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## The Dragons Fire

THE NATIONAL JERICO 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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**Only one thing's sadder than remembering you were once free,  
and that's forgetting you were once free."**

**— Leonard Peltier**

### **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 collaborating with and support other movements, organizations and events which are in alignment with our missions and values to break down walls of injustice, racism, oppression, and to Free our Political Prisoners.

Part of our work is raising funds to support our PP's, as well as their families. Additionally, we are assisting our comrades who have finally come home.

We are also focusing on the campaign "In the Spirit of Mandela" **post tribunal work** and invite you to join us!

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!!**

**In Determination & Solidarity,**

**The National Jericho Movement**



## Chairperson's Corner

Please Check Back Next Month

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### NYC Jericho

- NYC Jericho is on the Free Kamau Sadiki Campaign Steering Committee and is also working in the Medical/Legal/Research Cttee of this campaign.
- We participate in meetings of the Kamau Sadiki Campaign every Monday and Thursday.
- In addition, we have our chapter meetings every other Thursday of the month.
- We are working on our strategy and plans for 2023.
- We are in regular communication with Joy Powell, and send her a monthly food package.
- We have also attended various webinars, including several for Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Women United Against Genocide, and Mumia Abu-Jamal
- We also speak on What's Happening with Ralph Poynter every Tuesday evening at 9 p.m. EST: <https://www.blogtalkradio.com/humanrightsdemand>
- We also have a chapter member participating in the Spirit of Mandela Media/Social Media/Broadcast Committee.
- We are of course supporting our Jericho Boston comrades and all others who were arrested and charged with domestic terrorism in Atlanta for supporting StopCopCity!

### Richmond Jericho

- Met with Peoples Senate Organizing Committee once. Also met with SoM CC twice
- Attended one James River PP writing event. (I do the often on their third Tuesday night PP writing events)
- Received 12 letters from regular prisoners in PO Box
- I introduced the medical doctor at Health Brigade where I work to the issue of supporting Kwame Shakur who is in prison in Virginia
- Presented on Jericho Political Prisoners in South Africa in several conferences/forums

### Boston Jericho

- Speaking engagements: Incredibly grateful to speak on our favorite show! Ralph Poynter & Betty Davis's show What's Happening on Blog Talk Radio on WBAL(2x)
- Honor to be in conversation with the Spirit of Mandela subcommittee: Women Against Genocide (1x)
- We have been immersed in supporting political detainees in Atlanta
- Tabling at two Palestine Concerts next weekend in MA
- We are ecstatic and filled with gratitude to welcome Veronza Bowers first album entitled "Finding Peace in the Chaos" to the world! An enormous respect to his crew that worked to bring this together! We feel this is truly a mediative album of auditory and somatic liberation! The album can be found on all online platforms to stream and to share! All proceeds go directly to Veronza. In Veronza's words: "it is our hope that you will be able to find peace in whatever chaos surrounds you."
- Lastly, We are organizing a bus on the Sunday before his birthday (April 23rd). Please contact to go from Boston to Philly and back for Mumia's Birthday Rally us if you or anyone you know would be interested in coming with us. Do not let finances be a deterrent.
- In the upcoming months we hope to work on **youth recruitment** in specific.

## Detroit Jericho

### **-Meetings Jericho & allies:**

Facilitated 2 Bi-Weekly Free our elder political prisoners/prisoners of War Meetings Thursdays at 7 pm.

<http://tinyurl.com/freedom-meeting>

### **-Events held or attended in solidarity:**

Detroit Jericho hosted "The People For Mumia - Detroit Speaks Out for Mumia's Freedom" on Sunday March 12, 2023, 6-8pm ET. <https://fb.me/e/3dcYocgzj> Artist, activist, and teacher community members read passages of Mumia's writings. We facilitated a letter writing to Judge Lucretia Clemons who is presiding over Mumia's Post-Conviction Relief Act appeal. Also, helped attendees create Mumia support reels for the growing Mumia social media #Mumiavideochallenge.



## **THE PEOPLE FOR MUMIA!**

**DETROIT COMMUNITY MEMBERS READ THE WORDS OF MUMIA ABU-JAMAL**

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 12  
6-8pm**

**St. Peter's Church  
1950 Trumbull, Detroit**

**TAKE ACTION:  
WRITE TO THE JUDGE  
JOIN THE MUMIA  
VIDEO CHALLENGE  
@LOVENOTPEAR**

**Speak out for Mumia's freedom!  
U.S. Political Prisoner for 41 years**



Shushanna  
Shakur



Malik  
Yakini



Bill  
Wylie-Kellermann

*and more  
readers!*



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-On April 2, 2023 Detroit Jericho hosted a “Free Mumia Rally” in response to Judge Lucretia Clemons denial of Mumia’s appeal.



-April 5th Detroit Jericho attended and flyered for Mumia at Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) Solidarity Event & Film Screening, surrounding Imagining a World Without Prisons. Documentary: If a Tree Falls: A Story of The Earth Liberation Front.

-April 8th Detroit Jericho Attended and spoke a Vigil for Tortuguita and Solidarity event for Detainees of Atlanta Stop Cop City Protest and Youth Detention Centers Horrible Conditions.

-Piper Carter Podcast from Detroit is Different, on March 28th. Sarah Torres & Kwasi Akwamu of the Detroit Jericho Chapter were interviewed about Mumia Abu-Jamal, his current situation, latest petition for appeal and at the time, pending decision we were anticipating Judge Lucretia Clemons to release.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/bF0dtmfj0oQ?feature=share>

-Anthony Adams Show on 910am, (1:17:40), on March 29th. Shushanna Shakur and Tahira Achmed spoke on behalf of Mumia Abu-Jamal his revolutionary struggle, and fight for freedom, and actions to take leading up to the most recent decision Judge Lucretia made to dismiss his appeal.

<https://www.facebook.com/910amsuperstation/videos/771334684554782>

-Joan Watson Show on 'Wake up Detroit' WHPR, (21:00), on April 6th. Shushanna Shakur and Tahira Achmed spoke on the latest on how Judge Lucretia dismissed Mumia’s appeal, his long fight for liberation of all people and struggle while being imprisoned and calls to action for people to activate and participate.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sypJD\\_d5RY&list=PLW9V0ugB28xyxuljbvJtVbeUg72UyF0zt&index=93](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sypJD_d5RY&list=PLW9V0ugB28xyxuljbvJtVbeUg72UyF0zt&index=93)

-Interactions with PP families: In regular contact with Jamal Hart Jr, Mumia Abu-Jamal’s grandson. Organizing with him in Love Not Phear.

### Oakland Jericho

-Political Prisoner Writing Events & OJ Info Sessions: March

-Members independently wrote 5 Political Prisoners

-Collaboration meetings with Ally for CD Release Party

-3 OJ meetings

-In contact with Mumia’s grandson regarding OJ hosting an event in support of Mumia

OJ member in meetings with the WPP representatives as well as their chairman to see how Jericho and WPP could support political education for those behind the wall.

-OJ member tabled and shared Jericho information at a week-long gathering I attended in the Santa Bárbara Mountains.

-Working with local artist for a Leonard Peltier mural in Oakland

-Member collaboration with Michael Novick for PP event in Oakland in April

-PP petition signing, promoting

- SoM/PS committees' participation
- Advocacy phone calls/letters on behalf of PPs

## Jericho Tributes & Highlights

### Update and Urgent Health Call-In Campaign for Political Prisoner Ed Poindexter



"We just received news that Ed Poindexter's left leg was amputated below the knee earlier this month due to lack of proper medical care. Ed has diabetes and receives dialysis three days a week. He underwent triple bypass heart surgery in 2016.

**Please support Ed by sending him a letter of encouragement to:**

Ed Poindexter #27767, Reception and Treatment Center, P.O. Box 22800, Lincoln, NE 68542-2800

Ed has a cataract in one eye that makes it difficult for him to read, so please type your letter in 18 point or larger font. The Nebraska Department of Corrections does not plan to allow Ed to have surgery for the cataract because "he has one good eye."

**PLEASE CALL:**

**Warden Boyd** of the Reception and Treatment Center (402-471-2861);

Warden Wilhelm of the Nebraska State Penitentiary (402-471-3161);

**Governor Pillen**, the State of Nebraska Office of the Governor (402-471-2244);

**Director Rob Jeffreys**, Nebraska Department of Corrections 402-471-2654;

**The Nebraska Board of Pardons** (Email: [ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov](mailto:ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov)).

**Please sustain calls daily from April 15th to May 30th, 2023 for this intensive campaign, and thereafter as you can.** [Any relief for Ed will be announced via email and social media].

**Sample Message:**

"Ed Poindexter's family noticed blood on his feet several weeks ago. Then in April 2023, his niece and brother found out that Ed's leg had been amputated earlier in the month. All of this happened without notifying Ed's family, within the 'skilled nursing facility' at the Reception and Treatment Center, which specializes in behavioral issues and suicide watch, and is not primarily a rehab medical unit. Ed is on dialysis several days per week and is wheelchair bound, and is not able to shower or change without much more direct support than he is currently getting. The Nebraska Department of Corrections admits that their facilities are severely overcrowded and understaffed. I, \_\_\_\_\_, join Ed's family in demanding that Ed be given a compassionate release, and that he be immediately transferred to a local hospital or rehabilitation facility, not under direction of the Department of Corrections—where the standard of care is decent and humane."

**Warden: Taggart Boyd, Reception and Treatment Center**, P.O. Box 22800, Lincoln, NE 68542-2800

Phone: 402-471-2861, Fax: 402-479-6100

**Warden Michelle Wilhelm, Nebraska State Penitentiary**, Phone: 402-471-3161, 4201 S 14th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502

**Governor Jim Pillen**, Phone: 402-471-2244, PO Box 94848, Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

<https://governor.nebraska.gov/contact-form>

**Rob Jeffreys, Director**, Nebraska Department of Corrections, Phone: 402-471-2654, PO Box 94661  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

**Nebraska Board of Pardons**, PO Box 95007, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, Email: [ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov](mailto:ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov)

You can read more about Ed Poindexter at <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/poindexter-ed>"

Source: Email.

**Today is Jericho Co-Founder Safiya Bukhari's Birthday**

**April 2nd**

**We need to pick up the work to free all political prisoners!**



"Safiya worked non-stop to free all U.S. held political prisoners, to the point of sacrificing her health. We need to fulfill her goal of freeing all political prisoners! Watch Mumia's moving commentary shortly after Safiya's transition to the ancestors in August, 2003: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHMfQcjAV7A>. You can also find more of Safiya's speeches on the Jericho YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@JerichoMovement>



"Among the ancestors now, Safiya offers us her wisdom in *The War Before*, with an introduction and edited by her good friend and comrade Laura Whitehorn. Just as the revolution is a work in progress, Bukhari's writings



were a work in progress, reflecting her thoughts on organizing for an end to capitalism and working toward a new society. While I acknowledge the tragedy of her physical death, I prefer to see her passing as a transition. This collection of essays, speeches and interviews reveals a strong spirit, and should be read like a textbook, again and again. Returning to how Safiya Bukhari thought and how she fought on behalf of political prisoners keeps her spirit close to us while we continue the struggle. In the "Afterword," political prisoner and journalist Mumia Abu Jamal states that Bukhari's "passing wasn't the only tragedy; the tragedy was that more people didn't know her, learn from her, or grow from her fund of hard-won wisdom." --Lenore Jean Daniels, PhD" Source: Email.

### **Lawrence Hayes, formerly incarcerated on NYS death row, has gone to the ancestors**

"Some of you will remember our dear friend and comrade Lawrence Hayes, former Black Panther who spent over 20 years behind bars, including 2 on death row. Lawrence spent decades in the movement, fighting for social justice and against the criminal injustice system. He was a founding member of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty and served on its board for many years. He also worked at the Innocence Project as well as a case worker for the city of New York. Very sadly, Lawrence passed away earlier this week from a struggle with cancer. He is survived by his daughter, Isis, and granddaughter, Amani. The family is in need of support for funeral costs. Some friends have put together a Go Fund Me campaign - please share with your networks and contribute if you can. Any support is much appreciated: Support the family of abolitionist Lawrence Hayes <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-family-of-abolitionist-lawrence-hayes>

**A memorial service will be held next Saturday, April 1, from 12 noon-2 PM** at the Harmony Funeral Home, 2200 Clarendon Rd in Flatbush, Brooklyn. All are welcome. With love and appreciation --Lee Wengraf"

### **Mumia Denied A New Trial 3-31-23! BUT WE WILL FREE HIM.**

**EMERGENCY PROTEST**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2023**  
**RISE UP FOR MUMIA**

Mumia's judge made a shameful, cruel, and unjust decision in Mumia's case and dismissed his appeal.

All over the world, people will rise up and demand Freedom for Mumia!

**4PM**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER**  
 1301 Filbert St.  
 Philadelphia

**LOVE NOT PHEAR**

**MUMIA WILL BE FREE**

"Friday at 4:08 pm, March 31, 2023, Common Pleas court Judge Lucretia Clemons denied Mumia Abu-Jamal's request for a new trial. This is simply devastating news. After 41 years in prison, Mumia Abu-Jamal has exhausted nearly all of his avenues for relief. Make no mistake: Justice required that Mumia Abu-Jamal be given a new trial. The enemy now is time. At 68 years old Mumia is suffering from cardiac disease and has had a double bypass, and nearly died from lack of treatment for acute Hepatitis C.

If you put thick blinders on that block out all reality and rely on procedural minutia for cover, honestly, it is still impossible to avoid the scorchingly blatant racism of trial Judge Albert Sabo, Assistant District Attorney Joseph McGill, Mayor and former police chief Frank Rizzo, District Attorney during Mumia's trial Ed Rendell, and Ron Castille, DA and former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice."

**Dr. Jared Ball: The Latest from iMiXWHATiLiKE! Mumia Abu-Jamal Denied Mumia.** "A first look at the latest ruling against Mumia. Judge Clemons March 31, 2023 Ruling Against Mumia: [Black Power Media](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQ9wxTydUT4) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQ9wxTydUT4>"



## Historical Perspectives of Movements

### MALCOLM X GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT



“The Malcolm X Grassroots Movement is an organization of Afrikans in America/New Afrikans whose mission is to defend the human rights of our people and promote self-determination in our community. We understand that the collective institutions of white-supremacy, patriarchy and capitalism have been at the root of our people’s oppression. We understand that without community control and without the power to determine our own lives, we will continue to fall victim to genocide. Therefore, we seek to heighten our consciousness about self-determination as a human right and a solution to our colonization. While organizing around our principles of unity, we are building a network of Black/New Afrikan activists and organizers committed to the protracted struggle for the liberation of the New Afrikan Nation – By Any Means Necessary!

#### 1.

We actively support and struggle to defend the Human Rights of Afrikan people in the United States and around the world. We actively oppose those social, economic, political and cultural practices and structures that contribute to the violation of our people’s human rights whether it is based on ethnicity, nationality, social status, class, gender or sexual orientation (including gay, lesbian, transgender, bi-sexual, or other sexuality).

#### 2.

We demand Reparations, or repayment for four hundred years of slavery, colonialism and oppression of our people in the United States of America.

#### 3.

We promote Self-Determination and must organize for the liberation of the Afrikan nation, held colonized in the United States.

#### 4.

We oppose Genocide or the acceptable and calculated killing of our people by individuals, institutions and organizations of the United States government, through lynching, disease, police terror and any other means.

#### 5.

We demand the release of activists who have been imprisoned because of their commitment in seeking human rights and liberation for our people. These brothers and sisters are Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War, and they should be recognized as such.

