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# The Dragons Fire

THE NATIONAL JERICHO MOVEMENT NEWSLETTER  
in Fierce Determination Since 1996  
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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 the arms of their families—who have been waiting for decades. We hope you join us in making this a reality.

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**“If you are neutral in situations of injustice,  
you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”  
-Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu**

### **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 also focusing on the campaign “In the Spirit of Mandela” post tribunal work, raising funds to support our PP’s, and addressing health and legal issues. We are assisting our comrades who have finally come home. We have been attending many online meetings, calls to action, as well as strategizing on gaining the release of our Political Prisoners. Lastly, we hope you will connect with some of our powerful allies who are hosting events and Calls to Action (past and future). As you can see, there are many “boots on the ground”! Free Em All!!

### **Chairperson’s Corner**

**2022**

As-salaamu ‘alaykum and Revolutionary Greetings to all our families, friends and supporters. The National Jericho Movement and all its Chapters and members wish you the very best for 2022, and we pray that it will be a year of victories and liberation for our captive freedom fighters. We extend our solidarity and support for international Political Prisoners, including those in Turkey, the Basque Country, Occupied Palestine, and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, and for all sisters and brothers, cadres and organizations fighting for their freedom! Let this be a year of building, stabilizing, shoring up our infrastructure, and solidifying networks and collaborations both national and international! Let’s gather ourselves, reaffirm our commitments, care for ourselves and our families, and recognize our own self-worth! Let 2022 be a year of reconciling our differences, aligning yourself spiritually, and wanting to work together.

**Jericho, in service to all Political Prisoners!**

Jihad Abdulmumit

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## Jericho Tributes and Highlights

### Russell Maroon Shoatz has Transitioned

We regret to inform you of the passing of  
My Father, Grandfather and Brother  
**RUSSELL M. SHOATZ**  
Which occurred on: Friday, December 17, 2021

**Janazah Prayer**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021**  
**Prayer: 1:00 PM**  
at **PHILADELPHIA MASJID**  
4700 Wyalusing Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19131

Interment:  
**FRIENDS SOUTHWESTERN  
BURIAL GROUND**  
236 Powell Lane, Upper Darby, PA 19082

**GARRIEST-CRAWLEY FUNERAL HOME**  
Robert M. Garriest, *Supervisor/Funeral Director*  
Eugene E. Allen, *Manager/Owner*  
James E. Allen, *Administrator*  
Michael I. Allen, *Administrator*  
5816 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139  
(215) 476-2133



*Yours Sorrowfully,  
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## Tribute to a Soldier

### Russell Maroon Shoatz

Sunrise August 23, 1943

Sunset December 17, 2021

*Innallahi wa innallayhi raji'un*  
*(From Allah we came and to Him shall return)*

The National Jericho Movement and all its Chapters and members send sincere condolences, salutes and cheers to the family of our Comrade Russell Maroon Shoatz.

The passing of this great warrior of the people is a tremendous loss. But Maroon's passing will serve as a profound inspiration and his remembrance will not be forgotten. For his comrades in prison, he was known as Maroon, the fearless, who never gave up.

We are reminded of the words in the poem by Claude McKay –

If we must die, let it not be like hogs  
 Hunted and penned in an inglorious spot,  
 While round us bark the mad and hungry dogs,  
 Making their mock at our accursed lot.  
 If we must die, O let us nobly die,  
 So that our precious blood may not be shed  
 In vain; then even the monsters we defy  
 Shall be constrained to honor us though dead!  
 O kinsmen! we must meet the common foe!  
 Though far outnumbered let us show us brave,  
 And for their thousand blows deal one deathblow!  
 What though before us lies the open grave?  
 Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack,  
 Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back!  
 Long live the indomitable spirit of Russell Maroon Shoatz!!!!

- **Jihad Abdulmumit, Chair- National Jericho**

**We Charge Genocide: 70th anniversary by Timothy Farrell and Tag Harmon  
Dec 28-2021**



DECEMBER 17, 1951 - PAUL ROBESON PRESENTS WE CHARGE GENOCIDE BY  
WILLIAM PATTERSON, TO U.N. SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK

("Paul-Robeson-presents-We-Charge-Genocide-by-William-Patterson-to-UN-Secretariat-NYC-121751, We Charge Genocide: 70th anniversary, Featured World News & Views There is no label for the crimes of the US against Black, Brown and Indigenous peoples besides genocide. Here, beloved musician and activist Paul Robeson presents the tome "We Charge Genocide" by William Patterson to the UN in New York in 1951. The Bay View's Mary Ratcliff says: "Look at Paul's eyes. It's up to us to create the future his eyes are seeing." Text and photo credit from:  
<https://sfbayview.com/2021/12/we-charge-genocide-70th-anniversary/>)

"On Dec.17, 1951, William L. Patterson and Paul Robeson delivered a report charging the United States with genocide. Robeson led a delegation that presented the petition to the United Nations headquarters in New York City, while Patterson simultaneously delivered it to a UN meeting in Paris. In the preface of this "We Charge Genocide" petition, William Patterson noted: "Out of the inhuman Black ghettos of American

cities, out of the cotton plantations of the South, comes this record of mass slayings on the basis of race, of lives deliberately warped and distorted by the willful creation of conditions making for premature death, poverty and disease. “It is a record that calls aloud for condemnation, for an end to these terrible injustices that constitute a daily and ever-increasing violation of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.”

Seventy years later, Patterson’s daughter, Dr. Mary Louise Patterson, gave testimony highlighting similar conditions under which Black, Brown and Indigenous people live as a major factor in poorer health outcomes. She testified as part of In the Spirit of Mandela International Tribunal 2021 on Human Rights Abuses Against Black, Brown and Indigenous Peoples. On Oct. 22-24 at the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Center in Washington Heights, New York City, Dr. Patterson and over two dozen directly impacted individuals and expert witnesses participated in what the chief counsel aptly described as an “open casket” – invoking the strength of Mamie Till and her courageous decision to lay bare what genocidal terror looked like in the form of her 14-year-old son’s disfigured corpse. Internationally acclaimed human rights attorney Nkechi Taifa served in this role at the 2021 Tribunal, where the charge of genocide was parceled into five counts: police terror and killings, hyper-incarceration into prison slavery, political prisoners and prisoners of war, environmental racism, and public health inequities. An international panel of jurists announced a guilty verdict on all five charges of genocide against the US in front of the UN on Oct. 25.” For full article see <https://sfbayview.com/2021/12/we-charge-genocide-70th-anniversary/>

**Honoring Archbishop Desmond Tutu  
October 7, 1931 –December 26, 2021**

**“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”**

**— Desmond Tutu**

It is a great sorrow that we have lost one of the most prolific humanitarians in our lifetimes. We mourn the loss of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and send our condolences and love to his family and friends worldwide. May his life work and concern for humanity be a beacon and a light for all who seek justice and peace. We are forever indebted to Archbishop Desmond Tutu for the powerful legacy he leaves behind.

**-The National Jericho Movement**

## Remembering Archbishop Desmond Tutu By Matt Meyer Dec 29



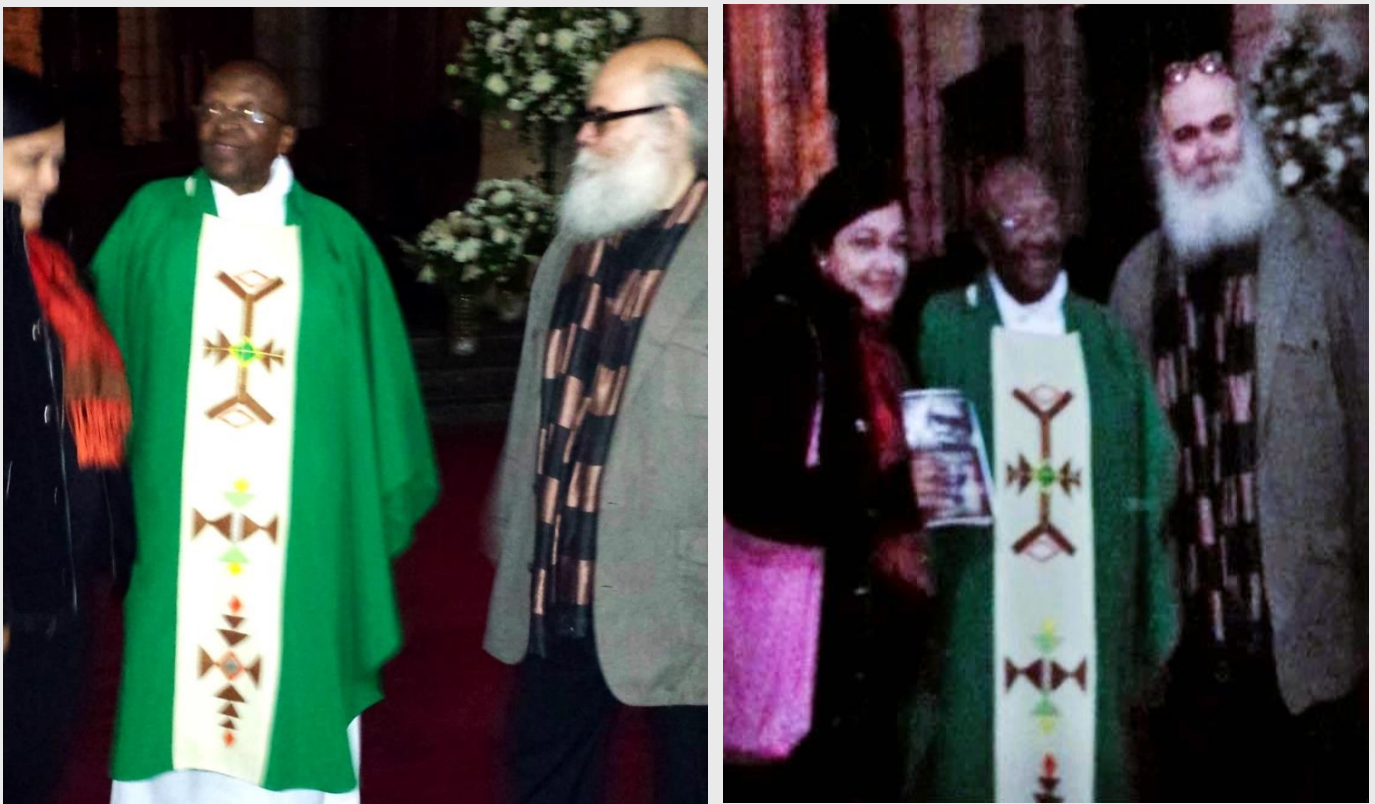
("The author with Archbishop Tutu. Photo courtesy of Matt Meyer." Retrieved from <https://peaceandchangeblog.wordpress.com/2021/12/28/remembering-archbishop-desmond-tutu/>)

"In mid-December 2021, I urged my colleagues, friends, and family to find the joy in the festive season rooted in our collective work for justice. As we prepared to close our year out with hopes for a better one in the future, I too was looking for reasons to celebrate. On the day after Christmas, however, my joy was diminished as the world bid farewell to a true voice for justice for all, one whose circumstance and character catapulted him to extraordinary prominence. I was truly humbled to call South African Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu a friend, honoured to have his strong and supportive words serve as Introductions to three of my books and his inimitable presence on video and in person add to countless conference and events I helped organize. The "Arch" truly provided a human entranceway for so many freedom fighters who would find no similar source of sustenance from anyone near to his level of global prominence. It was not just that he had an unquenchable thirst for the liberation of all, leading him to a genuine, independent radicalism which defied easy ideological definition and defied the powerbrokers of every continent and corporation. It was not just that he fashioned—even in the busiest and most repressive of times—an administrative centre which enabled clear access to so many grassroots resistance initiatives. Archbishop Tutu's head and heart, his prayers and actions, triumphantly focused on reconciliation and reparations borne of that resistance.

One might assume that my connection to the Arch came about first and foremost through my mentorship and deep collaborations with the man who would eventually become my step-dad, Pan African pacifist Bill Sutherland, with whom I co-authored *Guns and Gandhi in Africa* (2000) which

Archbishop Tutu provided the Introduction for. And while it is true that the Arch's connection to Bill was a deep and long-standing one more akin to family members than friends, it is not how he and I first met. Bill, it should be noted, worked for decades with the War Resisters' International and for years as a staff member of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), which won the Nobel Peace prize as an organization – along with the British Friends Service Council – in 1947, following the end of WWII. As is the custom, Nobel Peace laureates are given special space to nominate future prize-winners and – as an AFSC representative helping to lead that group's work against the heinous racist apartheid regime, Bill worked hard to get AFSC to recommend then-Bishop Tutu for the prize, As is now well documented, Tutu was awarded the prize in 1984 at a key moment in South Africa's history.

Though repression within the apartheid regime was still extremely intense, the mass democratic and anti-racist movements which would sweep across the country and ignite the world were coming up at just this time, in the early 1980's.



(Left to Right: Clarissa Lopez Rivera, Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu, and author Matt Meyer. Photo courtesy of Matt Meyer.)

The United Democratic Front, a broad coalition of grassroots groups, was taking the lead in many places and, within the white community, the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) was developing as a voice within the communities of the oppressor, to spark a creative fire among a new generation of whites who would come to oppose both militarism and racism. Tutu, of course, was a supporter and champion of both and – more than that – was willing to take substantial risk by boldly dispelling the myth that the Boycott and Divestment movement would hurt the African people of South Africa. The callous liberal and mainstream mock-concern that BDS would be anything other than a strategic, internationally accessible, nonviolent means of hurting the apartheid regime was laid bare when Tutu led the call (at a time when getting direct word out of South Africa was difficult) that BDS was a policy which would help Black South Africans not hurt them; their torture at the hands of the racist regime was far more serious than the loss of a few coins which might trickle down to the African community



from the state losses under a successful divestment campaign. 1984 was key, and the Archbishop was always personally grateful and politically engaged with Papa Bill for the support of the Nobel endorsement and what became our collective conversations on unarmed resistance and the tactics of social change. I shall never forget the surprise call from the Arch which came through on my mobile phone in Brooklyn decades later as we were celebrating Papa Bill's 90th birthday, noting that the people of Africa owe him a debt of gratitude.

My first personal connection to the Arch, however, came through work with another fierce and fearless friend: Cape Town's wonderful Dr. Ivan Toms. Ivan was many things to many people, first and foremost known as the medical doctor who built and staffed the health clinic at Crossroads. Crossroads was not really a township or a neighborhood, it was a community—a very unique community made up of those now called shack-dwellers, a grouping of squatters making up what some termed a shantytown. One of the special things about Crossroads was that no matter how many times the apartheid regime literally bulldozed down this community of open resistance, community members would quickly turn around and rebuild. A little thing like a highly militarized and repressive state was not going to get in their way! Another special thing was that there was this one member of the white community, a prominent medical doctor no less, who decided to throw his lot in with those most oppressed and create a health center in the middle of Crossroads where he could attend to people most in need and train a crew of community-based health practitioners and nurses to take care of the rest. This was just who Ivan was. He was, by the way, also one of the early leaders of ECC, refusing the doctor's draft and other calls to military service and supporting those younger resisters who were less established. When he obtained a small US State Department grant to travel to the States as an example of South African 'goodness,' he made sure to speak out against racism and



apartheid whenever he could and, as soon as his official responsibilities were completed, decided to extend his stay in the hemisphere and bought himself a ticket to revolutionary Nicaragua, fighting against the US-sponsored contra war. Upon returning to South Africa, he infuriated the right-wing regime and ruffled a few feathers on the left when he publicly proclaimed, "Yo Soy Sandinista!..."

(Photo: Left to Right: Matt Meyer, Terry Crawford-Brown, author of *Eye on the Diamonds*, and Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu. Photo from author Matt Meyer.)

For full article see <https://peaceandchangeblog.wordpress.com/2021/12/28/remembering-archbishop-desmond-tutu/>

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**Jan. 22, 2022: SAVE THE DATE: Celebrate Jericho's 2021 Victories & Pick Up the Work in 2022!**

Join NYC Jericho to Celebrate 2021 Victories, Remember Ancestors & Pick Up the Work! Saturday, **January 22, 2022**. The People's Forum, 320 W. 37th St (btwn 8th & 9th Aves.). **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** **With: Recently Released Political Prisoner Jaan Laaman**, Spoken Word by Sister Nzinga and Others To Be Announced. Updates on: Mumia Abu-Jamal, Leonard Peltier, Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Sundiata Acoli, Kamau Sadiki, Maumin Khabir! Online Event Due to COVID! Streaming Live on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/nzWuyxZ2fP4>. For more information: [nycjericho@gmail.com](mailto:nycjericho@gmail.com) Facebook Event Page: <https://fb.me/e/1shhM6cwK>

## Political Prisoners/POWs Updates

### 1. Medical

-**Bill Dunne**: Bill had his cataracts removed and is doing better, he can now read. Please write him!

