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## The Dragons Fire



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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.

### In Solidarity & Determination, The National Jericho Movement



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## Section 1: The National Jericho Movement



### Work & Focus

Jericho actively maintains direct connections with our Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War (PP/POW) 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/ Prisoners of War.

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

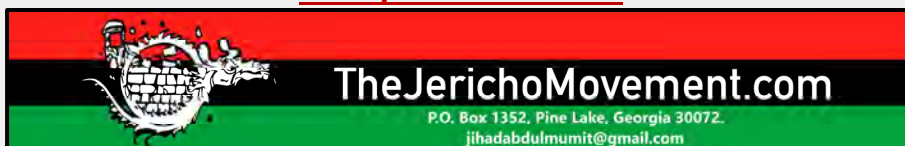
We are also focusing on: **In the Spirit of Mandela: The Peoples' Senate**, and invite you to join us!

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



### **2024: A TEST OF OUR VALUES AND DETERMINATION TO DEFEND THEM**

*"Individuals do not create rebellions; conditions do."* – Imam Jamil Al-Amin

### **Revolutionary Greetings,**

This letter brings our deepest gratitude for your unwavering help in supporting our Political Prisoners (PPs) and Prisoners of War (POWs) and their families. As 2024 ends, we ask you to donate as generously as possible to help us launch with strength and stability into 2025, and to continue to be a part of the ongoing work that must be done to bring comfort and freedom to our PPs and POWs who sacrifice for the liberation of all of us.

Your donations make the difference between life and death for our Freedom Fighters, especially for the growing number of Elders, languishing in these u.s. gulags who are continually denied basic and/or adequate health care, nutritious food, caring human contact, and all forms of torture, creating slow genocide of our Freedom Fighters.

Denial of healthcare for all our PPs and POWs has clearly been weaponized by u.s. prisons in the ramp-up of torture and abuse in 2024. Most notably below are some of the Elders suffering in old age basically without healthcare assistance:

**Kamau Sadiki** – Life +10 years. Now 71 and in poor health with Hepatitis C, cirrhosis of the liver, blood pressure issues, open, infectious wounds and sarcoidosis. Every day is a struggle.

**Rev. Joy Powell** – Life +16 years. Sixty-two years old, suffers from diabetes, hearing impaired, and further burdened by depression and anxiety related to abuse, false accusation, and imprisonment. In early 2020, she survived COVID-19 behind bars and is grateful to be alive.

**Dr. Aafia Siddiqui** – Sentenced to 86 years. Age 52 years, a Pakistani citizen with a PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience, has been held in u.s. custody for nearly two decades ... in prison for an incident widely believed to be based on false allegations. Her case is one of the tragic remnants of the "War on Terror," a period marked by injustices that continue to strain U.S. relations with the global Muslim community. – Federal lawsuit in u.s. with allegations of torture, sexual abuse and religious discrimination.

*"Psychologically, Aafia is not doing well. None of the 87 male prisoners I have seen in Guantánamo have been traumatized to the same extent."*

"She is now in an institution that ought to be helping to repair this damage. To the contrary, it exacerbates her nightmare..." – Clive Smith (Civil Rights Lawyer)

**Leonard Peltier** – Two Life Sentences. Now 80 years old, Native American activist Leonard Peltier has been unjustly imprisoned for nearly 50 years, including years spent in solitary confinement, and weeks and months in prison lockdowns. He is in declining health, suffering from serious life-threatening illnesses, including diabetes, aortic aneurism and other comorbidities.

**Imam Jamil Al-Amin (H. Rap Brown)** – Life Without Parole. At age 81, Imam Al-Amin's health is a growing concern. Presently he suffers from a potentially life-threatening growth on his face requiring a medical transfer for treatment. He has previously dealt with medical issues such as multiple myeloma cancers, strokes and legal blindness.

**Mumia Abu-Jamal** – Life Without Parole. Has spent 43 years in prison and at age 70 is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver, and in March of 2021 underwent successful heart surgery after being diagnosed with Covid-19 and congestive heart failure. He also lost his wife, Wadiya, on December 27, 2022.

**Malik Bey (Meral Smith)/Virgin Island 5** – Eight Life Sentences. After 52 years in prison and now over 70 years old, he has severe chronic health issues including treatment-resistant prostate cancer that has metastasized to his bones and degenerative joint disease in his knees.

**Abdul Bey (Warren Ballantine)/Virgin Island 5** – Eight Life Sentences. Now in his 70s and having served 52 years, he has several chronic health issues that are difficult to manage inside prison, including advanced cardiac disease, severe arthritis and degenerative disc disease with injury to the spinal cord. After suffering two massive heart attacks in 2016, he is often unable to do many simple tasks, including ambulating to the visiting room or the phone area to call loved ones.

## HONORING TRANSITIONS OF MOVEMENT COMRADES

### **Ralph Poynter**

Revolutionary, Educator, Legendary Freedom Fighter  
Mar 21, 1934 – Dec 25, 2023

### **Sekou Odinga**

Former Political Prisoner, Revolutionary  
Jun 17, 1944 – Jan 12, 2024

### **Terry Bisson**

Fighter for freedom, justice, and liberation  
Feb 12, 1942 – Jan 10, 2024

### **Viola Plummer**

Co-founder/December 12 Movement (D-12), Revolutionary  
Feb 16, 1937 – Jan 15, 2024

### **Paula Peebles**

Veteran Black Panther Party  
Jun 27, 1953 – Jan 21, 2024

### **Masai Ehehosi**

Muslim, Former Black Liberation Army POW, Co-Minister of Information for the Provisional Government–  
Republic of New Africa, co-Founding Member of Critical Resistance  
Sept 12, 1948 – Apr 1, 2024

### **Mama Iyaluua Ferguson**

Revolutionary Organizer, wife of former political prisoner Herman Ferguson  
Jun 29, 1932 – Feb 27, 2024

### **Martyr Walid Daqqa**

Palestinian political prisoner, detained nearly four decades and considered “one of the most prominent writers  
and thinkers of the Palestinian Captive Movement.”  
Jul 18, 1961 – Apr 7, 2024

### **Elsbeth Meyer**

Brooklyn educator, activist/organizer for Puerto Rico independence, independent Nigeria, release of all  
Political Prisoners, freedom movements from Haiti to Palestine and beyond; helped found  
Resistance in Brooklyn; young supporter of UFW; artist.  
1938 – Jun 28, 2024

### **Dylcia Noemi Pagan**

New York born Puerto Rican National Heroine, freedom fighter, member of FALN, and former u.s.-held POW,  
who served nearly 19 years on charges of seditious conspiracy.  
Oct 15, 1946 – Jun 30, 2024

### **Martin R. Stolar, Attorney**

Civil Rights and Criminal Defense Lawyer; President of NLG–NY. Represented thousands of activists –  
Camden 28 (Vietnam War); Panther 21; Attica Uprising; protesters from 2004 Republican Convention,  
Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter.  
Apr 2, 1943 – Jul 1, 2024

### **Bernice Johnson Reagon**

Civil rights activist, scholar, musician founder of Sweet Honey in the Rock,  
co-founder Freedom Singers and the Harambee Singers.  
Oct 4, 1942 – Jul 16, 2024

### **Nikki Giovanni**

Natural Woman Revolutionary Poet  
Jun 7, 1943 – Dec 9, 2024

### **Bilal Sunni Ali**

Amir/Sheikh, Former Political Prisoner, Freedom fighter, New Afrikan Muslim, and Renowned Musician  
July 13, 1948 – December 30, 2024

**Rest in Peace and Power Comrades!**

**National Jericho Statement in Support of the Palestinian People  
In Solidarity with the People of Palestine:**

**The National Jericho Movement to Free All Political Prisoners  
Stands in Solidarity with the People of Palestine  
in the Fight Against the Apartheid State of Israel**  
Jericho affirms and supports the right of the Palestinian People to resist  
the apartheid government of Israel that has historically  
sought to annihilate them.

**The Palestinian people are supported under international law,  
and more importantly, under Divine Scripture, to fight for  
and defend their human rights.**

**International law maintains the right of self-defense for people under  
colonial and foreign domination and subjugation.**

**Stop the Genocide!**

**Free All Palestinian Political Prisoners!**

**Free All US-Held Political Prisoners!**

***National Jericho Statement in Support of the Palestinian People***

**Please Donate to the Jericho Movement to Help Assist and Free Our Political Prisoners.**

**Jericho support:**

1. Actively maintains direct connection with each Political Prisoner by visiting and writing to them;
2. Provides financial assistance to them and their families as needed;
3. Advocates for their increasing medical needs, particularly as they age;
4. Works on amnesty campaigns – legal and political;
5. Educates people and communities across the United States with the strategic objective of building a mass movement to free all Political Prisoners, end political incarcerations, end mass incarceration, and close down special housing and isolation units;
6. Builds working alliances and coalitions with other like-minded people and organizations;
7. Establishes open communication with Political Prisoners so they have a direct say in the direction of the organization.

We are seeking to provide assistance to our Political Prisoners through healthy food packages, increased access to phone calls to reduce feelings of isolation, increased letter writing materials, prison visits, ongoing campaigns, assisting with legal fees for filing and/or court hearings, and continued assistance for our Political Prisoners who have recently been released.

**Free all Political Prisoners!**

**In Struggle and Gratitude,  
National Jericho Movement  
Jihad Abdulmumit, Chair**

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**Your generous contributions help provide real Support to our Political Prisoners!**

**Ways to Donate!**

1. **Online Via PayPal ([CLICK HERE](#))**
2. **Snail mail tax deductible donation checks to our fiscal sponsor IFCO: Checks must be made out to IFCO with "The Jericho Movement" in the memo.** IFCO, P.O. Box 1368, Orange, New Jersey 07051-1368
3. **Online: A new way to donate directly through IFCO for tax-deductible donations**  
[https://fs24.formsite.com/IFCO7120/form2/secure\\_index.html](https://fs24.formsite.com/IFCO7120/form2/secure_index.html) (When you reach the portion of the form that says, "Tell us here if you wish your gift to support an IFCO fiscal sponsored group, or for a particular project not listed above." Please write **National Jericho Movement** in that tab.)

#### 4. Checks to be written to: National Jericho Movement

Send Checks to: National Jericho Movement, c/o Jorge Chang  
29 West 119<sup>th</sup> Street, unit 31 New York, NY 10026

5. Visit our website at: [thejerichomovement.com/donate](http://thejerichomovement.com/donate) and click our “donate” button.

Thank you for your continued support!

### Chapter Reports

#### Atlanta Jericho

The Atlanta chapter did not have any events the past month due to the holidays. There were members that attended the funeral of Baba Sunni Ali. We have a letter writing event on January 12. We had three new members from the Memphis Chapter visit us yesterday. Not much else to report. We look forward to moving forward Insha Allah.

#### Jericho Boston

-Meetings: We have been holding weekly meetings, with membership paperwork confirmed for all of our members. We are working on a better method of distributing responsibility over the different facets of the chapter, mainly report backs, social media, outreach and recruiting.

- Events: We held a joint event in December with Mike Africa Jr. around his book On A Move to help fundraise and support his campaign to reclaim his family home, as well as to educate about and to support Mohammed Burton. For January we have 2 events planned. One is a collaborative letter writing around Larry Hoover as well as Boston’s Rickey Fuquan Mcgee and his own local support network. The second one being a panel on political repression and moving forward into the next administration with several local activists and specialists in different areas to be impacted moving forward.

-General Information: We are excited to be moving forward with growing relationships and new collaborations with locally based prison support and organizing and to be more intentionally harnessing our growth and development to push the struggle further in the new year.

### Jericho Tributes & Highlights

#### Baba Bilal Sunni Ali has Transitioned...December 30, 2024

May Allah Grant him the Highest Ranks of Jannah...Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un

Save the Date

MARCH 23, 2025  
ATLANTA, GA

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**SHEIKH BABA BILAL SUNNI-ALI**

SEND PHOTOS AND SOLIDARITY STATEMENTS + RSVP BY FEB. 1  
TO BSACELEBRATIONOFLIFE@GMAIL.COM

Inna il-lahil wa-inna ilayhi raji'un. إن لله وإليه راجعون. "We are from Allah and to him we return"

**Janazah for Sheikh Baba Bilal Sunni-Ali**

Thursday, January 2 from 1-1:30pm @

Atlanta Masjid  
560 Fayetteville Rd SE,  
Atlanta, GA 30316

Burial will take place from 2:30-3:30pm @

Masjid Ash Shura  
3095 Jonesboro Rd SE,  
Atlanta, GA 30354

-The Sunni-Ali Obafemi Family

"We, The Sunni-Ali/Obafemi Family, thank you for your continuous support and love!!! We look forward to seeing you all at our Baba's Celebration of Life!!!! Pls look at the flyer for all the information... [#CarryitOn](#) [#Whirlwind](#) [@highlight](#) Please rsvp at the following email: [bsacelebrationoflife@gmail.com](mailto:bsacelebrationoflife@gmail.com)"

"Janazah Celebration" <https://www.facebook.com/AtlantaMasjid/videos/1593996744541899>  
<https://www.facebook.com/AtlantaMasjid/videos/1593996744541899>

**Burial:**

<https://www.facebook.com/1465304544/videos/pcb.10233239108067497/576761031905897>  
<https://www.facebook.com/771110647/videos/pcb.10170149777115648/581964487768564>

Bilal Sunni-Ali Biography Series, Part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeVaB7c4jHI>

Bilal Sunni-Ali Biography Series, Part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDtvuDXTUmQ>

Bilal Sunni-Ali Biography Series, Part 3 of 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tDnCGdviSO>

**Virtual Living Tribute for Bilal Sunni Ali:** "Tune in to this very powerful living tribute to freedom fighter and renowned musician Bilal Sunni Ali. Join family, friends and comrades to this amazing heartfelt tribute."

<https://www.youtube.com/live/L55asUGxwEE>

**Celebration of Life Flier:**

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10162712407242667&set=a.10151160356442667>

**Bilal Sunni Ali: May Allah Grant him the Highest Ranks of Jannah...Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un-  
Tribute From Matt Meyer**

"21st Century WHIRLWINDS...2024 for some of us will always be a year book-ended by the loss of giants. In addition to our beloved familia [Elsbeth Meyer](#) and [Dylcia Pagan](#), the year began with the transition of Baba [Sekou Odinga](#) and now ends with the passing of Baba [Bilal Sunni-Ali](#). I was especially blessed to work with Baba Bilal on two book projects - Look for Me in the Whirlwind (co-edited with [Dequi Kioni-sadiki](#), and with Bilal's bestie Sekou), and Kuwasi Balagoon: A Soldier's Story (co-edited with Karl Kersplebedeb) - and on the 2021 Spirit of Mandela International Tribunal. Today, we mourn not so much for dead presidents as for thousands of unnamed Palestinians and Sudanese, for the fighting people of Kurdistan/Rojava and Kashmir and Western Sahara, for the still-colonized peoples of West Papua, Puerto Rico, Ambazonia, Tibet, and countless Indigenous Peoples everywhere. We pray, and redouble the fight, for better tomorrows: to free all political prisoners, to free the land, for peace and justice for all!! For Baba Bilal especially, whose soulful saxophone sounds will remain in our ears forever, we redouble the fight especially to Free [Imam Jamil Al-Amin](#)! For Baba Bilal, we say ASHE; Until We Win!! Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un. <https://www.youtube.com/live/ciTs49CK-yk?si=yfB2C29jkET4of9K>" <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BGKPxFSGa/>

**Burning Books: We've been broken into!**



"Sad news. Burning Books was broken into early this morning. A large, plate glass window was smashed in, and cash was taken from the register and our expansion donation jar. Books were wrecked, the window had to be boarded up and will be expensive to replace, other increased security measures need to be taken, and this important community space and resource has been violated. The upside is that nobody was hurt, and immediate neighbor responses likely minimized the damage. People are already asking how they can lend their support, and simplest way is to make a contribution to [the GoFundMe we setup for our expansion](#). Strong community support is what has kept Burning Books alive and kicking the last 13 years, and is what is driving our exciting expansion. We won't let something like this knock us down." Source: Email.

**Certain Days 2025 calendars break records:**

"Last weekend the 2025 Certain Days calendars sold out. But don't panic, we've ordered a reprinting that'll be completed later this week. Demand has been so strong that we've run dry way sooner than expected, which they say is a good problem. We've also been breaking records on the number of copies we've been sending to prisoners. Thanks in part to so many of you throwing down \$9 to help brighten up someone's prison cell, we've



sent hundreds of copies into prisons across the US, and there's more going out every day. We're now taking [orders for calendars](#) that will be shipped out, hot off the presses, by the end of this week, so grab 'em now while they last. We won't be reprinting anymore of this year's calendar after this. And thanks so much for everyone's overwhelming support for the Certain Days project this year. It raises thousands of dollars for political prisoners and prison abolition projects that are otherwise hard up for funding. You're awesome. Solidarity!" Source: Email.

### U.S. vs. International Law at Home and Abroad Zoom Panel Discussion on YouTube!!!!

NYC Jericho and Allies for a Panel Discussion  
on U.S. v. International Law at Home and Abroad



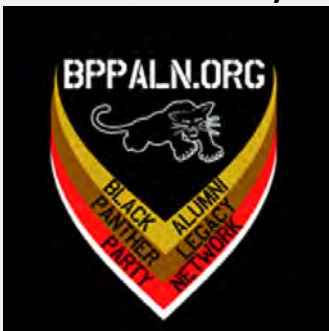
You Tube Link: Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpMrBycd1A>

### Susan Abulhawa presentation at Oxford Union

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eSDBNct0xQ>

“Susan Abulhawa: As Palestinians struggle to make our voices heard in the midst of a genocide, it is particularly egregious for the @OxfordUnion to bow to the very same forces committing that genocide. it was bad enough to have been in the same room with genocide apologists and individuals who've actually murdered or caused the murder of people, but to find out that my speech has been edited to cater to them is intolerable. the @OxfordUnion has not seen fit to issue statements, retractions, or other forms of censorship in the case of some truly abhorrent individuals that they've hosted in the past, such as Tony Robinson or Tzipi Hotovely. Robinson was sent to prison for repeatedly inciting violence against refugees and Muslims, Hotovely made public calls to genocide against Palestinians. Her remarks were so vile that it provoked calls for her expulsion from the UK. And yet it was my speech that they saw fit to edit. Why?” Source: Email.

### BPPALN: Why we support Dr Rupa Marya--Professor of Medicine UCSF San Francisco.




“Over 55 years ago the Black Panther Party took up the right to health. The Black Panther Party Health clinics were part of a movement to deliver community-based healthcare. The Black Panther Party took the argument one step further, articulating the failure of America to address poverty, oppression, unemployment and the lack of adequate education and housing as all causes of poor health. Point number six of the 10-point platform and program states “We want completely free health care for all black and oppressed people”. The Black Panther Party emerged as champions of Health Care as a human right, establishing 13 free health clinics across America. This would not have been possible without the diligent and consistent work of college medical students as

well as noted physicians who volunteered their time and effort to make these clinics possible to serve the neglected Health needs of black and oppressed people. One such person was Mary T Bassett who as a young

college student began working at the Franklin Lynch People's Free Health Center in Boston Massachusetts, one of the 13 free Health clinics started by the Black Panther Party. Mary went on to become the New York City Health Commissioner, was awarded the Frank A. Cauldron prize and was elected to become a member of the National Academy of Medicine. To this day Mary Bassett talks about how the Black Panther Party revolutionized healthcare in America. Dr Rupa Marya carries that same kindred spirit of selfless compassion, love and sacrifice for communities here in America and around the world based upon actions and not just words. The true test of anyone's resolve is when they are attacked and demonized and still are unwavering in the belief and practice of saying and doing the right thing. Dr Rupa has faced censorship, dismissal from her duties as a medical professional and ongoing harassment from conservative elected officials. The Black Panther Party Alumni Legacy Network (BPPALN) unequivocally supports Dr Rupa who has become a champion in speaking out against medical genocide against black and oppressed people in America as well as against all forms of genocide of all oppressed people globally."

<p>NOVEMBER 29, 2024</p> <p><b>BLACK PANTHER PARTY ALUMNI LEGACY NETWORK</b></p> <p><b>WHY WE SUPPORT DR. RUPA MARYA</b> &gt;&gt;</p> <p><b>PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE UCSF SAN FRANCISCO</b></p>  <p><small>Dr. Saturu Ned Network Operations BPPALN.org</small></p>	<p><b>Over 55 years ago the Black Panther Party took up the right to health.</b></p> <p>The Black Panther Party Health clinics were part of a movement to deliver community-based healthcare. The Black Panther Party took the argument one step further, articulating the failure of America to address poverty, oppression, unemployment and the lack of adequate education and housing as all causes of poor health. Point number six of the 10 point platform and program states "We want completely free health care for all black and oppressed people". The Black Panther Party emerged as champions of Health Care as a human right, establishing 13 free health clinics across America. This would not have been</p>	<p>possible without the diligent and consistent work of college medical students as well as noted physicians who volunteered their time and effort to make these clinics possible to serve the neglected Health needs of black and oppressed people. One such person was <b>Mary T Bassett</b> who as a young college student began working at the <b>Franklin Lynch People's Free Health Center</b> in Boston Massachusetts, one of the 13 free Health clinics started by the Black Panther Party. Mary went on to become the New York City Health Commissioner, was awarded the <b>Frank A. Cauldron prize</b> and was elected to become a member of the <b>National Academy of Medicine</b>. To this day Mary Bassett talks about how the Black Panther Party revolutionized healthcare in America.</p>
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### **The Biden Administration Fails to Win Imprisonment of the Uhuru 3**

"Members of the Uhuru Movement, Omali Yeshitela, Penny Hess, and Jesse Nevel – the "Uhuru 3" – were sentenced to three years probation and community service after being convicted in September 2024 of supposedly conspiring with the Russian government to interfere in U.S. elections. The Black Alliance for Peace recognizes that this [sentence](#) is confirmation that the charges against Uhuru members by the Biden Administration Justice Department were baseless. While any sentence handed down from imperialist courts for actions that are supposed to be legally protected are, in themselves, illegitimate, the refusal of the judge to

incarcerate the Uhuru 3 is a victory in the fight against a repressive US regime, regardless of which wing of the finance capital bird leads it.