#### 6.

We work to dismantle all systems that subjugate New Africans who are oppressed based on gender and sexuality. We must take uncompromising stands against all forms of sexist oppression and cisheteropatriarchy.

<https://freethelandmxgm.org/>

<https://freethelandmxgm.org/about/> <https://freethelandmxgm.org/principles/>

## Political Prisoners/POWs Updates

### 1. Medical:

**Ed Poindexter:** “We just received news that Ed Poindexter's left leg was amputated below the knee earlier this month due to lack of proper medical care. Ed has diabetes and receives dialysis three days a week.”

**Kojo Bomani Brown:** Kojo is having hip replacement surgery

**2. Legal:**

**Mumia Abu Jamal:** Mumia was denied A new trial 3-31-23

**3. Other:**

**Eric King:** Eric was approved for a halfway house, but not approved to go home to his family, he is in the process of being released.

**Veronza Bowers:** Veronza new Album: Finding peace in the chaos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFTW8fPuHYs>

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

### April Birthdays!

#### MUMIA ABU-JAMAL-Birthday: April 24th



Black Panther Party - Move

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

Smart Communications/PA DOC

Abu-Jamal, Mumia #AM 8335 SCI-Mahanoy, P.O. Box 33028, St Petersburg, FL 33733

Affiliation: Black Panther Party, MOVE Captured: 1981-Life without parole

"Very few people in prison have voices that go beyond the wall. It's my job to do the work for them because they have no one." FreeMumia.com, Author, U.S. Prisoner

<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/abu-jamal-mumia>

### March Birthdays!

#### Dr. Aafia Siddiqui: Birthday-March 2



POST 911 MUSLIM INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PRISONER

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

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

Captured: 2008. Sentence: 86 years.

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

she graduated in cognitive neuroscience. In 1995 she married a young Karachi [Pakistan] doctor, Amjad Khan. A year later their first child, Ahmed, was born." <https://aafia.org>

<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/siddiqui-dr-aafia>

#### Reverend Joy Powell-Birthday-March 5th, 1962



Affiliation: Community Activist

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

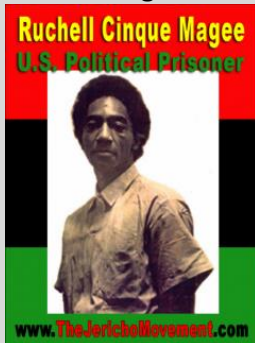
#07G0632, Bedford Hills CF, Post Ofce Box 1000, Bedford Hills, NY 10507-2499

Captured: 2007 - life plus 16 years.

"As a pastor and a consistent activist against police brutality, violence and oppression in her community, Rev. Joy Powell was warned by the Rochester Police department that she was a target because of her speaking out against corruption, the police brutality and "police justifications" in Rochester NY. As a result, Rev. Joy was accused and convicted of 1st Degree Burglary and Assault."

[FreeJoyPowell.org](http://FreeJoyPowell.org) <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/powell-rev-joy>

## Ruchell Magee: Birthday-March 17



### Contact Information/Prison Address

#A92051 B3 - 270 California Men's Colony State Prison

P.O. Box 8103, San Luis Obispo, CA 93409-8103, United States

Capture: August 7, 1970

"Ruchell is the longest held political prisoners in the U.S., having been locked up since 1963. Politicized in prison, he later participated in the Marin County Courthouse Rebellion (Aug 7, 1970) in the attempted liberation of political prisoner George Jackson by his younger brother, Jonathan Jackson. Ruchell has worked tirelessly as a jailhouse lawyer, working on his own case and helping many other prisoners win their freedom...."

<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/magee-ruchell-cinque>

<http://denverabc.wordpress.com/prisoners-dabc-supports/political-prisoners-database/ruchell-cinquemagee/>.



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

## Current & Former Political Prisoner Voices

### Noelle Hanrahan: Mumia Abu-Jamal's Message

"I saw Mumia yesterday and he was deeply affected by the blow, the gravity, the gut wrenching disappointment: that freedom will be delayed, again.

I brought him Judge Clemons' 38 page "opinion." He read the words carefully, first retrieving his reading glasses from his shirt pocket. Hunched over, he read through each and every line. Words that were written to bury him.

Words meant to extinguish hope. Pages that would bind him. An opinion that will keep in place the full body cavity strip search before and after every visit. An order that would deny him the food and exercise that could heal his broken heart and his cardiac condition. Pages that separate him from his great-grandchildren, his brothers, his sons, his daughter. Words that prevent him from receiving the healing embrace of his people as he weeps and aches for Wadiya, his wife of 41 years who passed away in December.

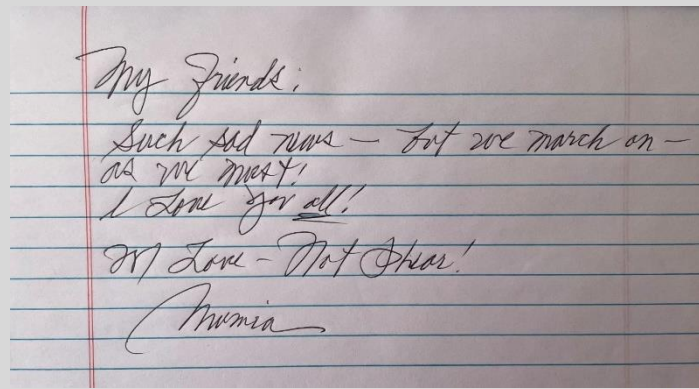
Its promise of finality is really a transparent attempt to cover up what everyone knows to be true: police, prosecutors, and yes, now judges, have stolen decades from the lives of Black Philadelphians. It is a promise that would have the injustice system stay the same, unchallenged, with Mumia remaining locked in a cage until his last breath.

And yet, yesterday, Sunday April 2nd, I met with a man full of life.

Mumia, deeply engaged in his doctoral dissertation, using Fanon to measure this new world. Sketching out the future. The day the wretched of the earth shall be vindicated. Willing into being the real narrative, a counter narrative, that both calls forth, and imagines freedom. I met a man who was engaged in the world and yes, full of hope, for all of us, and for himself.

Mumia's hearty belly laugh is impossible not to join in. He is very, very funny. I have to ask him to "come on, please just stop, don't make me laugh at these god awful absurdities."

Mumia's love is courageous, it is honest, eyes wide open and fearless, and transformative for all of us.



**Julia Wright wrote:**

The judge  
may have stamped  
her foot,  
waved her gavel  
like a white supremacist wand  
and said no  
but this morning  
i canna find no Blues  
for Mumia  
the judge  
may have enjoyed  
champagne and selfies  
with those who pull  
her electoral strings  
but this morning  
I canna find no Blues  
for Mumia

I canna find no Blues  
cause the whole wide world  
is crying  
not tears  
not a river  
but deafening Freedom  
for Mumia -  
and the judge  
is powerless  
to stop it

Julia Wright (c)2023\*

**We understand that we are here because Mumia Abu Jamal survived being shot in the chest as he ran across a street to help both his brother and the fallen officer, Daniel Faulkner.**

On December 9th 1981, at 3 am in the morning at 13th and Locust in downtown Philadelphia, Mumia Abu-Jamal had just stopped his cab and was letting off a patron. He leapt out of his cab, ran across the street after seeing his brother's VW pulled over and Bill being beaten with a nightstick by Philadelphia cop Daniel Faulkner. There is no debate about what happened next. Daniel Faulkner shot Mumia in the chest. Mumia goes down with a bullet through his lung. Someone else then fatally shoots Faulkner and runs away. At that moment our world and Mumia's world were torn apart.



Each time I go to the prison I pull the books I am working with off my shelf, today was *Police Misconduct* by Paul Messing, and *A Long Walk to Freedom* by Nelson Mandela. I bring them in, put them on the table, share them, corners turned down, paragraphs underlined, and go to the vending machines. I return with a bowl of delicious cherry tomatoes, olives, and onions that adorn a fresh beautiful Greek Salad, a full green sliced apple with Nutella, and a bowl of gorgeous cantaloupe, mellon, and pineapple. If they can put organic salad in the vending machine they can give him salad and fresh fruit, a cardiac healthy diet, in his regular meals. Last month they said he must wait seven months for a blood panel, he pushed back, and he is receiving the tests he needs. All PA prisoners need a heart healthy diet. Fresh food and vegetables. Both the witness, the solidarity, the food, and the books are necessary to remain centered and alive and in resistance. When we survive, we win. When we love, we win.

Cuando luchamos ganamos,  
When We Fight, We Win"  
Noelle Hanrahan, Esq. P.I.  
Prison Radio Legal Director

"\* Julia Wright, April 2nd. All Rights Reserved to Mumia Abu-Jamal and Wadiya's children."  
Source: Email.

### **finding peace in the chaos: Veronza Bowers Jr**

"Rev Love 2023. 8 Songs 1 hour 22 minutes"

<https://open.spotify.com/album/4LTWkFZrt4nRy2H3XFm8hL>

### **Kevin "Rashid" Johnson - My Denied and Delayed Cancer Care**

**"FROM MY DENIED AND DELAYED CANCER CARE TO THE WORST POSSIBLE TREATMENT (2023)**

**By Kevin "Rashid" Johnson**

**"FROM NO CARE...**it's been exactly a year and a half since Virginia prison officials had clinical evidence from PSA blood tests that I have prostate cancer and ten months since my cancer was definitively diagnosed by biopsy at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV). The biopsy found that the cancer was then spread throughout my entire prostate. To present date my treatment has still not begun. Not only that, but the option for receiving the course of treatment that doctors advised me is the least dangerous and most effective has been now scrapped for the MOST DANGEROUS and likely LEAST EFFECTIVE plan of treatment.

When I elected radiation treatment over surgery during early January 2023 it was a desperate move to finally get some regiment of treatment underway, in the face of hospital and prison medical staff repeatedly denying and delaying my access to care. I didn't want to give them any more pretexts to falsely justify refusing to set me on a course of care as they had already done for over a year.

At that time the radiologist, Dr Alfredo Urdaneta, explained to me the course of treatment that he recommended as most likely to eliminate my cancer and cause me the least physical harm. This four-stage plan of care consisted he said of my first receiving a month's prescription of an oral medication that would suppress my body's testosterone levels and thereby shrink my prostate, to make the gland a more effective target for radiation treatment. This would also stop the cancer's growth he said. During the time that I'd take the meds I would also, second, receive two injections of a testosterone suppressant. Third they would inject tiny radiation pellets into my prostate gland. Then fourth I would undergo about twenty sessions of external radiation. Dr. Urdaneta explained that this plan of care offered the most effective option for targeting the cancer with radiation while minimizing the amount of radiation beamed into my body and in such a sensitive region where damage to other organs and vital functions might occur.

**But it was a case of bait and switch.**

On Feb 14, 2023 I was ordered the oral meds by Dr. Urdaneta, but the prison never administered them despite my repeated written complaints at the prison. On Feb 23 I called the hospital for confirmation that I was supposed to be receiving the meds, but was told by MCV staff that they could not give me any information about my own care. I then called back with journalist Carole Seligman then lawyer Noelle Hanrahan on the line to witness this claim, but they then sent us to voicemail. When I went to the hospital two weeks after the

meds were ordered, on March 3, for the first shot, the shot could not be given because the meds were never administered. The meds were then reordered and the entire plan of treatment was rescheduled.

#### **TO THE WORSE CARE...**

I began receiving the meds on March 5, and returned to the hospital on March 20 for the first shot. After that the plan of treatment suddenly changed. The second shot was never given and the oral meds ended. I was seen again on March 27 by Dr Urdaneta, at that time he informed me that my plan of treatment would now be nothing but some 40 sessions of external radiation. FORTY SESSIONS! That's forty times of having organ-frying radiation beamed into my body without any precautions or protections. He would not give any explanation for this sudden change or the choice of this admittedly more dangerous course of treatment. He did rush to have me sign a consent form acknowledging that I recognized the treatment I was going to receive might not cure my cancer and there may be serious side effects and injury. I had to sign the form as a condition to receiving any treatment at all.

Throughout the year and a half that I have been known to have cancer the hospital visits and acts of initiating treatment that did happen were solely the result of persistent outside protests against my denied treatment that occurred throughout this time. Yet even now when a course of treatment has been planned, it has been scrapped for the worst and most dangerous choice. A choice that will likely not cure my very curable form of cancer and will likely cause severe internal injury to my body. This is the state of prison medical 'care' in Amerika and especially that given even by force of public pressure to the politically imprisoned.

Dare to Struggle Dare to Win! All Power to the People!" Source: Email.

#### **Prison Lives Matter: Liberate Our Elders (Continuing Our Charge of Genocide) Reflections and Thoughts on the Organizing Committee By: Kwame Beans Shakur**

*"No one will undertake to aid us unless they sense the power of our movement. It is Blacks who must play not only the role of liberating the Black colony, but also the leading role in the liberation of the whole city/state. To expect that someone else will take the full responsibility for our own liberation is suicide." George Jackson, Blood in My Eye."*

"As always, i come in the vision for self-determination, national liberation, the release of all Political Prisoners (PPs)/Prisoners of War (POWs), and the abolition of legalized prison slavery. We are witnessing the manifestation and implementation of that vision through the concrete work and tangible infrastructure that is being laid down by a number of organizations/formations within the overall movement both inside and out. The call to organize the "Prison Lives Matter (PLM):Liberate Our Elders" webinar and panel discussion for July 2023 is part and parcel of that work. These panel discussions are being put in place to help establish a national agenda/strategy as We turn theory into practice and action. On March 3, 2023, a Zoom call was held to develop an organizing committee for the panels. I believe i can speak for more than myself when i say that it was extremely motivating and encouraging for those in attendance to see/hear such a large number of Our leading thinkers, organizers, and strategists come together in that space. Some of those sisters/brothers have been freedom fighters on the frontline in Our struggle for far longer than i have been on this earth. It has long been understood that the (New)Afrikan Nation/Black community here in the u.s. isn't monolithic. However, that call proved that We can overcome generational, ideological, geographic, and religious gaps or differences in solidarity, and a collective consciousness can move this struggle forward.

i want to further clarify what the aims and objectives are going into this webinar and panel for those who attended the first call, or those who will come on board in the coming months. We don't want any confusion or misunderstandings that would limit the overall agenda and participation based on the title (PLM: Liberate Our Elders).PLM is a united front for PPs/POWs, politicized individuals, and outside formations or campaigns who are working in unison to educate, organize, and establish infrastructure with the overstanding that there is no separate struggle between the prison movement and Our overall movement against racism/capitalism/imperialism. This united front and its structure is the result of a concrete study and analysis of the past 50+ years, and in doing so We learned from those who led the struggle at the highest level during

the high tide (1960s and 70s); where and how the revolutionary movement failed- due to a lack of cadre development, as well as knowing and maintaining a line.

PLM, while maintaining the aforementioned anti-racist/anti-capitalist/anti-imperialist line, is also not a monolithic body. The individuals, organizations, and campaigns that make up the PLM National Coordinating Committee (NCC) range from New Afrikan Revolutionary Nationalists, to intercommunalists, to anarchists. As a united front, PLM and many organizations/individuals within the NCC, as well as general members inside and out, are part and parcel of (or do overlapping work with) Spirit of Mandela, New Afrikan Independence Movement, Front for the Liberation of the New Afrikan Nation (FROLINAN), Jericho Movement, The People's Senate, etc. At the same time, each individual/organization/campaign united under the PLM umbrella operates under their own autonomy and may have their own programs or initiatives. PLM is about strengthening the overall movement through unity, strategy, and applying the proper educational tools to the captives/masses to sustain Ourselves moving forward.