### 2. Legal

-**Mumia Abu Jamal**: "There has been a new legal filing in Mumia's case", please see

<https://www.workers.org/2022/01/60925/>

-**Eric King**: Eric has a new trial date: March 14<sup>th</sup>, see Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/supportericking>

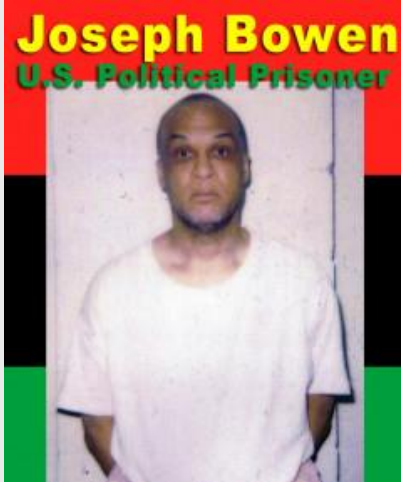
### 3. Other

-N/A

## Political Prisoners/POWs Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

### January Birthdays!

#### Joseph Bowen- Birthday: January 15, 1948



Affiliation: Black Liberation Army

#### Contact Information/Prison Address

AM-4272 1 Kelley Drive, Coal Township, PA 17866-1021

Captured: 1973: Life Without Parole

"Unless I do something to get myself out of this hole, these people will keep me in this hole until I am dead." - JoJo Bowen, who has been in solitary confinement for 26 years.

#### Abdul Azeez: Birthday Jan. 9, 1947



#### Contact Information/Prison Address

Warren Ballantine #5161422, Citrus County Detention Facility, 2604 West Woodland Ridge Drive, Lecanto, FL 34461

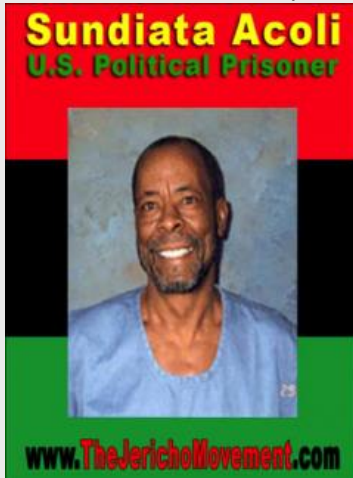
Captured 1972--8 Life Sentences

A history of the "Virgin Island Five", a group of activists accused of murdering eight people in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The murders took place during a turbulent period of rebellion on the Islands. The island was put under virtual martial law, and eventually five men: Ismail Ali, Warren (Aziz) Ballantine, Meral (Malik) Smith, Raphael (Kwesi) Joseph, and Hanif Shabazz Bey were apprehended and then charged with the attack. All the men were known supporters of the Virgin Island independence movement.

The five were charged after being subjected to vicious torture, in order to extract confessions. They were beaten, hung from their feet and necks from trees, subject to electric shocks with "cattle prods", had plastic bags tied over their

heads and had water forced up their noses by the "defenders of the law." The judge (Warren Young) overlooking the case prior to being placed on the federal bench worked as Rockefeller's private attorney and even handled legal matters for the Fountain Valley Golf Course. Eventually, the five went to trial in what became known as the "Fountain Valley" murder trial. This was an obvious Kangaroo Court and a mockery of any sense of a fair trial. On August 13, 1973, each of the five men convicted and sentenced to eight (8) consecutive life terms. Today, Warren (Aziz) Ballantine, Meral (Malik) Smith, and Hanif Shabazz Bey are all confined in federal prisons. Ismail Ali was liberated to Cuba via an airplane hijacking in 1984. Raphael (Kwesi) Joseph was granted a pardon by the V.I. governor in 1992. Six years later Kwesi was mysteriously found dead of poison-laced drug overdose, after it was said that he was about to reveal evidence that would have exonerated at least one or more defendants. <http://abcf.net/abc/pdfs/vi5.pdf>

**Sundiata Acoli:** Birthday: January 14, 1937



Affiliation: Black Panther Party-New African

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

#39794-066 (\*Address envelope to Clark Squire), FCI Cumberland, P.O. Box 1000

Cumberland, MD 21501

Captured: 1973- Life Sentence

"The Parole Board's stated reason for the 20-year hit was Sundiata's membership in the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army prior to his arrest and the receipt of hundreds of "Free Sundiata" form letters that characterized him as a New Afrikan Prisoner of War." <http://SundiataAcoli.org>

For complete article see: <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/acoli-sundiata-clark-squire>

**Marius Mason [Address mail to Marie Mason]:** Birthday: January 26, 1962



Affiliation: Anarchist and Earth First!

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

#04672-061, FCI Danbury, Route 37, Danbury, CT 06811

Captured: March 10, 2008. Sentence: 22yrs.

"Marius was an extended care assistant at a small Cincinnati school when arrested on March 10, 2008 by federal agents. Marius was convicted of involvement with a December, 1999 arson at a Michigan State University office in which GMO research was being conducted and a January 2000 arson of logging equipment in Mesick, Michigan. Both arsons were claimed by the Earth Liberation Front." <https://supportmariusmason.org/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marius\\_Mason](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marius_Mason)

**December Birthdays!**

**Fred "Muhammad" Burton-Birthday: December 15, 1946**



Affiliation: Black Unity Council

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

AF 3896, Smart Communications/PA DOC, SCI Somerset, Post Office Box 33028, St Petersburg, FL 33733

Captured: 1972: Life without Parole

Perhaps even more relevant is the joining of your intention to see Mr. Burton free with the same collective intention that we have been fostering and growing through Mr. Burton's family and through our greater communities. Your simple thought can change reality for Mr. Burton. We believe that. Thank you for your support.

<http://www.advocateforjustice.net/SupportFreedomForFrederickBurton.html>



*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!*

## **Current & Former Political Prisoner Voices**

### **Poem for Russell Maroon Shoatz by Sundiata Acoli**

"Rest in Power, Maroon - your loss is as heavy as your heart was courageous and determined. Thankful to Sundiata Acoli for this beautiful poem honoring him. May Maroon's rebel spirit guide us to bring Sundiata and all our other political prisoners home, before it's too late."

FOR RUSSELL MAROON SHOATZ  
BY SUNDIATA ACOLI, 12-17-21

"Death comes to us all  
And so, it has come to Maroon  
Favorite PP of mine:  
Maroon, "The Implacable"  
A constant source of  
Joy and Love, Wisdom and Courage,  
And Struggle Always.  
I searched his release photos  
For signs of vigor and Long Life.  
There was Strength in his bearing  
With Determination in his Eyes  
So like Marilyn Buck  
And Herman Wallace  
I thought he would last for years...  
Then soon, he was gone."

May the Ancestors Welcome you in their  
Embrace,  
Rest in Power Maroon.

#BringSundiataHome



"The Sundiata Acoli Freedom Campaign. Russell Maroon Shoatz was undoubtedly a fantastic writer and thinker. He spent half a century incarcerated and released through medical transfer to hospice care on October 26, 2021. He lived out his last wishes, which were to spend time with his family and loved ones. Over the years, he and Sundiata became very close and had tremendous respect for each other. Sundiata heard about Maroon's

passing on Sunday and wrote a poem. Continue to Rest in Power Maroon. May the ancestors welcome you in their embrace. Via Walidah Imarisha - <https://www.facebook.com/walidah.imarisha.7.>"

## **‘His spirit reflected a giant’: Mumia Abu-Jamal remembers Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s visit to Death Row by Mumia Abu-Jamal Jan 1 2022**

“Archbishop Desmond Tutu, 1931-2021. Almost a century ago, a little African boy was born to a small family in a small town where gold mining was the chief industry. The town was Klerksdorp, in what was then called the Transvaal.

His father was a teacher, and a young boy wanted to follow in his father’s footsteps. But the politics of white supremacy, known by the term “apartheid,” prevented him from making that choice. That policy, developed by the National Party after it won election in 1948, passed a law called the Bantu Education Act of 1953, legalizing racial segregation in schools. That state decision forced Desmond Mpilo Tutu to change from teacher to preacher. A new history was written. Desmond Tutu studied, graduated and was ordained an Anglican priest, and again, a steady climb in the church hierarchy, being named its archbishop in 1986, the archbishop of Cape Town. As the anti-apartheid movement swelled in South Africa, so, too, did repression by the state. And with most militants from the African National Congress, or ANC, driven into exile, the archbishop stepped into the breach, presiding over funeral after funeral and giving voice to the Black oppressed majority of the nation. He played a pivotal role in speaking out against the racist system of government and suffered arrest and attacks by police, tear gas at protests. Throughout it all, he stayed true to his religious beliefs, a committed Christian who saw all life as valuable. He preached for peace and reconciliation. He preached, too, for justice. He spoke out firmly against violence, whether by the government or the freedom movement...” See

<https://sfbayview.com/2022/01/his-spirit-reflected-a-giant-mumia-abu-jamal-remembers-archbishop-desmond-tutus-visit-to-death-row/>

## **Community Calls for Action**

**We need your help in spreading the word about Jessica's sentence.** Dec 24



“Last week Jessica entered her fifth month locked up in a cinderblock building away from her loved ones for the crime of protecting the water and taking climate action. This mile-marker in her sentence came the same week a deadly climate-charged tornado cluster killed many across the south and midwestern United States. To highlight the absurdity that our friend Jessica has been called a terrorist for protecting water, while oil corporations continue to expand fossil fuel infrastructure, during a deadly climate collapse, our team is working on a video to showcase her wide base of support. As she enters into her fifth month in a cell it’s important to continue to spread the message that water protectors are not terrorists and continue the fight to repeal her

terrorism enhancement. **We are looking for representatives from organizations and individual supporters who signed the petition to send in short selfie videos, recorded on a phone, that we will edit together into one or more videos. All we need is 1-2 sentences per video, sharing in your own words why you support Jessica’s fight to repeal the terrorism enhancement in her sentencing.** If you are an organization or collective, we’d love to open the challenge to see who can get the most people into one video as possible! We’re asking that the first sentence start with “I support Jessica Reznicek because...”. Bonus points for the video being taken

somewhere beautiful that reminds you of what we're all fighting for. Feel free to get creative with this! Another key message to close with might be something like, "We are Water Protectors not Terrorists."

**Once you have your video** made please email it to us at [freejessicareznicek@gmail.com](mailto:freejessicareznicek@gmail.com) with the subject "Support Video". Be sure to include in the text of the email where you are sending it from, any organization if you want one represented, and if you want it public with your video your name and pronouns. If you can't make a video continue to get creative in spreading the word about Jessica's case! Some things people have done so far that you could do as well is get a t-shirt, write an Op-Ed, make a Free Jessica Reznicek banner for the next Climate Justice protest, ask organizations to sign the petition, host a letter writing event, amplify our Twitter and other social media pages, and so much more! To learn more about the case and how to support our campaign to get her free please visit our website at [supportjessicareznicek.com](http://supportjessicareznicek.com). Solidarity forever, The Free Jessica Reznicek Team" Source: Email.

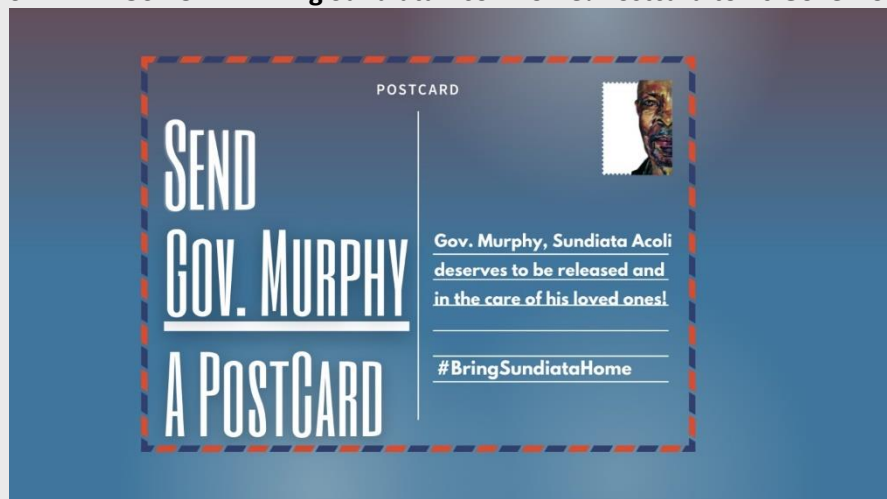
### **Noise Demo Against the Prison Industrial Complex, In Solidarity with PPs and POWs** Dec 31

"WHAT: Noise Demo WHEN: 9:00pm, Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> WHERE: Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC, the federal prison in Brooklyn). BRING: Noisemakers, air horns, drums, anything that is loud! On the noisiest night of the year in New York City, come help us remind folks locked up that they are not alone. NYC Anarchist Black Cross, in response to an international call for noise demonstrations outside of prisons, is asking folks to join us outside of the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Come, not to appeal to authority, speak truth to power, or any other contrivance, but rather to stand with comrades, at a safe distance, and show direct solidarity to those on the other side of the wall. The state, writ large, is targeting anarchists all across the United States and abroad. This will be both protest and celebration." See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/12/updates-28-dec-2021.pdf>

### **Send messages demanding the Canadian politicians #StandWithThe6** Jan 3

"Defend Palestinian civil society organizations (including one of our partner organizations in Gaza, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees) against dangerous targeting by the Israeli occupation: Send a letter with CJPME [https://www.cjpme.org/protect\\_palestinian\\_ngos](https://www.cjpme.org/protect_palestinian_ngos). Listen to the [CJPME podcast](#) for more background on this issue. Canadian Boat to Gaza is one of the 40+ organizations which signed this statement: [Defending Palestinian Human Rights is not "Terrorism"](#). We encourage you to send a letter to Canadian elected officials to tell them that the criminalization of Palestinian advocacy is unacceptable and unfounded: <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/defending-palestinian-human-rights-is-not-terrorism>  
Please consider SIGNING this Canadian parliamentary petition: <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3679>. Canadian residents and citizens are eligible to sign (deadline: January 23).

### **SEND A POST CARD: Bring Sundiata Acoli Home! Postcard to NJ Governor Phil Murphy** Jan 5



“We need your help! Send Governor Murphy a digital postcard that requests him to grant Sundiata Acoli clemency. It is time for you to do justice and send Sundiata Acoli home to his family. He's 84 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 48 years. Sundiata has early-stage dementia and his deteriorating health is further complicated by his hospitalization for COVID-19 in 2020. Despite the fact that he has had NO disciplinary infractions for over 27 years, he has been denied parole 8 times. He has served nearly double the years of his original sentence. It's time for Sundiata to go home to his loving grandchildren and family. This is especially important for our New Jersey supporters and we KNOW there is power in numbers. It takes less than 2 minutes to fill out the postcard; it's incredibly easy. After you're done, spread the love and share the link with your family, friends, and network.” See <https://sundiataacolifc.org/postcard-to-nj-governor-phil-murphy/>

### Advocacy Day for Parole Justice in NY Capitol Jan 11

People's Campaign  
Parole Justice

**PAROLE JUSTICE  
ADVOCACY  
DAY!**

**New York State Capitol**  
**Tuesday, January 11**

Sign up: [bit.ly/ParoleJusticeJan11](https://bit.ly/ParoleJusticeJan11)

Join the People's Campaign for Parole Justice for an all-day advocacy day in Albany where we will march, rally, and meet with legislators in support of parole justice. Food and transportation will be provided. COVID protocols apply.

“RAPP Campaign: Join Our First Day of Action in 2022 Jan 11” “On Tuesday, January 11, join us and our partners with the People's Campaign for Parole Justice for our first major advocacy day of the new year. We're asking EVERYBODY to come, rally, and meet with legislators in support of the Elder Parole and Fair & Timely Parole bills. The advocacy day will be virtual and take place via Zoom. RSVP today! On the heels of a difficult year, when we learned that a person dies in NY prisons every three days — and when we came so close to passing the Elder Parole and Fair & Timely Parole bills to help end this crisis — we need our biggest showing yet. Can you help bring our loved ones home by joining us on Jan. 11? Can you forward this email to at least ten (10) people and ask them to RSVP too? RSVP today at [bit.ly/ParoleJusticeJan11](https://bit.ly/ParoleJusticeJan11) and share this flyer with others.” Source: Email.

### CALL TO ACTION: Support political prisoner Oso Blanco and indigenous prisoners at USP Victorville! Tell BOP prison officials and staff to respect Native religious rights and practices! Jan 12

“On behalf of all Native and Indigenous prisoners held at USP Victorville, we call on prison officials and staff to cease and desist from violating the religious rights of Native and Indigenous prisoners being held at USP Victorville. During the first week of December 2021, prison staff purposefully destroyed the sacred sweat lodge at USP Victorville, also removing medicine bags and other materials from Indigenous prisoners. These actions are violations of religious rights of those held at USP Victorville. Furthermore, counselor Villanueva has withheld BP-8 forms from said prisoners, by not coming around the unit in order to prevent them from filing a formal complaint about these blatant religious rights violations.