“The attack on the African People's Socialist Party and Uhuru Movement was intended as an attack against the Black liberation movement in a pathetic move to intimidate into silence and non-resistance the most consistent anti-imperialist force in the United States of America - the revolutionary African working class,” stated Ajamu Baraka, Chair of the Coordinating Committee of the Black Alliance for Peace. “What the state did not understand was that, no matter what the outcome would have been in the sentencing of the Uhuru 3, the resistance efforts on the part of our movement were going to intensify in 2025. Our movement cannot be intimidated by state actions.”

The government's weak case was punctuated by its own witness admitting, under oath, that no evidence was found that proved the three defendants were agents of the Russian government. But the overwhelming volume of that meaningless “evidence” also confused the jury into finding the three guilty of conspiring to do something that there was no evidence that they did. This is not logical. But logic is never the goal of the government when it comes to silencing dissent, which was certainly the goal of the Biden Administration in this case.

It is interesting to note that it was a [Trump-appointed judge](#) who exposed the glaring contradiction in the indictment and conviction of the Uhuru 3. During the sentencing, he declared that the group's actions were protected political speech that caused no harm, and must be allowed – “or it gets chilled.” The irony of a Trump appointee defending free speech in a trial meant to imprison Africans for exercising it should be lost on no one. The U.S. left also played a role in this two-year ordeal by acquiescing to the threat of Democrat-led government repression with little resistance and deafening silence. Whether due to fear of being next, because of their belief in the Democrat-created lie of Russiagate, or because of their own internal Russophobia, or worse, anti-communism (even though Russia is not a communist country any longer), the lack of support given to the Uhuru 3 reminds U.S.-based African anti-imperialists that we are largely on our own. We understand, therefore, that our greatest strength is in international solidarity with like-minded and focused peoples around the world. BAP reiterates its unwavering support for the Uhuru 3, and congratulates them on this outcome. We also recognize that this is but one small victory in a larger, ongoing battle against imperialist repression that we must continue to fight. The 60 Stop Cop City protesters facing RICO charges in Atlanta are next on the firing line of the same repressive Democrat-led government. We should not merely hope for a sympathetic judge, Trump-appointed or otherwise, to stand between the people exercising our rights and the state trying to deny them and criminalize us.

BAP declares that we are at war. We must fight against this system regardless of who is in power. But we are not fighting alone. We fight with the entire anti-imperialist world already engaged in the struggle against a U.S. regime that represses us all. No Compromise, No Retreat!” Source: Email.

### **God is a Gaza Refugee – A Poem**

By [Ramzy Baroud](#)

**“Palestinian author and intellectual Ramzy Baroud wrote this brief poem in response to the question:**

**“Where is God from everything that is happening in Gaza right now?”**

“No, we don't worship the same God,  
 For mine walks barefoot through Jabaliya's streets,  
 His wounds unhealed, bleeding into the earth—  
 Staining his olive skin, marking him forever.  
 My God is the wail of mothers,  
 Bereaved in al-Mawasi,  
 Praying still for salvation,  
 Kissing the ashen faces of their dead children.  
 My God is two children,  
 Hauling their parents' remains on a donkey cart,  
 Frantically seeking empty earth,  
 To bury their beloved before the soldiers return.

My God is courage, patience, justice—  
 The sumoud of a people  
 Whose spirits cannot be confined  
 To a headline or a scholar's theory.  
 My God is the stubborn refugee girl,  
 Refusing to abandon her search for home,  
 Unyielding, despite the storm,  
 Her heart still yearning for the place she calls her own.  
 And above all,  
 My God is freedom—  
 A fire no power can quench,  
 A flame that cuts through oppression,  
 A light that guides the way.  
 My God is a Gaza refugee,  
 Fighting to free us all  
 From all the false idols  
 That keep us shackled in deafening silence."

<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/my-god-is-a-gaza-refugee-a-poem/>

#### **'We Teach Life, Sir': Notes from the Gaza Genocide**

"The title quote derives from a poem by Palestinian performance artist Rafeef Ziadah, now based in London where she is a member of the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) National Committee. Written in the aftermath of the Zionist siege on Gaza in 2008-09, the poem, Ziadah [notes](#), serves to capture "even a glimpse of the love and resilience of many who teach life with a steadfast smile every day."

**Her poem was written in [response](#) to a journalist's question:**

**"Don't you think it would all be fine if you just stopped teaching your children to hate?"**

In reply, she turned to poetry to explain how the media chooses to ignore "Israel's" ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians which has been ongoing since the Nakba (catastrophe) in '48.

On the other hand, Ziadah's words are an affirmation of the right to life for Palestinians; indeed, her people have experienced so much life that they "wake up every morning to [teach \[life\]](#) to the rest of the world" Her words are a riff on Mahmoud Darwish's "[What Makes Life Worth Living](#)," a poem that lists all of the simple things that Palestinians enjoy: the aroma of a loaf of bread, the sunlight that manages to filter through Israeli prison walls, and the honoring of those who have been martyred by the apartheid regime.

In their poetry, Ziadah and Darwish, among many others, celebrate what Palestinians refer to as their legendary sumoud (steadfastness) that includes a strong attachment to the land, even in exile, but also a mental state that leads to determined action.

It is not the kind of attitude portrayed in the film [Life is Beautiful](#) (1998), the story of a Jewish-Italian waiter, Guido Orefice (Roberto Benigni) who, along with his son, Giosue (Giorgio Cantarini), are sent to a Nazi concentration camp during World War II.

Determined to protect his son from the horrors that surrounded them, Guido tries to convince the child that life continues to be beautiful by pretending that their new surroundings are merely part of a game.

Not only is this story an insult to all those who suffered in the camps, it also an example of what researchers term "[toxic positivity](#)," a condition brought on by encouraging statements that are aimed at minimizing or erasing painful emotions, leading others to be unrealistically optimistic without considering the context of the situation.

By not acknowledging how his son is feeling after being separated from his friends and family, Guido is attempting to squash those emotions in his child, thus creating unrealistic expectations that sometimes lead to anxiety and depression.

Defining sumoud as inherently optimistic, Laleh Khalili explains that it refers to the nation's perseverance in dire times. Unlike the kind of hero worship peculiar to Western culture, the word signifies collective resistance by holding communities together (Heroes and Martyrs, 2007, p.101).

The term, then, refers to an action rather than a feeling. “A narrative of sumoud recognizes and valorizes the teller’s (and by extension the nation’s) agency, ability and capacity in dire circumstances,” Khalili writes, “but it differs from the heroic narrative in that it does not aspire to super-human audacity,” but instead values women’s work of “holding the family together and providing sustenance and protection for the family” (p. 101).

As a collective trait, sumoud has served the Palestinian resistance and contributes to their refusal to leave the homeland, even in the wake of increased collective punishment by the Israeli military since October 7th. In the diaspora, Palestinians are steadfast in maintaining their culture, community, and identity in the face of assimilation, discrimination, and displacement. Indigenous peoples of the Americas also practice this form of steadfastness, an attribute that has contributed to their survival despite centuries of genocide by Western powers. In the novel *Where They Last Saw Her* (2024), Marcie R. Rendon (Ojibwe, White Earth Nation) writes about the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW) in Northern Minnesota, [crimes](#) that have been widespread throughout all First Nations communities.

Like Palestinians, Native tribes have experienced their own holocaust that continues to this day. In the novel, Rendon focuses on the Red Pine Ojibwe Reservation where there has been an increased number of murdered and missing women due to an influx of men who work on the pipeline being built across their land. After numerous women and children go missing, the elders of the tribe organize a run from the Rez to a neighboring town where one of the missing was recently found. As the women near the gas station where Lisa was dumped from a beat-up truck, they circle four times while yelling the Ojibwe women’s war cry. Though still traumatized, the women regain their strength. This is not a story related to Toxic Positivity, but rather women doing what they have to do in order to survive. The run attests not only to Indigenous steadfastness, but also to the sense of cooperation on the Rez. In that small community everyone knows everyone else’s business, but they also come together when one of their own is hurt.

The same sumoud can be found in Gaza to this day, despite the many thousands of murdered and missing Palestinians, nearly 70 percent of which are women and children. December 6th marked a year since the assassination of Refaat Alareer, friend, colleague, poet, teacher, and academic who used his pen to fight the Zionist invaders.

As a professor of English at Islamic University of Gaza, Alareer taught literature and creative writing to countless students who honor his memory to this day. As the co-founder of We Are Not Numbers, he [inspired](#) young people to “own their narrative and tell the story of Palestine based on their experiences.”

In other words, he taught life.” <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/we-teach-life-sir-notes-from-the-gaza-genocide/>

#### **New Year haiku - by digger**

“Seeds are  
Awaking

Beneath  
this  
unceded ground.

Soon  
flowers will grow.”

#### **Poetry of Protest and Struggle January 1, 2025**

##### [Poetry of Protest and Struggle](#)

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“Latest in our series of videos. (Poetry selected and video compiled by Steve Bloom). Please spread the word to your friends and comrades! Leave comments and "likes" and subscribe to Steve Bloom's YouTube channel

• Featured artists in this edition: Zigi Lowenberg, Gary Johnston, Michal Rubin, Basman Derawi, Chris Brandt, Katharine Beeman, Raymond Nat Turner, Ana Lopez-Betancourt, Margaret Sáraco, Wilfred Owen. Anyone who would like to participate in the "Poetry of Protest and Struggle" project (we are projecting three videos per year, one every four months, and we are always looking for new voices) please send a sample of your work to [steve@stevebloompoetry.net](mailto:steve@stevebloompoetry.net)." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rgn5St0mzms> Source: Email.

**Poems during genocide, by Julia Wright: OUT OF MY MIND'S EARTH, A FIR**

**OUT OF MY MIND'S EARTH, A FIR**

"utopia  
 this Christmas around  
 is a thing of the past  
 and  
 dystopia  
 is  
 no longer  
 in the future  
 as we walk  
 on the cusp of it  
 i will not cut down  
 a Christmas tree  
 but let it live  
 and  
 i would prefer to grow  
 and decorate  
 out of my mind's earth  
 a fir  
 under which i would place  
 gifts  
 that when unwrapped  
 would reveal  
 no wonderland trendy  
 corporate produced toys  
 but the building blocks of Hope -  
 the smiling wave  
 of a boy under colostomy  
 pulled alive  
 from under the rubble  
 for the second time,  
 toddlers'  
 delighted awe  
 seeing eggs  
 after such a long time,  
 a mother  
 planting the seedlings  
 of beans  
 in throwaway plastic  
 and beaming  
 when the first actually bloom,  
 a young man  
 daily cooking food

for hundreds of Gaza's children  
and  
his gaze as hot  
as his cauldrons  
silently staring  
the West in the eye”

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Source: Email.

#### From Jalil Muntaqim: Happy New Year



“It is my sincere hope this finds each of you well prepared for struggle in 2025. I would like to begin by thanking Nate Buckley and family in Buffalo for purchasing this headstone for our beloved revolutionary New Afrikan hero, veteran of the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army, ROBERT SETH HAYES. After his service in the oppressor Army, Seth returned to the U.S. mainland to find the Black community worst off than when he joined the Army. He decided to join the Black Panther Party and eventually recruited into the Black underground that became known as the Black Liberation Army. From the National Jericho Movement website on Seth:

Robert Seth Hayes was released from prison on parole in August 2018. He passed away on [December 21, 2019](#).

Robert Seth Hayes was born in Harlem, New York in October 1947. His father, John Franklin Hayes, was the child of sharecroppers and came to New York City from South Carolina; his mother, Francine Washington Hayes, moved to New York from Pittsburgh. Both of Mr. Hayes’ parents worked for the U.S. Postal Service, trying to provide a better life for Seth and his four brothers and sisters. They also instilled in their children the desire to work for the betterment of their community. Seth wrote, “My mother taught me to visualize family universally, not individually.” Seth’s father was a World War II veteran and a member of the United Negro Improvement Association, the Black Nationalist organization founded by Marcus Garvey. Growing up in New York City, first in Harlem, later in the Bronx and Queens, Mr. Hayes saw one Black neighborhood after



another suffering from neglect, despair, anger and defeat. At the same time, he recalled witnessing over the years a birth of hope and determination to overcome these conditions.

After his schooling in New York City, Mr. Hayes worked as a psychiatric aide at Creedmoor Hospital. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and sent to Vietnam. He saw combat, was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

In the armed forces, Seth underwent a change of consciousness. After the death of Martin Luther King Junior in 1968, Seth’s troop was ordered to patrol the city streets with fixed bayonets to put down the rebellions resulting from Dr. King’s assassination. “It was the saddest day of my life,” Seth remembered, “and I could never identify again with the aims of the armed forces or the government.”

Upon returning to the United States from Vietnam, Seth was swept up in the Black Liberation movement and joined the Black Panther Party. He worked in the free breakfast for children program and began dedicating his life to the betterment of Black people. His knowledge of the effects of racism on the Black community convinced him that the Black Panthers’ program of community service and community self-defense was what was needed. His work, like that of so many others, was disrupted by COINTELPRO. Fearing further attacks, he

went underground, believing it a better way to protect the work of the Black Panther Party and the Black movement in general.

Robert Seth Hayes had two children prior to his arrest and imprisonment, and he remained closely involved in their lives and upbringing, despite the difficulties presented by his long incarceration. His son, Chunga, lives and works in Atlanta. His daughter, Crystal, herself mother of Myaisha, is a professor at Mount Holyoke College in Western Massachusetts. Seth is a doting grandfather and calls his family “the loves of my life.” He described his relationship with Crystal this way, “She has had the most intense impact on my life, always questioning, full of joy and insight, grasping lessons and maintaining her own dreams. She has kept me striving always to expand my knowledge and illuminate my principles, as I struggle to stay abreast of her questioning mind.”

While in prison, Seth was diagnosed with Type II diabetes. He was often extremely ill, had great difficulty procuring the necessary healthcare and needed the help of his lawyers and some state political leaders in order to get adequate treatment. He also suffered from Hepatitis C and congestive heart failure.

While in prison, Seth worked for the betterment of the community in which he lived. He participated in programs with the NAACP, the Jaycees and other organizations and worked as a librarian, pre-release advisor and AIDS counselor. Whenever possible, he took college courses. He was also a longtime advisor and collaborator in the annual Certain Days [Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar](#) project.

Remember: We Are Our Own Liberators, **Jalil Muntaqim, co-Founder, National Jericho Movement**”

#### **Protest for Robert Brooks in Rochester.**

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=894426639211345](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=894426639211345)

(including brief statements by Jalil Muntaqim & Cheryl Kates, Esq)

#### **Aafia Siddiqui: We have reached 1 Million Signatures!!**

“Alhamdulillah! We’ve Reached 1 Million Signatures! Dr. Fowzia Siddiqui extends her heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for standing in solidarity with our beloved Sister, Dr. Aafia Siddiqui. Your efforts—signing the petition, sharing it within your circles, and raising awareness—have brought us to this significant milestone...” For full update see: <https://www.change.org/p/free-dr-aafia-siddiqui-a-call-for-justice-and-clemency/u/33159826>

#### **The Last Breath of Innocence**

“I pray you and your family are well and enjoying Allah's blessings and guidance. Someone shared this passionate, well written poem with me, enjoy and be motivated and share with others.” Sis Fajr

“The Last Breath of Innocence

“There was a night when the heavens trembled,  
Not from the weight of celestial bodies,  
But from the grief that filled the void between stars.  
In that dark silence, where the winds once carried whispers of life,  
The earth drank deeply of the blood of innocents.

Their dreams, like fragile petals, crushed underfoot  
By the merciless march of genocide.  
And we—silent witnesses,  
Eyes wide open, hearts sealed shut—  
Stood on the precipice of history,  
Watching as the flame consumed the nameless,

The powerless, the forsaken.  
Far from the ashes of their homes,

In the corridors of power,  
Men spoke not of salvation,



But of deals and treaties,  
Of weapons traded like coins  
In a game too old and too cruel.

The great nations, with hands heavy from the weight of their weapons,  
Fed the fires of destruction.  
The bombs fell, the guns fired,  
And the dead multiplied, nameless, faceless,  
As if they were mere shadows lost to the sun.

But what of the neighbors?

The Arab lands, standing still as statues,  
Their silence a cold wind blowing across a field of graves.  
What were they doing as the screams rose higher,  
As bodies were laid down like stones on forgotten roads?

What prayers did they utter, behind closed doors,  
While their brothers and sisters perished,  
Reduced to whispers in the sand?  
And the Ummah, the people of one faith,  
Where was the fire of their unity, their outrage?

What became of the banners of justice,  
Of brotherhood, of dignity?  
Had the words of God turned to dust upon their lips,  
While the cries of the dying went unheard?

Or were they complicit, too,  
Their silence more damning than the swords of the oppressors?  
History will not be kind.

The pages are already stained with the ink of our indifference,  
And when future generations look back,  
They will ask, "Where were you, when the skies rained death,  
When the ground trembled beneath the weight of so much suffering?"

What will we say, to those who follow,  
To those who will read of our era with disbelief?  
That we stood idle,  
That we turned away,  
That we, too, bore the burden of silence  
As the innocent fell in waves?

For the dead are not gone.  
They linger in the air, in the soil, in the stories untold.  
Their faces will be reflected in every mirror,

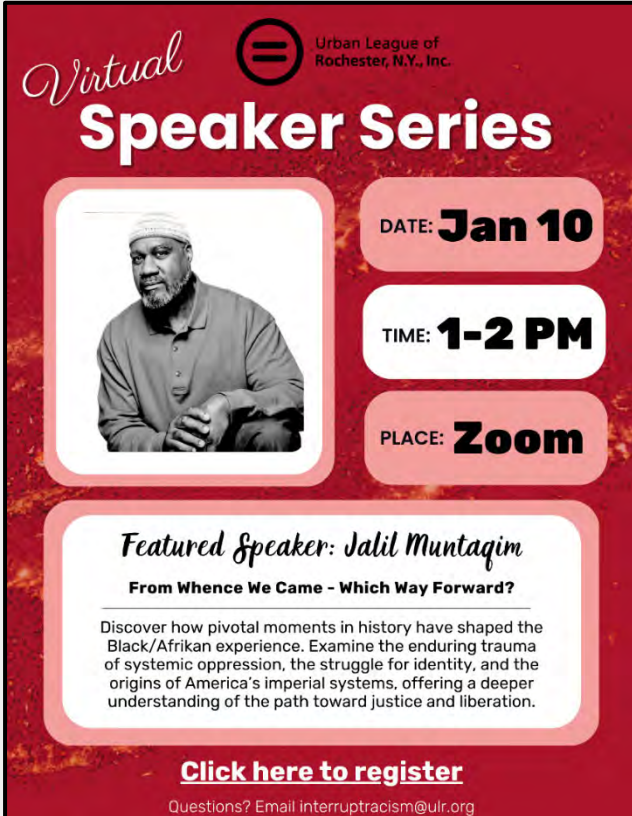
Their voices will echo in every chamber,  
And when history speaks of us,  
It will speak of shadows,  
Of a people who watched, and did nothing,


While genocide consumed the light of a generation.  
 In the quiet aftermath of this tragedy,  
 We are left to reckon with the truth—  
 That silence is not neutral,  
 That inaction is not innocent.  
 And the blood of the fallen,  
 Though unseen, stains our hands.”

by


Javed Akbar, Nov 11, 2024

Jalil Muntaqim: “From Whence We Came – Which Way Forward?” Jan 10



*Virtual*  Urban League of Rochester, N.Y., Inc.

## Speaker Series



DATE: **Jan 10**

TIME: **1-2 PM**

PLACE: **Zoom**

*Featured Speaker: Jalil Muntaqim*

**From Whence We Came – Which Way Forward?**

Discover how pivotal moments in history have shaped the Black/Afrikan experience. Examine the enduring trauma of systemic oppression, the struggle for identity, and the origins of America's imperial systems, offering a deeper understanding of the path toward justice and liberation.

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“Jan. 10 speaking event by Jalil Muntaqim, former political prisoner of the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army and current leader of Spirit of Mandela Coalition and the Peoples' Senate.”

“Join us for our [monthly Virtual Speaker Series on Friday, January 10th, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM!](#) This free online event takes place on the first Friday of every month.

Our January speaker, Jalil Muntaqim, will present “From Whence We Came – Which Way Forward?” Explore the profound historical moments that have shaped the Black/Afrikan experience, the lasting effects of systemic oppression, and the roots of America’s imperial systems. Dive into the ongoing fight for justice, liberation, and collective healing.”

