Saturu Ned. Ned, then known as James Mott, taught at OCS. The school accommodated 150 students ages 2 1/2 to 11, offering children from all over the Bay Area an alternative school. The school grew out of number five from the Black Panther Party’s Ten Point Program, which called for educating black and poor people about their “true history.” “We wanted education that teaches us our true place in society and knowledge of self,” Huggins said. “It was an oasis in an urban wasteland of miseducation,” said Professor Steve McCutchen, who also taught at OCS. McCutchen witnessed it first hand, low reading and math scores, but high suspension rates plaguing Oakland Public Schools at the time and disproportionately impacting black and brown children. It was a tale all too familiar to Black Panther Party Co-Founder, Huey P. Newton, who was unable to read at the age of 15.” “The impact for me is still reverberating today and we’re actually riding a new wave,” Dr. Ned said at a recent meeting with the Black Teachers Project”.....“Since the late 70s schools around the world have replicated the OCS model. Today, former party members continue to work with educators, like the [Black Teacher Project](#), to continue to bring power to the people. But, OCS was just one of the 65 survival programs the Black Panther Party created. To find out more about the party, the legacy, and the work being done stop by the Black Panther Party [website](#), the Black Panther Party Legacy Keepers [website](#), and keep an eye out for an upcoming documentary about the Oakland Community school [here](#).” For full article See <https://www.ktvu.com/news/educate-to-liberate-oakland-community-school-led-to-success-by-black-panthers>

Israel Denies COVID Vaccine to Palestinian Student at Tel Aviv University March 3

“Israel’s Health Ministry barred a Palestinian woman from the occupied West Bank who studies at Tel Aviv University from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine during a campus-wide vaccination drive last month.” See <https://portside.org/2021-03-08/israel-denies-covid-vaccine-palestinian-student-tel-aviv-university>

South Carolina could force death row inmates to choose between electric chair, firing squad March 3

“Jeffrey Motts was pronounced dead on May 6, 2011, nearly 15 minutes after receiving a lethal injection for murdering his cellmate — the last inmate to die by lethal injection in South Carolina. Nearly a decade later, state senators moved closer on Tuesday to ending a moratorium forced by a lack of access to lethal injection drugs by voting to add the firing squad as an execution method. The bill would force death row inmates to choose between lethal injections, the electric chair, or the firing squad — but if the drugs aren’t available for an injection, it would mandate one of the other two options instead.” See <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/03/03/south-carolina-deathpenalty-firing-squad/>

Water Protector Steve Martinez Taken Back Into Custody For Refusal to Cooperate with Grand Jury

March 4

“Bismarck – Water Protector Steve Martinez was taken back into federal custody in Bismarck, North Dakota yesterday following an appearance before the federal Grand Jury. Martinez is also being fined \$50 a day for every day he maintains his refusal to give testimony. He continues to stand in solidarity with his Indigenous relatives and Water Protectors by refusing to testify or cooperate with this secretive and unjust process.” See <https://www.devilslakejournal.com/story/opinion/2021/03/04/martinez-back-into-custody-refusal-cooperate-grand-jury/6920543002/>

The George Floyd Act wouldn’t have saved George Floyd’s life March 4

“On Wednesday night, the House of Representatives voted to pass the George Floyd Act, named after the Black man killed by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin last summer. Among many reforms, the act seeks to ban racial profiling, overhaul qualified immunity for police, and ban the use of chokeholds. While these seem like good measures, they are woefully insufficient to stop police violence. These reforms could not have even saved George Floyd’s life. To be clear, Floyd did not die from a chokehold. A police officer put his knee to Floyd’s neck for eight minutes and 46 seconds. A medical examiner’s autopsy reported “cardiopulmonary arrest complicating law enforcement subdual, restraint and neck compression”. Floyd also had blunt force trauma to his head, face and shoulders. Banning chokeholds is important, as we should reduce the number of tactics that the police can employ to be dangerous. However, the problem with policing is precisely that – they can kill people using a diverse number of tactics. Shooting, kneeling, punching, suffocating, Tasing. Congress banned one practice, and not even the one responsible for the homicide.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/mar/04/the-george-floyd-act-wouldnt-have-saved-george-floyds-life-thats-says-it-all>