According to the Bureau of Prisons website, “Chaplaincy Services Branch ensures the Constitutional religious rights of inmates.” This is obviously not the case at USP Victorville, where Chaplains Northway and Kelvington continually infringe upon the religious rights of Native and Indigenous people held at the prison. As confirmed in the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Person Act of 2000 (RLUIPA), these basic rights must be respected and adhered to.

As Indigenous prisoners at USP Victorville are denied to even raise their legitimate grievances within the prison system, along with the continued denial of basic religious rights, and the destruction of their sweat lodge, we are urgently requesting emails and phone calls to BOP prison officials in order to rectify these gross violations of



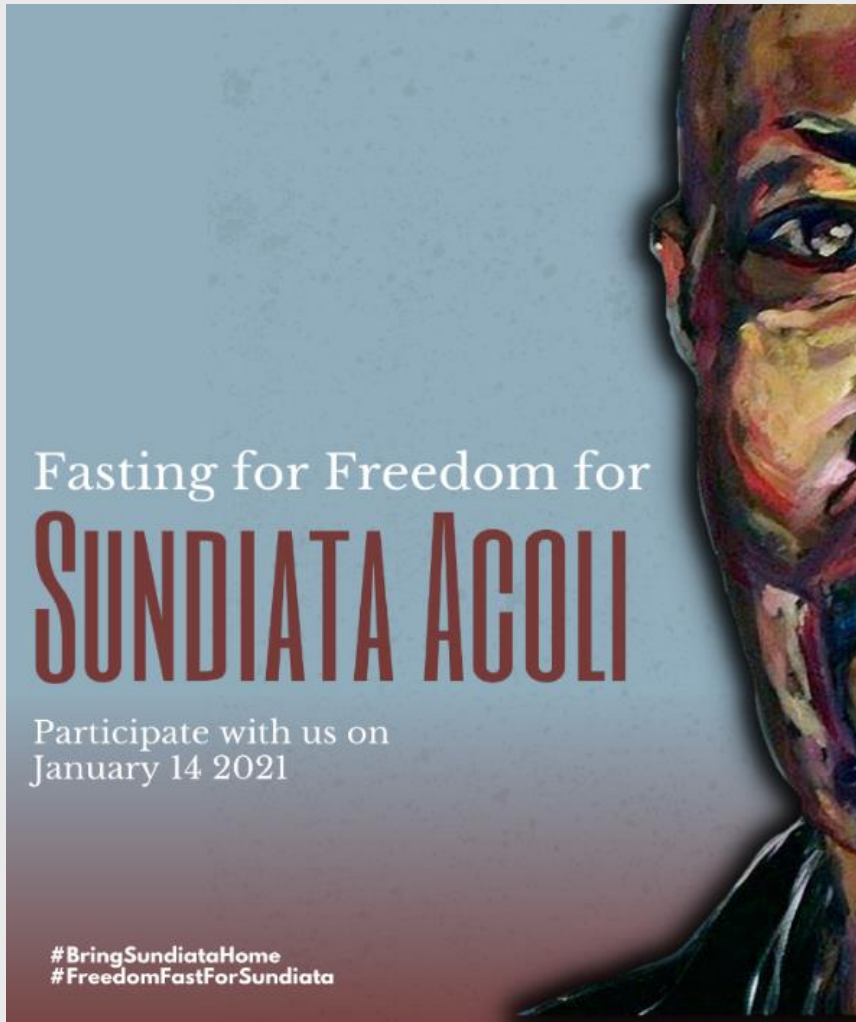
prisoners' rights..." See **demands and actions** here: <https://freeosoblanco.org/blog/call-in-support-of-indigenous-prisoner-rights-at-usp-victorville/>

#### **New Revolutionary Music from Mistahi Corkill Jan 12**

"I would like to share my new music video for the people's movement for rights and justice. The song is called Move On, click the link below. I hope you find it inspiring and useful. All the best!

Mistahi Corkill." See "Move On" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-3baJ1sOh4> and previously released video – "Rome is Burning" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9oZA23ahKfs>"

#### **Fast for Freedom for Sundiata Acoli Jan 14**

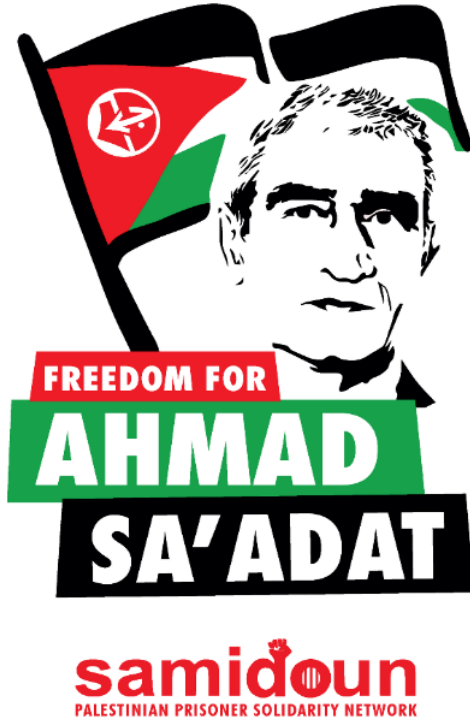


"Happy New Year! We have an urgent request and need your help. We are in the midst of a critical season in our continuing efforts to #BringSundiataHome. We have recently erected a billboard on the New Jersey Turnpike (see pic below) calling for the release of elderly prisoners. A formal clemency petition will be filed with Governor Phil Murphy in the coming weeks. The Governor has been silent — but he must respond! A range of powerful amicus briefs has been filed with the NJ Supreme Court in Sundiata's upcoming court case. We await the Attorney General's formal response this week and expect oral arguments to begin next month! Equally important, Sundiata Acoli will turn 85 years old on January 14, 2022. He has been in prison since 1973. It's a moral disgrace! On November 26th, Rev. Lukata Mjumbe started an emergency "freedom fast" from all food. He is on day 43 and needs your help, support, and solidarity. Will join us for at least one day? We are asking clergy and other

committed comrades, friends, and family to publicly fast in solidarity on Sundiata's birthday, Friday, January 14th. In fasting together, we will seek to publicly send a powerful message of moral solidarity that we must #BringSundiataHome now!

As you may know, January 15th marks the beginning of MLK, Jr. weekend. Others may choose to fast through to the federal MLK holiday on Monday, January 17th. We are asking you to commit to fasting at least ONE DAY on January 14th however you are able to (i.e. 24 hours, sunup to sundown, from food and water, social media, etc.) We would like to share the information widely and publicize the call as well as the names of those who commit to the "freedom fast" on social media. Use the hashtag #FreedomFastForSundiata. If you are willing and able to join us in this call for justice, please sign up below! THANK YOU in advance!" See [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eecy2Y0igQwlrAkRS8E9StQr\\_70VRNix00jNirYZR\\_M/viewform?edit\\_request\\_ed=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eecy2Y0igQwlrAkRS8E9StQr_70VRNix00jNirYZR_M/viewform?edit_request_ed=true)

**Call to Action: Week of Solidarity to Free Ahmad Sa'adat and all Palestinian Prisoners, 15-22 January 2022 | | 34th Anniversary of the Intifada Jan 15-22**



“Palestinian prisoners are resistance leaders, on the front lines for justice and liberation, enduring hunger strikes and struggling relentlessly with an unbreakable will toward freedom. Join Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network and organizers for justice and liberation in Palestine around the world for the International Week of Action to Free Ahmad Sa’adat and all Palestinian Prisoners, 15 January to 22 January 2022. Ahmad Sa’adat is the imprisoned General Secretary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a Palestinian national liberation movement leader and a symbol of the international left and revolutionary movements. On 15 January 2022, we will mark the 20th anniversary of Sa’adat’s arrest by the Palestinian Authority in the context of “security cooperation” with the Israeli occupation. After Israeli forces violently abducted him from the PA’s Jericho Prison, he was sentenced to 30 years in Israeli prison on 25 December 2008, accused of leading a prohibited organization and of “incitement.” The PFLP, like all Palestinian political parties and resistance organizations, is labeled a “prohibited organization” by the Israeli occupation authorities.

Sa’adat is a leader in the Palestinian prisoners’ movement and the Palestinian national liberation movement and a Palestinian, Arab and international symbol of resistance to Zionism, capitalism, racism, apartheid and colonization. Targeted for his political role and clarity of vision, he remains unsilenced and unbroken, despite the oppression imposed upon him and 4,650 fellow Palestinian political prisoners.

**TAKE ACTION:**

Organize events, actions and protests to demand freedom for Ahmad Sa’adat and all Palestinian prisoners! Protest in public squares, campuses and community spaces. Organize a Palestine Stand or a letter writing event to write to Sa’adat and his fellow Palestinian prisoners. These dates also mark the anniversary of Israel’s bloody “Cast Lead” attack on Gaza in 2008-2009. Email us at [samidoun@samidoun.net](mailto:samidoun@samidoun.net) to inform us about your events or actions. Screen the film “Fedayin”, on the life and struggle of Georges Abdallah. Ahmad Sa’adat and Georges Abdallah are comrades who constantly salute each others’ struggles and maintain a political correspondence despite miles of distance and prison walls. To organize a screening, email [samidoun@samidoun.net](mailto:samidoun@samidoun.net) and [vacarmesfilms@gmail.co](mailto:vacarmesfilms@gmail.co). #ShutElbitDown: Palestine Action won an important victory against British repression of the courageous activists who have confronted Israeli arms manufacturer Elbit Systems with red paint and creative direct action. The next trial – in Crown Court – is coming up in January. Help support the campaign by organizing actions to #ShutElbitDown in your area. Learn more at <https://palestineaction.com/>. Join the social media campaign. Post a photo or a video with a message calling for freedom for Ahmad Sa’adat and his fellow Palestinian prisoners and the hashtag #FreeAhmadSaadat. You can use the posters below. Send us your photo by emailing us at [samidoun@samidoun.net](mailto:samidoun@samidoun.net) or contacting us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Boycott Israel! Ahmad Sa’adat says: “I call on all forces of progress, freedom and democracy to stand by the struggle of our people through all forms of boycott: political, economic, academic and cultural of the occupation state and the creation of a real economic cost for its industries of colonization and settlement and escalating the global campaigns for boycott of all corporations that support and invest in the occupation militarily and economically.” Don’t buy Israeli goods, and campaign to end investments in corporations that profit from the occupation. Join direct actions to challenge war profiteers and boycott complicit corporations like Puma and HP. Click here to endorse the week of action! [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewz6\\_Z157TubJjxx2O8xsx8bi7-2mzyCFQ8tSvKZ-MBEILUg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewz6_Z157TubJjxx2O8xsx8bi7-2mzyCFQ8tSvKZ-MBEILUg/viewform).”

**SAVE THE DATE: #CommunitiesNotCages heads to Albany Jan 19/22**

“On January 19th, we're headed to Albany to fight for #CommunitiesNotCages to overhaul New York's racist and draconian sentencing laws. Right now, over 30,000 people are incarcerated in New York's prisons. 75% are Black or brown. We are demanding that our lawmakers stand with us to: Eliminate mandatory minimums, End extreme sentencing, Support transformation, And bring our loved ones home! In Albany, we will meet with Senators and Assembly Members. We'll rally and march for the passage of the Eliminate Mandatory Minimums Act, Second Look Act, and Earned Time Act. And we'll continue to build the movement for Communities Not Cages. We'll be providing food and transportation from across New York State. For more details and to save your seat, RSVP now! Join us on Jan. 19th to fight for Communities Not Cages!” Register here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNiaHqeov7HaVUBJY2975eA6\\_rvE3W48b1S8IGUGqZzKBJw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNiaHqeov7HaVUBJY2975eA6_rvE3W48b1S8IGUGqZzKBJw/viewform)

**Leonard Peltier's Walk to Justice Sept 1-Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2022****American Indian Movement Announces Walk for Leonard Peltier**

AIM Grand Governing Council  
Announcement

# “LEONARD PELTIER'S WALK TO JUSTICE”

JOIN US FALL 2022

“We need to do more than just what is right. We need to join together and right what is wrong.”  
- Leonard Peltier

A spiritual walk for the release of Leonard Peltier  
Minneapolis, MN to Washington D.C.  
September 1 to November 14, 2022

No drugs, alcohol or weapons.  
For more information please contact AIM  
Grand Governing Council via email at  
[aimggcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:aimggcouncil@gmail.com)

To donate please follow this scannable QR code

BY DARREN THOMPSON | JANUARY 04, 2022

Artwork titled "Keeper of the Forest" by Leonard Peltier, Oil on canvas, 24" x 20" 1992

## (Ongoing Calls for Action)

### FREE ED POINDEXTER FROM PRISON-NOW! (ongoing)



"Ed Poindexter is a US political prisoner, and member of the Omaha Two. Ed has been incarcerated since 1970 for a crime he did not commit-- because of his leadership of the local arm of the Black Panther Party. Ed is currently wheelchair bound and on dialysis but has never stop struggling for the wellbeing of his people. Ed has earned several college degrees, wrote courses for, and taught anti-violence classes to youth, and served as a role model to other prisoners.. At age 75, he is at high risk for COVID related health complications.. Ed's birthday is

Nov 1st. PLEASE send Ed a Birthday card. **Send a card or write to Ed in 20 inch font:** Ed Poindexter #27767-- Nebraska State Penitentiary, P.O. Box 2500, Lincoln, NE 68542 And Remember to Free the Land." **PETITION:** <https://www.change.org/p/nebraska-board-of-pardons-free-ed-poindexter-from-prison-now>

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

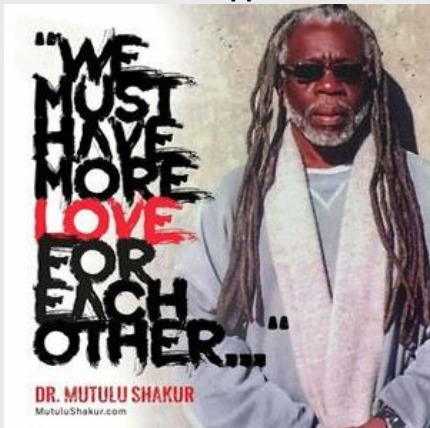


"As-Salaamu Alaikum, For 20+ years we've been fighting not just for the freedom of my father, H. Rap Brown/Imam Jamil, but also to prove his innocence. My Name is Kairi Al-Amin, son of Imam Jamil Al-Amin and before we go any further, on behalf of myself, my father and my family I would just like "As-Salaamu 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. A video of the actual perpetrator confessing under oath to the murder my father is currently serving life in prison for." Watch The Video:

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

For full 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>

### Mutulu Shakur: Support Parole and Compassionate Release for Dr. Mutulu Shakur (ongoing)



" Dr. Mutulu Shakur is a political prisoner, sentenced to 60 years in prison because of actions motivated by his political beliefs. He was targeted and victimized by the FBI's now-infamous Counter-Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) as early as 1968. Dr. Shakur has served over 30 years in prison, and is currently suffering from multiple myeloma (advanced bone marrow cancer). He has been denied parole 9 times and was recently denied a compassionate release. Friends and Family of Dr. Mutulu Shakur has started a new campaign seeking Mutulu's release by President Biden. We will be submitting a legal clemency petition to the President on Mutulu's behalf, and this public petition is an important part of the campaign. We want to show the President that Mutulu has community — friends, family, and supporters — who will welcome him home. Please

sign the new petition for Mutulu’s release via Presidential clemency.” See

<https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/grant-clemency-for-dr-mutulu-shakur-a-father-grandfather-healer-human-rights-activist>

#### 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/>. 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 (Ongoing)



“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> (Photo from <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)



“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. We are calling on allied organizations and institutions to support Sundiata by signing and sharing this petition. We welcome collaborations and partnerships to help secure Sundiata’s release. Sundiata’s life depends on us. We must #BringSundiataHome now!” Please sign here:

<https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/bring-sundiata-home>

For more information visit our Facebook page or email

[Sundiataacolifc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundiataacolifc@gmail.com).” See: “The Freedom Campaign for Sundiata Acoli with Soffiyah Elijah” here:

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

### Free Leonard Peltier! (Ongoing)



“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 FB Page ([facebook.com/PeltierHQ/](https://facebook.com/PeltierHQ/)) and fundraiser ([tinyurl.com/yxtkb77a](https://tinyurl.com/yxtkb77a)) This is the year to free Leonard Peltier!” Sign the Clemency Petition for Leonard Peltier here: <https://www.freeleonardpeltier.com/petition>