Source: Email.

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**Sally O’Brien, Presente!**

“Bringing this extremely sad news about the loss of yet another warrior for justice and liberation, Sally O’Brien. I’ve been privileged to know her for almost four decades, and she has been both a role model and mentor -- plus a supportive friend -- as I went about my career both in print journalism and at WBAI. Her consistency in giving airtime to political repression in general and U.S. political prisoners in particular was remarkable. She often collaborated with radical producers of color, including years of co-producing with the late Safiya Bukhari and more recently with dequi kioni sadiki. She had a special love for Mumia, whose commentaries she played regularly on her various WBAI shows from the first time he recorded them in the early '90s. And of course her steadfastness in supporting and covering the Cuban Revolution was legendary. Plus, though it’s little-known, she was a stalwart ally of the progressive WBAI producers of color who fought consistently for years

(sometimes against strong opposition) to get the airtime and role in setting the station's programming direction that's so essential for any station claiming to be progressive.

Such a gigantic loss. Hugs to her compañero Shango and all who loved her. I will forward the memorial announcement when it is made available.

With great sadness, **Bob Lederer, Resistance in Brooklyn**

**"Below are two tributes:** one from her Cuban journalistic colleagues, the other from her WBAI colleague Mimi Rosenberg. The first article is courtesy of Rosemari Mealy, former WBAI Public Affairs Director and author of [Fidel & Malcolm X: Memories of a Meeting](#) (thanks to Cerene for forwarding). This homage to Sally was published in Cubaperiodistas, the website of the Union of Cuban Writers and Journalists."

<https://www.cubaperiodistas.cu/2025/01/sally-obrien-solidaridad-entre-una-mujer-y-una-isla/>

**Sally O'Brien: Solidarity between a woman and an island** by Cubaperiodistas Staff Writers

"Last December 30, as Cuba was getting ready to bid farewell to another year, it suffered the unexpected farewell of a friend: that day, Sally O'Brien, the communicator and activist who taught many Cubans "to look at the United States from the perspective of its most committed children," died in her modest apartment in Brooklyn, New York. The phrase, a quote from a Facebook post by diplomat Orestes Hernández Hernández, would fit perfectly as an epitaph to remember this woman who, together with her husband Pedro (Shango), constituted an exemplary couple of solidarity with Cubans from the very heart of the empire that blockades us. "We knew of her broken health, but as it happens with the people one loves, we never accept the arrival of death", Orestes wrote.

She was the Executive producer and journalist of the program Cuba in Focus, on the New York-based radio station WBAI/Pacifica Radio-99.5 FM.

Along with her colleague Margaret Gilpin, Sally hosted that Sunday hour of news, events, and debates about Cuba and U.S. policy towards the neighboring country, with bold approaches that, what a paradox, did not "fit" in the mainstream media.

She started her professional career in 1980 in the news department of WBAI. She was a beat reporter, associate news director, public affairs director, and executive producer of several programs. In addition, she designed and managed a news department at WOMR-FM in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

An advocate for great causes, her love for the Cuban Five, the anti-terrorist fighters imprisoned in the U.S. came naturally to her, so in 2008 she produced and directed, along with Jennifer Wager, the documentary "Against the Silence: Families of the Cuban Five speak out." René, Gerardo, Antonio, Ramón, and Fernando were defended not only by a friend but also by a professional who wrote for prestigious media outlets such as The Nation, The Guardian, The City Sun, and The Advocate.

Sally O'Brien also supported the imprisoned journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal and other fighters in similar situations, some of them political prisoners in the United States.

In her agenda, the vindicating issues of the Cuban and Puerto Rican struggles were constant, a vision that linked her action with the yearnings of the Cuban Revolutionary Party founded in New York by José Martí to achieve one independence and help the other. This special friend also worked for 18 years as an audio engineer at United Nations Radio. Such professional, ideological, and human attributes nurtured the praise that one day led to bestowing upon her the Felix Elmusa Distinction, the highest recognition given by the Cuban journalistic guild to professionals of sustained trajectory and merit. This recognition was an important acknowledgment of her tireless solidarity.

Amid the opportunistic media harassment against Cuba, together with other American colleagues, she signed in New York a declaration of support for the Cuban Revolution after the violent events of July 11, 2021, in several cities and towns of the island. "Ninety miles from the shores of the United States of America lies the sovereign and independent nation of the Socialist Republic of Cuba," the document read, establishing a position, making it clear who is free and who is submissive in today's geopolitics. And, now as then, some try to soften or deny the nature of the siege with the term "embargo", Sally and her comrades portrayed it as what it is: "For more than sixty years, virtually since the triumph of the Cuban Revolution in 1959, the United States, through a variety of overt and covert means, has sought to overthrow the Cuban government. The most well-known, overt, and illegal economic blockade, according to most of the nations of the world, has taken place through an economic blockade which, according to most of the nations of the world, is the longest in history".

The rest of the text can be imagined, but when Sally has left to show solidarity from another dimension, with the legacy she leaves behind, which is no small thing, it is worth remembering how, as a result of that violence, which was strongly encouraged from the North, she and her companions denounced a communicational hypocrisy that is still unhappily intact: "In contrast to the scant media attention given on June 23 to the 184 UN member states calling on the United States to end the U.S. economic blockade against Cuba, Sunday's protests made newspaper headlines and were broadcast on television screens in the United States and around the world."

Along with the personal ones, the good dead usually leave collective mourners. On December 31, Orestes Hernández Hernández received an anguished call from Pedro (Shango), her husband: "Sally passed away last night..." and immediately Orestes took to his Facebook page to tell Cuba in anguish: Sally O'Brien has passed! Pedro (Shango), Orestes, and Cubans, especially journalists, will fondly remember the woman who became a family of our diplomats in New York and supported Fidel Castro's visit to that city in 2000 for the Millennium Summit. Sally and Shango visited Cuba several times, where they received the love of the land that she deeply cared for, the nation she defended as many times as enemies appeared in the path of the woman and the Island.

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**From Mimi Rosenberg ([mimiwbairadio@gmail.com](mailto:mimiwbairadio@gmail.com))**

"Yes our dear heroic journalist Sally O'Brien passed away last night, but her journalism did and must still stylistically and content-wise educate, agitate and organize us to defend self-determination for Cuba, lift the embargo NOW. Sally was a griot, a teacher for us to learn from and build upon the marvelous social experiment of Cuba's building socialism - for a better world is possible. Sally was a ground-breaker as she used the terrestrial air waves to communicate, and unrelentingly for decades the building of the understanding of Cuba - the foremost fighter against the degeneracy of the capitalist state that soaks people dry and feeds off them like the vampire - draining countries and we the people of resources and exploiting horribly our labor.

Yes, Sally O'Brien can rest in power, her legacy bright and shining and to be emulated. Sally brought us the wisdom, regularly, of one of the world's greatest journalists and humanists, Mumia Abu-Jamal, and lifted up the other heroes and heroes -- our political prisoners who gave all for we the people to live, free of bigotry and pressing poverty - Yes Sally was there to FREE THEM ALL. Sally was there as an anti-racist, anti-fascist freedom fighter using as her bully pulpit the wisdom and recalling the sacrifice of our political prisoners. Yes, Free Them All! Sally used the radio medium and then some to organize for equal rights and justice and for us to understand there can be no peace without equal rights and justice.

Sally paved the way using radio to really seriously and aggressively talk truth to power and demand the realization of the promise of freedom and oh yes Sally would expose the fraud of American exceptionalism.

Sally O'Brien's "Where We Live" paved the way for the development of movements in support of Cuba, for movements around the world to Free Mumia and all political prisoners.

I hope we can commemorate Sally with a day of programming - in her words to continue to educate, agitate and organize to empower we the people to FREE MUMIA, to FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS and to LET CUBA LIVE! SALLY PRESENTE Mimi, your comrade dear sibling warrior." Source: Email.

**[Gayle Asali Dickson, Emory Douglas, Malik Edwards, Akinsanya Kambon](#)**

**Rowan University Art Gallery & Museum**

**Carrying On: Black Panther Party artists continue the legacy**

**January 27 - March 15, 2025**

**Reception and artists panel: Saturday, February 8th, 2025**

**Panel begins at 3 and reception will follow [Let us know you're coming](#)**

**301 High Street Gallery**

"Curated by Colette Gaiter, this exhibition brings the legacy and current work of four artists for the Black Panther Party (BPP) together to illuminate "the role of art in cultivating a radical imagination and developing activist practices." Viewing their early work (made during the height of late 1960s – early 1970s social movements, rebellions, and uprisings against oppression of all kinds) next to their later and current work shows

how they view social progress and change. These cultural pioneers are all dedicated to the belief that art motivates and inspires people to work for their own liberation. As Toni Morrison said, “The function of freedom is to free someone else,” which means that once their minds were free from oppression’s limits, they were able to model and visualize free thinking for others. Each of these artists continues to make visual work.”

<https://sites.rowan.edu/artgallery/exhibitions/> . Source: Email.

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<https://www.youtube.com/@BlackPantherRepublic>

The Black Panther Party Ten Point Platform

Help Leonard Peltier: A Claymation Story

Free Rev. Joy Powell: A Fight for Justice

Justice for Imam Jamil: Join the Fight!

Justice for Imam Jamil: Legal Defense Fund

Mumia Abu-Jamal: A Life of Activism and Controversy

### [Interview with Chris Hedges](#)

#### **Outlining Israel's Genocide Enablement Apparatus**



“I am grateful to Chris Hedges for having me on his show to discuss the report dozens of healthcare workers and lawyers have put together to submit to the United Nations Special Rapporteur for the Right to Health that shows the connections between the killing of doctors in Gaza and the silencing of us in the West. Physicians are morally and professionally obligated to stand against genocide and to protect all life. Our repression by medical institutions is an obstacle to the “avalanche of solidarity” needed to stop Israel’s targeted attacks on healthcare infrastructure and healthcare workers. We continue to call for the immediate release of [Dr Hussam Abu Safiya](#) and all the other healthcare workers abducted and detained by Israel and an end to the US-sponsored genocide. Healthcare workers—speak up! We cannot allow this flagrant violation of International Humanitarian Law to become the new normal.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8JbaELLkEo>

#### **Peoples Senate-Newsletter, Issue 6-Winter 2025 is Now Available!**



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## Section 2: Political Prisoners/POWs



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

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If you want to send commissary money, please use #5161422

Captured 1972--8 Life Sentences--In prison 51 YEARS

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

charged after being subjected to vicious torture in order to extract 16 confessions. They were beaten, hung from their feet and necks from trees, subject to electric shocks with cattle prods, had plastic bags tied over their heads and had water forced up their noses by the "defenders of the law."..." For full article see:

<https://vi3.org/> <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/aziz-abdul>

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



#### Contact Information/Prison Address

Smart Communications/PA DOC Bowen, Joseph AM-4272

SCI Fayette, Post Office Box 33028

St Petersburg, FL 33733, United States

"Joe-Joe" Bowen is a Black Liberation Army (BLA) Prisoner of War, serving two life sentences for the assassination of a prison warden and deputy warden, as well as an attempted prison break which resulted in a five-day standoff after his initial arrest.

**Personal Background**--"A native of Philadelphia, Joe-Joe was a young member of the "30th and Norris Street" gang before his incarceration politicized him.

Released in 1971, his outside activism was cut short a week following his release when Joe-Joe was confronted by an officer of the notoriously brutal Philadelphia

police department. The police officer was killed in the confrontation, and Bowen fled. After his capture and incarceration, Bowen became a Black Liberation Army combatant, defiant to authorities at every turn." "Joe-Joe was sent to the Federal Prison in Marion, IL, where he met up with other political prisoners and prisoners of war, such as Sundiata Acoli, Hanif Shabazz Bey and Ray Luc Levasseur. For full bio see:

<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/bowen-joseph-am-4272>

<https://prisonersolidarity.com/prisoner/joseph-joe-joe-bowen>

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



Affiliation: Anarchist and Earth First!

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

#04672061, FCI Danbury, Route 37, Danbury, CT 06811

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

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

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

### **December Birthdays!**

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



Affiliation: Black Unity Council

**Contact Info/Prison Address**

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

Captured: 1972: Life without Parole

Perhaps even more relevant is the joining of your intention to see Mr. Burton free with the same collective intention that we have been fostering and growing through Mr. Burton's family and through our greater communities. Your simple thought can change reality for Mr. Burton. We believe that. Thank you for your support. <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/burton-fred-muhammad-0>

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



*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!*

## Political Prisoner of the Month Highlight

**Sundiata Jawanza (Darvin Allen)**



[Contact Information](#)/Prison Address

**Darvin Allen 00233800**

**Kirkland Correctional Institution, 4344 Broad River Rd., Columbia, SC 29210, US**

“Sundiata Jawanza has been in prison since 1995 on a life sentence for murder and accessory after the fact of armed robbery. During his years of imprisonment, Sundiata has expressed remorse for his offenses as a man-child and has worked tirelessly towards self-development and personal empowerment to better himself and others around him.

With your support, upon Sundiata’s release, he would be an asset to our community and his family. Due to Sundiata's work as a Political Prisoner and his prolific work on behalf of people in prison for human rights in addition to being identified as a founder of Jailhouse Lawyers Speak, he has been housed in the strictest conditions. It's important to note that Sundiata’s work within Jailhouse Lawyers Speak has assisted thousands of prisoners with legal aid, furthered legal education for incarcerated people, and developed multiple ongoing community projects.

Although Sundiata is housed in closed custody, he displays perseverance every day bringing positive change, serving as a paraprofessional counselor in a program designed to give a therapeutic environment to mentally ill prisoners. He is also a certified peer support specialist, entrusted to teach people with substance use disorders and mental health courses to aid in his peers’ treatment five days a week in a classroom provided by the prison authorities. Sundiata is the Co-Chair of The NLG Mass Incarceration Committee, The NLG Mass Defense Committee, and Jailhouse Lawyer VP on The NLG National Executive Committee. Furthermore, he is an Imam. He is responsible for the transformation and spiritual guidance of the entire prison Muslim population. Through his faith and spiritual position, Sundiata has supported his self-growth and continues to selflessly help others along their walk of faith as well. We send our deepest appreciation and unwavering support to Sundiata Jawanza, as he has given his life to the service of others and we encourage anyone who believes in the power of self-determination and forgiveness to stand with Sundiata in support of his release.

On April 14, 2023, Sundiata relocated to Turbeville Correctional Institution in order to further his experience working as a peer support specialist and to raise his chances of making parole by completing the ATU (Addiction Treatment Unit) Program at Turbeville. Upon completion of the ATU program, Sundiata will have successfully completed the two highest substance use disorder programs for prisoners in South Carolina: Certified Peer Support Specialist and the ATU Program. Upon graduation, he will be assigned to duties that require aid in managing the ATU program as a certified peer support specialist.” <https://www.sundiatajawanza.com/>  
<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/jawanza-sundiata-darvin-allen>



## Current & Former Political Prisoner (and Politicized) Voices

Please check back Next Month.

### Political Prisoners Art, Books, Contributions, Works

**New Book by Mumia:** Beneath The Mountain: An Anti Prison Reader edited by Mumia Abu-Jamal & Jennifer Black (City Lights 2024) <https://www.prisonradiostore.com/shop-2/beneath-the-mountain-an-anti-prison-reader-edited-by-mumia-abu-jamal-jennifer-black-city-lights-2024>

**Oso Blanco: New Book & Greeting Cards.** Check out OSO Blanco new book **The Blue Agave Revolution**; his 4 pack greeting cards 100% native art C.A.P (children's art project) proceeds go to the children of Chiapas in the Zapatista zone-ETSY- Check out Oso Blanco's **new book** and **card sets** here:

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/OSOBLANCOCAPROJECT>

<https://www.etsy.com/listing/1392170745/the-blue-agave-revolution-peotry-of-the>

### Political Prisoners/POWs News, Updates & Resource List

1. Why is Petro asking Biden to pardon Colombian political prisoner Simón Trinidad? [peoplesdispatch.org](https://www.peoplesdispatch.org)
2. Medical Emgcy: Imam Jamil Al-Amin (aka H. Rap Brown) ACTION ALERT-See Call to Action
3. The FBI's mysterious case against Dr Aafia Siddiqui <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20241216-the-fbis-mysterious-case-against-dr-aafia-siddiqui/>
4. President Biden, Release Simón Trinidad From Prison Now! Let Him Return to Colombia [counterpunch.org](https://www.counterpunch.org)
5. 'They're Political Prisoners': Parents of Palestine Activists Slam Pre-Trial Detention [scheerpost.com](https://www.scheerpost.com)
6. THE PAROLE COMMISSION--A BLACK HOLE TAKING OUR ELDERS "The United States Parole Commission is a sinkhole of government waste that operates in the dark, with unfettered power, holding absolute control over the fate of people it cannot even keep track of."  
[https://www.goodreads.com/author\\_blog\\_posts/25382778-the-parole-commission--a-black-hole-taking-our-elders](https://www.goodreads.com/author_blog_posts/25382778-the-parole-commission--a-black-hole-taking-our-elders)
7. Kojo is being transferred out of solitary
8. Bill Dunne: Bill's prostate cancer is a minus one. Another cat scan will be done to make sure that the cancer is gone and he thanks everyone for the support during his remission.
9. Virgin Island 3: 90 page briefing filed for the Virgin Island 3.
10. Leonard Peltier: Update - medical transfer denied - Biden has yet to grant clemency.
11. Joe Biden is Leonard Peltier's last hope-Rose Styron and Alex Matthiessen [The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com)
12. Peltier Prosecutor Ask's Biden for Mercy [VIDEO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
13. URGENT REQUEST FOR AAFIA <https://www.change.org/p/free-dr-aafia-siddiqui-a-call-for-justice-and-clemency/u/33167490>
14. Alvero Luna : Xinachtli was denied parole: "Parole was denied for Alvero Luna (Xinachtli) with a set off until 2027".
15. Over one million people sign mercy petition for release of Aafia Siddiqui [dailyparliamenttimes.com](https://www.dailyparliamenttimes.com)
16. [Free Sa'adat, Free Palestine: 23 Years of Injustice and Resistance](https://www.change.org/p/free-sa-adat-free-palestine-23-years-of-injustice-and-resistance)

### Calls for Action: Political Prisoners

#### **Dr Aafia Siddiqui Needs Your Help!!**

"Petition Update: Dr Aafia Siddiqui Needs Your Help!! We thank God and each one of you for your unwavering support. This petition has now reached nearly half a million signatures—a testament to the power of unity and the shared desire for justice. Your voices are the heartbeat of this movement to free Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, and we are deeply grateful for every single one of you. But our work is not done. Aafia still needs us."

<https://www.change.org/p/free-dr-aafia-siddiqui-a-call-for-justice-and-clemency/u/33115253>

## Our Final Year to Fight for Keith LaMar | Oct 2024/Jan 2025



### **"ANNOUNCING THE RELEASE OF THE INJUSTICE OF JUSTICE: A MOLLY CRABAPPLE & KEITH LAMAR SHORT FILM ANIMATION"**

"A message from Keith LaMar on January 13, 2025: *With today marking two years until my proposed execution date, as time once again becomes a critical factor, we have found a poignant and powerful way to tell and share my story. I hope you will join me in this effort. You have in your hand a gripping portrayal of the betrayal that is my case, facts and figures that can (and have) been substantiated by the record. Please use whatever means are at your disposal to help me get the word out, to help raise resources and awareness to elevate my plight. If I must go, it won't be without a fight. I won't go silently into that dark night. Join me. Stand with me. –KL.*" **Watch Video Here:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqfbHR1agHM>

"Keith LaMar, a wrongfully-convicted Black man in The United States, teams up with world-renowned artist Molly Crabapple to share the story of how he was framed and sentenced to death following the Lucasville Prison Uprising at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in 1993. Keith has been fighting for his liberation from solitary confinement, where he has been held for over 30 years! Scheduled to be executed on January 13, 2027. Keith and his supporters intend to stop Ohio officials.

After watching this short animation, join our grassroots efforts to save Keith LaMar's life by taking a few minutes to repost/share this video on your social media (Please tag our page @justiceforkeithlamar), and ask the young people in your life to watch and share it. Other ways to help us gain traction include screening it in your community/social groups and having our team join you by phone or Zoom for meaningful dialogue (inquiries at [info@keithlamar.org](mailto:info@keithlamar.org)); [making a donation](#) to our campaign—Justice for Keith LaMar—to keep our activism for Keith and other wrongfully-convicted folks going; [signing the petition](#) to Ohio's governor calling for deeper inquiry and/or a pardon; etc. Together, we can help Keith take his story to the court of public opinion and collectively pressure Ohio's governor and those who have it in their power to still reverse this nightmare. Let's not wait until he's a hashtag. #FREEKeithLaMar. Injustice happens with intention all around us every day, but we can also make sure it is not done in the dark. Thank you in advance for taking just one small action step today to spark positive change in this otherwise tragic situation. Learn more about Keith LaMar and our campaign to bring this incredible man home at: <http://www.keithlamar.org> Please make sure to follow & share @justiceforkeithlamar on IG/FB. Questions? Email [info@keithlamar.org](mailto:info@keithlamar.org)." Source: Email.