The Rank and File Women of the Black Panther Party and Their Powerful Influence March 4

“It’s a striking photograph: six young black women with a spectrum of complexions, faces paused in mid-exclamation, fists raised in simultaneous solidarity at a Black Panther rally. Even their afros are emphatic and resolute as they stand in tandem in Oakland’s DeFremery Park, then and now a popular gathering place for the community’s African-Americans. There, a grove of trees honors Bobby Hutton who, at just 16, had been the Panthers’ first enlisted member and at 17, died after police shot him—purportedly, as he tried to surrender. On this day, supporters assembled to demand the immediate release of Huey Newton, co-founder of the party and its national minister of defense, who was being held for assault, kidnapping and first-degree murder charges in the October 1967 death of police officer John Frey. Newton’s fate was to be decided at the superior court in overwhelmingly white Alameda County, where it seemed unlikely that a black revolutionary could get a fair trial. Of the 152 potential jurors who were interviewed, only 21 were black. All but one was systematically excluded from the selection process. Husband-and-wife photojournalists Pirkle Jones and Ruth-Marion Baruch

captured the image of the women on stage in August 1968. What isn't visible is the utopian 72 degree-day or the thousands of members, neighbors and onlookers who peopled Defremery Park's sun-beamed lawns to hear the Panthers' message. When former party member Ericka Huggins looks at the photograph now, it invokes a different kind of nostalgia." See <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/rank-and-file-women-black-panther-party-their-powerful-influence-180971591/>

Many Juvenile Jails Are Now Almost Entirely Filled With Young People of Color March 8

"Thousands of kids were freed from juvenile detention during the pandemic. They were more likely to be White, data shows." "Racial disparities in juvenile justice extend to COVID-19 releases. White children were released from juvenile detention at a far higher rate than their Black peers during the early stages of the pandemic, new data reveals. Since the pandemic, younger people of color have also been detained longer in juvenile jails. The racial gap is widening even though teenagers in many jurisdictions were arrested less often in 2020 and incarceration rates for juveniles remain at or near generational lows. In collaboration with The Guardian, TMP's Eli Hager has the story, the latest in our series marking the first anniversary of the pandemic." See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/03/08/many-juvenile-jails-are-now-almost-entirely-filled-with-young-people-of-color>

For Chesa Boudin, his mother & father were radical not for their politics but for the extraordinary lengths they took to parent him while incarcerated - "Across Prison Walls, I Felt My Parents' Love By Chesa Boudin - March 8

"For Chesa Boudin, his mother and father were radical not for their politics but for the extraordinary lengths they took to parent him while incarcerated. Toward the end of a weekend trailer visit to my incarcerated father in New York State in 1992, when I was 12, I had an emotional meltdown—and not for the first time. Trailer visits are occasional overnight accommodations provided to family members of people serving long sentences who've kept a good disciplinary record. On that particular weekend, I'd brought a stack of homework that I had to complete before school on Monday. We'd had a couple of happy days together, cooking epic meals of fresh vegetables, tofu, and brown rice, playing chess and cards, watching movies—even as I refused his advice to do my homework the whole time." See <https://www.thenation.com/article/society/chesa-boudin-parents-prison/>

From the pages of Negro World: Kidnapping of street orator in Toledo March 9

"An audacious public kidnapping of two street orators, one on the soapbox, in downtown Toledo, Ohio on the evening of August 7, 1923, remains an unsolved crime nearly a century later. Mr. & Mrs. Salvadore Rose, from New York, were preaching communism and finding fault with the recently deceased president from Ohio, Warren G. Harding, when they were abducted from a large crowd. An article in the September 1, 1923 issue of Negro World had shocking details of the crime and identified the kidnapers as local police and members of the Ku Klux Klan." See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2021/03/09/from-the-pages-of-negro-world-kidnapping-of-street-orator-in-toledo/>