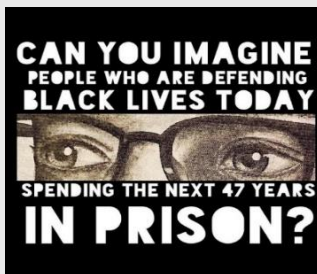
### Free Ruchell Magee! (Ongoing)



“WORDS FROM RUCHELL & ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE COALITION” Ruchell wanted to share some words to those of us on the outside: “I’m still fighting to get the truth to the real people, who want growth in the human race! Truth is the right medicine. We must fight to WIN!” On July 15, 2021, Ruchell “Cinque” Magee was denied parole for the 13th time. This December will mark 40 years since his first parole suitability hearing on December 17, 1981. Ruchell, who is currently 82-years-old and has been incarcerated for 58

years, will not be eligible for parole again until July 2024. The parole board’s decision to delay any chance of parole until after Ruchell’s 85th birthday is shameful. Cinque is continuing the fight, and so must we. We are encouraging everyone who supports Ruchell to sign and share our petitions ([bit.ly/freeruchell](https://bit.ly/freeruchell) + [bit.ly/write4ruchell](https://bit.ly/write4ruchell)). TAKE ACTION! NEW: SIGN THE PETITION to Free Ruchell Magee: <https://bit.ly/freeruchell> NEW: WRITE THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE Requesting Commutation: <https://bit.ly/write4ruchell>”

### MULTIPLE ACTIONS & RESOURCES: Take Action to Free Political Prisoners (Ongoing)



“Please go to this [Linktr.ee](https://linktr.ee) to take ACTION for elder U.S. held Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War. There are links to a lot of information, **but first are action items**. I urge you to sign the petitions, write emails, make calls, and spread this Linktr.ee around! (Even if you think you’ve signed or called or written before, it won’t hurt to do it again!). Use and share the below link or QR code. Thank You. ~Created by Verbena from the NLG in Detroit. FREE

THEM ALL <https://linktr.ee/PoliticalPrisoners>

### Support SF Bay View -PLEASE DONATE NOW (ongoing)

“The San Francisco Bay View National Black Newspaper is doing a fundraiser to keep Black media alive and keep our voices loud! Read and learn: [www.sfbayview.com](https://www.sfbayview.com). Without Black media, there is no learning the depth and breadth of Black history to lead the charge forward to dismantling systems of oppression and envisioning what

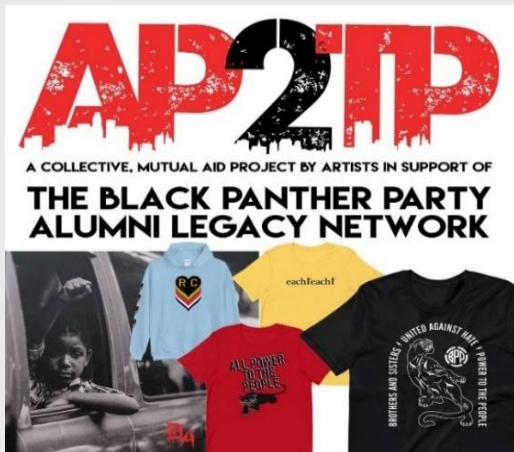
can take its place. Without funding, there is no Black media. We want to make sure you can get those tax deductions, so mark your donation as for our nonprofit organization HRIN and we will send you a donation acknowledgment letter. We need your help to make sure the voices of the people are heard and media stays independent! **DONATE TODAY!** Learn about us and the work we do at [www.sfbayview.com](http://www.sfbayview.com)." See <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraiser-for-the-bay-view-newspaper>

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



“The Black Panther Party Alumni Legacy Network is composed of original Black Panther Party members and other passionate individuals, elected official’s community organizations, educational institutions, and

community-oriented businesses that not only have their own well-being at heart but also have a passion for every member of the community to live long prosper and grow educationally, socially, and economically from generation to generation. Together we embrace the legacy of the 65 documented social service programs created and implemented by original Black Panther Party members that grew out of the 10-point platform and program of the Party. Now is the time to come together to use our knowledge and collective resources to lay the foundation for self-determination and generational prosperity that will only be established thru our efforts. JOIN US! See [bppaln.org](http://bppaln.org).” “In a historic rare collaboration, **Destroy Art Inc.** is granted access to sell Black Panther merchandise by artist John Yates aka



Stealworks. 50% of all sales is donated back to the Black Panther Alumni Legacy Network. To purchase the All Power to the People collection and support the Black Panther Alumni Legacy Network go to:

<https://ap2tp.bigcartel.com/>. (Photo's retrieved from <https://bppaln.org>).

## Community Events & Resources (December 15, 2021-January 15, 2022)

### Back and Virtual Forum: International Jurists Find US Guilty of Genocide Dec 18

**International Jurists find  
US GUILTY OF GENOCIDE!  
Against Black, Brown & Indigenous Peoples in the US**



**We Are Our Own Liberators!  
Get into It! Get Involved!  
Call to Action**

**Report Back & Virtual Forum  
Saturday, December 18th 6-9PM  
Speakers. Performances. Actions**

REPORTBACK: Kyle Rittenhouse trial, Ahmaud Arbery case,  
Spirit of Mandela International Tribunal;  
Jarvis Scottie Lykes Campaign of Columbus, GA,  
Imam Jamil Al-Amin (H Rap Brown) Case, Political Prisoner Reports,  
We Charge Genocide "21" Project,

INVITED REPS: National Million Woman March & Universal Movement,  
Imam Jamil Action Network, Justice For Georgia, Workers World Party,  
Moorish Science Temple of America/The Alliance for Political Accountability,  
African Wholistic Health Association, National Black Liberation Movement  
Unity Initiative, National Black Left Unity Initiative and others  
for registration information go to  
<https://www.facebook.com/IJAN.imamjamil/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/freeimamjamil/>  
<https://www.imamjamilactionnetwork.org/>  
770-866-7570

"Report Back and Virtual Forum: International Jurists find US Guilty of Genocide. Imam Jamil Action Network-IJAN is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic:** Spirit of Mandela Tribunal & National Million Woman March We Charge Genocide Follow Up Forum  
**Time:** Dec 18, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Join Zoom Meeting, Register here:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89062302088?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89062302088?pwd=SnBUdU9yOThHdmxGRmpKS2I2MzRYUT09)  
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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcNV6AvWd8>

See <https://www.imamjamilactionnetwork.org/>

[Take Action/Report Back--International Tribunal finds—  
US Guilty of Genocide](#)

### Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Dec 21

"Tuesday, December 21, 2021 Call in (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10 pm ET

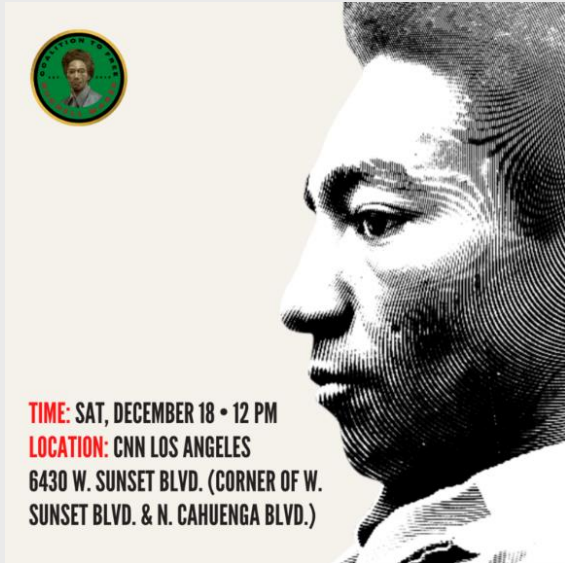
Program Theme: What are the prospects for the poor, the elderly, the Blacks, the Browns, etc. in NYC with this new Mayor????

As we said in previous programs, the U.S. becomes ungovernable. Who can you trust? Republicans can't be trusted...limiting the right to vote. Democrats can't be trusted- using expensive vaccines while cheaper solutions exist i.e. Remdesivir

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-, Gil Obler, Henry Hagin, Dolores Cox-
  2. UPDATES -- Political Prisoner Death Camps - Anne Lamb (NYC Jericho)
  3. Liberation Poetry – PROF. LOUIE & NZINGA – in remembrance of Sister Lynne
- SPECIAL GUESTCERENE ROBERTS: Gentrification, Housing & Deed Theft"



### FREE RUCHELL MAGEE! Saturday, 12/18 Press Conference at CNN Los Angeles Dec 18



“The Coalition to Free Ruchell Magee will be holding a press conference at CNN Los Angeles to demand Ruchell Magee's freedom.

December 17th will mark 40 years of unjust parole denials since Ruchell's first parole denial in 1981, so there will be a press conference on December 18, 2021.

58 years in prison starting with a marijuana conviction is absolutely ridiculous, and we believe every media outlet has the duty to report on this extreme injustice.” Source: Email.

### Political Prisoner Card Writing Party - on Zoom Dec 19

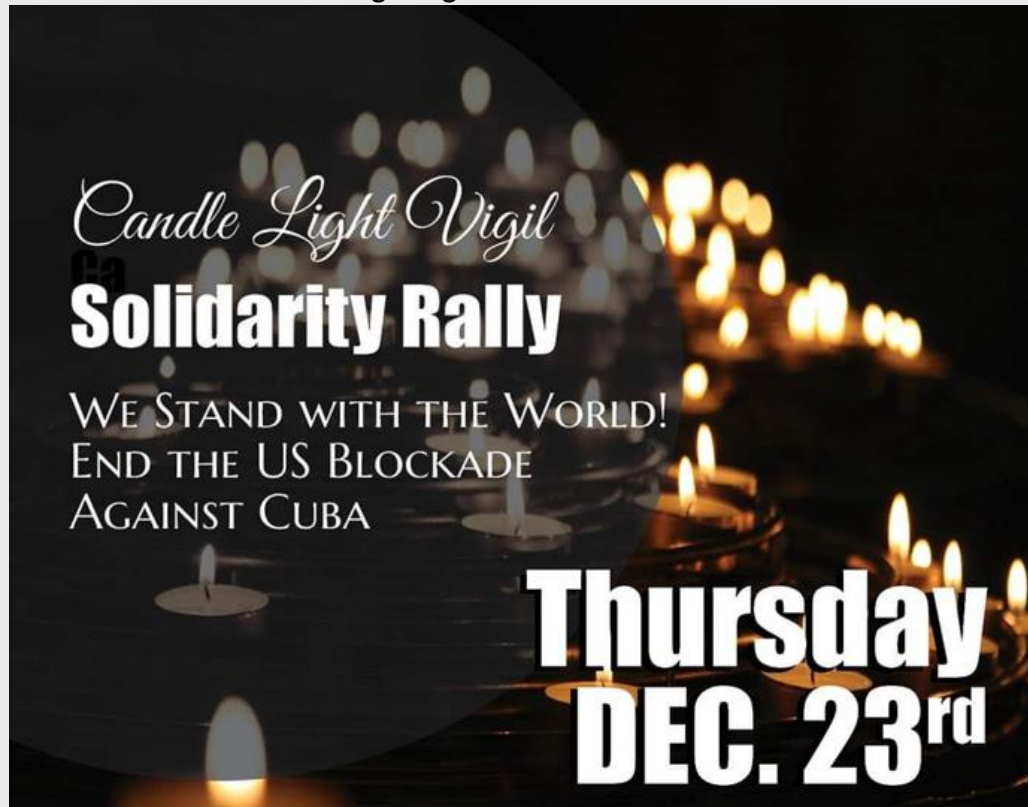


“Send Love Through the Walls!!!!

RnB Resistance in Brooklyn and NYC Anarchist Black Cross are excited to welcome you to our 2021 Annual Send Love Through the Walls Holiday Card-Writing Party to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of Conscience Sunday, **December 19, 2021 4 - 6 pm Eastern Time**. All virtual via Zoom! (See registration link below). Featuring remarks and poetry from: Jalil Muntaqim - Spirit of Mandela (Tribunal) Coalition coordinating committee; Black Panther political prisoner for 49 years, released in 2020, dequi kioni-sadiki - Northeast Political Prisoner Coalition, Jihad Abdulmumit - National Jericho Movement Chair; Spirit of Mandela (Tribunal) Coalition coordinating committee; Black Panther political prisoner for 23 years and Special SURPRISE GUESTS! plus excerpts from the

Spirit of Mandela International Tribunal. We'll have information on card-writing, updates on our still-imprisoned comrades, addresses for the mailings, and time to chat and catch up **virtually**. Please plan to Bring Your Own Beverage, as we sit together and send love to those whose freedom we continue to fight for. Register for our time together here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd-CpqDMiGNUPBnEckTQ6Vvk64J8shnOnG> (After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.)”

IFCO: Join us for this Candle Light Vigil to end the Blockade Dec 23



*Bridges of Love*

Peace on Earth, Stop US Economic and Political War on Cuba!

**Thursday, December 23rd**

Gather at 5:30pm - 6:30pm in front of the  
 NY Public Library - Stephen A. Schwarzman Building  
 located in Bryant Park at  
 476 - 5th Ave. (40th - 42nd street)

For more information: 917-887-8710

Sponsored by New York-New Jersey Cuba Si Coalition

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US AT:  
[www.us-cubanormalization.org](http://www.us-cubanormalization.org)

**PODCAST: LISTEN: Cruel by Design - Enduring and Resisting the U.S. Immigration Detention System** Dec 23  
 “Joseph Thompson, a green card holder from Jamaica, came to the United States in 1985. After an encounter with police in Dalton, Georgia, Joseph was transferred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). So began his nearly three years in ICE captivity. Joseph is one of the people featured in “Cruel by Design: Voices of Resistance from Immigration Detention,” a forthcoming report from the Immigrant Defense Project and the Center for Constitutional Rights. In the 45th episode of “The Activist Files,” Joseph speaks with the report’s authors, Samah Sisay, and Mizue Aizeki, about his harrowing experiences in six immigration detention centers in the south.” Listen here: <https://ccrjustice.org/activist-files>

**VIDEO: Lakota People's Law Project: Lakota leaders meet with Secretary Haaland** Dec 23

“Happy holidays! As many of us use this time to gather with family and friends, I thank you for staying with us as we enter a new year of winning justice. Last week, we took an important step forward when U.S. Interior

Secretary Deb Haaland visited Lakota Country for a meeting with tribal leaders, including our new Standing Rock Chairwoman, Janet Alkire. Watch the video we made about the visit here!" See <https://lakotalaw.org/resources/haaland-meets-with-lakota-tribal-leaders>

**RESOURCE: 70 Years Ago Black Activists Accused the U.S. of Genocide. They Should Have Been Taken Seriously.** Dec 26

"Alex Hinton is a distinguished professor of anthropology and director of the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights at Rutgers University, Newark. He is also an author, most recently of *It Can Happen Here: White Power and the Threat of Genocide in the U.S.* and of *The Anthropological Witness*, a forthcoming book about his 2016 experience testifying as an expert witness on the charge of genocide at the Khmer Rouge tribunal in Cambodia. Follow him on Twitter @AlexLHinton.

Seventy years ago this month, on Dec. 17, 1951, the United Nations received a bold petition, delivered in two cities at once: Activist William Patterson presented the document to the U.N. assembly in Paris, while his comrade Paul Robeson, the famous actor and singer, did the same at the U.N. offices in New York. W.E.B. Du Bois, a leading Black intellectual, was among the petition's signatories. The group was accusing the United States of genocide — specifically, genocide against Black people.

The word "genocide" was only seven years old. It had been coined during World War II in a book about Nazi atrocities, and adopted by the United Nations in 1948, though no nation had yet been formally convicted of perpetrating a genocide. The 240-page petition, "We Charge Genocide: The Crime of Government Against the Negro People," was meant to be sensational. America had been instrumental in prosecuting the Nazis at Nuremberg, and now its own citizens were turning the lens back on the U.S. in the most horrifying, accusatory terms. Instead, mainstream media largely ignored it. The New York Times and Washington Post mentioned the petition in brief stories buried in the back pages. The Chicago Tribune condemned it for "shameful lies." Raphael Lemkin, the Polish jurist who had coined the term "genocide," publicly disagreed with the whole basis of the petition, saying it confused genocide with discrimination. The drafters of the document hadn't expected it to go anywhere; they knew the U.S. had too much power at the U.N. for the petition to be taken up. They had written it less as a formal charge than as a presentation of an allegation, loosely written in the model of a legal brief. They hoped, though didn't expect, that the General Assembly, Commission on Human Rights or another party at the U.N. might take up the issue for deliberation. That never happened. But today, 70 years later, the document has a new resonance amid the patent injustices of police brutality that continue to occur and racial inequities in health care on display especially throughout the pandemic. "We Charge Genocide" explored these kinds of issues at length, making a compelling case for thinking about structural racism as genocide, which demands not only condemnation but also redress and repair. To consider the arguments in "We Charge Genocide," drafted by some of the most notable figures in the midcentury civil rights movement, offers important insights into the current moment and how to move forward." See

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2021/12/26/black-activists-charge-genocide-united-states-systemic-racism-526045>

**Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10 pm ET Dec 28**

"Program Theme: What can we look to in the future? or What's coming down the pipeline?"