PLM is not simply for/about the Prison Industrial Slave Complex (PISC). Here again We overstand that this form of modern-day slavery is only one of the many arms/functions of capitalism, colonialism, national oppression, fascism, white supremacy, and genocide that We are fighting as a whole oppressive body. Therefore, We use this united front in unison with the aforementioned outside formations that We are part and parcel to, to use OUR BODY AS A WHOLE to dismantle and decolonize from the above forms of colonial rule.

With all that being said, this webinar and panel discussion is not solely based on the issues around prisons or the Liberate Our Elders campaign. That is why on the March 3rd Zoom call, Jalil Muntaqim spoke on the function and significance of The People's Senate, Sekou Odinga explained the purpose of the 2021 International Tribunal and how We can move forward with the guilty verdict of genocide against the u.s., and Clinical psychologist Dr. Amber Siler spoke about the psychological affects and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) that We suffer from as a result of colonial violence.

The goal for each in person webinar and panel discussion event in the Bay Area, Chicago, and New York is to have individuals/organizations present from that specific region who are doing the work tied into infrastructure building. We need individuals on the panels representing Our lawful committee, Our clinical psychologist, members of The People's Senate, Spirit of Mandela/International Tribunal members, PP freedom campaign representatives (Mumia Abu-Jamal, Kamau Sadiki, Jamil Al-Amin, etc.), and PLM-NCC members in order to explain how We use the existing structure of inside/out coordinating to plant these seeds and connect the various initiatives across the kountry. These include The Nelson Mandela Rules, the HALT Solitary Confinement Act, the national campaign to secure minimum wage for captive workers, establishing members/structure for the People's Senate, uniting defense committees/freedom campaigns of political prisoners and elders; as well as our lawful counsel and clinical psychologist networking to bring others in their field on board.

It is important to talk about the subtitle for the event, Liberate Our Elders, making the connection between their campaign call for freedom and how it ties directly into Our international struggle for independence and self-government. A large numbers of Elders identify as conscious citizens of the Republic of New Afrika and there are countless other Black, brown, and indigenous captives who are also members of oppressed groups or internal neo-colonies and are victims of u.s. genocide. Who do We expect to Liberate Our Elders? The same courts and system that put them there? How can We make the charges against the u.s. for violating international law in regard to PPs as freedom fighters or members of a colonized nation if we are not operating like a nation/government, or national movement that is at war and establishing the proper structures to be recognized by the international community? The holding of international tribunals, developing The People's Senate, and organizing national strategy is how We gain our freedom. Anything short of that, We will not be taken seriously by the oppressor, potential allies around the world, or even Our own people. These are mandatory steps in the decolonization process that cannot be ignored or bypassed from any neo-colonized group of people being held as an internal captive nation under the false jurisdiction of a colonial empire. There have been many attempts and declarations over decades in the name of self-determination; however, We lacked the proper infrastructure to sustain Ourselves.

The first Zoom call on March 3 was to jumpstart the organizing committee by figuring out who is willing to get on board in working alongside those of Us who agreed to initially spearhead this endeavor. Then, having those in attendance to start networking to bring in other individuals in their area or around the kountry and

communicating/coordinating with the committee on local ideas or initiatives. Prior to our next call on April 9, 2023, the objective is to look at Our calendars and set concrete dates for the panels while also locking down a location to host the event in each state, figuring out who We will have on each panel and establish talking points. In terms of strategy for the webinar and making sure that We are the most effective in reaching the people, i am throwing out the suggestion that We break the event down into a three-day weekend. For example, the Bay Area would have their panel and webinar on Friday, Chicago on Saturday, and New York on Sunday. It is also being discussed by Comrades in a couple of states, that organizations who are spread out across the kountry, or not able to attend one of the in person panel discussions, can independently organize breakout events in their area to livestream the webinar and invite local people for workshops” Source: Email

## Political Prisoner of the Month Highlight

**Kwame Shakur**



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**Kwame Shakur #149677**

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“I, Kwame “Beans” Shakur am a prisoner, Chairman and Co-Founder of the New Afrikan Liberation Collective (NALC),and National Director of the Prison Lives Matter Movement. I am being held captive at the Wabash Valley Slave Camp in Indiana. I am serving a 110-year sentence for a crime I did not commit and have become politicized on the inside. My work is why I have been held in solitary confinement for 23-24 hours a day for the past six years. I have also pursued a music career in spite of my imprisonment. I fight daily for the self-determination of New Afrikan people and all those oppressed.”

From Captured Colonial to New Afrikan Freedom Fighter, June 12, 2019/By Kwame “Beans” Shakur

During the ‘60s and ‘70s my grandfather, Robert Joyner Sr., was one of the leading revolutionary activists in my city of Terre Haute, Indiana. As vice chairman of his formation, he and his comrades founded the Hyte Center in 1970 (now known as the Booker T. Washington Community Center)to serve as a community liberation center and survival program.

From a very young age, I was taught by my father who my grandfather was and what he did for our people. He made sure I knew the history of our local and national leaders.

I was captured in 2011 when over three dozen SWAT team, U.S. Marshalls, and Indiana State Police surrounded my father’s house with snipers and a battering ram tank. My father was put in handcuffs after confronting the pigs demanding they put their guns down before I would come out.

After a brief standoff, I came out, the house was raided in an illegal search and seizure with no warrant; the only things seized were all the weapons that had belonged to my grandfather. After being questioned about a double homicide of two Euro-Americans, I was illegally held captive for 33 days before being charged with the murders.

The case was never alleged to be gang related, yet the entire case was politicized surrounding my membership in Growth and Development. Every witness statements and depositions became about my affiliation.



It wasn't until 2014 when Comrade Shaka Shakur was sent back to Pendleton Correctional Facility that I was transformed into a New Afrikan revolutionary nationalist. The comrade saw the work I was doing and gave me a copy of Comrade Sanyika Shakur's book, *Stand Up, Struggle Forward*. The book changed my life, it changed the way I viewed the world, it made the very existence of being an oppressed Afrikan within this settler state and the struggles we face as a people come into sharp focus. Destroying the plurality of "race," it introduced me to dialectical materialism and the antagonistic class contradictions hidden by the capitalist social construct of "race" to strip peoples of their nationality, turning them into subjugated neo-colonials.

I was familiar with the Nation of Islam, the Five Percenters/Nation of Gods and Earths, and the Moorish Science Temple of America, but none of them focused on dialectical and historical materialism for a concrete scientific analysis of how to achieve self-determination and national liberation like the Republic of New Afrika. This led to Shaka Shakur and I founding the New Afrikan Liberation Collective (NALC).

I began speaking and writing about using NALC to create a front to rebuild the NAIM by unifying the leading cadre individuals and organizations within the New Afrikan Nation. This is when Shaka introduced me to the brilliant works of Comrade Jalil Muntaqim, explaining that what I was calling for had already been proposed by Jalil through FROLINAN (Front for the Liberation of the New Afrikan Nation).

After getting my hands on the National Strategy for FROLINAN and the FROLINAN Handbook, I couldn't believe that this calling hadn't been formulated into our program for decolonization. For a year and a half, I have been planting seeds to grow FROLINAN, networking with comrades all over the kkkountry, both inside and out of the kkkamps to bring individuals and formations into the front. It is clear that we need to evolve a unified strategy for direction moving forward if we are serious about re-building to win.

My main objective with the prison movement right now is to get outside supporters to view the prison-industrial slave complex through a broader lens in order to see its role in colonizing the New Afrikan Nation. At the same time, when we are trying to raise consciousness about the U.S. violating international laws on the treatment of Prisoners of War who were members of a colonized nation fighting for independence, there needs to be an active national liberation struggle from our people in order to gain momentum and international support. The liberation of these freedom fighters, the future of our nation, and any hope of freeing the land rests upon what we do right now!

The struggle is still for land and independence! Re-Build to Win!"

<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/kwame-shakur>

## Community Calls for Action

### **ACT NOW: We MUST stop Cop City! March 17**

"The neighborhoods surrounding Weelaunee Forest are largely made up of lower-income Black residents. Now, they will feel and hear the presence of a training facility where cops will learn new ways to enact violence against ordinary people—especially Black and Brown people—right in their own backyard. And in addition to the terror of an ever-present police force, Cop City will also be an environmental nightmare. By destroying the Weelaunee Forest, Cop City will decimate this vital green space, disrupt the ecology of surrounding areas, and endanger a critical component to Atlanta's climate resilience. Cop City will do irreparable harm to the city and citizens of Atlanta. We have to send a clear signal to the project's investors that there is no place for a massive police training complex in the city. Stop Cop City and sign the petition now!"

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-no-massive-police-training-complex-stop-cop-city-2>

### **Action alerts March 21**

"**1.** First one is writing letters to DEC about Genesee County's STAMP (Science, Technology and Manufacturing Park) being planned in the midst of a 20,000-acre complex of migratory bird and wildlife refuges ("Alabama Swamp") and adjacent to the Tonawanda Seneca Nation territory. Please read on to see what is at stake and take a look at the attachments, especially the first which includes a 7-slide backgrounder--"Don't STAMP Out Our Shared Heritage". We are asking friends to submit a letter to the DEC by their deadline, March 31,

requesting denial of a permit which allows the "incidental taking" of critical habitat for several endangered or threatened species. We also want to support the Tonawanda Seneca Nation who have long opposed STAMP, and whose case against the first tenant "Plug Power" was dismissed on a technicality and thus never heard in court.

**2.** Contacting Governor Kathy Hochul who vetoed the Protection of Unmarked Graves Act, which had passed both houses of the New York State legislature unanimously. If you live in New York and have not contacted Gov. Hochul, you may want to let her know your feelings about her veto at [Governor Contact Form | Governor Kathy Hochul \(ny.gov\)](#) or calling her at 1-518-474-8390. Nekanehsakt's next meeting is Tuesday March 21st at 630 pm @ 420 Connecticut st in person or online @ <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88400211575?pwd=OG9Xb2RjQU5yTzRzMTJxVpaRENvQT09>. In the February newsletter, we highlighted this issue when New York Governor Kathy Hochul vetoed the Protection of Unmarked Graves Act, which had passed both houses of the New York State legislature unanimously. If you live in New York and have not contacted Gov. Hochul, you may want to let her know your feelings about her veto at [Governor Contact Form | Governor Kathy Hochul \(ny.gov\)](#) or calling her at 1-518-474-8390.

**3. Repatriation:** Repatriation is the returning of cultural items -- human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony -- to lineal descendants. In the United States this refers most often to Native Americans and is covered by the [Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990](#) (NAGPRA). Native American cultural items and remains have been and are sometimes valued by non-native individuals seeking to collect or sell them. Other times they were turned over to universities or museums, studied, stored and often forgotten. While NAGPRA is a beginning and commendable, it can be very complicated, as in the case of the National [Museum of the American Indians](#) which has developed a detailed process for repatriation. The [US Government Accountability Office](#) notes that a 2020 report estimated that there are more than 116,000 Native American human remains still in museums and other collections. So there is still much work to be done.

Approximately, forty-six states have passed their own laws governing the steps required when Native American burial sites were discovered in their state. Why did the New York Legislature unanimously pass the Protection of Unmarked Graves Act? Why did other states pass their own acts into law? Because NAGPRA does not cover the discovery of burial sites or how materials discovered should be handled. It only covers institutions that receive federal funding and have been given remains and artifacts. It specifies practices to follow in repatriating cultural items to the appropriate descendants. [Cornell](#) has recently returned native remains dug up in 1964. This is an example of how discoveries were often handled in the past. Cornell President Martha E. Pollack said, "We're returning ancestral remains and possessions that we now recognize never should have been taken, never should have come to Cornell and never should have been kept here." The [University of Kansas \(KU\)](#) has hired a repatriation program manager to facilitate the return of 380 ancestors and 554 burial objects university staff found on campus in September 2022.

Representatives of the Haudenosaunee were in Geneva, Switzerland recently to take back sacred objects on display at the [Museum of Ethnography](#). Some items had been in the museum's possession since 1825. The museum has been inviting and cooperating with traditional communities to identify the objects that could be returned giving priority to human remains, funeral artefacts and sacred objects. One man seeing the objects on display and bringing it to the director's attention started this process. Several years ago, the director of the Onondaga Historical Association in Syracuse was challenged by an Onondaga Clan Mother to return the remains of her ancestors that they had in their possession. Because he was new to his job, he was not familiar with everything OHA had in their collection. When he checked with his staff, he discovered that she was correct. Remains and sacred materials are often stored away and forgotten. OHA repatriated the remains and they were re-interred at the Onondaga Nation. OHA also returned [cultural items](#).

Unfortunately, the human rights of Native Americans have too often been disrespected out of ignorance or in the name of "progress" or to expedite financial avarice. If you happen to find what you suspect is a burial site, please notify authorities and encourage them to follow appropriate procedures. If you learn about an institution or visit a museum that has cultural material in their possession, let the appropriate individuals know about NAGPRA and also your discomfort with their collection. The [National Park Service](#) provides extensive guidelines. Share this information with friends and family to educate more people about this injustice to the

original peoples of our land. In the February newsletter, we highlighted this issue when New York Governor Kathy Hochul vetoed the Protection of Unmarked Graves Act, which had passed both houses of the New York State legislature unanimously. If you live in New York and have not contacted Gov. Hochul, you may want to let her know your feelings about her veto at [Governor Contact Form | Governor Kathy Hochul \(ny.gov\)](#) or calling her at 1-518-474-8390. If she does not hear feedback that her constituents are unhappy with her decision, she will have no reason to act differently in the future.” Source: Email

### **Rally- Close Rikers! March 26**

“WHAT: Rally, WHEN: 9:00am, Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, WHERE: Tweed Courthouse Steps - 52 Chambers Street, Manhattan. COST: FREE. Join us ahead of the Council Criminal Justice Committee budget hearing, to call for investments to strengthen communities, improve safety and #CloseRikers - not more DOC budget bloat.” <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/21-mar-2023.pdf>

### **Petition: What’s missing from the headlines on the Israeli protests: Genocide against Palestinians March 28**

“Did you hear that Netanyahu is giving his ultranationalist, openly genocidal, Minister of Security control over a new private militia? U.S. media are reporting a win for Israel’s protest movement after Netanyahu announced a delay to his proposed judiciary overhaul. But most outlets are leaving out the concessions he made to get there: more violence against the Palestinian people. Netanyahu has agreed to establish a new armed battalion under the control of Itamar Ben-Gvir, the ultranationalist national security minister who openly supports the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians. This new militia will pick up the mantle of the settler vigilantes who hunted for Palestinians in Lyd, Haifa, and other cities during the May 2021 Unity Intifada. Ben-Gvir already has an immense amount of power over police forces that regularly inflict violence on Palestinians. Giving him control over what is essentially a private militia would have even more grave consequences for Palestinian lives.” Please sign <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/ben-gvirs-new-private-militia-is-not-a-win-for-democracy?source=mclink1>

### **Stop Cop City! Call out the Insurers of Atlanta Police Foundation March 28**



“Yesterday, police in Atlanta, Georgia, raided the Weelaunee Forest in an attempt to clear protesters who have camped in the area for months. Earlier this month, 23 individuals in Atlanta were arrested and charged with domestic terrorism for speaking out against the construction of a huge police training facility, known as Cop City. **We need a massive outpouring of support to Stop Cop City, because police don't keep us safe - we keep us safe.** [Can you send a message to the insurers of this](#)

[project now and tell them to Stop Cop City?](#) A certificate of insurance covering the Atlanta Police Foundation shows that a critical piece of material support is from three little known corporate entities: Correll Insurance Group, Scottsdale Insurance Co. (a subsidiary of Nationwide insurance) and Accident Fund General Insurance Company. These three companies are the insurance brokers who are brokering insurance for the construction of Cop City. Despite repeated public calls to cancel the project, they're not backing down, even after the murder of 26-year-old Manuel "Tortugueta" Pérez Terán by the police on site. [Can you call on the companies insuring Cop City today to rule out the project immediately?](#) Let them know that this is too risky of a project to insure, and that they need to do what is morally right, and leave the contract. If the project doesn't have insurance, it can't be built. We need all corporations to sever ties with this horrific project that is violating human rights and destroying families. [Click here to send an email to the executives at three different insurance companies and tell them to Stop Cop City!](#) In solidarity, - the Stop the Money Pipeline team”



## PROTECT BAIL REFORM ADVOCACY DAY: THURSDAY, MARCH 30



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“We’re making progress against bail rollbacks, and we need you to join us in Albany to continue fighting back. Join us this Thursday, March 30th for all day advocacy day. [RSVP here.](https://bit.ly/ProtectBailReformMarch)”

## More Solidarity In Atlanta Needed to Stop Cop City April 2



**THEY STARTED TO  
CLEAR CUT THE  
WEELAUNEE FOREST**

**Outside of Atlanta? Organize an urgent  
solidarity action where you live**



**STOP THE DESTRUCTION - STOP COP CITY**

“On Friday the Atlanta Police Foundation began clear-cutting a section of the Weelaunee Forest as they attempt to push forward the Cop City project. We cannot let this destruction continue.