Will George Floyd get justice in the courts? March 9

"George Floyd became an unwitting symbol of the systemic problem of police brutality in May, when he was callously killed by a Minnesota cop, who knelt on his neck for nearly 10 minutes, a ruthless act caught on video for all the world to see. Calls for police reform and for justice — not only for Floyd, but all the other Black men who have lost their lives through encounters with law enforcement — ensued over the summer in cities across the country, including Baltimore. Floyd's death also reinvigorated legislative reform efforts in Congress and states like Maryland, which is on the cusp of strengthening accountability measures for police." See <https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/editorial/bs-ed-0310-por-george-floyd-20210309-q7b66lcbvbbzhq2zfpayiqu-story.html>

Over 700 Complaints About NYPD Officers Abusing Black Lives Matter Protesters, Then Silence March 10

"Emails show New York City's Civilian Complaint Review Board leaders discouraged staff from confronting the NYPD about a lack of cooperation on abuse investigations. The agency declined to disclose how many officers

are facing misconduct charges.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/over-700-complaints-about-nypd-officers-abusing-protesters-then-silence>

Illinois Prison Guard Pleads Guilty for Role in Beating Inmate to Death March 10

“A state prison guard in Illinois pleaded guilty on Tuesday to two counts of federal civil rights violations and one count of conspiracy to engage in misleading conduct in the 2018 beating death of an inmate who had been handcuffed, prosecutors said. The guard, Sgt. Willie Hedden, could face up to life in prison on the civil rights counts, but avoided three obstruction charges as part of a plea deal that was reached during a videoconference hearing held by the U.S. District Court in Springfield, Ill.” See

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/09/us/illinois-prison-guard-civil-rights.html>

Killings by Police Declined after Black Lives Matter Protests March 11

“New study shows police homicides have significantly decreased in most cities where Black Lives Matter protests occurred. The #BLM movement can take some satisfaction in its possible impact on police homicides.” “Since Black Lives Matter protests gained national prominence following the 2014 police killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., the movement has spread to hundreds of cities and towns across the U.S. Now a new study shows police homicides have significantly decreased in most cities where such protests occurred. Black Lives Matter (BLM) began when Oakland, Calif.–based activist Alicia Garza posted a message of protest on Facebook after George Zimmerman, a neighborhood-watch volunteer who followed and fatally shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla., was acquitted of murder in 2013. Patrisse Cullors, another Oakland community organizer, began sharing Garza’s message on social media, along with the hashtag #blacklivesmatter. The slogan soon spread, building into a largely leaderless movement against structural racism and police violence. Last year, spurred by a Minneapolis police officer’s killing of George Floyd, millions of people demonstrated in hundreds of BLM protests throughout the U.S. See <https://portside.org/2021-03-11/killings-police-declined-after-black-lives-matter-protests>

In the Spirit of Mandela Campaign

Jericho is spearheading the “In the Spirit of 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. In collaboration with interested others, much headway is being made regarding organizing and media efforts. The campaign “In the Spirit of Mandela” has almost completed the research, and the academic team will meet with the lawyers for an initial review of the condensed summary points. Collaborating, attending working sessions, media prep, among other activities continue.

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.”



I.T. 2021

(International Tribunal October 2021)

Dear Friend,

Please begin to prepare for the “International Tribunal” organized by the *In the Spirit of 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 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.

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Jericho meets virtually to work on the campaign “In the Spirit of Mandela/I.T. 2021”. Due to Covid19, our meetings are online. For future meetings contact nycjericho@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved. We invite you to support this initiative. **Everyone is encouraged to check out the website <http://spiritofmandela.org>.** In the Spirit of Mandela, 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 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 government can become so elitist and concentrate on elitist interests. To help the government, you must constantly hold its attention.” Winnie Madikizela-Mandela

The IN THE SPIRIT OF 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 contacting 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 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. 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. 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.

“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

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

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