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ON WBAI RADIO 99.5 FM!"

What's Happening Dec 29

**What's Happening**  
Wednesdays 8PM 99.5FM & WBAI.org

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Ralph Poynter  
and Betty  
Davis  
@RalphPoynter

12/29  
Kelly Harris PhD  
Director of Africana Studies at Seton Hall

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**RESOURCE: “Current Political Prisoners of Black Liberation Movements” zine Dec 30**

A newly updated “Current Political Prisoners of Black Liberation Movements zine” is now up. This zine is the work of our pals at Page One collective. This edition is dedicated to the memory of former Black Panther and Black Liberation Army veteran Russell “Maroon” Shoatz (1943-2021). Rest in Power. Free Them All!

Download at [pageone.noblogs.org/files/2021/12/bpp-zine-1.2022.pdf](https://pageone.noblogs.org/files/2021/12/bpp-zine-1.2022.pdf) See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/updates-11-jan-2022.pdf>

**(PHOTOS & VIDEO): Freedom Flotilla-Sponsored Ambulance Serves Disabled Patients in Gaza Dec 30**

“Freedom Flotilla-funded ambulance at work in Gaza - Report in the Palestine Chronicle

<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/freedom-flotilla-sponsored-ambulance-serve-disabled-patients-in-gaza-photos-video/> features the ambulance which our campaign helped to fund, with the generous support of donors like you. With other Freedom Flotilla campaigns, we were able to fund this ambulance which arrived in Gaza in November as part of the Miles of Smiles humanitarian convoy, and is now being used by the Benevolent Society for Disabled People in Gaza. Please watch and share this video showing this donated ambulance at work: <https://youtu.be/NnUzYIM8mml>”

**The January Books through Bars bundles of books has launched!!! Jan 3**



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

across the country. January 2022's pick: Amazons, Abolitionists, and Activists; Merrick; Postcolonial Astrology -- \$30 for three books..." See Order at [www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html](http://www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html)

### **REPORTBACK: RnB 2021 Holiday Party for and WITH US Political Prisoners! Jan 3**

"RnB 2021 Holiday Party for and WITH US Political Prisoners! Thanks to all who attended! Video is here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-wrjVGIT\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-wrjVGIT_o). The total is 2 hours, but if you prefer, you can use the slider to choose the speakers you're most interested in hearing.

#### **Here is Matt Meyer's summary:**

For over 30 years, Resistance in Brooklyn (RnB) has held annual holiday card-writing parties to send greetings and solidarity to our comrades behind bars. This video of the December 2021 party was extra-special in many ways. Because of our precautions given COVID-19, we held it virtually, thus the taping, and were able to feature friends from outside of the greater NYC area. And because late 2020-2021 saw the release of many US political prisoners, we were blessed to have many of them appear with us! **Co-sponsored with NYC Anarchist Black Cross**, this session includes music, poetry, updates, and inspirational messages from (in order of appearance):

**Veronza Bowers** (audio recorded in prison) - flute music introduction

**Meg Starr** (emcee) and Matt Meyer (RnB introductions)

**Jihad Abdulmumit** (National Jericho, on the recent Spirit of Mandela International Tribunal)

**Paulette D'auteuil** (on Leonard Peltier)

**Spirit of Mandela video tribute** to 70th Anniversary of We Charge Genocide petition (with Brian Jackson and Gil Scott Heron flute music)

**Tivona** (brief ABC announcements)

**dequi kioni-sadiki** (poetry presentation; Northeast Political Prisoner coalition)

**Daniel McGowan** (on Certain Days collective and current pp updates)

**Jalil Muntaqim** (on the future work ahead of us)

**David Gilbert** (recorded message of love)

**Deborah Engel-Di Mauro** (on the recently passed Russell Maroon Shoatz)

**Ben Barson** (saxophone tribute to Maroon)

**Soffiyah Elijah and Sekou Odinga** (on Sundiata Acoli)

**Betsy Mickel** (on Mumia Abu-Jamal)

**Bob Lederer** (on Mutulu Shakur)

**Diana Crowder** (on Julian Assange)

**Jaan Laaman** (closing remarks)

**Spirit of Mandela video montage** (to the music of Billie Holiday, featuring clips from Minister Malcolm X, Geronimo ji-Jaga Pratt, Safiya Bukhari and others) and finally, a re-fashioned version of "Stay" by Bilal Sunni-Ali." Source: Email.

### **Video of Send Love Through the Walls 2021 Jan 3**

"For over 30 years, Resistance in Brooklyn (RnB) has held annual holiday card-writing parties to send greetings and solidarity to our comrades behind bars. and NYC ABC has co-organized it with them for over a decade. This video of the December 2021 party was extra-special in many ways. Because of our precautions given COVID-19, we held it virtually, thus the taping, and were able to feature friends from outside of the greater NYC area. And because late 2020-2021 saw the release of many US political prisoners, we were blessed to have many of them appear with us! This session includes music, poetry, updates, and inspirational messages: [tiny.cc/SendLove2021Video](http://tiny.cc/SendLove2021Video)." See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/updates-11-jan-2022.pdf>

### **Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, January 4, 2022 Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10 pm ET Jan 4**

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See You Tube: Cuban Revolution (Fidel Castro Raul Castro Che Guevara)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0952Hj4fWw&t=1s>

#### WEBINAR: Yes, Canada Arms and Funds Israel Jan 4

The poster features a background image of a city with smoke rising from buildings. On the left, the CFPI logo is visible. In the top right, it says 'Just Peace Advocates' with a tree logo. The main title is 'YES, CANADA ARMS AND FUNDS ISRAEL'. Below that, it says 'FEATURING ALI ABUNIMAH & SPECIAL GUESTS'. At the bottom left, it says 'JAN 4, 7PM ET'.

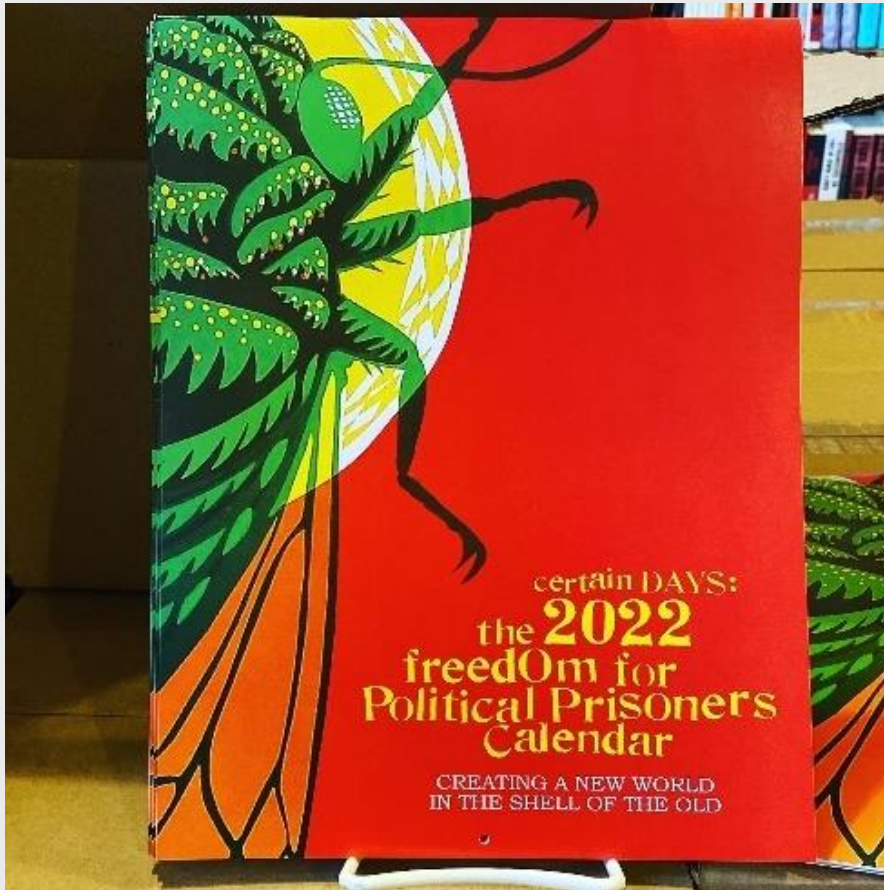
“In mid-December Canadian diplomat, Robin Wettlaufer, representative to the Palestinian Authority, criticized Electronic Intifada editor Ali Abunimah for stating that Canada “arms and funds the apartheid state.” Wettlaufer responded by writing “we neither arm nor fund Israel.” Following this, Abunimah and others provided evidence of Canada arming and funding Israel, from direct weapons sales to components of US deliveries to subsidizing charitable donations. Join a discussion with Ali Abunimah, Karen Rodman, Yves Engler and Jonathan Kuttab to hear about the ways Canada arms and funds Israel. Moderated by Bianca Mugenyi, CFPI, Organized by the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute, Co-sponsored by Just Peace Advocates.” For more info & to Register see:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_NvYIRHiRT-2Aff-EW1yIPw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NvYIRHiRT-2Aff-EW1yIPw)

#### WHATS HAPPENING WBAI 99.5 fm Jan 5

The graphic has a yellow background. At the top, it says 'What's Happening' in large black letters. Below that, it says 'Wednesdays 8PM 99.5FM & WBAI.org'. There are three photos: Ralph Poynter on the left, Betty Davis in the middle, and Ana M. Lopez at the bottom. Text next to the photos says 'Hosted By Ralph Poynter and Betty Davis @Ralphpoynter'. Below the photos, it says '1/5 Ana M. Lopez Asst Professor of Humanities at Hostos, CUNY'. A red banner says 'Call In! 212-209-2877'. On the left side, there is a vertical logo 'Towerfund.wbai.org'. On the right side, there is a vertical logo 'WBAI'.

### Its not too late to get our 2022 Certain Days calendar Jan 9



“Although we are one week into the New Year, fear not. We still have copies of our beautiful 2022 Certain Days calendar available. All proceeds from the sale of these calendars goes to prison abolitionist and political prisoner support groups. (See details here.) This year’s theme is “Creating a New World in the Shell of the Old” and features art and writings by Alanna Kibbe, Comrade Z, David Gilbert, Daniel McGowan, Eric King, Hanif Bey, Jesus Barraza, Leila Abdelrazaq, Martha Hennessy, Montclair Mutual Aid, Oso Blanco, Peter Railand, Roger Peet, Shukri Abu-Baker, Tauno Biltsted, Wendy Elisheva Somerson, Windigo Army, Virginia Lee, Xinachtli and Yumigou.”

#### Here is how to get them:

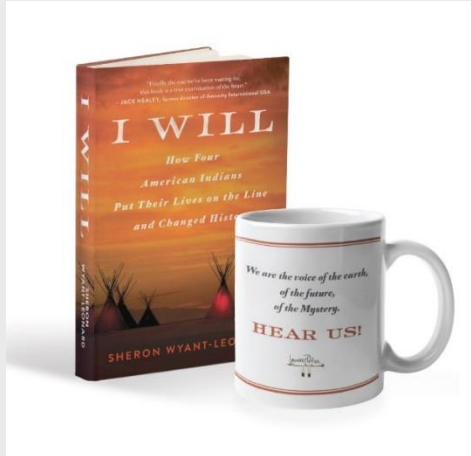
“U.S. Orders: Burning Books <https://burningbooks.com/products/certain-days-2022-calendar-creating-a-new-world-in-the-shell-of-the-old>. Use discount code BULK to get the calendar for \$10 (for orders of 10 or more). AK Press <https://www.akpress.org/certaindays2022.html>. Canadian Orders (1-9 copies) Kersplebedeb/Left Wing Books <https://www.leftwingbooks.net/product/certain-days-freedom-political-prisoners-calendar-2022-creating-new-world-shell-old>. 10+ copies (includes bulk discounts). <https://www.certaindays.org/order/>. U.K. Orders <https://www.actedistributionshop.org/shop/diaries/5258-2022-certain-days-calendar.html>. Stores that carry the calendar <https://www.certaindays.org/distributors/>.”

#### Documentary: “Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon: "Gaza: Still Alive" Jan 9

“Gaza: Still Alive: **Mental health in the Encaged Enclave** will be the featured documentary at the Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon, Sunday, **January 9, at 3:00 pm ET**. Register free at [tinyurl.com/VFHLJanuary2022](https://tinyurl.com/VFHLJanuary2022), watch the documentary at your convenience, then join the salon on Sunday January 9. **Abstract:** When you think of Gaza, you may think of war and destroyed buildings, of economic hardships, the strangling siege, the high unemployment rate, the poverty and deprivation—but less often do we see the deprivation that is the invisible, unmet needs for psychological support for a population so in need of it. “Gaza: Still Alive” focuses on difficult questions. What is the effect on a Palestinian child’s mental health when they learn that they’re living in an open-air prison, unlike most children in the world? How has a 15- year siege and its wars impacted Gazans as individuals? How has it affected their mental health and life’s course? And what does the unceasing stress and trauma bode for Palestinians’ future as a society, and for humankind’s collective future?”

See <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcuyqqDwvGdE5apGG8VAtwG9fti9tU9Hz>

**'I Will' by Sheron Wyant -Leonard Book Bundle! Jan 11**



Purchase here: <https://www.leonardpeltierstore.com/products/book-and-mug-bundle>

**Why we Need A People's Senate ASAP" Jihad Abdulmumit & Jalil Muntaqim on wbai.org Wed., Jan 12, 2021 @ 8pm EST Jan 12**

**What's Happening**  
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Hosted by  
Ralph Poynter  
and  
Betty Davis  
@Ralphpoynter

1/12 with **Jihad Abdulmumit & Jalil Muntaqim**  
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"Why We Need A People's Senate ASAP"

Visit  
Towerfund.wbai.org

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**ISM: "A Case Against United States Domestic (Neo) Colonialism" Workshop with Jalil Muntaqim Jan 29**

"On Saturday, Jan. 29 from noon-2:30 p.m. ET, Jalil will be teaching from the chapter, "A Case Against United States Domestic (neo) Colonialism" (pages 41-60) from his book "We Are Our Own Liberators." Please register [here](#). You will receive a link to the class following registration. The book is nearly impossible to get in book form, but can be found [here](#) with the chapter starting on page 50. Please read the chapter beforehand and come prepared with any questions." See

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekMo6x3QQMTcf07oC\\_SnEqUzuST4J6GBGO\\_wHSfbd-180DaA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekMo6x3QQMTcf07oC_SnEqUzuST4J6GBGO_wHSfbd-180DaA/viewform)

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**International Workers’ Action –Free Mumia Abu-Jamal and All Anti-Racist and Anti-Imperialist Freedom Fighters! Feb 1**

**FOR INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ACTION -  
FREE MUMIA ABU-JAMAL AND ALL ANTI-RACIST  
AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST FREEDOM FIGHTERS!**

**ONLINE FORUM  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022,  
1 P.M. PST**  
INTERNATIONALWORKERSACTION@GMAIL.COM

**1999 LONGSHORE UNION SHUT DOWN ALL WEST COAST PORTS AND LED MARCH OF 25,000 IN S.F. TO FREE MUMIA ABU-JAMAL**

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**  
MUMIA ABU-JAMAL, VIA RECORDED STATEMENT; ANGELA DAVIS, SCHOLAR AND ACTIVIST; IRVIN JIM, GENERAL SECRETARY, NUMSA (THE NATIONAL UNION OF METALWORKERS OF SOUTH AFRICA); MUHAMMAD AHMAD (MAX STANFORD, JR.) FOUNDER, REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM); JALIL MUNTAQIM, VETERAN BPP/BLA, FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER; PAM AFRICA, INTERNATIONAL FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MUMIA ABU-JAMAL; RACHEL WOLKENSTEIN, FORMER LAWYER FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL; JACK HEYMAN, LABOR ACTION COMMITTEE TO FREE MUMIA ABU-JAMAL (LAC), ORGANIZER OF THE 1999 ILWU LONGSHORE SHUTDOWN OF WEST COAST PORTS AND SF MARCH FOR MUMIA

**MODERATOR:**  
CLEO SILVERS - BLACK PANTHER PARTY COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE (BPPCC), BLACK PANTHER PARTY AND THE YOUNG LORDS, LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY BLACK WORKERS

**ENDORSERS INCLUDE:**  
NATIONAL UNION OF METALWORKERS OF SOUTH AFRICA; TRENT WILLIS, PRES. OF INT'L LONGSHORE AND WAREHOUSE UNION LOCAL 10\*; SPIRIT OF MANDELA; NOAM CHOMSKY; INT'L LABOR SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE-DORO-CHIBA (JAPAN); CODEPINK; SAN FRANCISCO BAY VIEW NATIONAL BLACK NEWSPAPER; CHARLES BRAVE, PRES. OF INT'L LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION LOCAL 1422\*; ROXANNE DUNBAR ORTIZ, WRITER/ACTIVIST; ALICE WALKER, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR; JORDI ARAGUNDE, INT'L LABOR COORDINATOR, INT'L DOCKWORKERS' COUNCIL\*(BARCELONA); OAKLAND EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

INITIATED BY THE LAC AND BPPCC      INDICATES \* FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY      LABOR DONATED

“International Webinar — February 1, 2022. Register: <https://bit.ly/iwa-2022>. 1:00pm SF, 4:00pm NYC, 6:00pm Rio de Janeiro, 9:00pm London, 11:00pm Johannesburg, 6:00am Tokyo. Endorse:

<https://forms.gle/ijBocFw5zBx6AP28A> Recent Organizational Endorsers Include: Alameda Labor Council, UNITE (UK), Alameda County Council Green Party, Democracia Socialista de Puerto Rico, National Alumni Association of the Black Panther Party, Oscar Grant Committee against Police Brutality and State Repression, San Francisco Bay Area IWW General Membership Branch, Additional Speakers: Gloria LaRiva, Party of Socialism and Liberation (PSL); Clarence Thomas, retired Secretary-Treasurer, ILWU, Local 10\*, Co-founder of the Million Worker March (\* Indicates "For Identification Purposes only). <https://www.facebook.com/IWAFAPP/InternationalWorkersAction@gmail.com>." Source: Email.