Organizers on the ground in Atlanta are asking people to urgently mobilize solidarity demos, actions, and rallies for next week. Any size demonstration, rally, flyering event, or action has an impact. You can find a list of solidarity targets here:

<https://www.stopcopcitysolidarity.org/targets>.

Earlier in the week, the Atlanta Police cleared out the Weelaunee Forest, barricaded the entrance to the Weelaunee People's park and destroyed the memorial to Tortuguita. They are clearing trees despite the land disturbance permit for the site being under appeal. Local regulations state that all construction activities must stop while the appeal is heard. Solidarity is needed. We need to show the Atlanta Police Foundation, the contractors, the

politicians and everyone else who wants Cop City that we are not backing down.” Take Action:

<https://www.stopcopcitysolidarity.org/takeaction>. Source: Email.



**WBAI 99.5 FM RADIO : WHAT'S HAPPENING-Wednesday, 8pm/est PREPARATION FOR DISASTER += ORGANIZE+ ORGANIZE+ ORGANIZE April 5**



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**Defend Al-Aqsa, Defend Jerusalem, Defend Palestine! Protests and actions around the world April 7-15**



[Defend Al-Aqsa, Defend Jerusalem, Defend Palestine! Protests and actions around the world](#)

"On 4 and 5 April, the scenes of Israeli occupation forces invading Al-Aqsa Mosque during the holy month of Ramadan and brutally attacking Palestinian worshipers were displayed around the world on video. The beatings, the mass arrests, the vicious assault on Palestinians gathering in the mosque or in prayer once again exposed the reality of the Zionist colonial project in Palestine — that of the most vicious colonial assault that aims to strip the land, identity and holy sites away from the Palestinian and Arab people in order to make way for an invasion by a few fanatical settlers a few hours later." In the attack on Al-Aqsa, hundreds of Palestinians were forced to the ground, tied and subjected to mass arrest. Once again, arrest, imprisonment, detention and interrogation were clearly colonial tools used in an attempt to suppress the Palestinian

people and their resistance. In fact, many of these had been beaten or injured during the assault on the mosque amid the holy month, when tens of thousands gather every night to worship together. The open brutality of the assault and its clear direction for the interests of the most fanatical sector of the Zionist regime — that represented by Itamar Ben Gvir, Bezalel Smotrich and their constituents in the "hilltop youth" — sparked outrage around the world. First, and most profoundly, the outrage by Palestinians, Arabs and Muslims, part of over 75 years of struggle against Zionist colonialism, occupation and apartheid, with this new assault keenly recognized as an attempt to confiscate holy sites and attack even the celebration of Ramadan by the occupier, and by progressive forces around the world standing with the Palestinian people. However, even many of the very imperialist states and officials that routinely defend Israeli colonialism and continue to sell it weapons, provide it with aid, and give it a privileged status in trade, were compelled to issue statements of condemnation: The reality was all too clear, and the outrage too great.

The attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque are an attack on the Palestinian, Arab and Muslim identity of the holy site as well as an attack on the identity of Jerusalem. Palestinians in Jerusalem are subjected to ongoing campaigns of ethnic cleansing, forced displacement, mass arrests and attempts to strip them of their residency in their own home city. Jerusalem has been illegally “annexed” by the settler colonial project, the same future it envisions for the entire West Bank of occupied Palestine.”

“It is critical for people around the world to come together to defend Al-Aqsa, to defend Jerusalem, and to defend Palestine from the river to the sea from the colonialist onslaught. The imperialist powers, despite some words of condemnation, continue to practice a policy of strategic alliance with the Zionist regime. They continue to sell weapons to the occupation and buy its weapons, “battle-tested” on Palestinians, Lebanese and Syrians. The occupation weapons factories continue to produce their machines of death, while corporations profit from their ties with the occupation. Now is the time to make clear that this is unacceptable and that the people of the world stand with Palestine and the Palestinian people, to bring this injustice of over 75 years to an end — toward the liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea.” **“We urge you to join the events and actions below in [Berlin](#), [Cologne](#), [Ottawa](#), [Vancouver](#), and YOUR CITY to defend Al-Aqsa, defend Jerusalem and defend Palestine.** If your event is not listed here, please email us at [samidoun@samidoun.net](mailto:samidoun@samidoun.net) or DM us on [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) and we will add it.” <https://samidoun.net/2023/04/defend-al-aqsa-defend-jerusalem-defend-palestine-protests-and-actions-around-the-world/>

### "Free Sean Swain" April 16

“On August 13th, longtime anarchist prisoner Sean Swain is going up in front of the parole board. Sean has been behind bars for 30 years. It's time for him to be released. HOW CAN YOU HELP? Send an email to [joseph.walters@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:joseph.walters@odrc.state.oh.us) stating why you believe Sean should be released. Send letters of support to [SeanSwainDefense@outlook.com](mailto:SeanSwainDefense@outlook.com). Donate to his support committee via Cash App to SWAINIAC1969 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvz4-jH79jc>.” “THE VIDEO WAS LAST YEAR, BUT HE IS STILL SUFFERING FOR THE TRUTH HE EXPOSED. HE LOST RECENTLY HIS PARENTS; HIS WIFE DIVORCED.....THANK YOU ANYONE WHO COULD HELP.....SHARE.”

### PAROLE JUSTICE ADVOCACY DAY IN ALBANY, MONDAY, APRIL 17



“It's time to [RSVP](#) for our April 17th Parole Justice Advocacy Day - 2023 is the year to pass #ParoleJusticeNY!

Join us in Albany to make sure the legislature knows they need to pass Elder Parole and Fair & Timely Parole this year.

After you RSVP, send this email to all your friends and relations and urge them to join us too. Then spread the word on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Here is a [social media guide with sample posts](#) and a downloadable version of the save-the-date [flyer](#).”

# SAVE the DATE

Join an Advocacy Day in Albany to demand #ParoleJusticeNY

## MONDAY, APRIL 17

RSVP: [bit.ly/ParoleApril17](https://bit.ly/ParoleApril17)



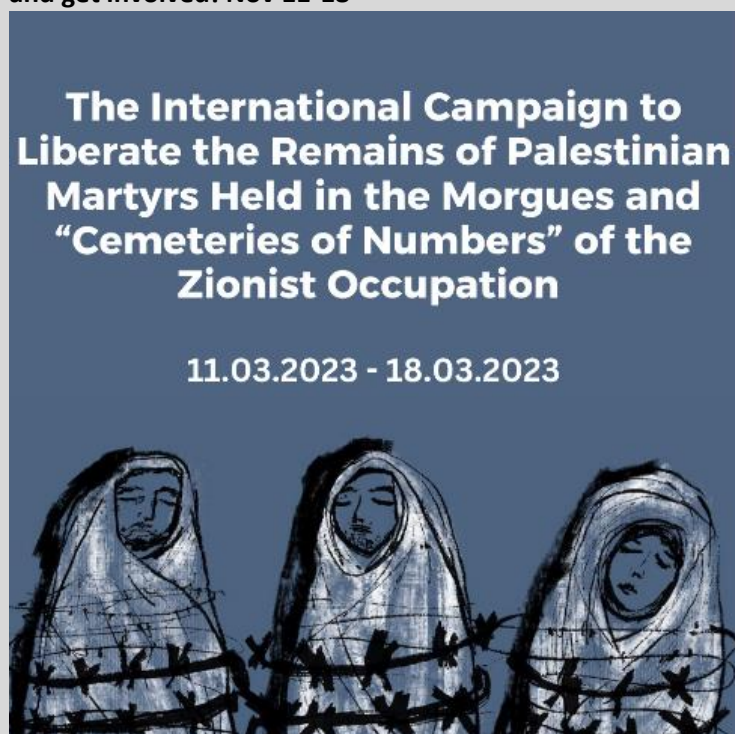
## Defending Our Freedom to Learn: Our Statement on the Attack on Black Studies May 3



**"We are defending our freedom to learn. Suppression of critical ideas is a historic hallmark of fascism and authoritarianism worldwide.** By censoring this knowledge, leaders of the so-called "anti-woke" agenda are advancing a vast and dangerous attack on Black and other social movements that are not limited to banning books and curricula. Rather, they extend into the criminalization of protest; the right-wing capture of judicial and legislative institutions; the entrenchment of forced birth; and the restriction of transgender people's freedoms, rights, and healthcare access. **Make some noise on May 3 for our National Day of Action. Our ancestors demand it! We call for:** The reinstatement of the original curriculum by the College Board, The resignation of the College Board CEO, A commitment from universities that they will support uncensored Black studies and not endorse AP tests based on

censored curricula. [Read the full M4BL statement on Defending Our Freedom to Learn.](#) **You can also participate by:** Coordinating an event (e.g., teach-in, banned book reading, town hall convening, rally, etc.) at your school, on your campus, outside, in your public library, or at your community gathering space. Coordinating activities at state capitols or state offices where anti-CRT and anti-DEI laws, book banning, anti-trans legislation, voter suppression, anti-abortion laws, and rejection of the AP African American Studies courses have been enacted or are being proposed (for those in the states where no such laws have been enacted or proposed, coordinate activities in support of expanding equity initiatives in your state) **We will not let fascism steal our history, our future, or our knowledge. Join us in speaking out and fighting back on May 3rd.**" In solidarity, Movement for Black Lives" Source: Email.

## Samidoun: Launch of the International Campaign to Liberate the Remains of Palestinian Martyrs || Endorse and get involved! Nov 11-18



"Today, there are hundreds of bodies of Palestinian and Arab martyrs held in the morgues and "numbers cemeteries" of the Israeli occupation. These Palestinian martyrs' bodies remain imprisoned in death. They include resistance strugglers, Palestinian prisoners and those shot dead by the occupation. The imprisonment of their remains is also an act of collective punishment against their families, communities and the Palestinian population as a whole. Join us between March 11 and 18 for the International Campaign to Liberate the Remains of the Martyrs, where we internationalize the call of the martyrs' families and of the Palestinian people everywhere around the world." **Endorse:** <https://samidoun.net/endorse-martyrs-campaign/>

## (Ongoing Calls for Action)

### 1. FREE ED POINDEXTER FROM PRISON-NOW!



"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. **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>

### 2. Bring Imam Jamil- Organized by Kairi Al-Amin



"As-Salaamu Alaikum, For 20+ years we've been fighting not just for the freedom of my father, H. Rap Brown/Imam Jamil, but also to prove his innocence. 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=uWXNr1Ba188&feature=youtu.be> PETITION: <https://www.change.org/p/fulton-county-district-attorney-paul-howard-new-trial-for-imam-jamil-al-amin-fka-h-rap-brown/u/27297316>"

### 3. Online Fundraiser for Joy Powell



"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"

### 4. Release or Home Confinement for Dr. Aafia Siddiqui



"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 wheelchair 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>

### 5. Free Leonard Peltier!



"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.

<https://freeleonardpeltiernow.com/> <https://leonardpeltiermatters.com/> (Art fundraiser) <https://www.gofundme.com/f/attorneys-to-get-leonard-peltier-reclassified> (GoFundMe).

### 6. Free Ruchell Magee!

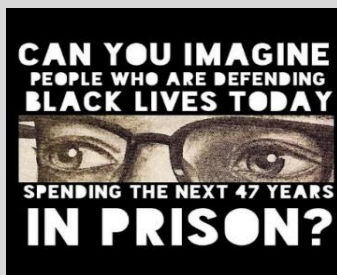


"Ruchell, who is currently 82-years-old and has been incarcerated for 58 years, will not be eligible for parole again until July 2024. The parole board's decision to delay any chance of parole until after Ruchell's 85th birthday is shameful. Cinque is continuing the fight, and so must we. We are encouraging everyone who supports Ruchell to sign and share our petitions: <https://bit.ly/freeruchell>



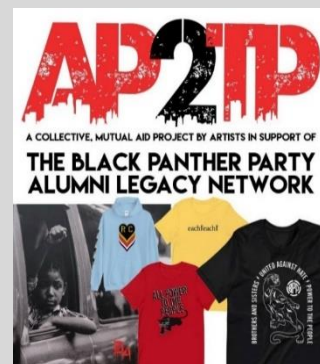
NEW: WRITE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE Requesting Commutation: <https://bit.ly/write4ruchell>

**MULTIPLE ACTIONS & RESOURCES: Take Action to Free Political Prisoners**



"Please go to this [Linktr.ee](https://linktr.ee/PoliticalPrisoners) 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! Use and share the below link or QR code. Thank You. ~Created by sister Verbena from Detroit Jericho & the NLG in Detroit. **FREE THEM ALL** <https://linktr.ee/PoliticalPrisoners>

**Support the Black Panther Black Panther Party Alumni Legacy Network!**



"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](https://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>).

## Resource List

### 1. Standing Together to Stop Cop City. Help us stop the militarization of our neighborhoods!

Video: <https://twitter.com/BlackVotersMtr/status/1633990329488617474>

Statement: <https://blackvotersmatterfund.org/uncategorized/black-voters-matter-issues-statement-ahead-of-the-national-day-of-action-protest-to-stop-cop-city-in-atlanta/>

### 2. Former Guantanamo prisoner: Ron DeSantis watched me being tortured

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/ron-desantis-guantanamo-torture-prisoner-b2300753.html>

3. Enjoying El Coqui Libre, Prolibertad's monthly newsletter! Check out the wonderful photos and articles.



<https://www.prolibertad.org/eclMarch2023.pdf>

4. Dr. Jared Ball: The Latest from iMiXWHATiLiKE! Stay Away From Dr. Ball He Radicalizes Students. The Academic Paradox and Notes From the Margins

<https://imixwhatilike.org/2023/03/15/stay-away-from-dr-ball-he-radicalizes-students-the-academic-paradox-and-notes-from-the-margins/>

5. Temporary Occupation in NYC Calls for Divestment from 'Cop City'

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/21-mar-2023.pdf>

6. Eric King Update

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2023/03/21-mar-2023.pdf>

7. Dr. Jared Ball: H. Rap Brown: "Burn Baby Burn" (GIU 11)

"On the 23 year Anniversary of the imprisonment of Imam Jamil Al-Amin (formerly H. Rap Brown) Bilal Sunni-Ali, veteran Black Panther Party member and former Political Prisoner stops by Guerrilla Intellectual University to rap with Dr. Jared Ball and Kalonji Changa about the history and framing of Imam Jamil."