### **List of petitions for Leonard Peltier**

"I am forwarding you this email from a wonderful supporter that has put together list of petitions for Leonard. It includes a video of the Rage Against the Machine concert and their song that supports Leonard's freedom. Paulette she/her." "Please consider signing one or more petitions asking Biden to release Leonard Peltier, an 80yo probably innocent Native leader who was just denied parole this year. I'm not going to say anything about Hunter Biden, just hoping elder Biden does the right thing while there's still time. More info here:

<https://freeleonard-peltier.com/>

**Petitions:** <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/to-president-biden-free-leonard-peltier-grant-clemency-now/>  
[https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/96017/action/1?\\_gl=1\\*1oei8j4\\*\\_gcl\\_au\\*NzYzMTAxMjI3LjE3MzQzNjkyNTc](https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/96017/action/1?_gl=1*1oei8j4*_gcl_au*NzYzMTAxMjI3LjE3MzQzNjkyNTc)

Leonard Peltier, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, is in his 50th year of imprisonment. Leonard is 80 years old and his health is rapidly declining. He stands as a symbol of the ongoing racism and oppression against Native Americans in the United States criminal justice system, issues that Leonard fought against in the 1970's and throughout his incarceration.

On July 2nd, millions of people across Indian Country were devastated to learn that Leonard Peltier, an activist and member of the American Indian Movement, had been denied parole by the United States Parole Commission. The Commission issued the decision after a parole hearing on June 10th at the United States Penitentiary Coleman I in Florida, where Mr. Peltier is currently incarcerated.

*"They denied parole to a survivor of genocidal Indian boarding schools as he struggles to survive this unjust incarceration, they insist on holding him for a crime for which they have no physical evidence against him. Clearly, the Parole Commission – which is supposed to be an independent body – was influenced by the FBI. The FBI continues to abuse its power, promote false narratives, and engage in counterintelligence activities. The FBI has no regard for the Constitution or the laws they have sworn an oath to protect." - Nick Tilsen, President and CEO, NDN Collective*

The FBI director at the time J. Edgar Hoover was waging a war against anyone he perceived as a threat. His violent and illegal [tactics](#) under [COINTELPRO](#) — the FBI's Counterintelligence Program (1956 to 1971) — were a direct assault on the American Indian Movement, the Black Panther Party, and the Women's Liberation Movement. *"Hoover's FBI did everything it could to consciously and deliberately derail the Civil Rights Movement," said Stevie Van Zandt*

While Leonard's attorneys file an appeal of this decision, we call on President Joe Biden to grant executive clemency to #BringLeonardHome. President Biden promised to be a friend and ally of Indigenous Peoples. Will Biden release the oldest living Indigenous political prisoner in American history, or will he simply allow Peltier to die in prison?

President Biden, you have the power to do what's right we are demanding that you #FreeLeonardPeltier NOW via Executive Clemency. The whole world is watching.

Sign the petition today to let President Biden know we will not stop fighting for Leonard's freedom. We are all not free until Leonard is free." **Rage Against The Machine - Freedom (Official HD Video)-**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H\\_vQt\\_v8Jmw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_vQt_v8Jmw) Source: Email.

### Medical Emergency: Imam Jamil Al-Amin (aka H. Rap Brown)

#### ACTION ALERT! URGENT MEDICAL ALERT !!

"Peace Family, please take time out today to respond to this urgent ask from the campaign to free Elder Political Prisoner Imam Jamil Al Amin (formerly H Rap Brown). Imam Jamil has a potentially life threatening growth on his face that requires immediate transfer for a medical treatment.

He is 81 years old and has already dealt with significant medical issues such as cancer and strokes.

ACTION: 1) Asking all to contribute to Emergency Defense Fund which will pay for needed medical assistance for the Imam, which he will need if medically transferred or not. These funds are solely under Imam Jamil's discretion, no one else. The prison is not providing proper or adequate medical care. To donate, use Zelle and send to: [919-628-9146](tel:919-628-9146). More updates on Imam's situation to come (from Imam Jamil Action Network).

2) Call USP Tucson and demand that Imam Jamil is granted emergency

medical transfer from United States Penitentiary (USP) Tucson to Federal Medical Center (FMC) Butner for immediate medical treatment. Call [520-663-5000](tel:520-663-5000), press 0 (ignore menu), Provide name & inmate number: Jamil Al Amin, #99974-555 (Information reposted from @\_freeimamjamil). **Background info on Imam Jamil:** Prison Address: #99974-555 USP Tucson, P.O. Box 24550, Tucson, AZ 85734 United States. Birthday: October 4, 1943. Imam Jamil Abdullah al-Amin, formerly known as H. Rap Brown, is a 78-year-old human rights activist who has been imprisoned since 2002. His current incarceration is the result of a winding pursuit by the federal

government that originated in the late 1960s, when he was in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Al-Amin is one of many Black political prisoners currently being held in U.S. prisons, at least 19 of whom have been locked up since the 1970s for their activity in the Black liberation movement.” **“URGENT STEP ONE: Demand Imam Jamil Receive Medical Transfer & Treatment -STEP TWO: Request Immediate Compassionate Release for Imam Jamil-A LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN TO ALL RELEVANT OFFICIALS- A LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN TO ALL RELEVANT OFFICIALS —NOW THRU JAN. 20.** Only the State Board of Pardons & Parole, and the Fulton Co., GA District Attorney’s Conviction Integrity Unit have the power to release Imam Jamil because he is a state, Not federal, prisoner. The US president does not have the power to pardon a state prisoner. HOWEVER, in this current political climate of broader demands for pardons, clemency and commutations, and where, before Jan. 20, we believe there is slim possibility, for key federal officials to send a signal to state officials to grant Compassionate Release. After Jan. 20th, this crack in the door will slam shut more tightly. Therefore, IJAN calls for an organized, concerted letter writing campaign to all relevant officials calling for compassionate release for Imam Jamil - especially because of his age, medical condition and amount of time served and all the reasons cited. **ORGANIZE LETTER WRITING GATHERINGS, PASS THIS THRU YOUR NETWORKS (Below is language to use, with addresses; also a form letter you may copy and send)**

**\*\*PLEASE USE THAT LANGUAGE: ADDRESS TO:**

-Conviction Integrity Unit, District Attorney’s Office, Fulton County Ga 136 Pryor St., SW, 3rd floor. Atlanta, GA 30303

-Mr. David J. Herring, Chair, GA State Board of Pardons & Parole 2 MLK Jr. Dr., SE, #458, Atlanta, GA 30334

**Copies (CC) to:**

Leader of Senate: Chuck Schumer 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

Speaker of House: Mike Johnson 568 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515, 202-225-2777

Congressional Black Caucus, Chair Steven Horsford (Nevada) 2250 N Las Vegas Blvd . Suite 500. North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Black Man Lab, 470-957-6171, [info@blackmanlab.org](mailto:info@blackmanlab.org) 100 Black Men of Atlanta, 101 Jackson St NE, Atlanta, GA 30312, (404) 525-6220

Gerald A. Griggs, Chair, Georgia & Atlanta NAACP, 436 W Mercer Ave, Albany, GA 31701, (229) 888-2212, (404) 522-3678 (NAACP Atlanta, 241 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Let Us Make Man Atlanta, 1860 Bond Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30315, (877) 538-1626

US Senator Jon Ossoff 825 B&C Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

271 17th Street NW Suite 1510, Atlanta, GA 30363

US Senator Rev., Rafael Warnock 201 17th Street NW Suite 530 Atlanta, GA 30363 (770) 694-782

GA Representative Mesha Mainor 601-E Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg. Atlanta, GA 30334. 404.656.0254

“Able” Mable Thomas 511-B Coverdell Legislative Office Bldg. Atlanta, GA 30334, 404.656.6372 - Office

US Congressional Representative Nakema Williams 100 Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 659-0116

IMAM JAMIL ACTION NETWORK [WWW.IMAMJAMILACTIONNETWORK.ORG](http://WWW.IMAMJAMILACTIONNETWORK.ORG) 919.628.9146 252.907.4443 (South) 347.731.1886 (NY/NJ) 216.296.4617 (Outreach)

**TO:** Aimee Maxwell, Director Conviction Integrity Unit, District Attorney’s Office, Fulton County Ga 136 Pryor St., SW, 3rd floor. Atlanta, GA 30303

Mr. David J. Herring, Chair, GA State Board of Pardons & Parole 2 MLK Jr. Dr., SE, #458, Atlanta, GA 30334

**“CALL the DESIGNATION & SENTENCE COMPUTATION CENTER**

Call: 972-352-4400, Press 1 for operator (ignore the menu), Give Name & Inmate Number: Jamil Al-Amin,

#99974-555. Demand they grant Imam Jamil an EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSFER from United States

Penitentiary (USP) Tucson to Federal Medical Center (FMC) Butner for his Immediate Medical Treatment. !!

NOW.

**You may also call the following to have added impact:**

\*\*\*Tucson Complex Warden Mark Gutierrez, 520-663-5010, [mggutierrez@bop.gov](mailto:mggutierrez@bop.gov)




BOP Southeast Regional Director Shannon Phelps, [678-686-1201sphelps@bop.gov](mailto:678-686-1201sphelps@bop.gov)

Thomas J. Scarantino, Butner Complex Warden, [tscarantino@bop.gov](mailto:tscarantino@bop.gov) Butner Complex Health Service

Administrator, Commander Christy Bunn, FMC, 919-575-3900 x 6081

\*\*\*Director of BOP Colette Peters, [cspeters@bop.gov](mailto:cspeters@bop.gov) (202) 307-3198” Source: Email.

## Executive Clemency for Leonard Peltier Petition

<p>TAKE ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS</p> <p><b>CLEMENCY FOR NATIVE AMERICAN ELDER LEONARD PELTIER</b></p>		
	<p>Leonard Peltier is a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM), which promotes Native American rights. In 1975, during a confrontation involving AIM members, two FBI agents were killed. Leonard Peltier was convicted of their murders but has always denied killing the agents.</p>	
<p>Native American activist Leonard Peltier has been imprisoned for nearly 50 years, including years spent in solitary confinement, serving two life sentences for murder despite critical concerns over the fairness of his trial. He has always maintained his innocence.</p>	<p>There are serious concerns about the fairness of proceedings leading to his trial and conviction, including coerced and later recanted testimony as well as the prosecution's withholding of evidence that might have assisted Leonard Peltier's defense. In light of these and other concerns, the former US Attorney who supervised the prosecution team post-trial, James Reynolds, has since called for clemency.</p>	
<p>He is in declining health and suffers from a number of serious life-threatening illnesses, including diabetes and an abdominal aortic aneurism and other comorbidities.</p>	<p>Leonard Peltier is turning 80 years old, has spent nearly 50 years in prison, and has been repeatedly denied parole. There are serious concerns about Leonard Peltier's deteriorating health. His lawyers recently submitted a new petition for clemency.</p>	
<p>The President must grant Leonard Peltier clemency on humanitarian grounds and as a matter of justice.</p>	<p>I urge you to grant Leonard Peltier clemency on humanitarian grounds and as a matter of justice.</p>	
<p>As we mark his 80th birthday, please join us in calling on the authorities to grant clemency to Native American Elder Leonard Peltier.</p>	<p>Sincerely,</p>	

SIGN THE PETITION: [Executive Clemency for Leonard Peltier](#)

### NDN Collective: **BREAKING: Key leaders demand justice for Leonard Peltier this week**

“With 33 days left until January 20th, 2025, NDN Collective has been working diligently to escalate advocacy efforts to elevate the urgency for President Biden to take immediate action to grant executive Clemency for Leonard Peltier. **Since President Biden’s pardon of his son, Hunter Biden, several notable leaders have escalated the call for action for other non-violent criminals and federal death row inmates, including calling for the release of boarding school survivor Leonard Peltier.** Now, more than ever, we must keep the pressure on President Biden. With your support, we can guarantee justice for Leonard Peltier. **This week has been momentous for our clemency efforts, and we’re officially as close as we’ve ever been to seeing Leonard Peltier free.** Here’s a recap of the progress made to build visibility and wide-scale support for this long-overdue act of Justice. We’re witnessing unprecedented support for our elder Leonard Peltier, who may once and for all be set free to return to his homelands and live the remainder of his time surrounded by his loved ones.” Make your voice heard: <https://freeleonard-peltier.com/act-now/>. Source: Email.

### Support Leonard Peltier Update



**CLEMENCY FOR LEONARD PELTIER**

Call the White House  
Phone Numbers:  
Comments: 202-456-1111  
Switchboard: 202-456-1414  
TTY/TTD  
Comments: 202-456-6213

EMAIL:  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

Send a letter to the White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

“THANK YOU for your efforts with the Senate Judiciary Committee. Leonard has been allowed out briefly for the last few days. It could be coincidental, but it could be because of pressure on the Judiciary. It would not hurt to thank the Judiciary for stepping down the lockdowns at Coleman 1. No one throws a fit when someone does something right, and they may be responsible for the men being allowed out of their cells a few hours a day. There will be a link at the end of this email with Judiciary contacts. Leonard wanted me to tell everyone he has received a few letters and is grateful, but he cannot read them. He is having severe trouble with his vision. Please use LARGE, BOLD font. Letters mean a lot in solitary confinement. A message of solidarity, or a joke. Leonard likes to laugh. LEONARD PELTIER #89637-132,

USP COLEMAN I, PO BOX 1033, COLEMAN FL 33521-1033. Please ask Biden to DO THE RIGHT THING and release Leonard. Biden is the first president in U.S. history to acknowledge the Boarding Schools. Words are cheap. Biden has a chance to make it right by releasing Leonard Peltier. Ask Biden to leave a legacy of healing.” Source: Email.

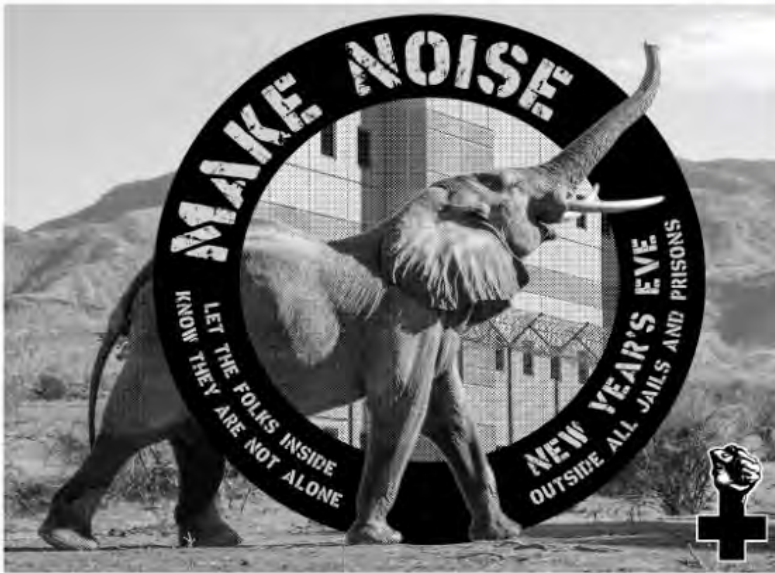
### Why the case of Aafia Siddiqui demands urgent action now

by Omar Suleiman

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/why-case-aafia-siddiqui-demands-urgent-action-now>

Be sure to sign the petition. It is linked in the article

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



“On the noisiest night of the year in New York City, come help us remind folks locked up that [they are not alone](#). [NYC Anarchist Black Cross](#), in response to an [international call](#) for [noise](#) demonstrations outside of prisons, is asking folks to join us outside of the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Come, not to appeal to authority, speak truth to power, or any other contrivance, but rather to stand with comrades, at a safe distance, and show [direct solidarity](#) to those on the [other side of the wall](#). The state, writ large, is targeting [anarchists all](#) across [the United States and](#) abroad. This will be both

protest and celebration. <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2024/12/01/nye2024/>

**WHAT:** Noise Demo **WHEN:** 9:00pm, Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> **WHERE:** Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC, the federal prison in Brooklyn); [29th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues](#), Brooklyn, New York 11232 (D/N/R to 36th Street or R to 25th Street). **BRING:** Noisemakers, air horns, drums, anything that is loud!” Source: Email.

### Justice demands freedom for Leonard Peltier


“There's big news and new momentum in the fight to free Leonard Peltier, the oldest living Indigenous political prisoner in American history. Since the election, in addition to **Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, seven U.S. senators and 26 representatives** have signed a letter urging President Biden to grant clemency.

The **National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)** joined the calls for clemency by the **ACLU, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Pope Francis, Saint Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, and Coretta Scott King**. In October, **President Biden became the first U.S. president in history to formally apologize for the Federal Indian boarding school policy** that stole thousands of Native children from their parents, Tribes, and homelands. In December, just days after President Biden followed up the apology by announcing the establishment of a national monument in recognition of the harms caused by these policies, the **National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition** called for one more step in the process of healing: **Use your executive authority to free Wahpeton Indian Boarding School survivor Leonard Peltier now. [With only days left before President Biden leaves office, this is Leonard Peltier's last chance for clemency before the next administration takes over. Please sign and send your direct message to the White House urging President Biden to take action now.](#)**” Source: Email.

**Free Ahmad Sa'adat and all Palestinian Prisoners! Week of Action January 15-22, 2025**

**15-22 JANUARY 2025**  
**FREEDOM**  
**FOR AHMAD SA'ADAT AND ALL PALESTINIAN PRISONERS**

General Secretary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Palestinian national liberation movement leader. Arrested by the Palestinian Authority on January 15th 2002, and now serving a 30-year sentence in Israeli prison.



Take Action at your local level!  
 Join the international week of action!

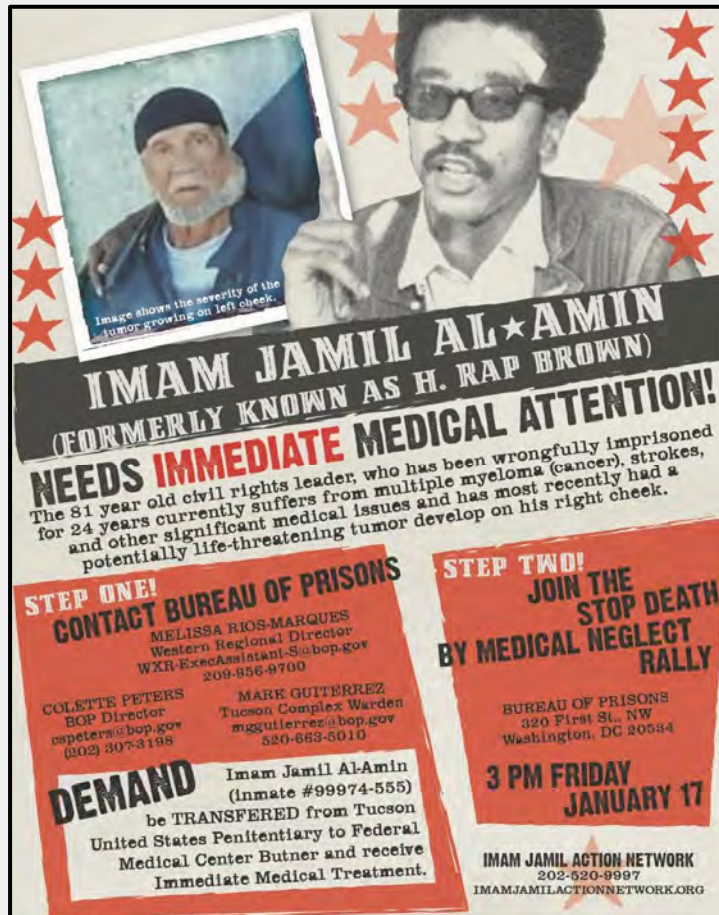
#FreeAhmadSaadat  
 #FreeAllPalestinianPrisoners

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [LINKTR.EE/FREEAHMADSAADAT/](http://LINKTR.EE/FREEAHMADSAADAT/)

**samidoun**  
PALESTINIAN PRISONERS SOLIDARITY NETWORK

“15 January 2025 marks the 23rd anniversary of the detention of Ahmad Sa’adat – Palestinian national and leftist leader, and the General Secretary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – by the so-called “Palestinian Authority,” as part of its “security coordination” with the Zionist occupation. Since then (23 years!), he has been detained, first in the PA jails. Later, he was abducted by the Zionist entity on March 14th, 2006. Join us to take action on 15-22 January 2025 for the [Week of Action to Free Ahmad Sa’adat and all Palestinian Prisoners!](#)”  
 Source: Email.

**HEY... WASHINGTON D.C. COME OUT TO RALLY @ BUREAU OF PRISONS FOR IMAM JAMIL AL-AMIN aka H. RAP BROWN Jan 17**



**IMAM JAMIL AL-AMIN**  
 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS H. RAP BROWN)

**NEEDS IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION!**  
 The 81 year old civil rights leader, who has been wrongfully imprisoned for 24 years currently suffers from multiple myeloma (cancer), strokes, and other significant medical issues and has most recently had a potentially life-threatening tumor develop on his right cheek.

**STEP ONE!**  
**CONTACT BUREAU OF PRISONS**  
 MELISSA RIOS-MARQUES  
 Western Regional Director  
 WXR-ExecAssistant-Sabop.gov  
 209-856-9700

COLETTE PETERS  
 BOP Director  
 cpeters@bop.gov  
 (302) 307-3198

MARK GUTIERREZ  
 Tucson Complex Warden  
 mgguterrez@bop.gov  
 520-663-5010

**DEMAND**  
 Imam Jamil Al-Amin  
 (Inmate #99974-555)  
 be TRANSFERRED from Tucson  
 United States Penitentiary to Federal  
 Medical Center Butner and receive  
 Immediate Medical Treatment.

