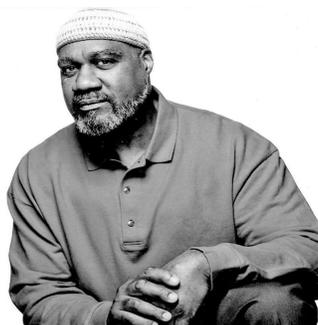


## THE NATIONAL JERICHO MOVEMENT NEWSLETTER (Vol. (1), Jan 2018)



Revolutionary Greetings.

Welcome to our first edition of the National Jericho Movement Newsletter. We hope you will find this, and our subsequent newsletters informative, engaging as well as inspiring. Thank you to all of our members and affiliations who contribute critical information regarding our Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's of War as well as updates on activities, events and actions. As we are heading towards our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, often times it is good to reflect upon where we started and how we progressed through the years. One of the National Jericho Movement's founders, Political Prisoner/Prisoner of War, Jalil Muntaqim states "After the march and rally, it was decided the momentum from the effort should continue, and the Jericho Amnesty Movement was born. The Jericho Amnesty Movement is charged with the responsibility of supporting and representing the interest of U.S. political prisoners; calling for their release, especially those known to have COINTELPRO convictions. There have been continued initiatives to raise the profile of U.S. political prisoners at the United Nations. In 2016, Jihad Abdulmumit, the current Chairperson of Jericho, made a presentation in Geneva, Switzerland on behalf of U.S. political prisoners. Jihad was a member of the Black Panther Party and BLA and a former political prisoner; he understands this struggle to forge a determination to free U.S. political prisoners. In 2018, the Jericho Amnesty Movement will reach a milestone of 20 years of actively fighting on behalf of U.S. political prisoners. In these nearly twenty years, Jericho has established a medical committee to assist political prisoners in their health needs; a legal defense committee to assist political prisoners in their legal defenses and challenges; assist families of political prisoners to visit, and continue to fight for their release...." In the spirit of fierce determination, we soldier onward.



See full article at: <http://www.freejalil.com/blog47.html>

## Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's of War:

The Jericho Movement is saddened to report that our beloved comrade **Richard Mafundi Lake** joined the Ancestors on January 21, 2018. Mafundi was found on the floor of his cell on that day at 1:15 pm. and was pronounced dead of natural causes shortly thereafter. His wife Carolyn says that Mafundi suffered from various health conditions and had suffered three strokes in the past. Richard Mafundi Lake, Family hour was on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Survivors are loving wife, Carolyn Lake; children, Dr. Vanessa Anderson, Richard (Janice) Harris, Sonya (Patrick) Lloyd, Clinton (Vanessa) Hagler, Assata Lake, and Maia Lake; sisters, Veronica Lumpkin and Theda Craig; and brother, Stephen Lake. Mafundi's decades of schooling the youth in Alabama prisons makes him the progenitor of the Free Alabama Movement and the current, burgeoning prison abolition movement across the country. There will be a public memorial for Richard Mafundi Lake on March 3, 2018 in Birmingham, Alabama.

You can leave a condolence message for Mafundi's family:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/richard-lake-obituary?pid=1000000187972518&view=guestbook>



### 1-Medical:

**Leonard Peltier:** It is very cold in the facility. People are wearing coats to visit and the Prisoners aren't allowed to wear long sleeve or sweaters in the visiting room. Additionally, Leonard is still having great issues and pain with his prostrate, knee and hip problems, and nothing has been addressed adequately. Leonard asked his supports to write to:

Warden Charles L. Lockett USP  
Coleman 1 P.O. Box 1023 Coleman FL. 33521

Request that Leonard be given an operation for his Prostate Problem. Leonard saw a specialist 2 years ago for the problem and was informed that the procedure only takes 10 to 15 mins. The Dr. recommended Leonard have the procedure done, and Leonard has requested the surgery, but nothing has been done. Leonard said his enlarged prostate is causing him increased pain and discomfort. Also, on the health front we are still waiting for Leonard to get relief on his hip and knee problems.

**Mumia Abu Jamal**-Mumia is currently dealing with a very severe skin problem which is causing intense itching, cracking and bleeding of his skin. It has affected a great portion of his body. It is so severe, he has told his wife "I can't take it anymore". Because of this condition he cannot sleep. He is also concerned about neuropathy and cirrhosis of liver.