Watch on YouTube: [https://youtu.be/xk0L\\_9YYV94](https://youtu.be/xk0L_9YYV94)

8. NoDAPL video archive nearly complete

<https://lakotalaw.org/resources/dapl-archive-chase-addresses-loyola-students>

9. Taking the Afro Descendants Case to the International Court of Justice: A Peoples' Mandate Issued to the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent <https://www.balanta.org/news/taking-the-afro-descendates-case-to-the-international-court-of-justice-a-peoples-mandate-issued-to-the-permanent-forum-of-people-of-african-descent>

10. San Francisco Considers \$5 Million Reparations Payouts to Eligible Black Adults

<https://portside.org/2023-03-15/san-francisco-considers-5-million-reparations-payouts-eligible-black-adults>

11. We can't allow oppressive systems to co-opt abolitionist language

<https://prismreports.org/2023/03/08/oppressive-systems-co-opt-abolitionist-language/>

12. The Care(ful) Work Of Abolishing Prisons-How to kick our national addiction to prisons and punishment.

<https://nextcity.org/urbanist-news/the-careful-work-of-abolishing-prisons>

13. Lawmakers: Ala. will proceed with 2 new prisons despite cost increase

<https://www.corrections1.com/facility-design-and-operation/articles/lawmakers-ala-will-proceed-with-2-new-prisons-despite-cost-increase-33T4DkRM4szz1yT1/>

14. Oregon's Prison Population Is Aging, Fast. It's going to cost the state a lot of money.

<https://www.wweek.com/news/courts/2023/03/16/oregons-prison-population-is-aging-fast/>

15. Bilal Sunni Ali on Imam Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin / H. Rap Brown

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk0L\\_9YYV94&t=522s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk0L_9YYV94&t=522s)

16. Historic Settlement Announced in Philly Police Violence Case

<https://abolitionistlawcenter.org/2023/03/20/historic-settlement-announced-in-philly-police-violence-case/>

**17. Lesson on Reconstruction & Other Teaching Materials**

<https://www.zinnedproject.org/materials/>

**18. Lakota People's Law Project: No more drilling on public lands** <https://lakotalaw.org/news/2023-03-27/willow-project>

**19. On Land Day — Returning and Liberating the Land: The Path, the Compass and the Goal**

<https://masarbadil.org/en/2023/03/3499/>

**20. Prison Within a Prison': New Mandate Offers Lifeline for Deaf People in Custody**

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2023/03/21/deaf-prison-fcc-video-calls>

**21. April book bundle for NYC Books through Bars**

<http://www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html>

**22. Issue 13 of News Inside "February marked the fourth anniversary of News Inside. From the beginning, we've provided articles that connect with our audience, and Issue 13 brings more of the same. "Giving Incarcerated People What They Want — Better News Access"**

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2023/03/28/news-inside-issue-13>

**23. Revisiting Are Prisons Obsolete? Angela Davis's Enduring Influence** <https://portside.org/2023-03-21/revisiting-are-prisons-obsolete-angela-daviss-enduring-influence>

**24. How criminal records hold back millions of people** <https://thehill.com/opinion/criminal-justice/485477-state-momentum-in-criminal-record-sealing-fuels-federal-clean-slate-bill/>

**25. Georgia prosecutors accused of waging 'judicial pogrom' against 'Cop City' activist**

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/mar/31/georgia-cop-city-activists-prosecutors>

**26. The Word: Prisons Are Where America Buries Its Problems. Solitary Confinement Is Where Prisons Bury Theirs.** <https://solitarywatch.org/2023/03/31/the-word-prisons-are-where-america-buries-its-problems-solitary-confinement-is-where-prisons-bury-theirs/>

**27. Bearing Witness as Resistance: I Saw Death Coming: A History of Terror and Survival in the War Against Reconstruction** <https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/kidada-williams-on-i-saw-death-coming/>

**28. Teach the Black Freedom Struggle Online Classes** <https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/teach-black-freedom-struggle-classes>

**29. Clemons cops out: Lucretia and the Law of Lawlessness**

<https://thiscantbehappening.net/lucretia-and-the-law-of-lawlessness/>

**30. CAIR Calls on Biden Admin. to Condemn Israeli Attack on Al-Aqsa**

[https://www.cair.com/press\\_releases/cair-calls-on-biden-administration-to-condemn-israeli-attack-on-al-aqsa-ramadan-worshippers/](https://www.cair.com/press_releases/cair-calls-on-biden-administration-to-condemn-israeli-attack-on-al-aqsa-ramadan-worshippers/)

**31. Video: CAIR Rep Responds to Neo-Nazi March in Maine**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpCKnIBxBgM&emci=46be35ec-ebd3-ed11-8e8b-00224832eb73&emdi=c4e98d30-f3d3-ed11-8e8b-00224832eb73&ceid=107614>

**32. Celebrating Paul Robeson's 125th Birthday**

<https://freedomarchives.org/publications/paul-roberson-words-like-freedom-2/>

**33. CAIR Sues Virginia Department of Corrections Over Denial of Ramadan Accommodations**

[https://www.cair.com/press\\_releases/cair-sues-virginia-department-of-corrections-over-denial-of-ramadan-accommodations/](https://www.cair.com/press_releases/cair-sues-virginia-department-of-corrections-over-denial-of-ramadan-accommodations/)

**34. What arrest is like if you aren't Donald Trump**

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2023/04/04/indictment-arraignment-meaning-new-york-trump>

**35. Teaching for Black Lives Study Group Applications Are Open**

<https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/t4bl-study-groups/>

**36. Atlanta's "Cop City" is a blueprint for America's future** <https://therealnews.com/atlantas-cop-city-is-a-blueprint-for-americas-future>

**37. We deserve to know': autopsy of 'Cop City' activist shot by police incomplete after two months**

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2023/04/4-apr-2023.pdf>

**38. South Florida Anti-Repression Committee Launches Solidarity Campaign**

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2023/04/4-apr-2023.pdf>



39. Illustrated Guide Version 16.2 Uploaded- "Illustrated Guide to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War" [nycabc.wordpress.com/2023/03/31/guide\\_16\\_2](https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2023/03/31/guide_16_2)
40. Lakota People's Law Project: "Oyate" doc features Chase Iron Eyes and Phyllis Young <https://itunes.apple.com/us/movie/oyate/id1678817963> <https://vimeo.com/517690799>
41. Tiny Raccoon Books opens [tinyraccoonbooks@gmail.com](mailto:tinyraccoonbooks@gmail.com), facebook.com/tinyraccoonbooks twitter.com/tinyraccoonbks, instagram.com/tinyraccoonbooks/ebay shop.
42. New Video: The Bad Man Clause- Dakota Water Wars Video Series <https://lakotalaw.org/news/2022-08-30/dakota-water-wars-series>
43. Angela Davis backs struggle to 'Stop Cop City' <https://www.workers.org/2023/04/70382/>
44. Performances by Angela Y. Davis, Martín Espada & more for virtual Rosenberg event (June) <https://www.rfc.org/70th>
45. Veronza Bowers new album: finding peace in the chaos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFTW8fPuHYs>
46. Jalil Muntaqim on his half-century as a political prisoner [https://www.facebook.com/events/238573855252829/?mc\\_cid=38f416aa80&mc\\_eid=fddd9954fa](https://www.facebook.com/events/238573855252829/?mc_cid=38f416aa80&mc_eid=fddd9954fa)
47. Podcast: Finding life (and love) behind bars <https://link.chtbl.com/violation> <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2023/04/12/jacob-wideman-parole-prison-mental-health-marriage-arizona>
48. 'DOING TIME - A Woman's View', Animated Short Film Released Today <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifWKGjz5oQc>
49. Adalah: Artists are with Palestine! BDS Mixtape Vol. 1 launches TODAY <https://www.amplifypalestine.org/bds-mixtape>

## Community Events

(March 15, 2023-Onward)

March: The Legacy of Dr. Mutulu Shakur! Feb 20-March 29

**FREE THE LAND, FREE THE PEOPLE:  
THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF  
DR. SHAKUR'S LEGACY**

**Souls** A CRITICAL JOURNAL OF BLACK POLITICS, CULTURE, AND SOCIETY

**SOULS JOURNAL WEBINAR SERIES:**

- FEB 20 7PM EST** STRAIGHT AHEAD: THE LIFE OF RESISTANCE OF DR. MUTULU SHAKUR
- MARCH 9 7PM EST** COINTELPRO AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
- MARCH 16 7PM EST** DR. MUTULU SHAKUR: REVOLUTIONARY HEALER
- MARCH 29 7PM EST** WHAT'S THE FUTURE? WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

[bit.ly/MutuluSoulsSeries1](https://bit.ly/MutuluSoulsSeries1)

Free the Land, Free the People: The Political Significance of Dr. Shakur's Legacy  
Volume 25 Numbers 1-2 January-June 2022

**"Part 3:** Dr. Mutulu Shakur Revolutionary Healer on Thursday, March 16th 7:00 PM EST | 4PM PST  
**Part 4:** What's the future? Where do We go from here? on Wednesday, March 29th 7:00 PM EST | 4PM PST. All registration links and link to download the Souls Journal:

<https://linktr.ee/FreeMutuluNow>"

Moderated by Historian Robin DG Kelly, this panel examines the legacy of Dr. Mutulu Shakur and the effort to free him from captivity. What can this generation of activists learn and apply from his political history as an activist, health worker, and political prisoner? What does the experience to win his release have to offer remaining Cointelpro-era political prisoners and contemporary BLM-generation activists? Featuring Rukia Lumumba from the People's Advocacy Institute, Monifa Bande from the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement and Jomo Muhammad from the New Afrikan People's

Organization/ MXGM. To Attend: <https://bit.ly/SoulsMutulu4>



Ralph Poynter: What's Happening-TUES.9-10pm/est March 21

**STREAMING LIVE!**  
Click [HERE](#) to listen to today's show  
For upcoming & previous shows, bookmark [THIS LINK](#)


**1. NEWS ANALYSIS** - An anatomy of oppression requires an anatomy of colonialism/imperialism i.e. An anatomy of the U.S. American Capitalist System: Ralph Poynter, Joel Meyers, Henry Hagins, Dennis Knowles

**2. UPDATES** - Political Prisoner Death Camps - Anne Lamb-NYC Jericho/Kazi Toure-Boston Jericho

**3. LIBERATION POETRY:** Prof. Louis ~ in remembrance of Sister Lynne Stewart

## Ralph Poynter:

>>>>What's Happening<<<<  
<<<<<<BlogTalkRadio>>>>>>



**Tuesday March 21, 2023**


**If Putins' a War Criminal, then the U.S. is an International Crime Syndicate ! Can you spell Viet Nam & Haiti?!**

Call in **1 (347) 857-3293**  
@ **9-10pm/es**  
Become a WBAI **Voting Member** with a \$25 minimum donation!

Call **(212) 209-2950**

THE INTERNATIONAL COMRADE TO FREE KAMAU SHABO

**FOLLOW @FREEKAMAU SHABO FOR MORE INFORMATION**



If constructed, Cop City, a militarized urban warfare training facility for police officers in Atlanta, will directly threaten the safety and well-being on Black communities in Atlanta. [Help us protect our people by contributing what you can today.](#)

**DONATE NOW**

"shhhhhh!- Keep It On the DOWN LOW --JAAN & RALPH both have BIRTHDAYS ON MARCH 21: Call in & wish them many more! 347-857-3293"

Coming Up ON -WBAI 99.5 FM 8pm/ET March 22



**BETTY DAVIS**  
CO HOST



**RALPH POYNTER**  
HOST



## Automation for Liberation

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WILLIAMS

Wednesdays  
8pm/EST  
MARCH 22,  
2023

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[www.wbai.org](http://www.wbai.org)

## Forum & Film Clip Screening: Friends of Puerto Rico Initiative March 23



**FRIENDS  
OF PUERTO RICO  
INITIATIVE**

# JOIN US!

ONLINE  
**zoom**  
CONFERENCE

**DR. ANTONIA PANTOJA CENTENNIAL**

**FORUM FOCUS**

March 8 marks the celebration of International Women's Day. The women of the Socialist International under the leadership of Clara Zetkin in 1907 called for the development of March 8th as International Women's Day. The United Nations recognized the Day in 1977 and today in the United States March is recognized as Woman's Month.

In the spirit of giving voice to the injustice women are subjected to around the world and to raising awareness and honoring Puerto Rican women leaders this educational zoom will honor Dr. Antonia Pantoja in her Centennial Year.




**LILLIAN JIMENEZ**



Lillian Jimenez has worked for over 40 years in the independent media world. Was the co founder of the National Association of Latino Independent Producers and produced and directed several short films such as "Steppin' It Up" a film on Young Lord Richie Perez. She produced and directed the documentary, Antonia Pantoja: Presente! shown on PBS.

**DR. WILHELMINA PERRY**



Dr. Wilhelmina Perry has a masters in Social Work and a Doctorate in human behavior and leadership. For over 30 years she worked with her partner, Dr. Antonia Pantoja, and together they created two major community development institutions: a free standing alternative educational institution in San Diego, California and a community development organization in Puerto Rico.

Following the death of her partner, Dr. Perry returned to the Faith community and at Riverside Church convened Maranatha, the LGBT ministry. Subsequently, the group became independent as LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent.

Clips of the documentary Antonia Pantoja-Presente will be shown. Lillian Jimenez who produced and directed. It will speak to the making of the film.

**MARCH 23, 2023 7-9PM (EST-AST)**

f FACEBOOK PAGE FRIENDS OF PUERTO RICO INITIATIVE

## In Honor of Women's History Month March 25

### IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING WOMEN'S DAY COALITION



## SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

**2:00 PM SPEAKOUT @ LINCOLN HOSPITAL. 234 E 149TH ST.** ←

**2:30 PM SPEAKOUT @ HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. 500 GRAND CONCOURSE**

**3-5 PM MARCH TO 810 GERARD AVE. BASEMENT - FOR LIVELY DISCUSSION ON:**

**- WHY BILLIONS OF \$ GO FOR WAR BUT NOT FOR  
HOUSING. HEALTHCARE. JOBS & ALL HUMAN NEEDS**

**- WHY WE NEED TO UNITE WOMEN & OUR  
COMMUNITIES TO WIN A JUST WORLD**



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AND TO GET INVOLVED! REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AT 3PM DISCUSSION**

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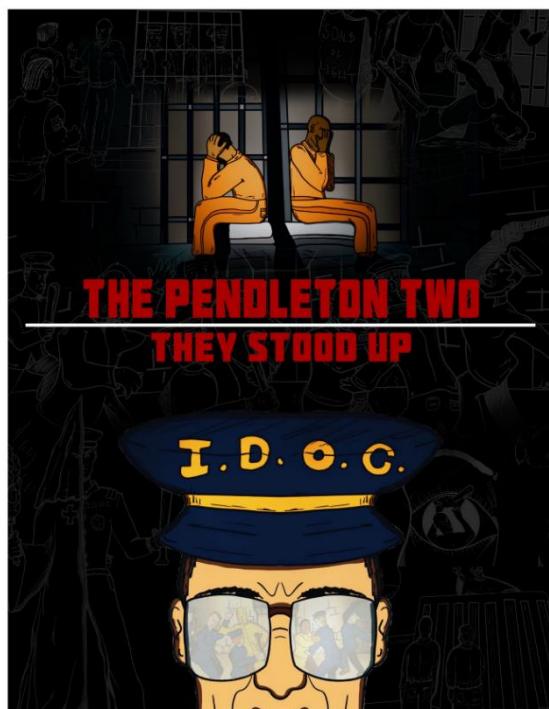
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## Pendleton 2 Documentary Premiere & Discussion This Thursday March 30



"On the morning of February 1, 1985, Lincoln "Lokmar" Love was doomed to the same fate as George Floyd, Tyre Nichols, and so many other Black men in the US. As he lay handcuffed and shackled, Pendleton Correctional Facility guards beat the prisoner beyond recognition as terrified bystanders watched from their cells. But Lokmar's story ended differently, when 2 fellow prisoners sacrificed their freedom to save him from his assailants — a KKK-affiliated guard gang known as the Sons of Light. The Pendleton 2: They Stood Up tells the story of John "Balagoon" Cole and Christopher "Naeem" Trotter, the leaders of the Indiana prison uprising that rescued Lokmar, exposed Pendleton's dehumanizing conditions, and unleashed the vindictive wrath of the Indiana Department of Correction. Presented by the Defense Committee to Free the Pendleton 2, They Stood Up features exclusive first hand testimony from Cole and Trotter, as well as interviews with family members and witnesses to the uprising who continue to fight for the Pendleton 2 after four decades of unjust incarceration and solitary confinement. **The documentary will be live-streamed on [BreakThrough News](#)** and followed by a post-film discussion with members of the Defense Committee to Free the Pendleton 2, hosted by [BreakThrough News](#) and [Black Power Media](#). Watch the trailer below and save the date.