**STEP TWO!**  
**JOIN THE STOP DEATH BY MEDICAL NEGLECT RALLY**

BUREAU OF PRISONS  
 320 First St. NW  
 Washington, DC 20584

**3 PM FRIDAY  
 JANUARY 17**

IMAM JAMIL ACTION NETWORK  
 202-620-9997  
 IMAMJAMILACTIONNETWORK.ORG

FRIDAY: JANUARY 17th @ 3pm

**Please take action now - Jan. 20 is fast approaching!**

From the [Free Leonard Peltier Now Official Ad Hoc Committee](#)

“Please visit [www.freeleonardpeltiernow](http://www.freeleonardpeltiernow) and click on CATCH UPDATES for the latest on Leonard Peltier.

LEONARD PELTIER UPDATE 01-01-2025: Leonard Peltier started experiencing intermittent blindness over a year ago. He was told his eyesight would be treated within four to six months. Leonard’s eyesight has worsened severely, and they are still saying it will be four to six months before he is treated. Leonard Peltier is going blind. On 12-31-2024, Leonard was taken to the hospital because a blood vessel in his eye ruptured.

The lockdowns have lessened in severity. Many of you have been pressuring the Senate Judiciary Committee, and they may be hearing us. Thank you for your efforts. When Leonard had lockjaw, supporters found a senator willing to intercede and fly him to the Mayo Clinic for treatment. We must find someone in Congress willing to intercede to save Leonard’s eyesight. The prison treats emergency symptoms when they arise, but the underlying conditions must be treated. A sample letter and Judiciary contacts are on the [Donate/Act Now page](#).” Source: Email.

**Organizing Meeting: NYC’s Last Black Panther Prisoner! Feb 1**

**NYC's Last Black Panther Prisoner!**  
Join Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx,  
Manhattan & Staten Island Organizers To:

**FREE  
KAMAU  
SADIKI**

COME TO OUR 1st N.Y.C. WIDE ORGANIZING MEETING  
ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2025 FROM 11:30am - 1:30pm @  
The Legendary "Peoples Church" 163 E 111th Street at Lexington Avenue  
East Harlem, New York  
Please RSVP your seat ASAP To: Panthershepcat@aol.com

### **Ongoing Calls for Action: Political Prisoners**

1. (Please Donate!) Veronza Bowers Jr <https://www.gofundme.com/f/welcome-home-veronza-bowers>.
2. Please Sign: D.A. Larry Krasner Drop The Case Against Mumia Abu-Jamal <https://www.change.org/p/d-a-larry-krasner-drop-the-case-against-mumia-abu-jamal>
3. Free Kamau Sadiki! <https://freetkamau.com/>
4. Imam Jamil Al-Amin: Bring the Imam back to Atlanta  
[https://www.imamjamilactionnetwork.org/take\\_action](https://www.imamjamilactionnetwork.org/take_action) <https://www.imamjamilactionnetwork.org/>



### LINKTREE: TAKE ACTION TO FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS/POW

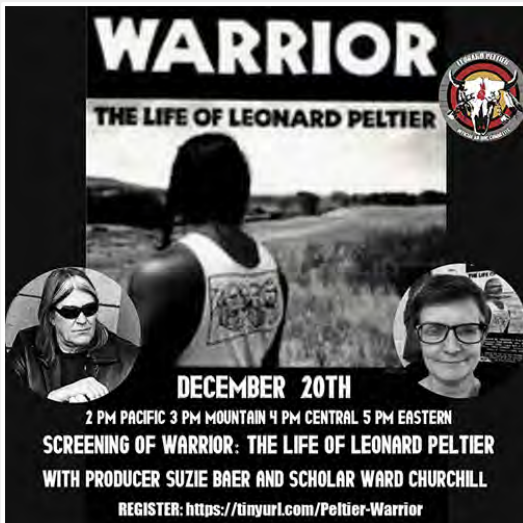


“Please go to this [Linktr.ee](https://linktr.ee) to take **ACTION** for U.S. held Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War. There are links to a lot of information, **but first are action items**. Sign the petitions, write emails, make calls, and spread this Linktr.ee around! Use and share the below link or QR code. Thank You.” ~Created by sister Verbena from Detroit Jericho

see: <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/prisoners> <https://abolitionnotes.org/political-prisoners>

### Community Events: Political Prisoners

It is not too late to register for a deep dive on **WARRIOR: THE LIFE OF LEONARD PELTIER**, with Suzie Baer herself and Ward Churchill. Dec 20



“Registration: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ftah-EkKRVmBFpXKtGHsug#/registration](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ftah-EkKRVmBFpXKtGHsug#/registration).

Lastly, please ask Biden to **DO THE RIGHT THING** and release Leonard.

Biden is the first president in U.S. history to acknowledge the Boarding Schools.

Words are cheap. Biden has a chance to make it right by releasing Leonard Peltier.

Ask Biden to leave a legacy of healing.”

Source: Email.

### Justice & Freedom for Imam Jamil Al-Amin-Live Stream-Dec 29



**"HABARI GANI" PHILLY: Come Out To Tomorrow's "Kwanzaa for Kamau"  
- Ujamaa Interfaith Event Dec 29**



**Free em all!**  
The International Campaign To Free Kamau Sadiki <- Interfaith Committee Invites You To Come Out And Join Us At Our Very Special Holiday Season "KWANZAA for BABA KAMAU" Ujamaa Fundraising Gathering & Community Luncheon

Sunday, December 29, 2024 @ 10:00am (EST)  
Very Special Invited Guests & Speakers - TBA  
This Philadelphia Area Event Will Be In Person & Live Streamed From "The Church of the Overcomer" 1010 Sunset Street Trainer, Pennsylvania 19061 (610) 485-6090 churchoftheovercomer@gmail.com Church of the Overcomer | Trainer PA - Facebook "Free Baba Kamau Sadiki" "Free All Political Prisoners"

"Come Join Us "In Person" For The Live Streamed "Kwanzaa for Kamau" - Ujamaa Interfaith Event TOMORROW SUNDAY: Dec. 29th @10:00am (EST). Guest Speaker Kamau's Daughter: Ksabay Sadiki Doors Open @9:00am - Luncheon @12:00 Noon. **Ujamaa:** Collective Economics Means To Realize Our Collective Economic Strength By Creating Independent Businesses, Building Cooperatives, And Meeting Common Needs Through Mutual Support Such As Financially Supporting Our United States Captured Black/New Afrikan Freedom Fighters Live Streamed By - The Free Kamau Sadiki Interfaith Committee On: [The Church of the Overcomer](#) | [Trainer PA - Facebook](#). Join This Liberate Our Elders Event".

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85318614474?pwd=LYDPXLhGrtaZRIr17bMk0VB9Nlrxug.1>

**Join NYC Veteran Black Panthers & Young Lords @The Peoples Church-Dec. 29th**



DECEMBER  
**29**  
SUNDAY

FREE THE BLACK PANTHERS NOW

**WATCH PARTY 10:00 am**  
JOIN OTHER SUPPORTERS IN PERSON TO FREE KAMAU SADIKI. LIVESTREAMED FROM THE CHURCH OF THE OVERCOMER IN PHILADELPHIA. DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 FOR COFFEE. [freakamau.com](http://freakamau.com)

*The People's*  
**11:15 TAKEOVER CONTINUES**  
am  
ON THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY HELP US SAVE THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH AND ITS LEGACY OF SERVICE AND ACTIVISM

**THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH**  
163 E. 111TH ST AT LEXINGTON AVE. NEW YORK, NY 10029  
[www.thepeopleschurchnyc.org](http://www.thepeopleschurchnyc.org)  
[nycpeopleschurch@gmail.com](mailto:nycpeopleschurch@gmail.com)  
646.665.7785  
Sponsored by Save the People's Church

"CONTINUING THE LEGACY & REMEMBERING THE 55th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC "TAKE OVER" BY NEW YORK YOUNG LORDS OF THE PEOPLES CHURCH"

"**DECEMBER 7, 1969** - Thirteen members of the Young Lords Organization including (5) women are beaten and arrested by the NYPD inside of the First Spanish Methodist Church in East Harlem after making a request to the Pastor to be allowed to use space in the church for a free breakfast for children program.

**DECEMBER 28, 1969** - In response to the Dec. 7th "Pastor approved" police attack; The Young Lords take over the Church, name it the People's Church, and begin an 11-day occupation. They establish free breakfast and clothing programs, health services, a day-care center, a liberation school, community dinners, poetry and films.

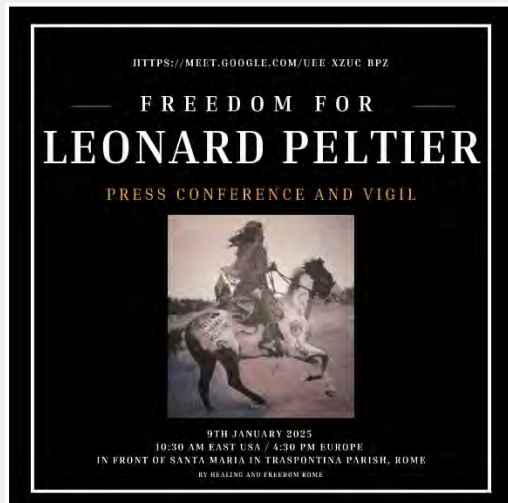
Thousands of supporters attend activities - it was a defining moment.

**JANUARY 8, 1970** - The 11-day long "Take Over" ended when the Police arrested 106 Young Lords and supporters at the First Spanish Methodist Church; Which then officially became known as "The People's Church" as the power of the people in "El Barrio" forced the Pastor to finally allow those community programs which were initiated by the Young Lords.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024 - Veteran Young Lords & Black Panthers will join with Student Activists, Community Organizers, Street Families and other "Real" Revolutionaries in order to collectively begin....**

BUILDING A NYC HOMETOWN BASE TO BRING 72-YEAR-OLD BABA KAMAU SADIKI; WHO IS THE LAST VETERAN NEW YORK BLACK PANTHER POLITICAL PRISONER BACK HOME TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMRADES WHEN HE COMES UP FOR PAROLE IN 2025 AND; AND TO ASSIST THE HARLEM COMMUNITY IN CONTINUING THE YOUNG LORDS "TAKE OVER" LEGACY BY BOTH REESTABLISHING LOST PROGRAMS AND CREATING NEW ONES AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH THAT WILL DECOLONIZE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS & TRULY "SERVE THE PEOPLE BODY AND SOUL" Source: Email.

### LEONARD PELTIER VATICAN PRESS CONFERENCE AND VIGIL JAN 9

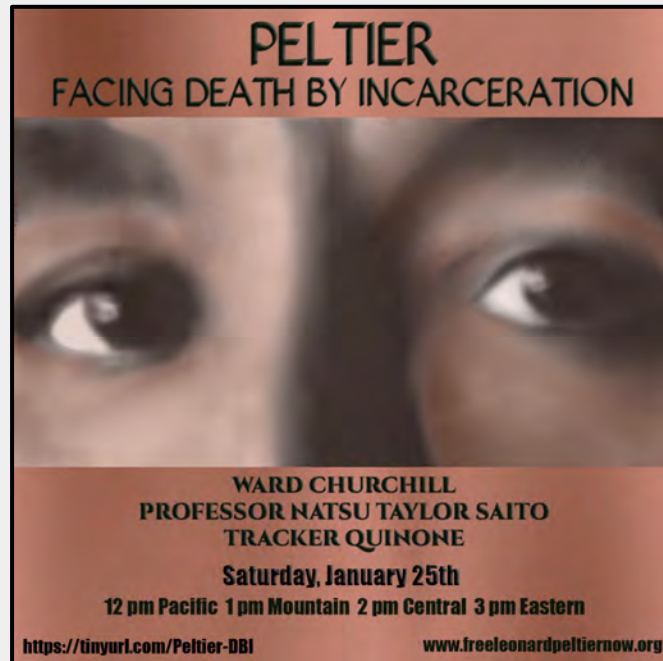


"PEACE AND FREEDOM ROME AND THE LEONARD PELTIER AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL HOST A PRESS CONFERENCE AND VIGIL FOR LEONARD PELTIER AT THE VATICAN ON JANUARY 9th. 7:30 am Pacific, 10:30 am Eastern."

[REGISTER](https://www.tinyurl.com/FreeLeonard-Jan9-Rome) Here's a shortlink for the Jan 9th registration: [tinyurl.com/FreeLeonard-Jan9-Rome](https://www.tinyurl.com/FreeLeonard-Jan9-Rome)

### LIBERATE OUR ELDER POLITICAL PRISONERS Jan 16

THURSDAY: JANUARY 16th @ 9am

**PELTIER: FACING DEATH BY INCARCERATION Jan 25**


**PELTIER**  
FACING DEATH BY INCARCERATION

WARD CHURCHILL  
PROFESSOR NATSU TAYLOR SAITO  
TRACKER QUINONE

**Saturday, January 25th**  
12 pm Pacific 1 pm Mountain 2 pm Central 3 pm Eastern

<https://tinyurl.com/Peltier-DBI> [www.freeleonardpeltiernow.org](http://www.freeleonardpeltiernow.org)

“It is our great hope that Biden will grant Clemency and Leonard Peltier can speak on what he faced. Join us as we talk about Leonard Peltier and Indigenous Genocide.” [REGISTER](#)

**Atlanta Gathering for Leonard Peltier Feb 2**


ATLANTA JERICO | LEONARD PELTIER AD HOC COMMITTEE | FTP MOVEMENT

**FREE LEONARD PELTIER**  
50 YEARS IS WAY TOO LONG!

»»» **JOIN US!** «««

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KIDNAPPING  
OF INDIGENOUS POLITICAL PRISONER LEONARD PELTIER!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2ND 2PM-4PM

**THE MURPH**  
561 WHITEHALL ST NW ATLANTA, GA

HOSTED BY: PAULETTE DAUTEUIL  
PRESENTATIONS BY: WARD CHURCHILL | KALONJI CHANGA | AND MORE!

[WWW.FREELEONARDPELTIERNOW.ORG](http://WWW.FREELEONARDPELTIERNOW.ORG)

February 2nd 2 pm to 4 pm

Paulette Dauteuil, Ward Churchill, and Kalonji Changa  
561 Whitehall Street NW Atlanta, Georgia

## Section 3: Local & International Movement Actions, Resources, Events



### Current & Historical Perspectives of Movements

#### Burning Books Buffalo



<https://burningbooks.com/>

“New on Connecticut Street, a bookstore specializing in radical history, literature, films, and lectures On a sweltering night in mid-July, more than 50 people crowded into a small, anonymous storefront at the corner of Connecticut and 15th Streets on Buffalo’s West Side for a screening of the new, award-winning documentary about the Earth Liberation Front called *If a Tree Falls*. A couple dozen more milled about on the sidewalk, unable to find seats inside, and people continued to arrive on bikes, in cars, and on foot. Along with his partners, Leslie Pickering, a co-owner of the space and a former spokesman for the Earth Liberation Front who appears in the film, announced that there would be a second screening later that night to accommodate those waiting on the sidewalk. That screening, too, sold out: In all, 107 people came to learn a little about one of the most successful radical environmental campaigns of the past 20 years.

For Pickering and his partners, Theresa Baker (to whom he is married) and Nate Buckley, the success of that event was proof that Buffalonians are eager to receive the project they’d been working on for three years: a bookstore specializing in literature and events related to social justice movements, radical environmentalism, and freedom struggles.

This week, on Friday, September 9, the anonymous storefront gains a name, Burning Books, and officially opens its doors to the public. The date is not arbitrary: It’s the 40th anniversary of the Attica uprising. Burning Books will mark the occasion with a screening of the hard-to-find 1974 documentary *Attica* by Cinda Firestone. That’s on Thursday, September 8, at 7pm. On Tuesday, September 13—the 40th anniversary of the bloody assault in which New York State troopers retook the prison, leaving 39 dead—Burning Books will host a talk by John Boncore, a.k.a. John Hill, a.k.a. Dacajeweah (“Splitting the Sky”), a participant in the uprising and veteran of the American Indian Movement. Boncore, a Mohawk, lives in British Columbia now, but the attempted robbery that sent him to Attica took place in Buffalo.

On Monday, September 12, Burning Books will screen *The Spirit of Annie Mae*, about the 1975 murder of the American Indian Movement’s Annia Mae Pictou Aquash, a crime whose repercussions continue to divide Native American activists. That screening, which starts at 7pm, is sponsored by the Buffalo

Leonard Peltier Defense Committee. Burning Books will also host two more screenings of *If a Tree Falls* at two other venues: Wednesday, September 14, 7pm, at Squeaky Wheel (712 Main Street); and Tuesday, September 27, 9pm, at Merge (439 Delaware Avenue).

These events are not meant simply to be educational: They're intended to raise the consciousness of a community and thus create a market for the materials and information Burning Books purveys.

"We're creating our customer base through these events, and through the organizing we do," Pickering says. "We are reaching out and saying, 'These are exciting people, inspiring things that have gone on, are going on, in the world. Check them out.'"

Maybe, Pickering says, the person who comes to see *If a Tree Falls* will come back to learn about Leonard Peltier, or be driven by curiosity to buy a DVD about Robert F. Williams and Radio Free Dixie. Or perhaps a documentary about the Zapatistas, or a pamphlet about pre-Civil War resistance to slavery. Maybe something on the Puerto Rican independence movement, the Black Liberation Army, Emma Goldman, or Sacco and Vanzetti.

This is not the group's first effort to open a reading room for radicals. Several years ago, all three were active in a group called Arissa, which was similarly committed to educating audiences about radical movements. Among Arissa's many activities, the group sponsored two films each month, one in a community space on the East Side and one in a community space on the West Side. "Places where people were already congregating," Baker says.

When the not-for-profit Massachusetts Avenue Project took over a former library on Grant Street, Arissa offered to staff the building with volunteers and stock it with reading material so that it could remain an educational resource for the community. A *Buffalo News* reporter asked questions about Pickering's past relationship with the Earth Liberation Front (he was a spokesman and a supporter but never a member; he and his partners received ELF's communiqués anonymously), and MAP's new executive director spooked and pulled the plug on the project.

So Baker and Pickering continued to look for their own building, concentrating on sites on the West Side, where they live. In 2008, they bought 420 Connecticut Street at the city auction.

"We wanted to be in this neighborhood because of its diversity," Baker says, referring to the West Side's burgeoning population of refugees, many of whom have taken part in or witnessed freedom struggles firsthand. "We hope to carry materials that will interest those populations, too," she says, and to become a bridge between the region's variously interested activist communities.

Baker, Buckley, and Pickering all have deep activist roots themselves. In addition to her involvement with Arissa, Baker is a board member of the Subversive Theater Company and a performer with the Real Dream Cabaret and nimbus dance—all three committed to addressing politics through art. She was host of *Speak Easy Radio*, a show similarly dedicated to exploring social justice movements here and across the country. She also was a caregiver to social documentary photographer Milton Rogovin for the last four years of his life.

Buckley was active with Arissa and organized against the beginning of the current Iraq war. He is active with Prisoners are People Too!, the Stop the Violence Coalition, and the Erie County Prisoners Rights Coalition. This spring he was maced and arrested by NFTA police at a peace march in downtown Buffalo. He has refused to take a plea deal, opting instead to fight the charges in protest of his treatment. So far eight of the 11 charges against him have been dropped, and his next court date in September 19.

Pickering's unusual relationship with ELF was preceded by activism in a similar vein with other groups in Portland. He relinquished his role as a spokesman for ELF in 2002 and eventually returned to his native Western New York. In addition to work with Arissa and PUSH Buffalo, he has written extensively about his experience with ELF and published a biography of Sam "Mad Bomber" Melville, whose campaign of bombings in protest of the Vietnam War landed him in Attica, where he was killed during the uprising. "A lot of the social movements we're focusing on, the people have been delegitimized and criminalized," Buckley says. "We're out here saying that there's nothing illegitimate about struggling for your freedom. That there's nothing criminal about struggling for your freedom. And that the real criminals are the ones wearing suit and ties, and the people in the White House. The people who are in

jail and the people who have sacrificed all their lives for those of us out here—those are heroes. Those are not people who should be in jail.”

One goal for the store is that Burning Books become a required stop for authors and activists who are making circuit tours of the country. “We don’t want Buffalo to be skipped over between New York and Chicago or New York and Toronto,” says Pickering, adding that Buffalo is already receptive to those sorts of events: When they’ve held one-off events in the past for radical authors and filmmakers from out of town, their guests have been surprised to find the audiences here to be as large or larger than those in bigger cities with ostensibly more active and progressive communities.

Word is spreading, Baker says. She says they hope to organize at least one event each week themselves, and will rent out the space to likeminded groups and individuals for their events, and to become an asset to those dedicated to achieving change, locally and nationally.

“We’re hoping to build a community within Buffalo that already exists to an extent,” Buckley says. “To strengthen a community that is dedicated, active, and powerful, to bring about the change that we seek in the world. This will be a space for doing that. To keep track of the store’s hours and activities, visit [burningbooksbuffalo.com](http://burningbooksbuffalo.com). The site is currently under construction but there’s a signup for an email newsletter.” <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/partners/burning-books-buffalo>

### Community Calls for Action

**(NEVER AGAIN!!!!) (Save Gaza) 1000 words (Ongoing...)**



Photo credit: fpm.news

#### ALL OUT FOR GAZA Dec 21



“This Saturday, December 21st is projected to be one of the busiest shopping days of the year, and we will be in the streets for Palestine, to bring attention to the ongoing genocide on Gaza and to bring people into the movement for a Free Palestine.