### **Please make 3 phone calls to demand healthcare for Mumia**

If you're sick, you can go to a doctor or an emergency room to be examined and treated, in a hospital if necessary. If you're being held behind bars, getting sick can be a death sentence. Profits come before prisoner care for the Dept. of Correction's medical contractors.

SCI Mahanoy political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal needs your help in getting treatment for a severe skin disease so bad he told his wife Wadiya he "can't take it any more." For more than 2 years, he has suffered from intense itching all over his body. The treatment for hepatitis C which we fought for and won has not cleared up his severe skin conditions. He is also concerned about his cirrhosis of the liver and neuropathy. People suspect tainted water may be causing problems for many prisoners.



Mumia and recent visitors report he can't sleep because the itching is so overpowering and relentless. His condition is worsening: his back, chest and arms have become rough and leathery, alligator-like. There appear to be hairline cracks in his skin that show bleeding.

Instead of a hands-on exam by an expert dermatologist, the DOC's doctor had a teleconference with Mumia, after which Ultra Violet (UVB) treatment and Dupixent were recommended.

Mumia stopped unsupervised, self-administered UVB treatment last year because his skin got burned. Mumia's UVB treatment should be safely administered at a hospital with a Narrow Band UVB, reducing the risk of burns and is more effective than Broad Band UVB.

Mumia needs a full diagnostic work-up before he receives a new medicine like Dupixent, which can have serious side effects if administered incorrectly outside of a hospital setting.

Mumia has been unjustly imprisoned for 36 years. The DOC's continuing failure to effectively diagnose and treat this severe skin disease is nothing less than torture and is one more reason Mumia should be released from prison, now.

#### **1. Please call:**

- SCI Mahanoy Superintendent Theresa DeBalso: 570-773-2158
- PA Secretary of Corrections John E. Wetzel: (717) 728-4109
- Pa Dept of Health Acting Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine: 717-787-9857

**Demand that Mumia be taken to an independent medical facility such as Geisinger Hospital, as in 2015, which has the expertise to provide thorough hands-on diagnostic evaluation and offer supervised patient care.**

**2. Pack the court on Jan 17** in Philadelphia to support his legal case which could eventually lead to Mumia's freedom. ([https://www.facebook.com/events/1970165673306717/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/1970165673306717/?active_tab=about))

Mobilization4Mumia@gmail.com, 215-724-1618; Donate: <https://mobilization4mumia.com/donate-1/>  
International Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, International Action Center,  
Free Mumia Abu-Jamal (NYC), Campaign to Bring Mumia Home, Educators for Mumia

**Seth Hayes**- Seth is still having trouble with his pump and the calibration. Robert Seth Hayes was taken to the Albany Medical Center-around December 30-or January 1<sup>st</sup> on an emergency basis. He was there for several days. When he returned to Sullivan he feeling much better. Basically, Seth's sugars were sky high, so they took him off the pump temporarily at Albany Med Ctr and

then reintroduced the pump after making various adjustments and stabilizing his sugar levels. However, he is still having trouble with his pump and the calibration.

## 2-Legal:

-On January 12, 2018, the California Board of Parole Hearings granted parole to elderly inmate, Soledad brother **John Clutchette**. However, supporters of parole for Clutchette are concerned that California Governor Jerry Brown will reverse the Board's decision, and Clutchette will not be released. [www.angola3news.com](http://www.angola3news.com)

-Wed. January 17<sup>th</sup> 2018-**Mumia Abu-Jamal** had another hearing in open court on Wed, Jan. 17 at 9am at the Criminal (in)Justice Center, [1301 Filbert Street, Philadelphia](http://www.mobilization4mumia.com) before Common Pleas Court Judge Leon Tucker, courtroom 1108. [www.mobilization4mumia](http://www.mobilization4mumia.com)

-On Jan. 16, 2018 the Pennsylvania Parole Board denied our Brother **Michael Africa** Parole. Michael was only given a one year hit after a four and a half month wait on a decision. <http://onamove.com/>

-On January 11th 2018 Our Brother **Eddie Africa** made his latest appearance before The Pennsylvania Parole Board. The Parole Agents who interviewed Eddie seemed not at all interested in that the fact that Eddie has the recommendation of his facility for parole, nor his spotless infraction record or the fact that letters of support on behalf of his parole were written. What the agents were more interested in was with the events of August 8th 1978 which led to the arrest of Eddie and other MOVE members. Already the Parole Board is setting the tone to deny Eddie based on the nature of the crime and the refusal to admit guilt as we saw with the denial of Michael Africa this past week.