**Sat. Feb. 19, 2022: Free Kamau Sadiki 68th Birthday Celebration! Feb 19**



"Kamau with granddaughter Yuri by Sophia Dawson"

"SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022. The International Campaign To Free Kamau Sadiki NOW! SAVE THE DATE & MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WHO IS BLACK PANTHER POLITICAL PRISONER KAMAU SADIKI? SPREAD THE WORD & KEEP YOUR PERSONAL SCHEDULES OPEN TO JOIN US VIRTUALLY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022, FOR A Free Kamau 68th Birthday Celebration. MORE DETAILS TO BE POSTED THIS WEEKEND!" See <https://linktr.ee/freekamausadiki>

#### **Oakland Jericho Info Sessions (Ongoing)**



Oakland Jericho will host an informational session once a month to learn more about our history and current missions, our work with Political Prisoners as well as our projects in the community. Please check out our page monthly! Every month, specific information will be posted and pinned at the top of the page. **Oakland Jericho will host monthly Information sessions which will be conducted on zoom the last Thursday of the month at 7pm PT.** Sessions will last about an hour. After our info presentation, we will have a question & answer period. It is our hope that after learning about our missions and community projects you will join us in this most important work of advocating for and Freeing our Political Prisoners as well as serving the Community! If interested,

please send an email including your name and contact email to: [oakland.jericho@gmail.com](mailto:oakland.jericho@gmail.com). You will receive a confirmation email with a Zoom link within 3 days and a follow up email the day before the info session. If a

session needs to be cancelled (holiday, tech issues, etc.) it will be announced on FB and you will receive an email if you signed up. See <https://www.facebook.com/Oakland-Jericho-Info-Sessions-108826421597091>

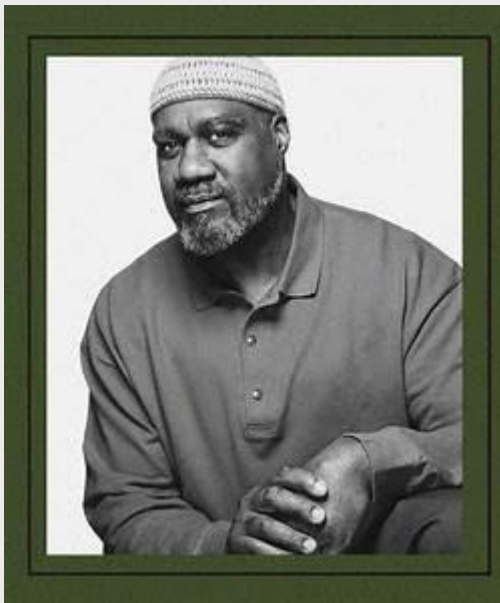
#### **Letter Writing for Kojo Sababu Jan 4**

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 WHERE: from wherever in the Matrix you happen to be COST: Free

Well, it is happening again. Just when we were getting back into the swing of things, organizing actual indoor events for actual people to attend in NYC, the proverbial rug was pulled out from under us by yet another variant. And so we are back to socially distanced solidarity for the time being, though hopefully not for long But it is vital to stay vigilant and keep that solidarity alive, now as much as ever in the face of both the pandemic and the looming threat of right wing dictatorship. This week NYC ABC is asking you to join us from wherever you are in writing a political prisoner whose sense of solidarity and community we greatly admire, Kojo Sababu. Kojo Bomani Sababu is currently serving a 55 year sentence for actions with the Black Liberation Army and attempted prison escape with Puerto Rican Independentista Oscar López Rivera. Kojo was captured on December 19, 1975 along with anarchist Ojore Lutalo during a bank expropriation. He was also charged with the murder of a drug dealer in his neighborhood. He was convicted of seditious conspiracy in 1981 and sentenced to 55 years in prison. In 1988, Kojo was convicted of conspiracy to escape along with Jaime Delgado (a veteran independence leader), Dora Garcia (a prominent community activist), and Oscar López Rivera (Puerto Rican Independentista) from the federal prison at Leavenworth, where he was held. Please take the time to write a letter to Kojo Sababu (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online): **Kojo Sababu\* #39384-066, USP Canaan, Post Office Box 300, Waymart, Pennsylvania 18472 \*Address envelope to Grailing Brown.**

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#### **FREE EM' ALL.. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED 2022 NEW YEARS AUDIO INTERVIEW WITH VETERAN BLACK PANTHER & FORMER B.L.A. PRISONER OF WAR JALIL MUNTAQIM Jan 9**



“We Cannot Allow Our Movement To Abandon Them In Prison” - Jalil Muntaqim on Political Prisoners, Charging Genocide and Organizing Inside & Out” In this episode we once again get the opportunity to sit-down with Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army veteran Jalil Muntaqim. Muntaqim was a political prisoner of the United States for 49 years due to his involvement in the Black liberation struggle. He was released from prison in October of 2020 after eleven parole denials. He is the author of *We Are Our Own Liberators*, and *Escaping The Prism... Fade to Black*, which we discuss parts of in this episode. This is the second conversation we’ve had with Jalil Muntaqim and if you missed the first you will want to also check that out to get more information about Jalil’s personal history and what led to the Spirit of Mandela Tribunal this past October. In this episode we caught up with Jalil on December 13th to talk about the outcomes of the Spirit of Mandela Tribunal and next steps for the conveners of this historic event. In this conversation Jalil Muntaqim discusses the legal outline of why

the conduct of the United States of America constitutes genocide against Black and Indigenous people. Jalil talks about the relationship between white supremacy, capitalism and US imperialism. Muntaqim shares thoughts on the life of his Jericho Amnesty Movement co-founder Safiya Bukhari. We talk about recent releases of David Gilbert, Jaan Laaman, and Russell “Maroon” Shoatz. Maroon passed away 4 days after this episode was recorded, we send our condolences to his family, loved ones and comrades, and our own gratitude to him and his spirit for a life engaged in unrelenting struggle.

We also talk about the current struggles for freedom of several political prisoners, including Kamau Sadiki, Leonard Peltier, Veronza Bowers, Dr. Mutulu Shakur and Sundiata Acoli among others. We discuss Mumia Abu Jamal's struggle for freedom after the recent passing of the 40th anniversary of his capture. And we talk about Larry Hoover and why he is recognized by the Jericho Amnesty Movement. We will include several links in the show notes to the episode on how people can get involved and support these and other political prisoners. We also talk to Muntaqim more about Arm The Spirit the first national newspaper created and written by prisoners, which he was central to organizing. Muntaqim offers several recommendations for prisoner solidarity and prison abolition organizers. And we get Muntaqim to share a story of cadre and mass based organizing that he was involved in while inside. Jalil also shares his thoughts on resisting political imprisonment, and how to handle political imprisonment if you are incarcerated for your political activities.

A couple more final notes, we will link to ways people can stay informed and get involved in the ongoing work of the Spirit of Mandela campaign, as they look to move their findings forward into a legal case and a broader international movement. We also want to again plug the Mutual Aid Fund For Veteran Black Panther Party Members. Every month this fund brings in money and those funds are distributed to elders from the Black Panther Party, we contribute to this fund and we encourage others to do the same. There are links throughout this to support individual political prisoners and organizations. Below are some organizations & related efforts: Spirit of Mandela, Jericho Amnesty Movement, Anarchist Black Cross Warchest Program, Free Kamau Sadiki” See <https://millennialsarekillingcapitalism.libsyn.com/we-cannot-allow-our-movement-to-abandon-them-in-prison-jalil-muntaqim-on-political-prisoners-charging-genocide-and-organizing-inside-out>

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**Travel to Puerto Rico with the Blanca Canales Brigade! Jan 29**



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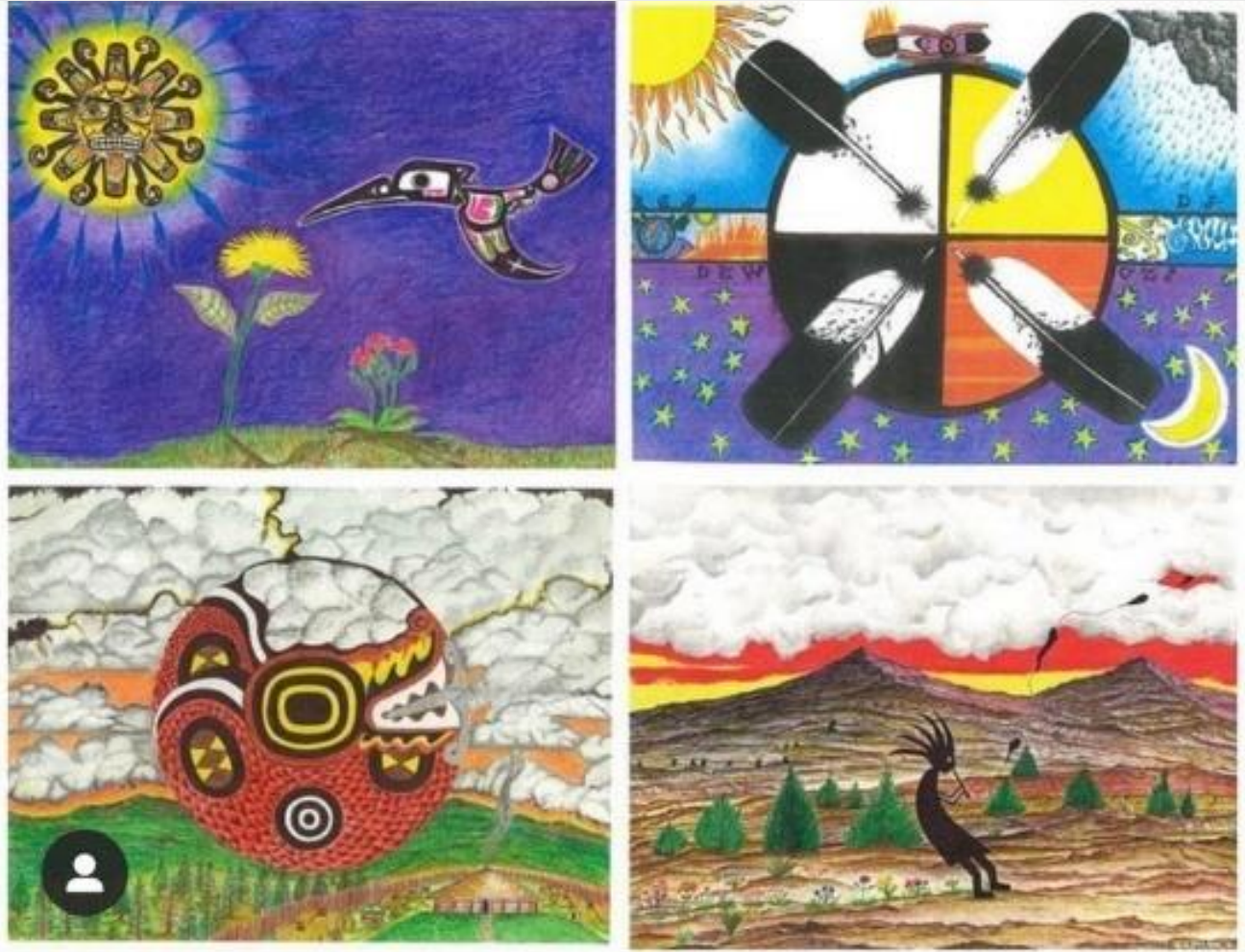
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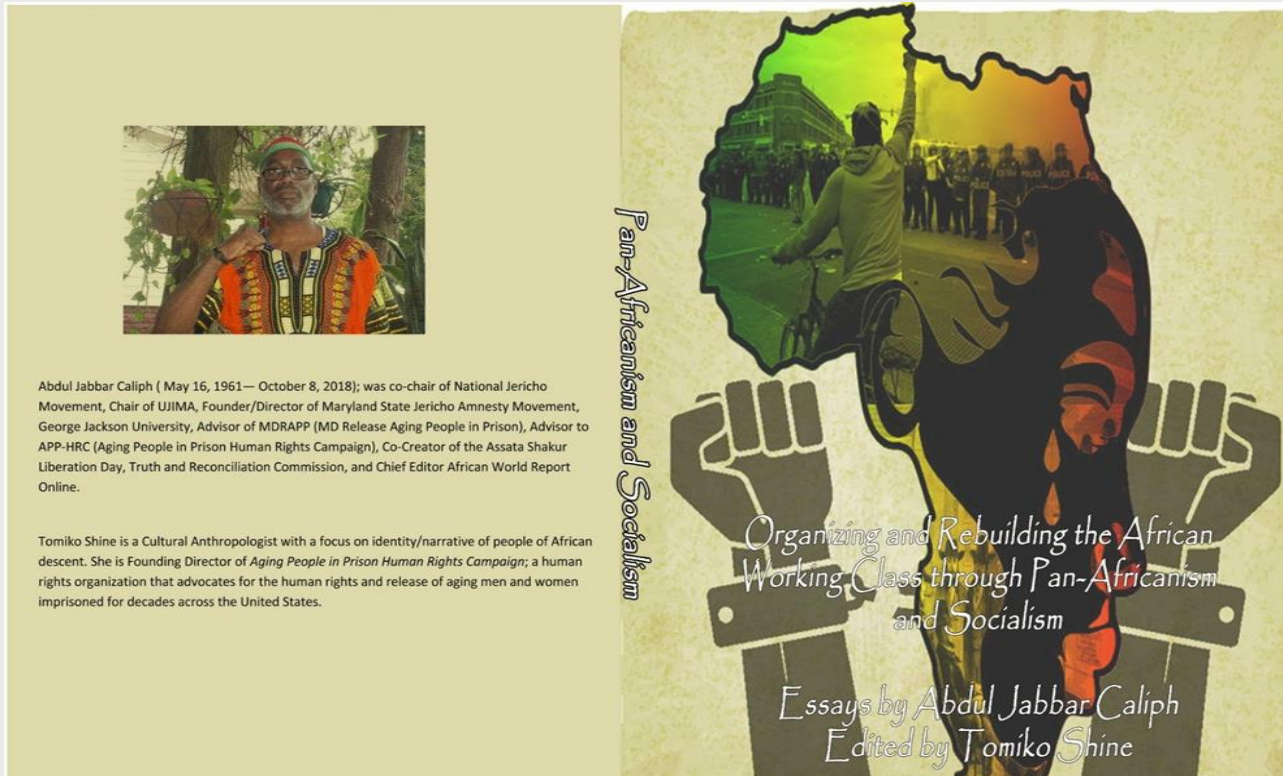
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**KOKOPELLI, Spirit of fertility:** Kokopelli, ancient spirit, playing flute notes of his song go into the clouds everywhere he travels he leaves flowers behind, in his steps in my view of him he is petroglyphic all over the southwest on rocks out in the desert.