We say: ARMS EMBARGO NOW! #ShutItDown4Palestine.

Saturday, December 21, 2:00 PM  
Times Square - 42nd & Broadway.”

Source: Email.

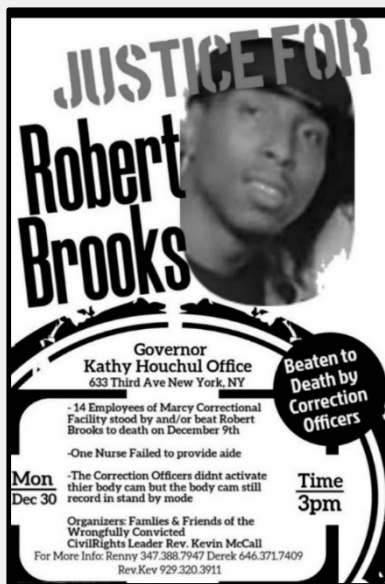
## Urgent Call To Action: Livestream to Stop the Genocide in Gaza Dec 29



### Emergency Livestream spotlighting urgent reports from Gaza.

“Join us on December 29th at 12 PM EST for an Emergency Livestream spotlighting urgent reports from Gaza. We hope to be joined by our colleagues in Gaza from Kamal Adwan, Al Awda Hospital, Indonesian Hospital, though the ongoing genocide has left hospitals destroyed, communication severed, and lives hanging by a thread. With doctors hunted, healthcare workers detained, and hospitals turned into death traps, even speaking out has become an act of courage. We will bring together medical professionals, journalists, activists, and organizers to bear witness and amplify Gaza’s urgent cry for justice as the genocide continues unabated. Our guests include: Noura Erakat, Medea Benjamin, Dr. Jill Stein, Dr. Mark Perlmutter, Abed Ayub, Josephine Guilbeau, Dr. Yipeng Ge, Dr. Mimi Syed: Currently in Gaza, Dr. Razan Nahhas: Just back from Gaza, Dr. Farashin Sillevany and Dr. Mohamed Kuziez: Preparing for a mission to Gaza. Save the date and spread the word. Details: Date and Time: Dec 29, 2024 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada). Register for the webinar here, or paste the below link into your browser: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_L-PfeDasSOWR2BHcAwTV2A](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L-PfeDasSOWR2BHcAwTV2A). In solidarity and profound sorrow, Doctors Against Genocide” Source: Email.

### NYC RALLY for #JusticeforRobertBrooks Dec 30



“NYC RALLY for [#JusticeforRobertBrooks](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c2ldwe1ppywo) Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c2ldwe1ppywo>

3-5pm Governor Hochul's office, 633 Third Avenue, New York, NY. 14 New York State prison guards took part in murdering Robert Brooks. Let Hochul know this cannot be swept under the rug.”

"Newly released bodycam footage shows New York corrections officers beating a handcuffed inmate who died the following morning. The inmate, 43-year-old Robert Brooks, was pronounced dead on 10 December, the day after the incident took place at the Marcy Correctional Facility in upstate New York. Following an internal review, New York Governor Kathy Hochul ordered the firing of the 13 officers and a prison nurse who were involved in the assault. The office of New York Attorney General Letitia James has opened an investigation into Brooks' death, and the union that represents state prison workers called the video "incomprehensible" Source: Email.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/shocking-bodycam-video-released-new-york-officers-fatally-beating-pris-rcna185537>



### USCPR: URGENT: Demand media cover hospital attacks in Gaza Dec 30



“Israel just destroyed Kamal Adwan Hospital—the last major medical facility in northern Gaza. Doctors kidnapped. Patients murdered. Medics burned alive.”

“Arabic media is reporting these atrocities. But U.S. mainstream media? Almost complete silence.

The truth is that Israel gets away with attacking hospitals like this because the media decides to ignore it. **This silence enables genocide. But we can break it.**

[It only takes a minute to email major media outlets demanding coverage. Use this email action form made by Healthcare Workers for Palestine and USCPR Action.](mailto:uscp@uscp.org)” Source: Email.

### Anarchists Organizing Demonstration Outside Brooklyn Federal Jail Holding

#### Luigi Mangione, Sean Combs Dec 31

“Brooklyn, New York - On the noisiest night of the year, organizers with New York City's Anarchist Black Cross (NYC ABC) are asking folks to join them outside of the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. They are inviting revelers to come, not in an appeal to authority, to speak truth to power, or any other contrivance, but rather to stand with others, and show direct solidarity to those on the other side of the wall. While much has been made of the fact that two very high profile folks are currently held at MDC--Luigi Mangione and Sean "Diddy" Combs, NYC ABC says they have held New Year's Eve demonstrations there for years. "As a collective, we work to provide support to U.S. held political prisoners and prisoners of war, folks who come from communities like ours and deserve our support," said Louise Berger. "There are currently dozens of political prisoners in the United States, coming from movements like those struggling for the liberation of historically oppressed people. Folks like Leonard Peltier or Imam Jamil Al-Amin who have been imprisoned for decades. There are also those more recently imprisoned, like Jesse Cannon, Caleb Freestone, Casey Goonan, and Annarella Rivera, coming from movements for Palestinian self-determination; the ongoing fight against violent white supremacists; and for women's reproductive freedom."

NYC ABC has been organizing New Year's Eve "noise demonstrations" for over a decade, just as other groups have done outside of jails and prisons around the world. A noise demo is equal parts celebratory demonstration to let imprisoned folks know they are not alone and raucous protest to keep guards and administrators on notice that they are being watched. The latter has become crucial in recent years and the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn has come under scrutiny following the 2020 murder of incarcerated Jamel Floyd by aggressive guards who pepper-sprayed Floyd until he went into cardiac arrest. That murder came only one year after the same jail went for days without heat or electricity in the middle of a polar vortex, leaving 1,600 incarcerated folks without water for several days. Conditions have not improved in the following years.

Jem Kapinos is a member of MDC solidarity, a group based in Sunset Park, Brooklyn that organizes around the horrible conditions at the federal jail.

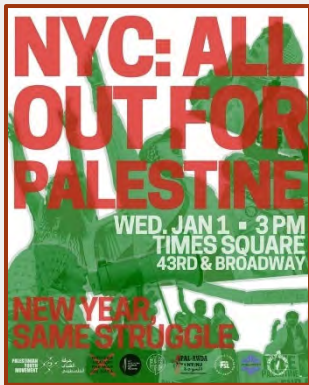
“The conditions at MDC Brooklyn are completely inhumane. Members of our group who have loved ones inside routinely hear reports of spoiled and maggot-infested food; lack of clean, hot water; and medical neglect and deprivation,” Kapinos told us. “The COs use any excuse to lock the prison down, forcing people to spend up to 23 hours a day in their cells without access to regular showers, phone calls, or physical activity. The BOP [Bureau of Prisons] has created a pressure cooker environment that takes a mental toll on everyone inside. It’s torture, and no one should have to endure it.”

When asked why NYC ABC are organizing a demonstration on the night that most folks are solely focused on socializing, Berger said, "Hand in glove, billionaires and the government systematically oppress folks to keep us divided and at each other's throats. When we decide to fight back, they repress and subject us to draconian

punishments, if not immediate death." Berger added, "there is no better way to celebrate New Year's Eve than by including those who are expected to feel at their lowest on this night." Source: Email.



### All out for Palestine on New Year's Day! Jan 1



"Every single second of 2024, our people in Gaza faced a brutal US-Israeli genocide. We enter 2025, and the US and Israel continue to escalate their genocide, putting the last remaining hospital in north Gaza – Kamal Adwan – under a brutal extermination campaign and assassinating five journalists as they worked from a press van. On this New Year's Day we declare that there is nothing new in the US while the same genocide takes place in Palestine. There can be no new beginnings when our people are being ethnically cleansed, terrorized, and tortured under the sound of US-funded drones and bombs. We will not be distracted by corporate holidays that tell us there is a break between the past and the future. We will only have a new beginning the day we achieve our liberation from Zionism and imperialism. **Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 2025, Times Square, 43rd St & Broadway-3 PM**" Source: Email.

### Please take action-Release Dr Hussam Abu Safiya

Email template - copy and paste, add in your name and country and send it to Israeli embassies worldwide.

Click: [Release Dr Hussam Abu Safiya](#)

### Bay Area All Out For Palestine Jan 4

"BAY AREA: ALL OUT FOR PALESTINE. On January 4, we call on all people of conscience to mobilize and demand



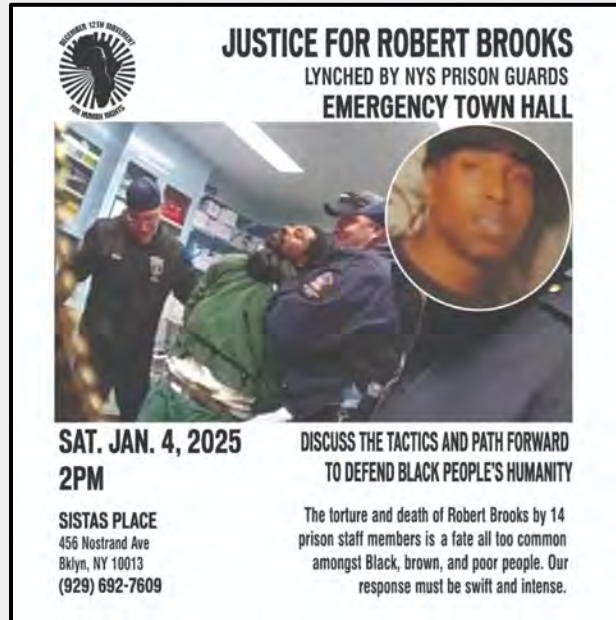
an end to the US-Israeli genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. In 2024, the world watched Israelis destroy hospitals, burn Palestinians alive in their tents, murder children by man-made famine, and Zionist forces rape Palestinians to death. This new year, there are no new beginnings while Palestinians endure US-backed Zionist ethnic cleansing, terror, and torture.

Saturday, Jan. 4 at 1 PM, Union Square, 291 Geary St, SF.

Each day has brought new depths of catastrophe in Gaza, directly caused by U.S. support for Israel. Over the past few months, the Kamal Adwan Hospital was violently besieged by Zionist forces, while hospital staff refused to abandon their patients. As punishment, Zionist forces raided the hospital, and have kidnapped and tortured hospital workers, like Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya. Since Israel has failed to achieve any military objective, its forces attempt to create a false image of victory by burning down hospitals and terrorizing hospital workers. Zionist forced displacement of over 90% of Palestinians has left our people enduring conditions beyond comprehension. Israelis continue to restrict aid trucks from reaching Gaza, preventing access to tents,

blankets, clothing, food, medicine, and basic necessities for a people's survival. Israel, backed by the US, has deliberately created and sustained conditions for Palestinian infants to freeze to death as part of the ongoing campaign of ethnic cleansing against Palestinians. All the while, mainstream media outlets and powerful elites engage in real-time genocide denialism. In the new year, the struggle continues and evolves. Together, we unite in the struggle to end the Zionist genocide and occupation of the Palestinian people. Together, we demand: FREE DR. HUSSAM ABU SAFIYA, THE KAMAL ADWAN HOSPITAL STAFF, AND PATIENTS KIDNAPPED AND TORTURED BY ISRAELI ZIONIST FORCES. END THE US-ISRAELI GENOCIDE OF PALESTINIANS NOW." Source: Email.

## Justice for Robert Brooks! Emergency Town Hall Sat. 2PM-Jan 4



**JUSTICE FOR ROBERT BROOKS**  
LYNCHED BY NYS PRISON GUARDS  
EMERGENCY TOWN HALL

**SAT. JAN. 4, 2025**  
**2PM**

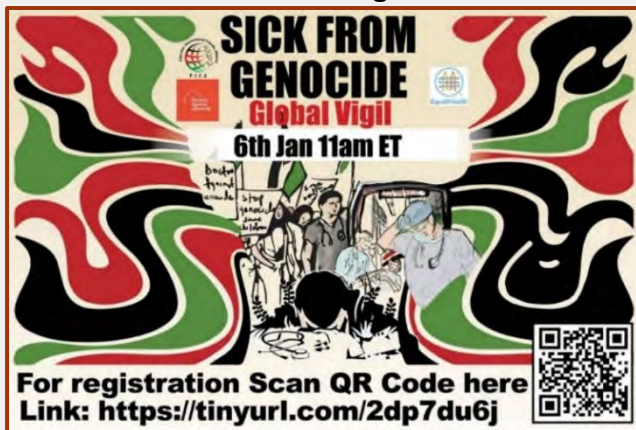
**SISTAS PLACE**  
456 Nostrand Ave  
Bklyn, NY 10013  
(929) 692-7609

DISCUSS THE TACTICS AND PATH FORWARD  
TO DEFEND BLACK PEOPLE'S HUMANITY

The torture and death of Robert Brooks by 14  
prison staff members is a fate all too common  
amongst Black, brown, and poor people. Our  
response must be swift and intense.

For more events, go to the Dec. 12th Movement website: <https://d12m.com/>  
Take ACTION in Wake of Brutal Killing of Robert Brooks <https://p2a.co/fiOls2F>

## Doctors Against Genocide: Sick From Genocide Global Vigil Jan 6



**SICK FROM GENOCIDE**  
Global Vigil  
6th Jan 11am ET

For registration Scan QR Code here  
Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2dp7du6j>

“This is a reminder to join the **Sick from Genocide Global Vigil** on **January 6th at 11 AM ET**. This vigil is a unified call from our medical colleagues and partners across **Africa, Europe, Australia, and the Middle East** to honor lives lost, stand against ongoing atrocities, and demand accountability for the genocide unfolding before our eyes. This event is organized by **PALESTINE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS ALLIANCE (P.I.F.A)**, and **EqualHealth**.

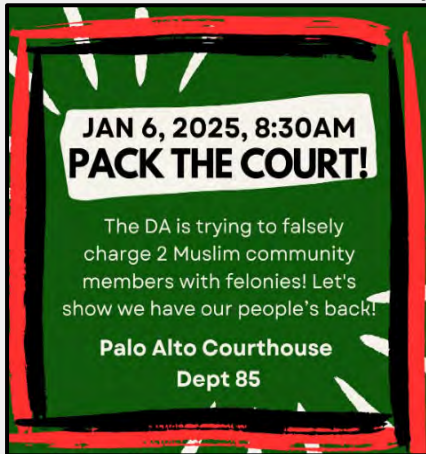
**Doctors Against Genocide** is joining to support this important global mobilization.

On **December 9th**, we held a global conference featuring **EqualHealth's Campaign Against Racism, PALESTINE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS ALLIANCE (P.I.F.A)**, and **Doctors Against Genocide**, live from the **Palestine**. We heard from **Dr. Mustafa Al-Qawasmi, Director General of Emergency, Ministry of Health**, and **Nebal Farsakh, Palestine Red Crescent Spokesperson**, and shared recorded testimonies, including one from **Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya**. Since **December 9th**, as a global community of health workers, healers, and organizers, we have watched in horror and pain as **Kamal Adwan Hospital** burned with patients and health workers inside. We witnessed the abduction and forced disappearance of health worker comrades, including **Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya**, and the ongoing destruction of health in every sense. As we have done from **Haiti** against imperialism, from the colonial borders of **Spain** in the massaging of migrants, and in solidarity with **Western Sahara** and the occupation, we must continue to globally dismantle racial capitalism and all systems of oppression. We therefore join **Doctors Against Genocide's Sick from Genocide** campaign. We will hold a global vigil in **Arabic and English**, where we will again go live to **Palestine** with **PALESTINE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS ALLIANCE (P.I.F.A)** for current updates.

Following this, we will create space for grief and ensure communities around the world are activated to support the campaign's demands. We have known for too long that our world is sick with racial capitalism, sick with multiple genocides, and **Palestine** remains our compass for a liberated world. **Event Details:** Date: January 6, 2025, Time: 11:00 AM ET., Location: Online - Global Virtual Vigil. **Register [here](#).**” Source: Email.

## PACK THE COURT ROOM JAN 6

"The DA is falsely charging two Muslims in our community with felonies!"



"The DA is falsely charging two Muslims in our community with felonies! Let's pack the court and show them we won't stand by while the cops criminalize our people.

Signs outside are welcome, but we ask that no disruptions take place inside the courthouse for the safety of our people."

January 6, 2025 8:30 am.

Palo Alto Courthouse, Dept 85 (270 Grant Ave, Palo Alto, CA)"

Source: Sister Emily.

## Sick From Genocide-Call Out Sick Jan 6



"As I prepare events to support our colleagues joining to call in SICK FROM GENOCIDE on January 6th, I reflect on 15 months of my own [experience of repression at my university](#) where I am a professor of medicine with an expertise in the intersection between climate, health and society—specifically [colonialism and health](#). I unravel my story as if I would at a doctor's office, trying to remember back to where the pathology started and where the dis-ease is today.

In October 2023, self-avowed Zionists at UCSF were emailing me and cold calling me to ask me to explain my tweets, feigning academic interest in my knowledge of colonialism as a subject matter. The tone soon shifted into accusing me of Jew hatred when I would not stop tweeting.

As I decried the bombing of Al-Ahli hospital on October 17th, having knowledge that the IDF bombed it because I was speaking to the surgeons INSIDE the hospital who reported that the IDF called two days prior and said "We are going to bomb the hospital in two days," these

people said I was making the world unsafe for Jews with my claims that Israel bombed the hospital.

I kept speaking..." See full article here: <https://rupamarya.substack.com/p/sick-from-genocide>

## 23 Years Too Long! Vigil to Close Guantanamo before Biden leaves office! Saturday January 11th

"January 11th 2025 marks 23 years since the shameful opening of the military detention facility at Guantánamo Bay — a glaring and unconscionable stain on the human rights record of the United States. Twenty-six Muslim men are still detained there, most without charge. Fourteen of the men have long been cleared for release to other countries, like Toffiq al-Bihani, who was brutally tortured by the U.S. government and has been cleared for release since 2010. Movement is happening. [Four men were transferred over the past two weeks](#). We must keep up the pressure! Please join the coordinated global human rights vigils as we urgently call on President Biden to end the ongoing abuses at Guantánamo and close the detention center and ensure the transfer of all cleared detainees to countries where their human rights will be respected—before the end of his term!

**Saturday, January 11, 2025 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM 50 United Nations Plaza (near the Simón Bolívar Statue)**

**Civic Center, San Francisco.** If you can't make it to a vigil please sign and share the online action

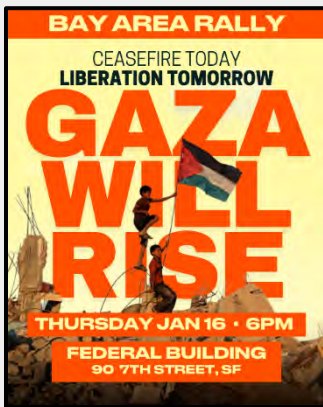
<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/96987/action/1?> and post the attached flyers telling @Potus to

#CloseGuantanamo #StopTorture #CloseGitmo NOW! TELL BIDEN TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON HIS PROMISE

AND CLOSE GITMO NOW!!! "America will not torture. We will uphold the rights of those who we bring to justice. And we will close the detention facility at Guantánamo Bay.... [W]e say to our friends that the alliances, treaties and international organizations we build must be credible and they must be effective. That requires a

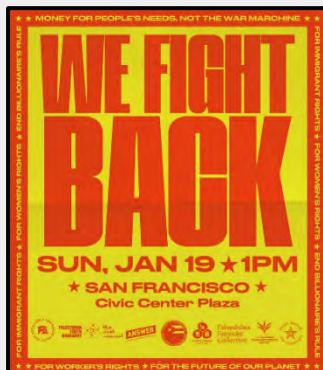
common commitment not only to listen and live by the rules, but to enforce the rules when they are, in fact, clearly violated” ~U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, February 2009. [See the Amnesty International USA Guantánamo Campaign page Take & Share the Online Action](#). Follow Andy Worthington's <https://www.closeguantanamo.org>. Partake in Gitmo Clock photo actions: [print](#) to take photo action with the sign and send to [info@closeguantanamo.org](mailto:info@closeguantanamo.org). [See the Amnesty International USA Guantánamo Campaign page Take & Share the Online Action](#). To see past actions [click here](#).” Source: Email.

### RALLY: GAZA WILL RISE Jan 16

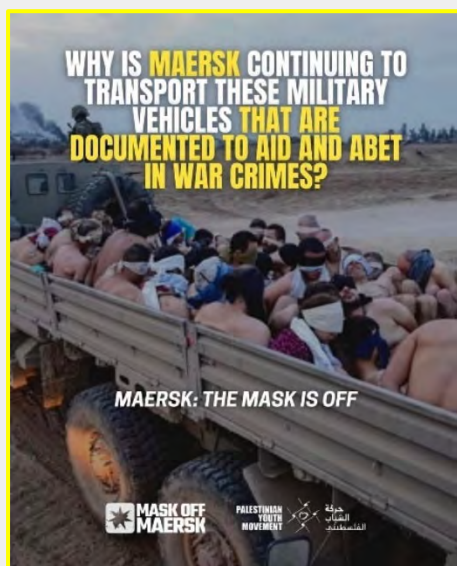


“After 465 days of genocide, Palestinians in Gaza have not only survived, but shown the world that they will continue to rise until liberation. We know that this ceasefire is not enough, but an essential step on the path to liberation. We stand with Palestinians in Gaza, demand accountability for Zionist and imperialist war criminals and all their accomplices, and recommit ourselves to the struggle and the long road ahead. Bring Palestinian flags, kuffiyehs, and your voices. We’ll see you in the streets. Statement: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DE290X6Pgjt/>”. Source: Email.