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

## Season 10 Maroons B(l)ack 2 Basics...Forward 2 Matrix Maroon leadership (organizing 101 and beyond)

April 3-May 22



"Peace and unconditional rEvolutionary matriarchal maroon love comp@sseason10maroons awaits you please register here for our upcoming season beginning April 3 - May 22 every maroon Monday 5p -630p "Back 2 Basics...Forward 2 Matrix" focusing on our tenet of maroon leadership (organizing 101 and beyond)

<https://bit.ly/season10maroons>

<https://linktr.ee/maroonparty>

**Prefigured Curricula:** (each session combines cultural lounge, breakout rooms, assessments, reflections, questions & political education to engage our communal multiple intelligences)

**April 3** (introduction to season10maroons, welcome back season9maroons processing through expression)

**April 10** (maroon leadership (re)introductory to 5 tenets, learned lessons, new strategies, purpose passion legacy)

**April 17** (mxnifesto development, facilitation guidance,

**April 24** (AAA awareness, articulation, action, rEvolutionary backward design development)

**May 1, 8, 15, 22:** (presentations by maroon liberation school participants connected to tenets and community based organizing)...and that's a season...all power to the people, y pa'lante mi gente, maroon on. stay light keep



creative remain free. Spiritchild. [When It Comes Down](#), spiritchild, [Maroon Will Be Free](#) Beth Bliss, [gator bait a dissertation of the souls of black folx by spiritchild](#), [Freedom Hakim Rebel Poet x Beth Bliss](#), [Soul Power x King Preach](#)

### Mission/vision

we are a liberation school. a process that engages in rEvolutionary praxis for internal (ontological) and external (ideological) development. we develop the science and soul of ourselves and our communities for a holistic transformation. the goal is to become like-minded beings in our creativity, capability, commitment, clarity and compassion. to do the work that is aligned with our tenets and mission to dismantle patriarchy (which birthed white supremacy along with other isms that foster an eco system of oppression. we seek awareness to articulate strategy for plans of effective action. We are a rainbow of nations from the south Bronx to south Afrika, making rEvolution real lead by Black Brown Indigenous and Asian people, legacy and ideology. <https://linktr.ee/maroonparty>. To download the track "colour abyss" for free, go to <https://maroonparty.com/dl> and enter the code **q4vq-o6cf**"

**Ralph POYNTER: WHAT'S HAPPENING- BLOGTALKRADIO-Tues., 9-10 pm/ET-& WHAT'S HAPPENING- WBAI 99.5 FM : Wed., 8pm/est April 4**

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**Tuesday April 4th, 2023**  
**What do they mean by MONETARY REFORM ?.....No ca\$h??? (PART 2)**

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**What's Happening: WBAI 99.5 FM - Wednesday, 8pm/est April 5**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023 8pm/ET- WBAI.ORG**

**BETTY DAVIS CO HOST**  
**KAREN JONES- Whom it Concerns INC.**  
**RALPH POYNTER- HOST**  
**Zaki BARUTI- Univ. African People's ORG.**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**Preparation for Disaster = Organize + Organize + Organize !**  
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## Women United Against Genocide: Stop Racist Cop City in Atlanta: Discussion at our monthly meeting April 6



"Greetings sisters, Join our monthly Women United Against Genocide meeting, Thursday April 6, pm, ET with discussion on the current struggle to Stop Cop City in Atlanta, Georgia, including guest speakers. Cop City is a \$90 million militarized police training camp broadly opposed by the people of Atlanta, joined by many from across the country. This struggle to defend the forest and block further militarization and racist brutality by police has been on-going for two years. Actions include peaceful rallies and marches, arts and music events, child-friendly

educational and cultural activities in the forest, Indigenous-led knowledge sharing and prayer, alongside targeted protests, direct actions and encampments in the forest. Police racist brutality includes the killing of an Indigenous protester, shot 14 times while he sat cross legged with his hands up. There have also been arrests of 42 people, charged with domestic terrorism with no evidence. Twenty-three were arrested at a music festival March 5 and denied bond. On March 24, some were released but 8 were again denied bond. These are political arrests designed to intimidate and disrupt resistance. Vigils have been held at the jail and resistance continues. Come join the discussion, share views and hear from organizers! Please contact [info@womenunitedagainstgenocide.org](mailto:info@womenunitedagainstgenocide.org) or [womenscommittee22@gmail.com](mailto:womenscommittee22@gmail.com) for the registration link!" Source: Email.

## Freedom First Jazz Concert Series for Keith LaMar 2023 Tour April 10-April 15

On November 16, 2023, Ohio intends to execute an innocent man...

### **FREEDOM FIRST** Jazz Concert Series for Keith LaMar



Monday, April 10 @ 7 PM EST  
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN  
Michigan State University

Tuesday, April 11 @ 7 PM EST  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
The Magic Stick - Majestic Theatre

Wednesday, April 12 @ 7 PM EST  
GAMBIER, OHIO  
Kenyon College

Thursday, April 13 @ 7 PM EST  
AKRON, OHIO  
Blu Jazz+

Friday, April 14 @ 7 PM EST  
CLEVELAND, OHIO  
Bop Stop @ The Music Settlement

Saturday, April 15 @ 6 PM CST  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS  
Northwestern University

### **2023 US TOUR**

#### FEATURING

spoken word (from death row) **KEITH LAMAR**  
piano **ALBERT MARQUÈS**

tenor saxophone **Salim Washington**  
alto saxophone **Caroline Davis**  
flugelhorn **Milena Casado**  
drums **Zack O'Farrill**  
double bass **Jordan McBride**  
alto saxophone **Roy Nathanson**  
actor **Tayo Aluko**  
poet **Eartha Hopkins**



#### TICKETS

[www.keithlamar.org/freedomfirst2023tour](http://www.keithlamar.org/freedomfirst2023tour)

#### CONTACT

330.402.0848 | [info@keithlamar.org](mailto:info@keithlamar.org)

In partnership with Justice for Keith LaMar, a nonprofit 501c3 organization dedicated to repairing the damage done by wrongful convictions.

<https://www.keithlamar.org/events?cid=98e1a5dd-c53c-4c1a-8d4a-973d4c84d127>



## Ralph POYNTER: WHAT'S HAPPENING- BLOGTALKRADIO--(9-10 pm/ET) April 11


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**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**

**1917 All over again with Nuclear Weapons.**

**& Why is John Hinckley Jr. released and out of prison and Mumia Abu Jamal still in?**

**NO COP CITY ANYWHERE**  
**DEFEND THE FOREST EVERYWHERE**

Dear Anne

On Friday, the Atlanta Police Foundation began clear cutting a section of the Weelaunee Forest. We cannot let this destruction continue. Organizers on the ground in Atlanta are asking people to urgently mobilize solidarity demos, actions, and rallies for next week. Any size demonstration, rally, flyering event, or action has an impact!

You can find a list of solidarity targets here: [stopcopolcitysolidarity.org/targets](http://stopcopolcitysolidarity.org/targets)

**THEY STARTED TO CLEAR CUT THE WEELAUNEE FOREST**

**Outside of Atlanta? Organize an urgent solidarity action where you live**

**STOP THE DESTRUCTION - STOP COP CITY**

Also last week, the Atlanta Police cleared out the Weelaunee Forest, barricaded the entrance to the Weelaunee People's park and destroyed the memorial to Tortuga. They are clearing trees despite the land disturbance permit for the site being under appeal. Local regulations state that all construction activities must stop while the appeal is heard.

Solidarity is needed. We need to show the Atlanta Police Foundation, the contractors, the politicians and everyone else who wants Cop City that we are not backing down.

Love and Rage,  
Stop Cop City Solidarity

## "Hybrid Book Talk: Stayed on Freedom: The Long History of Black Power Through One Family's Journey April 11

Tues, April 11 | 7 PM ET | Hybrid

**BOOK TALK**

**Stayed on Freedom**

**STAYED ON FREEDOM**  
THE LONG HISTORY OF BLACK POWER THROUGH ONE FAMILY'S JOURNEY  
DAN BERGER

**1824 Books**  
**THE PEOPLE'S FORUM**  
**HAMMER & HOPE**


**Dan Berger** Author  
**Michael Simmons**  
**nia t. evans**

"Join us for a book talk on Stayed on Freedom: The Long History of Black Power Through One Family's Journey, with author Dan Berger, Michael Simmons, and nia t. evans. Stayed on Freedom is a new history of Black Liberation, told through the intertwined story of two grassroots organizers, and bringing into focus two unheralded Black Power activists who dedicated their lives to the fight for freedom. Zoharah Simmons and Michael Simmons fell in love while organizing tenants and workers in the South. Their commitment to each other and to

social change took them on a decades-long journey that traversed first the country and then the world. In centering their lives, historian Dan Berger shows how Black Power united the local and the global across organizations and generations. Based on hundreds of hours of interviews, Stayed On Freedom is a moving and intimate portrait of two people trying to make a life while working to make a better world. This event will be in-person and streamed on our YouTube. If attending in person, please be prepared to show proof of vaccination upon entry. Dan Berger is a historian, professor, and abolitionist. He curates the Washington Prison History Project and is the author of Stayed on Freedom: The Long History of Black Power Through One Family's Journey. Michael Simmons has been a domestic and international human rights activist for 60 years. Beginning as an organizer for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and later as Director of European programs for the American Friends Service Committee, Michael's work has taken him to Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. nia t. evans is a freelance writer and editor based in New York City. She writes about Black life, politics, and culture. Her writing has appeared in Teen Vogue, Hammer & Hope, Slate, The Hill, Education Post, Boston Review, and elsewhere. "Join this book event either via YouTube livestream or in person at The People's Forum

(320 W. 37th Street, bet. 8th & 9th Aves.) next Tuesday, April 11, from 7:00-8:30 pm EDT. The event is co-sponsored by Hammer and Hope, the new magazine of Black politics." To register and for details: <https://peoplesforum.org/events/stayed-on-freedom/>

#### Puerto Rico Today: GENTRIFICATION, PRIVATIZATION, AND FORCED MIGRATION April 22



**PUERTO RICO TODAY:**  
GENTRIFICATION, PRIVATIZATION, AND FORCED MIGRATION!

Join ProLibertad for a discussion on what is happening in Puerto Rico.

Hear from panelists from Puerto Rico (via Zoom) and our two live panelists from the Diaspora.

**Panelists:**

Jocelyn Velazquez Rodriguez, La Jornada Se Acabaron Las Promesas


Jose Rivera Rivera, Frente Socialista

Edwin Ortiz, Call to Action for Puerto Rico

Ed Ventura New York Boricua Resistance

**Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 @ 1pm-3pm**  
**The People's Forum 320 W. 37th St. (btwn. 8th-9th Ave.)**  
Take the 1, 2, 3, 7, A, C, E, M, N, Q, and R

The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign  
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**El legado de BETANCES en el Siglo 21**  
**Sábado 8 de abril 3:00 pm**

**EL BARRIO'S ARTSPACE PS109**

**215 East 99th Street (entre 2da & 3ra Ave) New York, NY**

**Foro:**

- **Lourdes García**
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- **Jaime Medina**

**Moderado por Elia Collazo**

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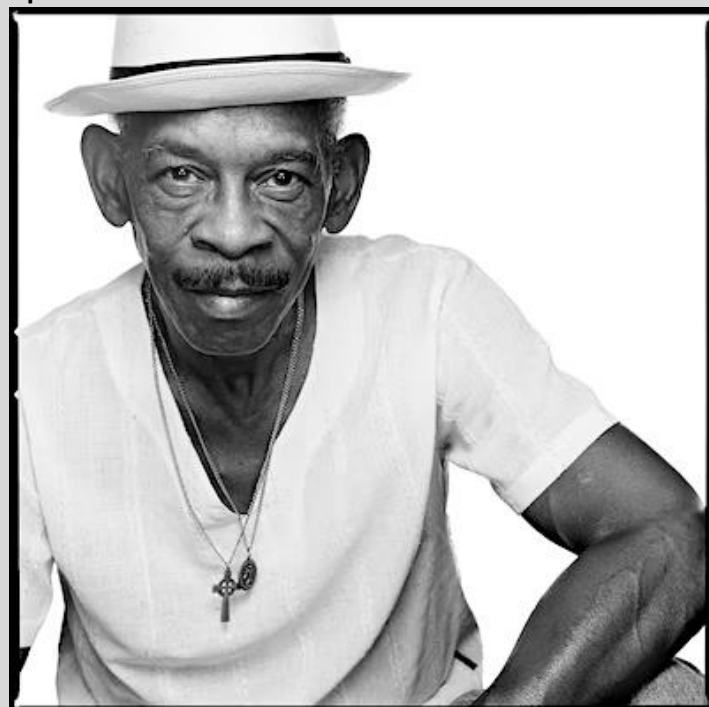
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**Te invitamos:**  
**el Círculo Gilberto Concepción de Gracia y al Comité del PIP de Nueva York**

"Puerto Rico Today: GENTRIFICATION, PRIVATIZATION, AND FORCED MIGRATION. JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION ON HOW U.S. COLONIALISM IS DESTROYING PUERTO RICO! Panelists will join us from Puerto Rico and the Diaspora." Source: Email.

#### Memorial Tribute In Harlem for Veteran Black Panther Thomas 'Blood' McCreary @ The Schomburg Center April 28



"Memorial Tribute for Black Panther Thomas 'Blood' McCreary.

An evening that will include an Open Reception, Libation, Drummer's Circle, Video Montage, Guest Speakers & Cultural Presentations all in Tribute of our Fallen Brother, Thomas 'Blood' McCreary.

This event is co-sponsored by the National Alumni Association of the Black Panther Party & the New Heritage Theater Group.

Please JOIN us and SHARE....

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/memorial-tribute-for-thomas-blood-mccreary-tickets-606711649877>

Source: Email.