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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)**



Abdul Jabbar Caliph ( May 16, 1961— October 8, 2018); was co-chair of National Jericho Movement, Chair of UJIMA, Founder/Director of Maryland State Jericho Amnesty Movement, George Jackson University, Advisor of MDRAPP (MD Release Aging People in Prison), Advisor to APP-HRC (Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign), Co-Creator of the Assata Shakur Liberation Day, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and Chief Editor African World Report Online.

Tomiko Shine is a Cultural Anthropologist with a focus on identity/narrative of people of African descent. She is Founding Director of *Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign*; a human rights organization that advocates for the human rights and release of aging men and women imprisoned for decades across the United States.

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## **News, Articles, and Updates** (Political Prisoner Specific)

### **Philly March Demands Mumia Abu-Jamal Be Freed From Prison Dec 31**

“After 40 years of incarceration, the movement to free Mumia Abu-Jamal continues, by Unicorn Riot. Hundreds gathered with a giant Mumia puppet outside Philadelphia’s City Hall near the statue of Octavius V. Catto before marching through streets south of Center City on December 11, 2021.

Unicorn Riot was live for the rally and march. Mumia, a journalist and radio newscaster for National Public Radio in the 1970s, was sentenced to death after being convicted of killing Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner. The movement that supports him has long seen him as a leading example of a political prisoner punished for supporting Black liberation in the United States, and a symbol of a racist system. He’s always claimed his innocence, and since his incarceration began, the mass movement has continued pushing for the government to release him from prison. Even though his death sentence was overturned in 2001, he was commuted to a life sentence without parole in 2011...” See

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/updates-11-jan-2022.pdf>

**The following statement was issued Jan. 4 regarding new legal filings by attorneys for Mumia Abu-Jamal.**

Jan 4

“With continued pressure from below, 2022 will be the year that forces the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office and the Philly Police Department to answer questions about why they framed imprisoned radio journalist and veteran Black Panther Mumia Abu-Jamal. Abu-Jamal’s attorneys have filed a PCRA petition focused entirely on the six boxes of case files that were found in a storage room of the DA’s office in late December 2018, after the case being heard before Judge Leon Tucker in the Court of Common Pleas concluded. ([tinyurl.com/zkyva464](http://tinyurl.com/zkyva464)). The new evidence contained in the boxes is damning, and we need to expose it. It

reveals a pattern of misconduct and abuse of authority by the prosecution, including bribery of the state's two key witnesses, as well as racist exclusion in jury selection — a violation of the landmark Supreme Court decision *Batson v. Kentucky*. The remedy for each or any of the claims in the petition is a new trial. The court may order a hearing on factual issues raised in the claims. If so, we won't know for at least a month." See

<https://www.workers.org/2022/01/60925/>

### **New support website for Virgin Island 3 launched Jan 6**

"After the 1972 shooting at Fountain Valley Golf Course, dozens of native Black youth in St Croix were rounded up and tortured, resulting in statements from five young men in their early twenties.

After the trial, three jurors reported coercion that led to their guilty verdict. Three of the defendants—Abdul Azeez, Hanif Bey, and Malik Bey—are held in prison almost 50 years later. Due to their advanced age, they have a variety of chronic health conditions that are difficult to manage in prison. Their legal team believes they are being unjustly held in the private prison system in the mainland United States, far away from their home and families on the islands, and that they should be granted release after so many years and so many irregularities in their arrest and prosecution. Check out the new support site at vi3.org" See

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/updates-11-jan-2022.pdf>

### **Eric King has a new trial date for 2022! March 7-14 2022**



"March 7, 2022, 3:00pm: Final Trial Preparation Conference. March 14, 2022, 8:30am: 4-day jury trial starts. U.S. District Court 901 19th Street, Denver, Colorado, Courtroom A801. All hearings are before Judge Martinez.

<https://theintercept.com/2021/05/28/bop-prison-white-supremacist-anti-fascist/>

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(General)

**Prisoners Sue California Prison System Following Targeted Raid Against Black People By Claude Marks/  
Original to ScheerPost Dec 20**



“Talib Williams, an incarcerated person at Correctional Training Facility in California, is filing a lawsuit against the state prison system for a raid that targeted Black people last summer.” “California prisoner Talib Williams is bringing a class action lawsuit on his behalf as well as other Black incarcerated people who were targeted by a July 20, 2020 raid at Soledad, California’s Correctional Training Facility (CTF). The suit seeks a reprieve from the state-sponsored terror that is their norm. Injunctive and declaratory relief, among other remedies, are necessary to stop the violence, change CDCR policy, and compensate the prisoners for the degradation they have suffered.

The raid took place against the backdrop of nationwide Black-led uprisings that occurred after the murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020. It was part of a white supremacist backlash against the demands for justice for Black people across the country.

On July 20, 2020, at approximately 3am, CDCR officers and investigators from CTF, other nearby prisons and headquarters including Special Services Units (“SSU”), Institutional Gang Investigator (IGI) units, and Office of Correctional Safety Gang Investigation Officers (“OCS GIO”), dressed in full riot gear with tape over their nametags, tore approximately 200 Black people at CTF from their beds. They slammed them to the ground or against their cell walls, hand cuffed and zip-tied their hands, and dragged them out of their cells. Some IGI and SSU officers placed Black incarcerated people in chokeholds and headlocks, pushed them down the stairs, punched and kicked them, and placed their knees on their victims’ necks in the same manner that George Floyd was brutally murdered. Barefoot and unmasked—wearing nothing but boxer briefs—200 Black people were forced out of their housing units and led towards the dining hall.

After being beaten and brutalized by CDCR officers, all 200 Black prisoners sat shivering on stainless steel stools in the dining hall with their hands zip tied behind their backs—unmasked, barefoot, and practically naked. The men demanded medical attention, and they demanded masks as this was in the middle of the COVID pandemic. Dozens of SSU, IGI and CDCR correctional officers stood by and ignored their cries for help. Instead, the officers screamed: “I hope you motherfuckers get COVID!” and “Black lives don’t matter!” One officer in the gun tower pointed his rifle at them while they chanted “Black lives matter!” See [scheerpost.com](https://scheerpost.com)

**New Anti-Protest Laws Cast a Long Shadow on First Amendment Rights Dec 20**

“Tiffany Crutcher was worried. Oklahoma lawmakers had passed a new measure stiffening penalties for protesters who block roadways and granting immunity to drivers who unintentionally hit them. The state NAACP, saying the law was passed in response to racial justice demonstrations and could chill the exercising of First Amendment rights, filed a federal lawsuit challenging portions of it. But the new law was only weeks from taking effect. Crutcher, an advocate for police reform and racial justice, was moderating a virtual town hall about it, featuring panelists who brought the lawsuit. At the end, she asked a question that went directly to the stakes. Under the new law, “is it safe for the citizens of Oklahoma to go and do a protest?” The three men on the panel were silent.” See <https://portside.org/2021-12-22/new-anti-protest-laws-cast-long-shadow-first-amendment-rights>

### **Omicron Has Arrived. Many Prisons and Jails Are Not Ready.** Dec 22

“As the highly-contagious Omicron variant bears down on the nation’s prisons and jails, corrections officials, experts, and prisoner advocates worry that uncertain access to booster shots and expected staffing shortages will make life even more dire than it already is for those behind bars.” “In the Philadelphia jail, the number of COVID-19 cases has tripled in the last two months. In Chicago’s lockup, infections have increased 11-fold in the same period. And in New York, city jails are struggling with a mushrooming 13-fold increase in less than a month. From local lockups in California to prisons in Wisconsin to jails in Pennsylvania, COVID-19 is once again surging behind bars, posing a renewed threat to a high-risk population with spotty access to healthcare and little ability to distance.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/12/22/omicron-has-arrived-many-prisons-and-jails-are-not-ready>

### **He was filming on his phone. Then a deputy attacked him and charged him with resisting arrest** Dec 22

“Police can arrest people for “cover charges,” like resisting arrest, to justify their use of excessive force and shield themselves from liability. In Jefferson Parish, 73% of the time someone is arrested on a “cover charge” alone, they’re Black.” “He tried to tell his family he was innocent. He said the deputies attacked and beat him for no reason, then falsely arrested him. But it was his word against that of the Sheriff’s Office, and for a young Black man in Jefferson Parish, a majority-white, conservative community just outside of New Orleans, that was a losing hand. As Cage lay in bed that night, unable to sleep, he scrolled through his Twitter feed and noticed a video that had been taken at the parade. The tweet said: “man just recording got assaulted and arrested for nothing.” “Cage hit play and said he began to cry, in both relief and shock, as he watched the 38-second clip, which has now been viewed more than 284,000 times. The footage shows Cage standing on one side of an orange mesh barricade while two deputies are on the other, a few inches away, staring directly at him. Cage is holding his phone in his right hand, recording their interaction. An unidentified deputy points at Cage, motioning for him to move away. Cage takes a few steps back. That’s when Detective Nicholas Broussard reaches across the mesh, smacks Cage’s phone out of his hand, then gives Cage the middle finger and walks away. In response, Cage holds up both middle fingers. Dowling responds by lunging at Cage, dragging him over the mesh barricade and slamming him headfirst into the ground. Someone can be heard yelling repeatedly at the deputies, “That shit not right! That shit not right!” “The police just grabbed me and started punching me,” Cage said. “I had a busted lip. My nose was crooked. I had a torn rotator cuff from football and they reinjured that. I felt like they were about to pull my arm off.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/he-was-filming-on-his-phone-then-a-deputy-attacked-him-and-charged-him-with-resisting-arrest>

### **America is now in fascism’s legal phase** Dec 23

“The history of racism in the US is fertile ground for fascism. Attacks on the courts, education, the right to vote and women’s rights are further steps on the path to toppling democracy.” “Let us be reminded that before there is a final solution, there must be a first solution, a second one, even a third. The move toward a final solution is not a jump. It takes one step, then another, then another.” So began Toni Morrison’s 1995 address to Howard University, entitled Racism and Fascism, which delineated 10 step-by-step procedures to carry a society from first to last. Morrison’s interest was not in fascist demagogues or fascist regimes. It was rather in “forces interested in fascist solutions to national problems”. The procedures she described were methods to normalize such solutions, to “construct an internal enemy”, isolate, demonize and criminalize it and sympathizers to its ideology and their allies, and, using the media, provide the illusion of power and influence to one’s supporters.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/dec/22/america-fascism-legal-phase>

### **Wyomia Tyus: the original athlete activist hiding in plain sight** Dec 23

“Only six people in the world have won the 100m dash in back-to-back Olympic Games. The first was Wyomia Tyus in 1964 and 1968. Next was Carl Lewis, then Gail Devers, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Usain Bolt (who won three times in a row), and Elaine Thompson-Herah. To many people, the name Wyomia Tyus is less familiar than the others. Tyus was not only the first Olympian to win back-to-back gold in its prestige event – she also made history in other ways. At the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, when Tyus crossed the line first in the 100 meters,

she set a world record of 11.08 seconds. And when she ran, she was wearing dark shorts instead of the team-issued white shorts, a gesture to show her support for human rights.

“I was not doing it for any type of glory or anything,” Tyus says. “It was just for me as a person, as a human being, and my feelings and what I thought about what was going on in the world, and how women – Black women especially – were treated.” Tyus grew up in Griffin, Georgia, in the Jim Crow South and became one of the Tigerbelles, a track and field powerhouse coached by Ed Temple at Tennessee State University. In Mexico City, two days after Tyus’s win in the 100 meters, John Carlos and Tommie Smith raised their fists on the podium in what became an iconic image. They were swiftly escorted out of the Olympic Village and sent home for their protest.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2021/dec/23/wyomia-tyus-athlete-activism-usa-olympics>

#### **In Ronald Greene’s death, a mother’s defiant quest for truth** Dec 23

“Mona Hardin has cherished her son’s cremated remains since the day they arrived at her doorstep in a FedEx box. She pulls them into bed with her when she’s too bereft to get up and talks to her “Ronnie” every day to keep him apprised of her journey for justice. Ronald Greene’s remains are a raw and constant reminder to his mother of the Black man’s fatal confrontation with the Louisiana State Police more than two years ago. Over and over, Hardin sees her son’s lifeless body on a funeral home gurney, his face so battered she almost didn’t recognize him. She recalls her doubts about the troopers’ initial account that he died in a car crash at the end of a high-speed chase. And she relives the horror of finally watching the long-withheld body-camera video of what really happened along a dark, rural road in 2019 — white troopers stunning, punching and dragging her son by his ankle shackles as he pleaded for mercy and wailed, “I’m your brother! I’m scared! I’m scared!” “He died in such a ... horrific, nasty, evil way,” Hardin told The Associated Press in an interview near her Orlando-area home. “And I’m so mad when I think about it. They took joy in killing him.” See <https://apnews.com/article/ahmaud-arbery-arrests-george-floyd-orlando-monroe-8a7653e84f2ffc20d399cc3dac8f7b42>

#### **SPLC: D.C. Police Closely Watched Anti-Racist Groups for Years** Dec 23

“The D.C. Metropolitan Police Department’s Intelligence Bureau (IB) closely watched Black-led organizations and anti-racist groups for years while ignoring the growing far-right threat, according to Hatewatch’s review of leaked documents. Experts say this is in line with broader law enforcement attitudes toward such groups. Hatewatch searched over 26,000 MPD email threads dated from May 2011 to December 2017. They contain surveillance logs of First Amendment demonstrations and monitoring social media, demonstrations and undercover surveillance of such groups as antifa and D.C. Black Lives Matter (DC BLM). Police even reviewed a tip about BLM based on reporting from The Gateway Pundit, a right-wing misinformation site that platforms far-right extremists. A search of “BLM” and “Black Lives Matter” yields 51 combined hits. “Antifa” returns 53 hits. The emails include attachments with further uses of the terms. MPD employees mention the “alt-right” – a name for a faction of the far right that arose online in the mid-2010s – one time in the emails. Daniel Hall, MPD’s top civilian analyst in the IB, thought SNPR, a brand name for watch straps, was “some alt right [sic] phrase.” See [Hatewatch](#)

#### **This Jail Was a Deadly Mess. Then Omicron Arrived.** Dec 24

“What we’re hearing now is: ‘Everybody is getting sick.’” For months, Elizabeth Fischer and other public defenders in New York City have been arguing for the release of inmates from the notorious jail on Rikers Island, pointing to documented issues with the staffing of corrections officers and timely medical care. But even during a uniquely violent year behind bars—16 people have died in city jails, the most since 2016—those arguments haven’t always been very successful. What is new right now, she said, is a level of anxiety and fear that is reminiscent of the earliest days of the pandemic, fueled by the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of the novel coronavirus in New York City and beyond. “What could we possibly do? What haven’t we tried?” Fischer, an attorney for the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, asked in an interview. After a dire warning on Tuesday from the commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction (DOC) about a surge in COVID-19 cases among inmates at Rikers Island, attorneys representing incarcerated defendants wonder why the alarm wasn’t sounded sooner. They also painted a picture of a population that was uniquely vulnerable to a

new variant, one that has even triple-vaccinated residents outside jail walls living in fear.” See <https://www.thedailybeast.com/rikers-island-omicron-fears-are-spiraling-in-new-york>

### **Despite Uproar Over Floyd’s Death, the Number of Fatal Encounters With Police Hasn’t Changed** Dec 24

“For the second time this year, a jury in Minneapolis has ruled against a former police officer for killing a Black man. Like the conviction of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd, the verdict on Thursday against Kimberly Potter on two counts of manslaughter for the shooting death of Daunte Wright during a traffic stop represented an unusual decision to send a police officer to prison. And yet, despite the two high-profile convictions in Minneapolis, a review of the data a year and a half after America’s summer of protest shows that accountability for officers who kill remains elusive and that the sheer numbers of people killed in encounters with police have remained steady at an alarming level. The murder of Mr. Floyd on a Minneapolis street corner drew millions to the streets in protest and set off a national reassessment on race that touched almost every aspect of American life, from corporate boardrooms to sports nicknames. But on the core issues that set off the social unrest in the first place — police violence and accountability — very little has changed.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/24/us/police-killings-accountability.html>

### **Israeli Military Judge Confirms Six-Months Administrative Detention against Retired Palestinian Lawyer Khairi Bashir** Dec 27

“On 26 December 2021, following the judicial review of the administrative detention order issued against 79-year-old retired Palestinian lawyer Bashir Khairi (first issued 7 December 2021), the Israeli military judge confirmed the order for its entire duration of six months. Notwithstanding Mr. Bashir’s old age, health condition, and refusal to be tried before Israeli military courts, as noted in a letter penned 7 December 2021 announcing his boycott of the military courts and request that his legal counsel does not appear before these courts to represent his case. During the judicial review session, the military judge relied on and was satisfied with the "secret evidence" provided by the military prosecutor alleging that Mr. Bashir imposes an imminent "security threat" to the region, completely disregarding two previous military court orders—issued 21 November and later on 6 December— to release Mr. Bashir on conditional bail, and the absence of a legal counsel representing Mr. Bashir.” See [addameer.org](http://addameer.org)