### JANUARY 19 PROTEST: WE FIGHT BACK! Jan 19



“The day before Inauguration Day, people from across Northern California will come together in San Francisco to demand a future that centers the needs of the people over the interests of the wealthy elite. With voices raised for workers' rights, immigrant rights, environmental justice, and an end to the genocide in Gaza, we will stand for working people, not a billionaire's agenda—from the local to the global, from defending people at home to ending the U.S. war machine.”  
Sunday, January 19th | 1PM, Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco.  
Source: Email.



### BAY AREA DEMANDS A PEOPLE’S ARMS EMBARGO NOW!

1. Stop the transportation of weapons components for arms manufacturers complicit in the genocide of the Palestinian people
2. End all contracts and partnerships with the Department of Defense and any contracts that sustain weapons supply to Israel.

Sign the petition and learn more at [MaskOffMaersk.com](https://MaskOffMaersk.com)”

Source: Email.

**NO TO IMPERIALISM! NO TO FACISM! Latin American/Caribbean Contingent! Jan 20**



“This January 20th, we fight back! The Latin American and Caribbean Contingent (LACC) calls on all Latin Americans and Caribbeans to join us as we mobilize with the people, here in New York City, against the incoming fascist regime. We stand firmly against United States colonial and far-right agendas, we resist imperial occupation and genocide, and we denounce the criminalization of undocumented migrants. From Latin America and the Caribbean to Palestine - we will not accept corrupt regimes and governments, and we will struggle alongside all oppressed peoples until liberation. Now is the time to unite and organize! Join our coalition for this national action on January 20th, in Washington Square Park at 1 PM.” Source: Email.

### ★ NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION Jan 20



“On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we will come together in a historic mobilization to defend Civil Rights, LGBTQ Rights, Immigrant Rights, and the rights of teachers, health care workers, and unions. Across New York City and the country, every sector of society is uniting to resist the Trump administration’s billionaire-driven agenda, which seeks to roll back decades of hard-fought protections and enrich the wealthy at the expense of the working class. We refuse to sit on the sidelines while our rights are under attack. On this

day, we honor Dr. King’s legacy by building a powerful movement that fights for justice, dignity, and equality for all. Let’s stand together and show that the working class will not back down. Jan. 20, 1 PM EST, Washington Square Park. Visit [wefightback2025.org](https://wefightback2025.org) for a full listing of actions around the country.” Endorse: <https://form.typeform.com/to/VU75naxW?typeform-source=wefightback2025.org>” Source: Email.

## Resource & News List

### Resources

1. "The Citizens' Commission to Investigate the FBI" REMIX-In 1971, a historic burglary of an FBI office revealed Cointelpro to the world. Those who don't know about Cointelpro are often doomed to become stooges. Remix thanks to Chet Gardiner in Hawai'i!" <https://davidrovics.substack.com/p/the-citizens-commission-to-investigate>
2. [Organized Oblivion - Read by Eunice Wong](#)
3. [Who is Mufid Abdulqader of The Holy Land Foundation? – Profile](#) [palestinechronicle.com](https://palestinechronicle.com)
4. [That Which Can Be Destroyed By The Truth, Should Be](#)
5. [Genuine Solidarity Is Not Conditional: Gaza and Unity around Palestine](#)  
<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/genuine-solidarity-is-not-conditional-gaza-and-unity-around-palestine/>
6. [‘No One Can Disarm Resistance in Jenin’ – Commander Lashes out at PA](#)

7. Dog Day Afternoon: The Christmas Edition-Chris Hedges <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BR-e1yXMzIY>
8. Many Wealthy Members of Congress Are Descendants of Rich Slaveholders – New Study Demonstrates the Enduring Legacy of Slavery <https://portside.org/2024-12-16/many-wealthy-members-congress-are-descendants-rich-slaveholders-new-study-demonstrates>
9. Video-Refugees from Nubel and Zahraa On the Road and When They Arrived in Damascus [https://syriasupportmovement.org/2024/12/19/refugees-from-nubel-and-zahraa-on-the-road-and-when-they-arrived-in-damascus/#fvp\\_14,39s](https://syriasupportmovement.org/2024/12/19/refugees-from-nubel-and-zahraa-on-the-road-and-when-they-arrived-in-damascus/#fvp_14,39s)
10. [Syria & 'The Age of Monsters' - What to Expect?](#)
11. [Chris Hedges on MOATS: Catastrophe for the Palestinians and the Region](#)
12. Make Columbus get Lost (again) “Dec. 15 was the 134th anniversary of the assassination of the great Hunkpapa Lakota Chief, Thatanka Iyotake, or Sitting Bull. I, too, am Hunkpapa Lakota, and I’ll say that Sitting Bull is one of our most celebrated ancestors for good reason. To learn more, I urge you to [read \(or reread\) this blog](#), which I penned last year to give you more about Sitting Bull’s life..”
13. Help us hit our bundles goal for 2024-Help us give people in prison and jail a holiday gift- buy the last bundle of books for 2024. “We are trying to hit 600 bundles for the last bundle of the year which is also, one of the most anticipated. People in prison and jail do not have access to the internet and the World Almanac and Book of Facts is super helpful in this case. We are almost at 200 bundles which is 600 total books!” <http://www.freebirdbooks.com/home/books-through-bars-annual-almanac-drive-help-us-collect-600> Buy the bundle at <http://www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html>
14. Chris Hedges Live Q&A: The Future of The Middle East <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4oFgFz3S0o>
15. [Palestinian Authority proves loyalty to US, Israel by attacking Jenin](#)
16. When suffering becomes an affirmation of life <https://electronicintifada.net/content/when-suffering-becomes-affirmation-life/50187>
17. [Trump And Israel Can't Wait To Start Bombing Iran](#)
18. Report: Israel Kills Anyone Who Crosses Line Splitting North and South Gaza <https://truthout.org/articles/report-israel-kills-anyone-who-crosses-line-splitting-north-and-south-gaza/>
19. Detroit Panel on Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and the Struggle Against Imperialism in West Asia featuring Dr. Ismail Noor, Julie Kassem, and Joseph Mchahwar. Recording from Monday, Dec 16, 2024 forum in Detroit: <https://youtu.be/171oMb3UQO4>
20. Syria & 'The Age of Monsters' - What to Expect? <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/aVdShE93M8E>
21. Three Men Freed from Guantánamo; Today is Biden’s Last Chance to Free More [closeguantanamo.org](http://closeguantanamo.org)
22. Two New Videos from If Americans Knew [The Israeli Hit List – Iran Remains Wounded Child No Surviving Family](#)
23. KYR Recording: Navigating the Criminal Punishment System If you missed the webinar, want to rewatch, or share it, you can find a [public recording](#) here: <https://vimeo.com/1039728430?share=copy> If you're looking for our new [KYR](#) on this topic, you can find it here: <https://www.nlg.org/new-nlg-kyr-guide-legal-steps-choices-navigating-the-criminal-punishment-system/>
24. Ten Years after the December 17, 2014 Announcements in Havana and Washington. [resumen-english.org](http://resumen-english.org)
25. [How we continue the fight against prison slavery](#)
26. Palestinian Writer Karim Kattan and Lebanese Historian Yara El Khoury: “The Catastrophe in Gaza Is Irreversible. The Future Is Terrifying” <https://portside.org/2024-12-14/palestinian-writer-karim-kattan-and-lebanese-historian-yara-el-khoury-catastrophe-gaza>
27. NYC ABC: PP/POW Updates and Announcements - 24 Dec 2024 <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/24-dec-2024.pdf> <https://linktr.ee/nycabc>
28. RAPP Campaign: Biden and Hochul Fall Short on Commutations: Statement: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/149bIGPKatWCSKF5RBZLtr9wO-ZYSXRbj/view>
29. [Healing Justice: A Black Panther legacy](#)
30. [‘The street was covered in dead women and children’: Inside Sudan’s counter-revolution](#)
31. [Santa Was in Solitary and Jesus Got the Death Penalty](#)
32. [Humanity Must Awaken From The Dream Of Separation](#)

33. [Israelis Invade Syria: Who Will Stop Israel?](#)
34. [Letter to Refaat Alareer - Read by Eunice Wong](#)
35. [Berkeley's Freedom Archives celebrates 25 years of preserving progressive history](#)
36. [Message to Abbas' – Resistance Roundup](#)
37. [Israel's Deliberate Suffering of Palestinian Children](#)
38. [Syria & 'The Age of Monsters' - What to Expect?](#)
39. ['Hunting Snakes' in Beit Lahia](#)
40. ['One Child Killed Every Hour' – UNRWA Slams Israel's War on Gaza's Children](#)
41. ['Gaza Will Never Be Defeated!': Interview with Argentinian-Jewish Director Norman Briski](#)
42. ['Bodies Reduced to Fragments' – Euro-Med Documents Gaza Massacre](#)
43. [How Fascism Came - Read by Eunice Wong](#)
44. [Educators sound alarm over ADL presence in schools](#)
45. [The Politics of Betrayal: Jenin, Abbas, and the hellscape of Gaza](#)
46. [Popcorn, cotton-candy and massages. Inside Israel's new army 'resort' in northern Gaza](#)
47. [On Palestine, Israel and Apartheid – Former US President Jimmy Carter Dies](#)
48. [War Crimes at Kamal Adwan Hospital – Testimonies of Violence and Abuse](#)
49. [Hamas' Years-Long Surveillance, Israel's Intelligence Failures Exposed](#)
50. [Happy New Year. Our Society Is Every Bit As Diseased As You Suspect It Is.](#)
51. [The Empire Burns The Middle East While US Homelessness Surges](#)
52. There was never a Famine-Ireland---- Sinead O'Connor  
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DDKdAiYSPoC/?igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>
53. 'Do You Hear Our Cries?' – Struggle for Survival in a Gaza Winter  
<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/do-you-hearour-criesstruggle-for-survival-in-a-gaza-winter/>
54. "A Genocidal Project": Dr. Ghassan Abu-Sittah on Israel's Destruction of Gaza Health System- "While Democracy Now's coverage of the Palestine/Gaza genocide has been exemplary since the beginning, today's show was particularly instructive. Especially the first two segments -- one with a Palestinian-British doctor who has practiced in Gaza, the other with an Israeli-American genocide professor who has spent time in Israel and closely studied the post-10/7/23 policies of the Zionist state. **You can watch or listen [here](#).**"
55. ANTI-GENOCIDE: Humboldt Residents Join People in Nine Other CA Counties in Class Action Lawsuit Against Their Reps <https://kymkemp.com/2024/12/19/humboldt-residents-join-taxpayers-from-nine-other-counties-in-class-action-lawsuit-against-huffman-thompson/>
56. Gaza's 2024: A year of war and misery <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/12/31/gazas-2024-a-year-of-war-and-misery>
57. [Exposing Big Tech's Complicity in Genocide | The Chris Hedges Report](#)
58. [Teach the Black Freedom Struggle online classes](#)
59. [Teach Truth: The Struggle for Antiracist Education](#)
60. "I FELT LIKE A NAZI" testimonies from idf -"There's not a sole in the streets, just a 4 year old boy playing in the sand in his yard. The commander suddenly starts running, grabs the boy, and breaks his arm at the elbow and leg here. Stepped on his stomach three times and left. We all stood there with our mouths open. Looking at him in shock.. I asked .. what's your story? He told me "these kids need to be killed the day they are born." When a commander does that it becomes legit." <https://www.instagram.com/p/DEXmU2-MvyE/?igsh=MTR6dXMwdnk5azE4bQ==> <https://www.change.org/p/united-nations-security-council-impose-financial-and-military-sanctions-on-israel-for-war-crimes/u/33142946>
61. A Generation Erased: Report documents the genocide of Gaza's children  
<https://english.palinfo.com/Zionist-Terrorism/2025/01/03/331563/>
62. The "ghost" of Guantánamo is freed after 23 years [andyworthington.substack.com](http://andyworthington.substack.com) [The "Ghost" of Guantánamo is Freed; Ridah Al-Yazidi, Never Charged, Held Since Day One, and Approved for Release 15 Years Ago.](#)
63. Striking 'Truman' and 'Ben Gurion': Yemen's Powerful Messages in the New Year  
<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/striking-truman-and-ben-gurion-yemens-powerful-messages-in-the-new-year/>



64. [‘We Die, So They May Live’: Struggling for Survival amid Gaza’s Rubble](#)
65. [Israel’s Holiday Village in Gaza: The Grotesque Reality behind the Genocide](#)
66. [Only Force will Stop Genocide](#) Paul Larudee
67. What It’s Truly Like To Sleep in a Damp, Frigid Gaza Tent <https://portside.org/2025-01-01/what-its-truly-sleep-damp-frigid-gaza-tent>
68. Lived reality in Gaza disproves Israel’s lies <https://electronicintifada.net/content/lived-reality-gaza-disproves-israels-lies/50259>
69. BPPALN-ZOOM RECORDING OF JANUARY 4TH CLASS 2025-“Recording Summary: The meeting focused on the theme of "New Visions, New Roads, and New History" and discussed the high rates of gun violence in Alameda County, particularly among Black boys and young men. The panel also discussed the implications of California's Proposition 36, the challenges faced by young people, and the potential consequences of Project 2025, a conservative agenda for the next administration. The conversation ended with a call to action, urging everyone to stay vigilant and informed about the potential consequences of Project 2025 and the need for a coalition to counteract its negative effects.”  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/GrHeFFR7YFnXABLeS8MssGbMSK84cBQhXU7Gj5ywIrl\\_NFVsZ0OuUwI1ZgwtDfTtU.Ssqd7JN6EBKGyAkk?pwd=Q6NLR4Mh2WtxhKk1LvGYikhNil3X7uiS](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/GrHeFFR7YFnXABLeS8MssGbMSK84cBQhXU7Gj5ywIrl_NFVsZ0OuUwI1ZgwtDfTtU.Ssqd7JN6EBKGyAkk?pwd=Q6NLR4Mh2WtxhKk1LvGYikhNil3X7uiS)
70. [The Biden Administration Declares That A Genocide Is Happening... In Sudan](#) “the US is indirectly backing the genocidal atrocities it now denounces in Sudan, while aggressively defending the genocidal atrocities it is directly backing in Gaza.”
71. [Genocide: The New Normal](#)
72. Palestine and Black Power: New Lesson from Rethinking Schools  
<https://www.zinnedproject.org/materials/teaching-palestine-israel-black-power/>
73. NYC ABC: PP/POW Updates and Announcements - 7 Jan 2025-<https://nycabc.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/7-jan-2025.pdf>
74. Denying Responsibility: How US Avoids Accountability for Gaza’s Famine Crisis  
<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/denying-responsibility-how-us-avoids-accountability-for-gazas-famine-crisis/>
75. With Israel’s destruction of Kamal Adwan Hospital, UN rapporteur calls for global medical boycott  
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[https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/OPRwqyh4b5IPhuWrsfcHOWmN1C1x5YWevW1RpUqTMe\\_cKFLI\\_LSKg7Me-Z856Rk.b6lBy2998S2QKZIQ?pwd=jZx06mNLIsaQajM3fqhRdxE1NUT1SPoL](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/OPRwqyh4b5IPhuWrsfcHOWmN1C1x5YWevW1RpUqTMe_cKFLI_LSKg7Me-Z856Rk.b6lBy2998S2QKZIQ?pwd=jZx06mNLIsaQajM3fqhRdxE1NUT1SPoL)
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9. [Decapitated and ‘shredded’ bodies: Survivors recount Israeli attacks on Gaza schools](#)
10. [Amid ashes and blood, the Palestinian Authority carves its claim on Gaza](#)

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16. [US inmate beaten to death by correctional officers](#)
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20. [Disrespecting UN’ – WHO Chief was at Sanaa Airport when Israeli Warplanes Struck](#)
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28. Israeli forces arrest Gaza hospital chief after ‘burning doctors and patients alive’ <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israeli-forces-arrest-gaza-hospital-chief-after-burning-doctors-and-patients-alive>
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33. [Modern graffiti artist Banksy pulled an old Thomas Gann practical joke by hoaxing the British Museum with a phony relic](#)
34. [NYTimes rejects Quaker ad for calling Israel’s actions “genocide”](#)
35. [Israel must be added to UN’s sexual violence blacklist](#)
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## Ongoing Resources

### Self Help Hunger Program: First Tuesdays!

**SELF HELP HUNGER PROGRAM**

# FIRST TUESDAYS

**1ST Tuesday of Every Month, (3pm-7pm)  
& every Tuesday, (2pm-5pm)**

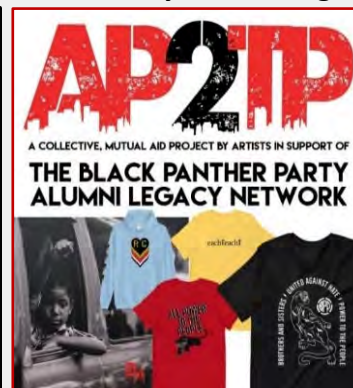
**Genoa Street @ 61st St.  
and Stanford Ave, Oakland, CA 94608**

Free Fresh Produce @11am  
Free Clothes @12pm.  
Free Hair cuts @1pm  
All Yoga to the people (chair yoga) 2pm  
Free Food, @2pm.  
Tranquility Rx Free massages @3pm  
Kwic Time Presents Instrument Petting Zoo & Open mic sign up @3pm  
The Lumpia Ladies & The Village Oakland @4pm

<https://www.selfhelphunger.org>

**SELF HELP HUNGER PROGRAM**

### 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](http://bppaln.org).” “In a historic rare collaboration, Destroy Art Inc. is granted access to sell Black Panther merchandise by artist John Yates aka Stealworks. 50% of all sales is donated back to the Black Panther Alumni Legacy Network.” To purchase the All Power to the People collection and support the Black Panther Alumni Legacy Network go to: <https://ap2tp.bigcartel.com/>.” BPPALN has also partnered with Oaklandish! See: <https://www.oaklandish.com/collections/bppaln>” (Photo’s retrieved from <https://bppaln.org>

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



“BLACK PANTHER ALUMNI LEGACY CITY WALKING TOUR. Meet original members of the Black Panther Party & walk with them through the historical sites in the birthplace of the Party, Oakland CA.



Listen to their stories and learn the truths behind the world's most famous revolutionary organization for the liberation of

Black and oppressed communities.”

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

## 1970s Survival Pending Revolution, Vintage Art by Asali (Support! Purchase! Share!)

“The *Survival Pending Revolution Collection* honors M. Gayle Dickson, also known as Asali, the only woman artist in the Black Panther Party’s Intercommunal News Service from 1972 to 1974. Asali’s work powerfully illustrated the experiences of women, elders, and children, reflecting the Party’s mission of resistance and community activism. This collection features her original artwork, which accompanied key initiatives like the *Survival Pending Revolution* campaign and the “Oakland: A Base of Operation” efforts. Each piece speaks to the ongoing struggles for social justice, drawing connections between the past and today’s challenges.”

<https://philadelphiaprintworks.com/collections/survival-pending-revolution>

## 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

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

**Oakland Jericho presents the release of the long-awaited CD “Redemption”**



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

will have streaming options in the future. \$16 including S & H. Purchase here: <https://linktr.ee/Oaklandjericho>  
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**Book: "Organizing and Rebuilding African Working Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism, a Collection of Essays" by Abdul Jabbar Caliph; Edited by Tomiko Shine.** Order your Book Now! Cost: \$20 book, \$5 shipping, Email: [abduljabbaessays@gmail.com](mailto:abduljabbaessays@gmail.com) FB: <https://www.facebook.com/booksforthemovement>

### Community Events: Dec 15-Onward

#### **Commemorating Nikki Giovanni & Commentary on "Wicked" Jan 7**

["Commemorating Poet Nikki Giovanni; & A Commentary on "Wicked"](#)

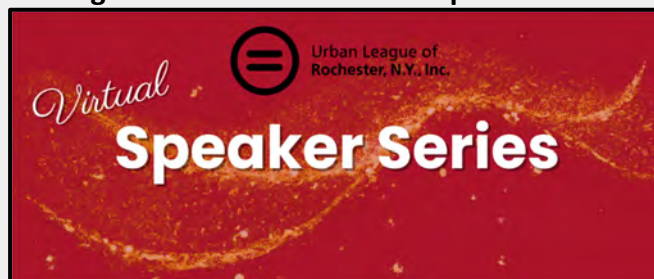
Tune into Out-FM on Tues., Jan. 7 from 8:00-9:00 pm ET, on 99.5 FM / WBAI/NY

or listen live at <https://www.wbai.org/listen-live/>

**Sound file of the program will be available at <https://outfm.org/liberation/> by Wed. evening**

"Tonight we commemorate the life and times of Poet Nikki Giovanni, who made her transition on Dec. 9, 2024, at age 81. Poet Cheryl Boyce Taylor and Out-FM producer Stahimili Mapp will discuss Giovanni's development and contribution to the Black Arts Movement of the last century, her role in and contribution to later poetry movements, as well as her crossover appeal. And what, if any impact, did her identity as a black lesbian have on her poetry?" Source: Email.