### Marking 75 years of Nakba with RASHIDA TLAIB April 30



The Middle East Children's Alliance presents  
**Voices of Palestinian Resistance:  
 Commemorating 75 Years of Nakba**

Original video interviews with Palestinian refugees about their history and dreams

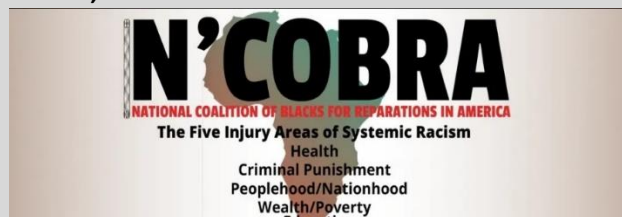
Featuring in Person: **Rashida Tlaib**,  
 Congresswoman from Michigan  
 Special Introduction by  
**Dr. ANGELA DAVIS**

**Sunday, April 30, 2023 • 6 PM,  
 Sydney Goldstein Theater,  
 San Francisco**

A benefit for the children of Palestine  
 CityBoxOffice/RashidaTlaib

"Date: Sunday April 30, Time: 6pm, Location: Sydney Goldstein Theater, 275 Hayes in San Francisco (near Civic Center BART), Cost: \$30-\$100 (students \$15-\$25) Tickets available from City Box Office. The Middle East Children's Alliance presents Voices of Palestinian Resistance: Commemorating 75 Years of Nakba Featuring: Special Introduction by Dr. ANGELA DAVIS; In person: RASHIDA TLAIB, Congresswoman from Michigan and Original video interviews with Palestinian refugees about their history and dreams." Get Tickets here: <https://www.cityboxoffice.com/ordertickets.asp> Source: Email.

### National Convention -Richmond, Bay Area, California: "Honoring Our Ancestors: Continuing The Legacy" June 22 - 25, 2023



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National Convention -Richmond, Bay Area, California STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!!!! Source: Email.

## MECA's Second Annual Ride for Palestine! July 16

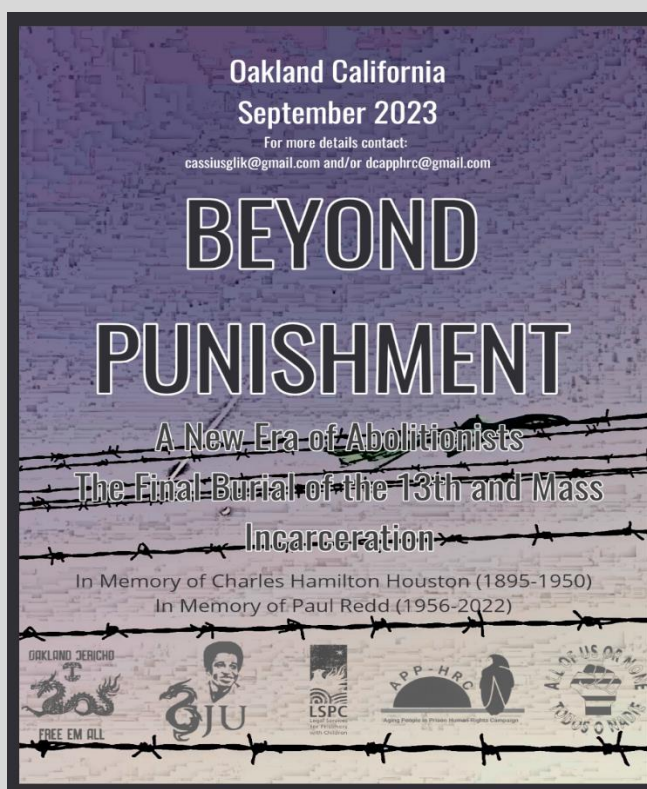


"We are very excited to announce the Middle East Children's Alliance's second annual Ride for Palestine on Sunday, July 16th, 2023 in Berkeley, California! The Ride for Palestine is a day of fun, solidarity, and celebration. The 11-mile scenic Ride for Palestine is designed to be enjoyable for cyclists of all skill levels. The post-Ride celebration will include delicious Palestinian food, music, and more. MECA's first annual Ride for Palestine was a huge success. Riders raised more than \$50,000 to support MECA's projects for children in Palestine and Lebanon's

refugee camps. This year our goal is \$75,000 in honor of 75 years since the 1948 Nakba that began the expulsion and dispossession of Palestinians that continues to this day. Sign up now and get \$10 off registration with promo code 'EARLY' before April 15th! More info available at [RideforPalestine.com](https://rideforpalestine.com). Reach out to [info@rideforpalestine.com](mailto:info@rideforpalestine.com). For updates follow, like and share the Ride's Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Tiktok. Ride for solidarity. Ride for Palestinian children. Ride for fun and community. In solidarity from all of us at MECA in Berkeley and Palestine. P.S. If you live outside the Bay Area and want to participate in a satellite Ride or have other ideas about fundraising for this event, please email us at [info@rideforpalestine.com](mailto:info@rideforpalestine.com)."

<https://rideforpalestine.akaraisin.com/ui/rideforpalestine2023/pledge/registration/start>

## Beyond Punishment: A New Era of Abolitionists the Final Burial of the 13<sup>th</sup> and Mass Incarceration Sept 2023





## (Ongoing Events)

**Oakland Jericho Info Sessions & Political Prisoner Writing Events**

Each month we will discuss Oakland Jericho as an organization, its missions, as well as information if you would like to join. We will also discuss the National Jericho Movement in a historical context as well as its missions, current status and projects. 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! We will then present and discuss two Political Prisoners (PP). Basic information and links for will be provided about each PP so we can write them letters of support. If you would like to attend, please email [oakland.jericho@gmail.com](mailto:oakland.jericho@gmail.com) with your name and email address. We will send you the Zoom link for the session and a reminder the day before. Please check pinned posts for specific information each month. Thank you for your interest

and participation! Please note: 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

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**NOW BOOKING! BLACK PANTHER ALUMNI LEGACY CITY WALKING TOUR**

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-panther-party-legacy-city-tour-tickets-160249200673>



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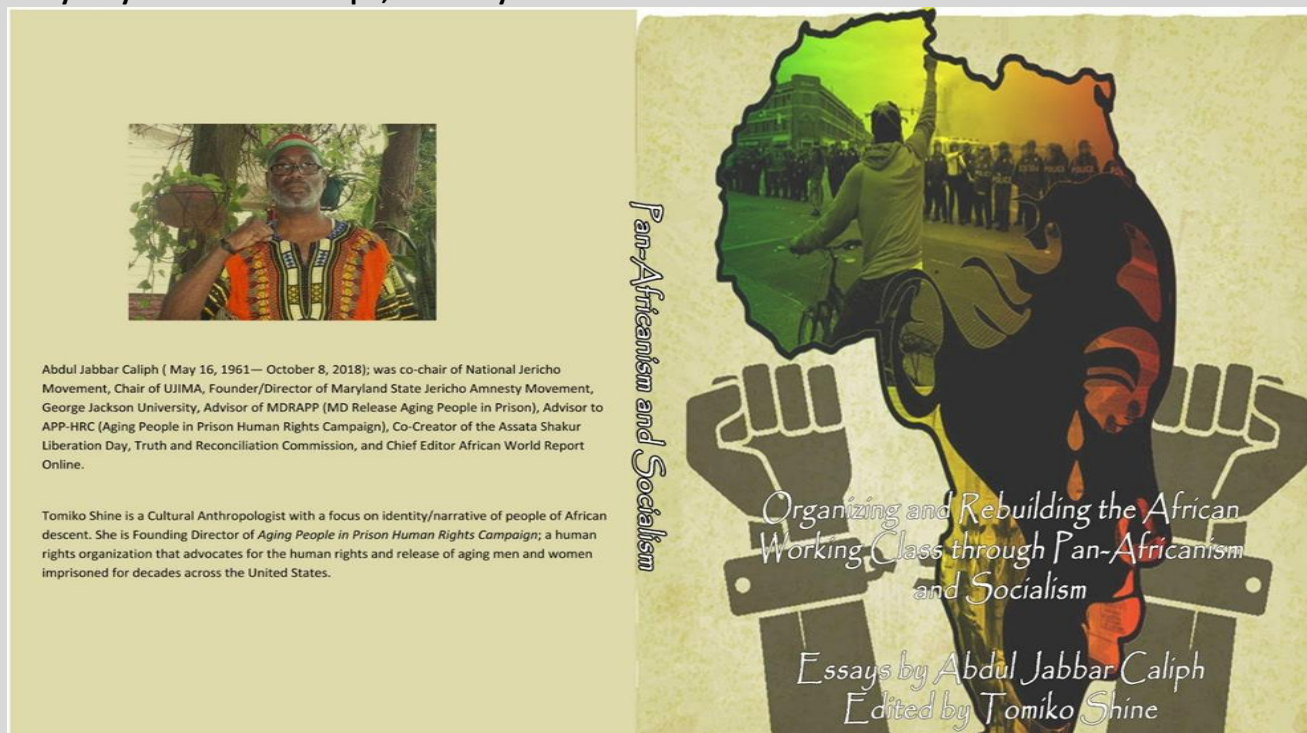
## Oakland Jericho presents the release of the long-awaited CD "Redemption"



The CD from Jalil Muntaqim's book "Redemption Escaping the Prism Fade to Black" is a compilation of poetry written by Jalil, recited by Jalil's brother Dave Brown, Bay Area artists Opium Sabbah (Oakland Jericho) and audiomatic thafiyahstarter as well as others. The cover artwork was done by the phenomenal artist and comrade Kara Fleshman. Get your copy now! We currently take PayPal and we'll have streaming options in the future.

\$16 including S & H. Purchase here: <https://linktr.ee/Oaklandjericho>

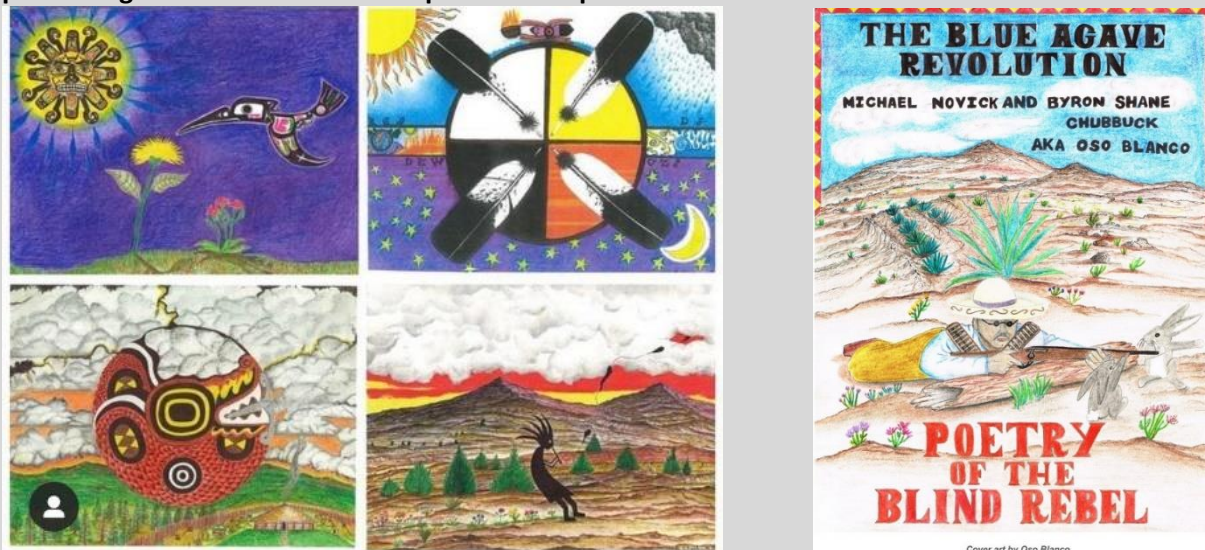
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<https://www.etsy.com/shop/OSOBLANCOCAPROJECT?ref=l2-about-shopname>

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## News, Articles, and Updates

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#### **CAIR: Prison guards beat Muslim inmates for praying together. Will you help us stand with them? March 3**

"The Missouri chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MO) and the CAIR Legal Fund yesterday filed a lawsuit against several officials of the Missouri Department of Corrections (MDOC) who allegedly pepper-sprayed Muslim incarcerated inmates as they prayed. Two years ago, a guard reportedly encountered Muslims praying together in their housing unit, just as they had done daily for months with the prison's permission. This time, as they prayed, MDOC guards allegedly doused them in pepper spray and physically abused them, ultimately isolating them in cells with pepper spray still covering their bodies. "The treatment these incarcerated inmates were reportedly subjected to is appalling and in complete violation not only of their legal rights but their basic human dignity," said CAIR-Missouri Board Chair Yasir Ali. "We are hopeful that justice will prevail in this case and those who are guilty will be held accountable."

[https://www.cair.com/press\\_releases/cair-missouri-cair-file-lawsuit-against-officials-who-allegedly-pepper-sprayed-muslims-as-they-prayed/](https://www.cair.com/press_releases/cair-missouri-cair-file-lawsuit-against-officials-who-allegedly-pepper-sprayed-muslims-as-they-prayed/)

#### **A Young Black Man Told His Mom He Was Being Followed By White Men. Then He Was Found Dead.**

**March 14**

"Rasheem Ryelle Carter was a star wide receiver in high school and the captain of his baseball team in Fayette, Mississippi. "He was very outgoing, he loved sports," said his mother, Tiffany Carter. After graduating from Hinds Community College in Utica in 2016 with a degree in welding and cutting technology, he went to work for a railroad company in Brookhaven, Mississippi, which his mother said was "his first real job." In late September, Carter started a new lumber contracting job in Taylorsville, Mississippi. The job helped him support his young daughter. But on Oct. 1 last year, he called and sent his mother a worrying text that expressed fear for his life.

"When he sent that to me, I freaked out. And I kept calling him and calling him, until he texted back saying, 'I'm good, Mama,'" Tiffany Carter told HuffPost. When they were on the phone, she told HuffPost, Carter said white men in three pickup trucks were following and harassing him." [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/rasheem-carter-mississippi-dead\\_n\\_6410e275e4b0bc5cb64d328b](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/rasheem-carter-mississippi-dead_n_6410e275e4b0bc5cb64d328b)

#### **Aggressive Policing in Memphis Goes Far Beyond the Scorpion Unit March 14**

"Data shows Memphis police arrested more people – mostly Black men – than other Tennessee cities." "We keep selling it with the talking point that more police equals less crime, which is not necessarily true." A review of more than 200 Memphis police arrest reports from last spring shows aggressive policing that was not limited to the special "Scorpion" unit implicated in the killing of Tyre Nichols. Throughout the department, officers used overzealous methods to arrest residents. The vast majority of them were Black, at a proportion far above the Black population in the city." <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2023/03/14/memphis-police-beatings-tennessee>

#### **Seven Sheriff's Deputies Accused of Murdering Mentally Ill Black Man March 15**

"The public will be shocked at the totality of the circumstances," a lawyer for the man's family said this week. Eileen Grench, Justice Reporter, Mar. 15, 2023. Seven sheriff's deputies in Virginia have been charged with murder after they allegedly smothered a young Black man in the midst of a mental health crisis last week, and then attempted to cover it up. On Wednesday morning, the county prosecutor alleged in court that Irvo N. Otieno was being admitted to Central State Hospital by Henrico County Sheriff's Office deputies when he was handcuffed and held down for 12 minutes on the floor, according to ABC 8 News. The county coroner's preliminary findings were that Otieno died of asphyxiation by manner of homicide, according to ABC 8 News. Prosecutors alleged that three deputies pepper-sprayed Otieno and punched him in the torso while in his cell, according to the local TV station. But perhaps most shockingly, they also claimed that deputies washed and returned the handcuffs to their cruiser, and waited over three hours to report his death to state police."