### **Abu Hawwash continues hunger strike demanding suspension of frozen administrative detention**

Dec 27

“Hisham Abu Hawwash continues his hunger strike for the 133rd day in a row in protest against his unlawful administrative detention, which was frozen yesterday due to his serious medical condition. Jawad Boulos, Abu Hawwash’s attorney, said an Israeli court ordered yesterday to freeze the administrative detention of his client. Detainees’ human rights watchdogs stressed that court decisions to freeze administrative detentions, which Israeli courts routinely make, come only within an Israeli strategy to forcefully end hunger strikes, which demand the end of illegal administrative detentions. Abu Hawwash was transferred to Assaf Harofeh hospital in southern occupied Palestine following a deterioration in his medical condition today. Hisham Abu Hawwash (39 years old), a father of four children, from occupied Hebron, was arrested by Israeli authorities in October 2020 under administrative detention, which was renewed three times. He went on a hunger strike, completing 132 days in protest against his unlawful detention.” See [qudsnen.co](http://qudsnen.co)

### **When A Prison Sentence Of 10 Years And 6 Months Turns Into Forever** Dec 30

“Life sentences in Louisiana used to come with the opportunity of early release for good behavior. When the rules changed, these people were left behind in Angola and forgotten for decades. Leroy Grippen thought he was going to prison for 10 years and six months. That’s what his lawyer told him, and that’s how it went. When you were sentenced to life in Louisiana, it didn’t really mean life in prison. With good behavior, life sentences were almost always commuted after 10 years and six months. Besides, it’s not as if Grippen had much of a choice. It was 1970, and as a young Black man facing charges of armed robbery and aggravated rape in the South, he would have almost certainly faced an all-white jury that could convict him and sentence him to death

by electrocution.” See [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/life-sentence-10-years-6-months-louisiana-angola\\_n\\_61cb9263e4b04b42ab6f535e](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/life-sentence-10-years-6-months-louisiana-angola_n_61cb9263e4b04b42ab6f535e)

### **Amid fears of sudden death, Abu Hawash enters 140th day of hunger strike** Jan 3

“Palestinian detainee in Israeli jails, Hisham Abu Hawash, is at a high risk of sudden death as he has been on hunger strike for 140 consecutive days in protest against his administrative detention without a charge or trial. The Palestinian Commission of Detainees’ and ex-Detainees’ Affairs said on Monday that Abu Hawash’s health condition has been deteriorating severely and he is now at a high risk of sudden death. The Commission said that Hisham is in a coma, adding that he lost speech, hearing, and sight.” See [qudsnen.co](https://qudsnen.co)

### **BREAKING| After 141 days, Abu Hawash ends his hunger strike** Jan 4

“Occupied Palestine (QNN)- Palestinian detainee in Israeli jails, Hisham Abu Hawash, has ended on Tuesday his hunger strike after 141 consecutive days of starving and suffering in protest against his unfair administrative detention without a charge or a trial. According to the Palestinian Commission of Detainees’ and ex-Detainees’ Affairs, Abu Hawash broke his hunger strike on Tuesday evening after reaching an agreement with the Israeli occupation authorities to release him on February 26.” See [qudsnen.co](https://qudsnen.co)

### **Judge Rules Against Pipeline Company Trying to Keep “Counterinsurgency” Records Secret** Jan 6

“In a legal fight over public records, press advocates say that Dakota Access pipeline company Energy Transfer engaged in “abusive litigation tactics.” See <https://theintercept.com/2022/01/06/dakota-access-pipeline-energy-transfer-tigerswan-documents/>

### **The Criminal Justice Issue Nobody Talks About: Brain Injuries** Jan 6

“In the movie “Joker,” Joaquin Phoenix’s character frequently bursts into unnerving laughter at socially inappropriate moments. His actions were partially based on a real neurological condition called Pseudobulbar affect. I know this because I suffer from it too. The movie doesn’t show an exact cause, but for me and many others, it starts with a brain injury. In 2018, I was with a man who beat me over the course of 10 weeks, strangling me, punching me in the head, and dragging me off the bed so that my head slammed into the ground. He went to prison, and my life was changed forever. In addition to the uncontrollable laughter, I often found myself emotionally overwhelmed, bursting into tears and physically collapsing in public. I’d always had a very active brain, with thoughts constantly flying around, but now I’d wake up in the morning and feel like I had no thoughts at all. More than a year passed before I learned this all stemmed from a brain injury. If I’d known this sooner, I would have had a far easier time navigating the criminal justice system. I’ve come to realize that my experience isn’t rare — among victims or perpetrators of crime. Studies show that incarcerated people are far more likely to have brain injuries than the general population.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2022/01/06/the-criminal-justice-issue-nobody-talks-about-brain-injuries>

### **Black Sexual Violence Survivors Are Telling Their Stories — Only to Be Punished** Jan 8

“On December 15, 2021, 10 days before Christmas, DeBraca Harris sat in a Chicago, Illinois, courtroom to learn whether the legal system would recognize the sexual violence she had endured and allow her to reunite with her family before 2036. In 2005, Harris was a 26-year-old Black mother with four children under the age of 7. She was also pregnant with her fifth. Her boyfriend, Willie Collins, was extremely abusive. His violence included beatings, strangulations, dragging her by her hair and threatening her with guns. He assaulted her in front of others, including her family members and his own mother. His violence increased when rent or bills were due. “These were the times that I was the most frightened about what he might do,” Harris described in a later affidavit.” See [truthout.org](https://truthout.org)

### **20 years later, Guantánamo’s stain endures** Jan 11

“There’s a gift shop at the Guantánamo Bay naval base. On a recent visit to the notorious prison there, I noticed “Real Housewives of Guantánamo Bay” tote bags and t-shirts on sale there. Each of my clients is an actual human, and many are husbands and fathers. I couldn’t help but think of Ahmed Rabbani’s wife, who was

pregnant with their son Jawad when Ahmed was abducted by Pakistani security services and sold to the U.S. 19 years ago. She is real. Asadullah Haroon Gul's wife has raised their daughter Maryam without him in Afghanistan for the last 14 years. She is real, too. The first year of the Biden administration has been bittersweet for me, as a Guantánamo attorney. A number of my clients have been cleared for release, and we have seen long-overdue, heartening court victories. In July, Abdullatif Nasser, one of the kindest and gentlest men I know, was transferred home to his family in Morocco.

Each of these victories is tinged with sadness and uncertainty. Abdullatif was cleared for release in late 2015, but his transfer wasn't completed by the last days of the Obama administration and was blocked by President Trump. Now, we have no idea when our "cleared" clients will be ultimately released.

As we recognize the 20th anniversary of the first prisoners arriving at Guantánamo Bay, on Jan. 11, I have been thinking about everything that has been lost — not only by the fathers and brothers and sons I have come to know in this awful prison, but by America." See [reprise.org](https://reprise.org)

### **Rikers Hunger Strike Enters Fifth Day** Jan 12

"Incarcerated men living in a jail facility on Rikers Island say they are on hunger strike, protesting conditions such as lack of medical care and access to other services that have persisted since last year due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic and a lack of staffing at city jails.

While the Department of Correction pushed back on the severity of the strike, now in its fifth day, over the past year more than a dozen inmates have died in custody, violence has increased and backlogs in the courts due to the pandemic have kept people behind bars for longer periods. Detainee Ervin Bowins reported that his unit has been denied access to mail and packages, recreation, mental and medical services, and the law library to work on their cases. In a voicemail Bowins left with an attorney, he said these are "mandatory minimum standards for a human being." The attorney, Christopher Boyle of the New York County Defender Services, estimated about 200 people at the Robert N. Davoren Center on Rikers Island have not taken meals since Friday at midnight. He said staffing shortages mean fewer services, and the unit where they're housed is particularly cold during this week. "Everything is limited to a degree that's never been seen before," Boyle said. "And they've had enough. They've finally said this is what we're going to do to get some attention." See [gothamist.com](https://gothamist.com).

### **Hunger Strike Continues Outside Rikers; Medical Doctor's Demand Access** Jan 12

**"EYES ON YOU STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE HUNGER STRIKE IN RIKERS!** This week prisoners held at the deadly Rikers Island have gone on hunger strike. The conditions that have forced the hands of our loved ones and community members behind the wall are extremely dire and our people need to be released now! Eyes on You is a committee of family members, formerly incarcerated people, and medical workers who have been demanding the medical release of individuals since summer 2021, and have also consistently demanded unfettered access to all Department of Corrections Facilities in order to prevent the horrific deaths of loved ones behind the walls. Now, more than ever, medical workers need access and our community members need freedom!

Some of the conditions people are hunger striking over include: being locked in a cell in the middle of a pandemic without any heat, physical brutality from COs, constant exposure to Covid-19, no access to recreation and law library, and no access to medical care. Politicians were allowed last week to go ahead and take a tour of the facility and see the deplorable conditions that inmates have to live in. Yet it's a new year with the same conditions, and the presence of politicians has done nothing. The fact that prisoners haven't been allowed to go outside for weeks is just a taste of the sadistic brutality in which people are suffering from on the inside at the hands of the C.O.s on Rikers Island. The fact that prisoners weren't given the proper PPE to survive the Covid 19 pandemic and the filth that plagues this plantation set the playing field for multiple deaths to take place just last year. It's time for those of us that have the privilege of being free to stand in solidarity with those that don't have the freedom we have. There are folks in there that would rather die standing up for their freedom than to continue to suffer in bondage. Doctors and community members from Eyes on You are demanding immediate access to support the hunger strikers and everyone else in the NYC jails before it's too late, and anyone else dies.

A formerly incarcerated member of Eyes on You, and founder of the Concentration Covid Movement, is currently on hunger strike in solidarity and released the following statement: “My name is William Malik Clanton and I am a formerly incarcerated individual who has spent the last 33 years incarcerated and recently have just been released from Rikers Island it has been brought to my attention that the men in some of these buildings are undergoing a hunger strike as a result of the conditions in these facilities I have taken the Liberty to join in on this hunger strike from the position that I'm in on the outside, this has been an ongoing issue that's been brought to the attention of the mayor, the commissioner, and all other political leaders, it's my hopes before there are more deaths that something be done to prevent these men and women from becoming chronically ill and possibly dying as a result of the treatment Within These facilities.”

**EYES ON YOU DEMANDS:**

1. Release everyone from all jails immediately
2. Pending release Eyes On You Demands access to any NYC jail facility of our choosing with one hour's notice
3. No new admissions in 2022.” See <https://medium.com/@eyesonyouinc>

**‘A place of inhumanity’: Justice advocates, pols rally in support of Rikers Island hunger strike Jan 13**



(“Protesters and Elected Officials gathered outside Rikers Island on Jan. 13 to stand in solidarity with reported hunger strikers on the island. Photo by Dean Moses” Picture retrieved from <https://www.amny.com/news/advocates-elected-officials-rally-outside-in-support-of-rikers-island-hunger-strikers/> )

“Throng of elected officials and human rights advocates rallied Thursday outside Rikers Island where hundreds of prisoners are reportedly staging a hunger strike. The conditions inside the penal island have long been decried by advocacy groups, formerly incarcerated individuals, and friends and family members of those still on the inside. Yet, according to Christopher Boyle, an attorney and director of data research and policy for the New

York County Defenders Service who also served as a whistle-blower on the hunger strike, prisoners are attempting to protest what are said to be appalling conditions and treatment through non-violent means. A coalition of protest groups such as The Fortune Society and #HALTsolitary were joined by a host of elected officials beneath the Rikers Island entrance sign on Hazen Street and 19th Avenue in order to demand immediate action by the mayor and the Department of Corrections (DOC) in what they are calling a crisis. Many advocates and Elected Officials are calling for the facility to be decarcerated.

"We're appealing to those who are in leadership in the mayor's office, and those who have the capacity to influence change on Rikers, to change the conditions that exist on Rikers Island, because currently, it is a place of inhumanity and a place where trauma and pain is housed," said Andre Ward, associate vice president of the David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy at the Fortune Society. Elected officials who have visited the jail are also calling upon the mayor's office to take action, going as far as to say that the facility should be immediately closed..." See <https://www.amny.com/news/advocates-elected-officials-rally-outside-in-support-of-rikers-island-hunger-strikers/>

#### **People in the Scandal-Plagued Federal Prison System Reveal What They Need in a New Director** Jan 14

"After less than two years on the job, the embattled director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), Michael Carvajal, abruptly announced his retirement last week — a move that sparked celebration from prisoners and staff alike. Though Carvajal successfully rose through the agency over the course of three decades, his tenure at the top was marked by crisis and scandal. One month after his appointment, the COVID-19 pandemic began sweeping through federal prisons, and Carvajal came under fire for the BOP's poor response. In the months that followed, the prison system was plagued by prisoner deaths, staff arrests, sex abuse scandals, escapes and a severe staffing shortage." See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2022/01/14/people-in-the-scandal-plagued-federal-prison-system-reveal-what-they-need-in-a-new-director>

#### **Palestinian Prisoner Hisham Abu Hawwash Contracts Covid after Ending Hunger Strike** Jan 14

"PPS said in the statement that the Israeli Assaf Harofeh Hospital – where the Palestinian prisoner remains for medical follow-ups before his upcoming release on February 26 – announced that Abu Hawwash contracted the Coronavirus, and he was transferred to the specialized care unit. The PPS said that Israeli Assaf Harofeh Hospital, where Abu Hawwash is hospitalized to recover, told Hisham's wife that he has tested positive for COVID-19 and ordered her to leave the hospital. #SaveHisham <https://t.co/yZjgQeJrWX> — Quds News Network (@QudsNen) January 14, 2022. PPS held the Israeli occupation authorities fully responsible for the life of the Palestinian prisoner, who needs special care, especially due to his health conditions. The family accused the hospital administration of failing to provide the necessary medical care to Abu Hawwash, who went on an open hunger strike that lasted for 141 days. Abu Hawwash contracted the highly contagious virus after being placed in a room with a number of patients without being isolated, despite his difficult health condition." See [palestinechronicle.com](http://palestinechronicle.com)

#### **CAIR: Community Updates: The Latest on Our Fight to Disrupt Spying on Muslim Americans** Jan 14

"In the name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful, All praise and thanks belong to God, the Lord of the Worlds, May peace and prayers be upon Prophet Muhammad and his family  
As-salamu alaykum Friend,

This week, CAIR held a national press conference to share important updates on our fight to disrupt the activities of an anti-Muslim hate group that has spent years paying people to spy on Muslim activists, leaders and organizations for the benefit of the Israeli government. Last month, we revealed that the so-called Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT), a hate group founded by far-right extremist Steven Emerson, was using "moles" like Romin Iqbal to spy on the Muslim community. Since then, our investigation has uncovered significant new information. We now know much more about who this hate group was targeting, who it was working with, how it used money to entice and pay spies, and why it was engaged in this unethical and even illegal behavior. You can watch our press conference to learn more or read below for a summary. These are the five important updates that we can now share with the community and the public this week:

##### **1. Multiple IPT Collaborators Come Forward to Apologize and Cooperate**



The first major development is that two people who once spied on the Muslim community for IPT came forward to apologize, provide information, and assist our investigation. To be clear, neither of these individuals were affiliated with or employed by CAIR. One of the people who came forward is a longtime employee of IPT who came to realize that the organization is unjustly targeting the Muslim community for the benefit of a foreign government. As this whistleblower put it: "I came to realize that IPT's main concern was not protecting our nation from legitimate threats, but protecting a foreign government—Israel—from legitimate criticism. We were essentially being used as an Israel lobbying organization. Demonizing people who simply have opinions we may not agree with has become sport, yet I was doing it as part of my job." You can read the whistleblower's full statement here. We are not releasing their name to protect them from retaliation by Steven Emerson, who has a history of bullying, threatening and cursing his staff." See video here [https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=302262218521109](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=302262218521109)

### Madonna Thunder Hawk: Remembering Clyde Bellecourt Jan 14



("Clyde Bellecourt leaves a legacy of activism and progress for our People. His was a life well lived." Photo retrieved from email.)

"Two days ago, we lost a good man. I write to you today from the road, as I make my way northeast to celebrate the life of Clyde Bellecourt. I knew Clyde for decades. An Anishinaabe activist from the White Earth Nation, he was a co-founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM) in Minneapolis and, for years, focused on ending police brutality against Native People. He remained active throughout his long life, eventually becoming a strong advocate for eliminating offensive sports mascots..." See <https://lakotalaw.org/>

## 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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