#### **Urban League of Rochester - Virtual Speaker Series Jan 10**



**Jan 10, 2025 10:00AM PST**

#### **Speakers**

**Dr. Candice Lucas**, Moderator, Senior VP, Equity and Advocacy, Urban League of Rochester

**Jalil Muntaqim**, Special Projects Coordinator, Citizens Action New York

#### **Register:**

<https://events.zoom.us/j/9876543210>  
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**Gender Liberation & Palestine Solidarity Repression Dec 17**



“On Tuesday's show, Eliel Cruz & Raquel Willis talk about the Gender Liberation Movement's challenge to institutionalized transphobia in Congress, and their recent arrests outside a bathroom at the Capitol. (Part 1).

Out-FM's Naomi Brussel & Pauline Park talk about the dangerous implications for Palestine solidarity & freedom of speech posed by HR 9495. Also, out lesbian Columbia Law Professor Katherine Franke discusses the situation with students at Columbia continuing to be under disciplinary threat from the Administration regarding their alleged participation in encampments last spring. #LGBTQ #HR9495 #GenderLiberationMovement #RaquelWillis #Palestine #PalestineSolidarity #ApartheidIsrael. **Music played:** Sweet Honey in the Rock: "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPuBGcng6Tw>

The Staples Singers: "Freedom Highway"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V99Eu3dWjO8>


Tune into Out-FM on Tues., December 17, 2024 from 8:00-9:00 pm ET, on 99.5 FM WBAI/NY, or listen live

at <https://www.wbai.org/listen-live/>. Sound file of the program will

be available at <https://outfm.org/liberation/> by Wed. evening.”

Source: Email.


**What's Happening--WBAI 99.5 fm- 8-8:55pm/ET-DEC 18**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Hosted by Ralph Poynter & Betty Davis  
 @RalphPoynter  
 Call in & join the conversation: 212-209- 2877

Wednesday, Dec 18, 2024  
8:00-9:00 PM EST



99.5 FM  
New York

WBAI 99.5 FM New York  
Live stream at [wbai.org](http://wbai.org)

**Readings from some of Ralph Poynter's Favorite American Warriors:**

John Brown- Mumia Abu Jamal(captured freedom fighter)

Nat Turner- Jihad Abdulmummit(Nat'l Jericho)

'Nat Turner-Villain ? or Hero?' -Essay by Connor Dueno (Poynter -grandson)

Martin Delaney - Kazi Toure (Boston Jericho)


Ida B. Wells - Nzinga -(African Graves Matter)

Henry Highland Garnet - Nehemi'el Ibrihim( Basimahs Hands)

Fannie Lou Hamer-Paulette Dauteuil (Free Leonard Peltier Now)

Malcolm X - Zayid Muhammad (MXCC)

Harriet Tubman- Pam Africa ( Movement to Free Mumia)




Ralph Poynter was a lover of the word telling truth.

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**STOP THE U.S.-BACKED ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE!**

We will always remember our dear warrior friend

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March 21, 1934 - December 25, 2023



He was a noble human being, filled with joy, empathy, and above all, an indisputable passion for the liberation struggle. Ralph Poynter is greatly missed but he shall forever be remembered for his devotion to the quest for human emancipation.

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Questions



**PEOPLE'S FORUM**

Thursday **DEC 19** 6 - 9 pm

320 West 37th Street • NYC 10018

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REFRESHMENTS



“SUZANNE ROSS BOOK PARTY. Thursday, December 19, 2024, our own Suzanne Ross, decades-long leader of both the Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition NYC and of the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, will be holding an event for her new book: **BORN JEWISH IN NAZI EUROPE My journey to become an Anti-Zionist**. Suzanne recounts, “Hello Friends and Family! I have spent the last nine painful months, following Oct. 7th, expressing my outrage at the genocide in Gaza.” THURSDAY DECEMBER 19, 2024. 6 – 9 PM-The People’s Forum, 320 W 37th Street, New York, NY 10018. The book is also available for purchase at: [Link to book on Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0C8K8K8K8), Suzanne is also eager to hear your feedback on the book. You can reach her at: [drsuzanneross87@gmail.com](mailto:drsuzanneross87@gmail.com).” “Hope you can join us and that we can have an informative and inspiring discussion. If you are unable to attend, we will have the program available for viewing after the event. In the struggle, Suzanne.”


From the Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition – NYC

<https://freemumia.com/2024/11/dec-19-suzanne-ross-book-party/>


### What's Happening--WBAI 99.5-SPECIAL MEMORIAL REPLAY/ SPECIAL WBAI MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER Dec 25



**WHAT'S HAPPENING**  
Hosted by Ralph Poynter & Betty Davis  
@RalphPoynter  
Call in & join the conversation: 212-209-2877



Wednesday, Dec 25, 2024  
8:00-9:00 PM EST



WBAI 99.5 FM New York  
Live stream at [wbai.org](http://wbai.org)

A year after his passing,  
Ralph's Comrades Speak: A Celebration of a Warriors Life :  
"You have to pick up the work! You must continue to stay organized..."



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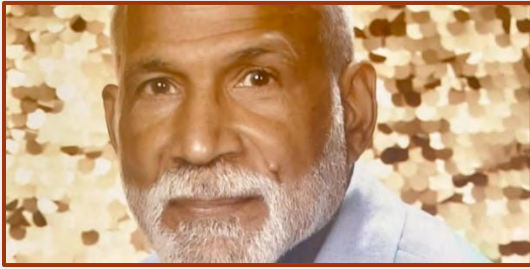
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“What's Happening- WBAI 99.5 FM- Wed. DEC. 25, 2023-/8-8:55 pm / ET. NEW ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT- Congratulates the Uhuru 3 For Their Victory in Court: A People's Victory!---“NAM congratulates the Uhuru 3 in their victory against the FBI and the Biden Department of Justice. The victory chant of “Not One Day” in jail for those fighting colonialism, white supremacy and injustice reverberated throughout the courthouse. NAM is proud to be in the struggle with the Uhuru Movement and will continue to struggle against those committing barbaric acts of violence against the African community and involved in the erasure and desecration of Black people.” “The Black liberation movement in this country has historically been opposed to those wars. And that’s been a strategic problem for the United States.” Chairman Omali Yeshitela.” Source: Email.

PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO LISTEN TO THIS PROGRAM [https://s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/wbai.org.archive.audio/whats-happening- 2024-12-18 20-00 01-00.mp3](https://s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/wbai.org.archive.audio/whats-happening-2024-12-18-20-00-01-00.mp3)

RAPP Campaign: Join Us to Honor José Hamza Saldana at the Kwanzaa Film Festival Dec 26





“To mark the first day of Kwanzaa, we are delighted to announce that José Hamza Saldana, a tireless advocate for prison reform and the Director of RAPP, will be honored for his exceptional dedication and service during the Kwanzaa Film Festival Award Ceremony. **WHEN:** Thursday, December 26, 6–9pm, **WHERE:** Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, 515 Malcolm X Blvd.” Tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/736fa127-92f1-48c9-9f2f-27022e3dbec3>. Source: Email.

### Year in Review with Chairman Omali Yeshitela and special guests Dec 29



“Join the #OmaliTaughtMe Study. Sunday, December 29th at 10am Eastern. Time Livestream”  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/pBh2HsMEmnE> <https://www.facebook.com/omali.yeshitela>.

### Freedom Archives celebrates 25 years of preserving progressive history Dec 29



(“The Freedom Archives’ building at 1615 Hopkins St. Courtesy: Freedom Archives” Retrieved from Berkeleyside.)  
 “Berkeley’s Freedom Archives celebrates 25 years of preserving progressive history Its collection includes 12,000 hours of audio and video recordings and scans of pamphlets, journals, newspapers and more. Local students, scholars, and autodidacts looking to gain a detailed history of social movements, radical organizations, and progressive culture, have a great place to go in Berkeley: The Freedom Archives on Hopkins Street, a nonprofit educational archive “dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of historical audio, video, and print materials documenting progressive movements and culture from the 1960s to the 1990s.”

The nonprofit is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. And although it is new to Berkeley — it moved to its [current location in 2021](#) after more than 20 years in San Francisco — its roots are firmly in this famously progressive California town. Many of its founders were radio producers at KPFA in Berkeley, and the core of the collection comes from productions that first aired on the [75-year-old station](#).

“Pacifica, which is the umbrella organization for KPFA, never was interested in archiving any of our work,” said Freedom Archives co-founder Claude Marks. “So we hung on to our stuff, and we had this scheme of getting ourselves together and organized and wanting to repurpose some of the richness of all of the social movement material that we had been part of creating. And that’s the genesis of the archive.”

The collection includes some 12,000 hours of audio and video recordings, including music performances, poetry readings, interviews, prison recordings, and news programs. The archive is also in the process of scanning thousands of documents, pamphlets, newspapers, flyers, journals, and more. Most of the digitized collection can be accessed online for free at the [Freedom Archive’s website](#).

Much of the digitizing work is done by interns and volunteers, mostly made up of high school and college students. “That’s where we get our energy,” said Marks. “We also provide a lot of technical training around media, writing skills, cataloging and library skills, things like that.”

The intern program has grown since the move to Berkeley, according to Marks. And the new building, which the Freedom Archives owns, means the archive “has enough space for the first time.”

The Freedom Archives, 1615 Hopkins Street, Berkeley. Phone: 415-863-9977. Hours: [By appointment](#). Connect via [Facebook](#).” [https://www.berkeleyside.org/2024/12/26/freedom-archives-25th-anniversary?goal=0\\_aad4b5ee64-a96e33379a-323107245&mc\\_cid=a96e33379a&mc\\_eid=5ce44026bc](https://www.berkeleyside.org/2024/12/26/freedom-archives-25th-anniversary?goal=0_aad4b5ee64-a96e33379a-323107245&mc_cid=a96e33379a&mc_eid=5ce44026bc)

### Out-FM 2024 Year in Review Dec 31



“Here’s a thoughtful way to ring in the new year: Tune in -- either tonight at 8 PM ET or any time before or afterward via the [outfm.org](#) archive -- to the discussion of the Year in Review by the multi-racial Out-FM Collective. **Tune into Out-FM on Tues., December 31, 2024 from 8:00-9:00 pm EDT, on 99.5 FM WBAI/NY or listen live at <https://www.wbai.org/listen-live/>.** Sound file of the program is available at <https://outfm.org/liberation/>. Out-FM Collective (clockwise: Naomi Brussel, John Riley, Pauline Park, Bob Lederer, Stahimili Mapp) Discussed 2024 Highlights. Out-FM collective members discuss some of the top stories we’ve covered over the year.

- 1) Trump’s election, implications esp. for trans people and immigrants, plus plans for resistance
- 2) Gaza & Palestine -- and the queer voices of resistance to genocide
- 3) Growing attacks on trans people nationwide
- 4) Censorships & book bannings - particularly against portrayals of/by people of color and LGBTQ people
- 5) Imprisoned Black Liberation Leader Mumia Abu-Jamal Embraces LGBTQIA+ Liberation”

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“What's Happening~WBAI 99.5 FM, Wed. January. 1, 2025 - 8pm/et. REVISION-Special WBAI tribute to Bilal Sunni Ali & Sally O'Brien-We will open the first part of our program with a tribute to the life of another warrior who has joined the ancestors COMRADE BILAL SUNNI ALI- & OUR WBAI COMRADE SALLY O'BRIEN. We will be joined by Shafeah M'Balía, Zayid Muhammad, Pam Africa & others. Our regular program will continue at approximately 8:15pm/est.” Source: Email.

**Black Solidarity with Cuba: Community Report Back Jan 3**

**Black Solidarity with Cuba**

Community Report Back from Recent Delegation




Monument to Carlota's Rebellion, Triumvirato

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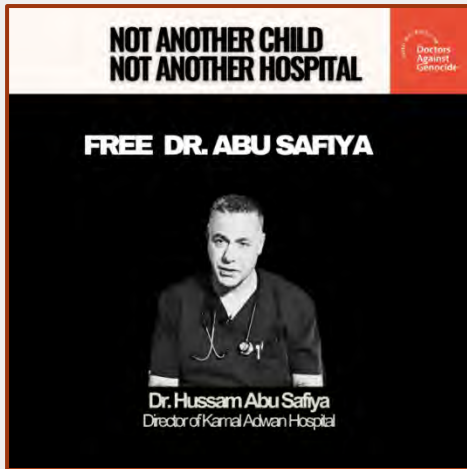
- Building international solidarity with people of African descent
- Maintaining a culture of resilience in the face of sanctions (economic warfare) and the parasitic influence of capitalism
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**Not Another Child Not Another Hospital and to declare that we are Sick From Genocide. Jan 5**



"You are invited to join us this Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 12PM ET for an important updates on Not Another Child Not Another Hospital and to declare that we are Sick From Genocide. Register in advance here: [Click to Register](#) :

After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email with details about how to join the meeting.

**Agenda:**

- Live updates from our colleagues in Gaza on the current situation on the ground.
- Updates on the detention of Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya and his colleagues under illegal detention.
- Progress on the Release Dr. Abu Safiya Campaign.
- Eyewitness accounts from doctors who served on missions to Gaza.

-Updates on Global Medical Mobilization Efforts and Sick From Genocide Global Vigil

-Sick From Genocide and the pop up clinics.

-Day on the Hill update for January 8. -Update on the delivery of medical aid -Upcoming Medical Missions to Gaza in January

**Speakers:** Elias Hussam Abu Safiya, Son Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya - Updates on Dr. Abu Safiya, Dr. Rafaat Almajadali

- Updates on the recent evacuation of Al-Awda Hospital Josh Paul, President & Director, A New Policy. Former Director at U.S. Department of State. Raymond McGovern, American Political Activist and Former Intelligence Officer. Josephine Guilbeau , Eisenhower Media Fellow,

FMR Intelligence Officer, Dr. Asfia Qadir, Psychiatrist –Sickness from Genocide, Dr. Mimi Syed and Dr. Nahhas - Eye Witness Account from Emergency Medicine Doctor, Dr. Rupa Marya, Professor of Medicine, UCSF –Pop Up Sick From Genocide Clinics, Dr. Lara Jirmanus - January 6th Mobilization and Strategy

Dr. Marie Najjar and Dr. Eman Hussney - Updates on January 8th, Medical Advocacy Day on the Hill

We would also like to invite you to join us for the Sick from Genocide Global Vigil on January 6th at 11 AM ET.

This vigil is a unified call from our medical colleagues and partners from Africa, Europe, Australia and the Middle East to honor lives lost, stand against ongoing atrocities, and demand accountability for the genocide unfolding before our eyes. **Event Details:** Date: January 6, 2025-Time: 11:00 AM ET.-Location: Online - Global Virtual Vigil. [Click to Register](#). Organized by Palestine International Federation of Associations (PIFA), and

EqualHealth, Doctors Against Genocide is joining to support this important global mobilization." Source: Email.

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_slGGii1bSdiAhungxwk5kA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_slGGii1bSdiAhungxwk5kA)

**WBAI 99.5 FM Presents "What's Happening", Wednesday January 8**

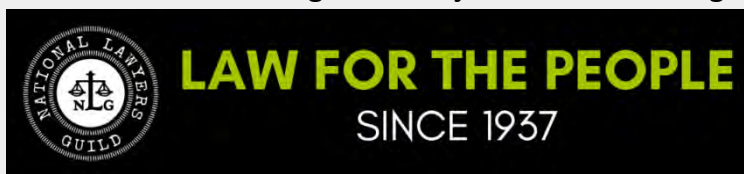
"Which Way Forward In 2025" Jan 12



“Join Sunday's January 12, 2025: Liberate Our Elders Interfaith Committee Meeting @ 7:00pm-8:00pm (EST) FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY ON THE SAME BELOW LINK BY THE Prison Lives Matter Monthly Zoom Meeting @ 8:00pm-9:30pm (EST)”

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85318614474?pwd=LYDPXLhGrtaZRlr17bMk0VB9Nlrxug.1>

### National Immigration Project Presents: Immigration Raids Response Training Jan 15



“Please note: The NLG National Office is NOT hosting this webinar or the survey. We are sharing information on behalf of the National Immigration Project. If you have any questions please reach out to them. Program

Description: With the Trump administration promising mass enforcement actions against immigrants, we have to get ready to respond. Join us the week before Inauguration Day, on January 15, 2025 from 2pm - 5pm ET, for a FREE training about what lawyers can do on the ground, in immigration court, and beyond to help immigrant communities defend and protect themselves. We will hear from speakers with direct experience responding to raids in different parts of the country. The seminar will provide a comprehensive overview of legal advocacy that's needed in response to raids, including the immediate ground level response, immigration representation, 1326 prosecutions, and federal litigation. **Speakers include:** Kara Hartzler, Appellate Attorney, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Maria Camila Herrera, Former Integration Director, Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition, Michelle Mendez, Director of Legal Resources & Training, National Immigration Project Julia Solorzano, Director of Litigation, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Mike Wishnie, William O. Douglas Clinical Professor of Law, Yale Law School. You can register for this free webinar [HERE](#). Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST Via Zoom.” Source: Email.

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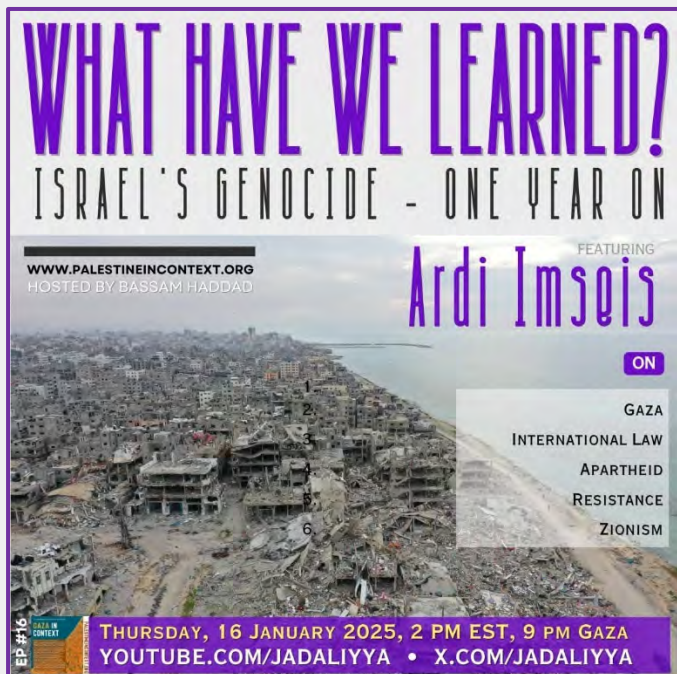
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MOVEMENT FOR 2025 & WHAT WE  
MUST DO!"

What Have We Learned? Israel's Genocide –

### One Year On Featuring Ardi Imseis Jan 16



"Gaza in Context: A Collaborative Teach-In Series  
Featuring: Ardi Imseis, Hosted By: Bassam Haddad  
Thursday, 16 January 2025, 2:00 PM EST | 9:00 PM  
Palestine **WATCH LIVE:**

YOUTUBE.COM/@JADALIYYA/STREAMS."

"Join our 16th edition of "What Have We Learned?" after one year of Israel's Genocide with Ardi Imseis, hosted by Bassam Haddad. Scholars, journalists, activists, and authors select 5 themes/topics and analyze what we have learned about them. Gaza in Context Project is billing this series as lessons learned, one year on, to break through the fog of observations, narratives, data, propaganda, and images we unfathomably continue to access/witness every day. These conversations are relatively short, intense, and insightful, delivered by thoroughly engaged speakers.

**Gaza in Context Collaborative Teach-In Series:** We are together experiencing a catastrophic unfolding of

history as Gaza endures a massive invasion of genocidal proportions. This accompanies an incessant bombardment of a population increasingly bereft of the necessities of living in response to the Hamas attack in Israel on October 7. The context within which this takes place includes a well-coordinated campaign of misinformation and the unearthing of a multitude of essentialist and reductionist discursive tropes that dehumanize Palestinians as the culprits, despite a context of structural subjugation and Apartheid, now a matter of consensus in the human rights movement. Find more information at: <https://www.palestineincontext.org/> " Source: Email.

### International People's Democratic Uhuru Movement Jan 17



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“Join us for the eighth annual [Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action from February 3–7, 2025](https://www.dcareeducators4socialjustice.org/black-lives-matter-week-action). This transformative week inspires school communities of all ages to engage in critical reflection, honest conversations, and targeted action toward building schools where Black lives truly matter. To help you prepare for this impactful week, we’re offering professional development opportunities for educators. Keep reading to discover the events and resources designed to support you!”

<https://www.dcareeducators4socialjustice.org/black-lives-matter-week-action>

### [The Spirit of Mandela Coalition & the Peoples’ Senate Organizing Committee](#)

**DID YOU KNOW that in 2021, the U.S was found GUILTY  
of five accounts 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 (published) January 9, 2023**

[peoplessenate@spiritofmandela.org](mailto:peoplessenate@spiritofmandela.org)

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

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

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

#### Section 4: Closing



#### 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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