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/seven-sheriffs-deputies-in-henrico-county-virginia-accused-of-murdering-mentally-ill-black-man-irvo-otieno>



### **Dozens of Museums and Universities Pledge to Return Native American Remains. Few Have Funded the Effort. March 15**

"Reporting from nearly 50 local newsrooms, based on ProPublica's "Repatriation Project," has sparked a wave of apologies and commitment to returning ancestral remains. But without funding for the work tribal nations could still face empty promises." <https://www.propublica.org/article/museums-universities-pledge-to-return-native-american-remains>

### **'We deserve to know': autopsy of 'Cop City' activist shot by police incomplete two months on March 16**

"On Monday, Smith and his colleagues, flanked by Paez Terán's family members, announced their own independent autopsy results as well as his firm's lawsuit against the city of Atlanta in pursuit of video and audio recordings made during the multi-agency raid on 18 January at the forest south-east of Atlanta where police shot and killed Paez Terán. The family-ordered autopsy appeared to show that the activist was sitting cross-legged, with their hands in front of their face, when hit by a hail of bullets. "Manuel was looking death in the face, hands raised when killed," civil rights attorney Brian Spears said." <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/mar/16/manuel-paez-teran-delayed-autopsy>

### **Alex Saab's life is at risk! The health of Venezuelan diplomat kidnapped by the U.S. worsens: Public complaint about the health condition of Venezuelan diplomat Alex Saab, illegally imprisoned in the United States March 16**

"On Friday, March 16, 2023, Camilla Saab made an urgent call to the world to denounce the dire health condition of Venezuelan diplomat Alex Saab, which endangers his life. In July 2021, the Working Group against Torture and several UN rapporteurs expressed their concern about the irreparable deterioration of Alex Saab's health condition. Let us recall that in Cape Verde, on July 7, 2021, after many refusals, Alex Saab was visited by his family doctor, who, in his report, detected a worrying health condition of the Venezuelan official, especially because Saab is a stomach cancer survivor. The doctor diagnosed: anemia, anorexia, diabetes mellitus type 2, hypothyroidism, hypertension, and high risk of thromboembolic disease, including pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis. In addition, he highlighted that a high infection by the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* was found in his blood, and an endoscopy identified bleeding from the digestive tract that could mean a recurrence of cancer. Saab's lower left molar was found broken due to the beatings received during the torture, and access to proper medical care was recommended. However, he was never allowed to receive treatment."

<https://afgj.org/free-alex-saab>

### **Using the Right Language: The 'Incremental Genocide' of the Palestinians Continues March 16**

"I am writing this op-ed on March 10, 2023. Seventy-five years ago, on this date, the military command of the Zionist leadership publicized Plan Dalet, or Plan D, which, among other guidelines, instructed the Zionist forces on their way to occupy hundreds of Palestinian villages and several towns and neighborhoods in historical Palestine, to carry out: "Destruction of villages (setting fire to, blowing up, and planting mines in the debris), especially those population centers which are difficult to control continuously. "Mounting search and control operations according to the following guidelines: encirclement of the village and conducting a search inside it. In the event of resistance, the armed force must be destroyed and the population must be expelled outside the borders of the state." <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/using-the-right-language-the-incremental-genocide-of-the-palestinians-continues/>

### **Beaten, Bombed and Buried March 17**

"On January 18, Southeast of Atlanta's downtown, in an area once inhabited the Muscogee (Creek) people in what they called the Weelaunee Forest, now called the South River Forest, 26-year-old Indigenous, queer, non-binary forest defender Manuel Esteban Paez Teran, known to his friends and family as Tortugueta (Little Turtle), was shot and killed in his tent by the Georgia State Patrol. Members of the State Patrol were part of a SWAT team composed of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Atlanta Police, other local law enforcement officers and, according to a GBI press release, the FBI. Carrying automatic weapons, accompanied by K-9s and with drone surveillance support overhead, this militarized police force moved in on encamped forest activists protecting some of the last remaining canopied forest area in metropolitan Atlanta in a predominantly black neighborhood. Claiming that Manuel fired first, this SWAT team shot him 14 times, and for the first time in the history of the US environmental movement, a forest activist had been killed by the police. Not that they hadn't tried before; more on that later." <https://portside.org/2023-03-27/beaten-bombed-and-buried>

### **"Imagine Becoming a Shadow:" Rose Dinkins Speaks Out to the United Nations March 20**

"I would implore the members of the United Nations to imagine becoming a shadow, a memory while still alive. I would ask them to imagine seeing an empty space in every family photo where they should have been. I would ask them how many photo albums are enough. I have been missing from family celebrations for over 50 years. I have paid my debt to society with interest, and I want nothing more than to reunite with my loved ones. Granted freedom, I would become an advocate for other women serving life sentences and fight to eliminate DBI sentences. I would spend my twilight years with my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Hopefully, the esteemed members of the United Nations can put a face on mercy. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and your interest in my experience." <https://straight-ahead.org/2023/03/16/a-letter-to-the-united-nations/>

### **Philadelphia to pay nearly \$10 million compensation to targets of violent police rampage: Landmark Settlement in Police Violence Case Philadelphia will pay nearly \$10 million to compensate targets of police rampage during protests following George Floyd's murder March 21**

"On March 20, 2023, the Abolitionist Law Center, the Legal Defense Fund, and the law firm of Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing, Feinberg & Lin LLP announced an unprecedented settlement with the City of Philadelphia for the Philadelphia Police Department's (PPD) violent, militaristic attack on people in West Philadelphia during peaceful protests following George Floyd's murder in May 2020. The lawsuit, filed in July 2020, challenged the PPD's extreme response to protests, which included attacking peaceful demonstrators with rubber bullets, pepper balls, and chemical munitions, and also harming uninvolved residents of the majority Black neighborhood. (This case is one of four arising out of the police violence directed at residents and protestors in West Philadelphia and the I-676 highway in Philadelphia. The others, by additional law firms, include Welch, et al. v. City of Philadelphia, Hough, et al. v. City of Philadelphia, and Zolitor, et al. v. City of Philadelphia.)" <https://abolitionistlawcenter.org/2023/03/20/historic-settlement-announced-in-philly-police-violence-case/>

### **Behind the #StopCopCity Domestic Terrorism Warrants March 21**

"The Georgia Bureau of Investigation, in collaboration with several other law enforcement agencies, charged 23 more people with 'domestic terrorism' for their alleged involvement in the ongoing effort to stop 'Cop City' and to defend the Weelaunee Forest in unincorporated DeKalb County southeast of Atlanta. This brings the total number of 'Cop City' opponents charged [under the statute](#) to 42.

**Warrants are available to read below. Unicorn Riot has currently only been able to obtain 10 of the 23 domestic terrorism warrants stemming from the [March 5](#) arrests. The filings are nearly identical and appear to have been copy/pasted:**

[Warrant 1](#) | [Warrant 2](#) | [Warrant 3](#) | [Warrant 4](#) | [Warrant 5](#) | [Warrant 6](#) | [Warrant 7](#) | [Warrant 8](#) | [Warrant 9](#) | [Warrant 10](#)

Most of those arrested are currently being held at the DeKalb County Jail after being denied bond by Magistrate Judge Anna Watkins Davis on March 7. Four arrestees, including attorney Thomas Jurgens, have been granted bond. Jurgens was released on the day of the bond hearing, while the other three defendants were granted bond only after spending roughly two weeks in jail. The remaining defendants will likely be held in the jail at least until their bond hearing in DeKalb County Superior Court, which is currently scheduled for 9 a.m. on March 23 before Judge Gregory A. Adams. Judge A. W. Davis, who denied bond to nearly every defendant, appears to have a family connection to a firm tied into the 'Cop City' project leadership, which is possibly a conflict of interest. Publicly available records indicate she is married to a Principal tax attorney at KPMG, an international accounting mega-firm with four representatives [on the board](#) of the Atlanta Police Foundation, the private nonprofit [rushing to build 'Cop City'](#) despite the project's [questionable legal status](#). Three other individuals previously charged with domestic terrorism for their participation in the movement have been held in custody for nearly two months after being denied bond following their arrest on January 21. One additional defendant, who had also been incarcerated since January 21, was granted bond on March 20." [unicornriot.ninja](https://unicornriot.ninja)

### **'Putting people in solitary is torture, so let's stop' April 3**

"John Oliver condemned the continued use of solitary confinement in American prisons on the latest episode of Last Week Tonight. The incarceration method, used any given day on 50,000 inmates in the US (almost definitely an undercount, given poor data collection), keeps people in a solitary cell that's roughly 6ft by 9ft.

“Which is way too small for a person to be stuck in for days, weeks, months or even years on end,” the HBO host said on Sunday evening. In 2011, the UN declared solitary confinement to be a form of torture due to its physical toll and mental anguish, and called on all countries to abolish indefinite and prolonged solitary confinement in excess of 15 days. “Which really is not asking that much, but is also something that we in the US have, to put it mildly, not done,” Oliver explained, calling solitary confinement in the US “just appalling, as solitary really takes a toll on people”. [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com)

**Guantánamo and the U.S. Courts: When Is A War Not Over? Apparently, When It's the “War on Terror”**  
**April 5**

“It’s a sign of the fundamental lawlessness of Guantánamo that, 19 months since the United States decisively brought to an end its nearly 20-year military presence in Afghanistan by withdrawing all its troops, a Guantánamo prisoner — who is not alleged to have been anything more than a foot soldier for the Taliban at the time the 9/11 attacks and the subsequent U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan — is fighting in a U.S. court to try to get a judge to recognize that, given the definitive end to the U.S.’s involvement in hostilities in Afghanistan, he must be freed. The prisoner in question is Khalid Qassim (aka Qasim), a Yemeni who has been held for nearly 21 years without charge or trial at Guantánamo, and is still held, even though, last July, a Periodic Review Board (a parole-type review process introduced by President Obama) approved him for release, recognizing his “low level of training and lack of a leadership role in al Qaida or the Taliban.” [closeguantanamo.org](https://www.closeguantanamo.org)

**She reported being abused by US prison guards. Now she faces deportation** April 6

“In early 2022, Cristal came forward about the horrific sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of multiple guards at the federal prison in Dublin, California — one of dozens of victims to speak up about misconduct. Today, rather than being reunited with her family after completing her sentence, she’s in immigration detention, awaiting deportation to Mexico — a country she left as a baby. “My whole world dropped. I thought I was finally going to get to go home and hug my kids,” Cristal, 31, said about the day she was detained by agents of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Ice). “It hurts me, because I was supposed to be protected. I trusted them and told them what I went through and this is how they treat me?” [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com)

**'Cop City' protesters charged under revamped Georgia law. Advocates call the charges 'baseless.'** April 6

“Amid ongoing protests against the construction of a police and fire department training facility near Atlanta, advocates and experts are raising concerns about demonstrators who remain jailed on domestic terrorism charges. Dozens gathered at City Hall last week to oppose the construction of the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center, informally dubbed “Cop City,” a \$90 million, 85-acre training space, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported. Activists have occupied the forested area near the site since late 2021, after the project’s lease was approved, because of concerns the facility will destroy important habitat for wildlife and leave the area surrounding South River Forest vulnerable to stormwater flooding, according to a letter signed by multiple environmental groups. A protester was also fatally shot by police in January after allegedly shooting a state trooper. Then in March, 23 people were charged with domestic terrorism. Atlanta police said “violent agitators used the cover of a peaceful protest” to throw large rocks, bricks, Molotov cocktails and fireworks at police officers and destroy multiple pieces of construction equipment with fire and vandalism.”

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/cop-city-protesters-charged-under-revamped-georgia-law-advocates-call-the-charges-baseless/>

**Some Are Jailed in Mississippi for Months Without a Lawyer. A Court Just Barred That.** April 14

“Poor defendants in Mississippi are routinely jailed for months, and sometimes even years, without being appointed an attorney due to the state’s notoriously dysfunctional public defender system. The Mississippi Supreme Court now says this practice must end. The state’s highest court approved a mandate on Thursday that criminal defendants who can’t afford their own attorney must always have one before an indictment.”

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2023/04/14/mississippi-public-defender-indigent-lawyers-state-supreme-court>



## The Spirit of Mandela Coalition & the Peoples' Senate Organizing Committee

**DID YOU KNOW that in 2021, the U.S was found GUILTY  
of genocide against Black, Brown, and Indigenous people??**

**Dear Friend and Fellow Freedom Fighter,**

The Spirit of Mandela Coalition, following up on the October 2021 International Tribunal verdict finding the US Guilty of Genocide against Black, Brown, and Indigenous people (see full verdict [HERE](#)), is calling for the building of a new mass grassroots formation: The Peoples' Senate. The people need to govern and represent themselves in combating genocide and addressing their right to a just and humane existence. Our vision is for the Peoples' Senate, organized directly by our oppressed communities, to grow into a body which will serve that purpose.

Today our communities face the most egregious violations of our human rights since the civil rights and Black power movements of the 1960s and '70s. Conditions we are living under include random mass shootings, right-wing vigilante attacks, police violence and murder, environmental racism, the reassertion of "states rights" (the "right" of states to ignore basic human rights), and healthcare racism. The US government dangerously scapegoats immigrants; causes destabilization, extreme violence, bombing, and killing of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and poor people all over the globe – and spends billions of dollars to do it; and keeps hundreds of thousands of people living in homelessness and poverty in the US. Our communities are facing targeted attacks against voting rights, workers' rights, women's rights, and Indigenous Peoples' rights as right-wing elected officials and appointed judges roll back decades of hard-won battles for justice. While out-voting right-wing candidates during elections is important, voting alone will not be enough. We must organize to put more pressure on the system for major change.

The US Congress and Senate are representatives of the rich and powerful. They refuse to address the necessity for universal healthcare or a sound nationwide infrastructure providing access to clean water and other necessities. Corporations ignore and violate the needs of the planet while evading their fair share of taxes. US prisons are filled with Black, Brown, Indigenous, and poor people, many incarcerated for crimes they did not commit and/or serving sentences that far outweigh whatever criminal acts they may have committed. The oppressed national communities of Black, Brown, and Indigenous peoples all have political prisoners and prisoners of war incarcerated since the 1960s until today, who have fought for our liberation and are being held in prison unjustly or only released when near death. We want them all freed now!

Building our own Peoples' Senate will enable us to organize locally from a position of strength and connect local activists with others, in other parts of the country, who may be pursuing similar goals while electing "Senators" who are mandated to represent our interests and demands. A Peoples' Senate can fight for changes that protect and ensure our right to vote, our right to control our own bodies, our right to live free from discrimination as LGBTQ+ people, our rights to living wages and safe working conditions, our rights to sovereignty and dignity, and our rights to live free from state violence and abuse.

We invite you to take a look at the attached introduction titled [The Peoples' Senate At A Glance](#). We will present a series of webinar discussions about the Peoples' Senate followed by local and regional meetings to get input and guidance from a wide range of experiences for this organizing project. If you are interested in joining with us in launching these initial steps to build a Peoples' Senate, please fill out the on-line form [HERE](#) as soon as you can. Thank you.

**Peoples' Senate Organizing Committee, Spirit of Mandela Coalition**

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Full Verdict: <https://www.tribunal2021.com/full-final-verdict>

At-A-Glance: <https://spiritofmandela.org/peoples-senate/>

Online form: <https://form.jotform.com/223385849177066>

## 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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