### [-Sign the online petition for Jalil's parole in 2018!](#)

"We want to bring **Anthony Jalil Bottom** back to his family and community. Mr. Bottom has been in prison since 1971, possibly for a crime he did not commit. Despite the fact that Mr. Bottom has an exemplary record, has mentored youth both inside and outside, has earned two degrees and written two books, he has been turned down for parole nine times. In June 2018, Mr. Bottom will be facing the Parole Board for the tenth time. It is way past time for Mr. Bottom to come home, as he should have been released in 2002, having served his full twenty-five year minimum. It will take the power of the people to free Mr. Bottom, as the PBA and the FOP are constantly waging a campaign for his continued imprisonment. You can find out more about Jalil Muntaqim (Anthony Bottom) on his website: <http://www.freejalil.com/> Share with your family, friends, coworkers, religious community, etc. Let's bring Jalil home this year! 46+ years is way too long to keep our beloved Freedom Fighter locked away from the world! "

**-Jalil Muntaqim:** We recently received word that Jalil's Article 78 Appeal of his 2016 Parole Board denial was also denied. Jalil's Attorney, Abraham J. Abegaz-Hassen, has provided NYC Jericho with all the documents pertaining to this decision, which we will be posting to [freejalil.com](http://freejalil.com) and [jerichony.org](http://jerichony.org) shortly.

**-Mutulu Shakur:** "Please keep in mind, I have a parole hearing scheduled in April 2018, we are all aware of the time that goes into preparing for such a hearing, and I will be more than likely requesting some form of support to re-enforce my re-entry to our community. I would like to

thank all the supports who have supported me over the years and have been steady in the support for my basic survival". <http://mutulushakur.com/site/2018/01/new-years-letter/>

### 3-Family/Community/Supporters:

-'For **The Aafia Foundation, Inc.**, the word/name Aafia carries double significance. In addition to the above, the exceptional human being who was given this name at birth, Aafia Siddiqui, will mark 15 YEARS of political imprisonment (as a prisoner of war) on March 30, 2018.

The campaign formally begins with an awareness and fundraising initiative THIS WEEK, when I begin my journey into the south on Wednesday with stops in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Texas. Following my trip into the south-southwest, I will head toward Minneapolis (MN) to lend my support to a fundraising event for a friend's human rights project (and while there take advantage of any opportunity that may arise to help spread awareness of ours as well). 'The Call For Aafia Campaign' will culminate with human rights initiatives for **Dr. Aafia Siddiqui** throughout the month of March – ending the month with a special mobilization to bring attention to ALL Muslim Political Prisoners!' <https://aafia.org/support/>

### 4-Writings/Statements/Interviews:

-**Leonard's Peltier's** paintings are still available for sale. Special price on painting pictured "Blue Cloud Country" this painting brings us warmth and the thought of spring in these cold winter months. Please email for inquiries: [art@whoisleonardpeltier.info](mailto:art@whoisleonardpeltier.info)



-**Mutulu Shakur:** 2018 New Year's Letter – April Hearing Coming Up

Posted on January 18, 2018 by Family and Friends-'Peace,

Firstly, I would like to ask for your forgiveness for such a long delay in responding to your letters of support, encouragement, seasons greetings and most importantly your individual requests. My delay is not indicative of disregard in any way– rather this last period, which has special

implications in the Trump Era calls for response and flexibility concerning various time tables..."  
See letter at: <http://mutulushakur.com/site/2018/01/new-years-letter/>

**-Jalil Muntaqim:** To: Community-at-Large  
Fr: Jalil A. Muntaqim Date: January 15, 2018  
Re: Congratulations for Package Victory

"Dear Families and Friends:

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your hard work and determination to defeat the draconian Directive 4911A restrictions on incarcerated persons' receipt of packages from family and friends. Back in my day, we had a slogan that expressed this initiative and victory; it was "Power to the People." It is when the people collectively unite and decide to act on a common purpose, they are empowered to challenge the system and win..." Please see full Letter at: <http://www.freejalil.com/blog49.html>

**-Jalil Muntiqim's Blog #50:** The Unpragmatic Debate:

"With some degree of amusement I have been reading the debate between writers, scholars and academics regarding Cornell West's critique of Ta Nehisi Coates' analysis of Black life, Obama's Presidency, and the general struggle. While I am in agreement with the premise of Cornell's critique, there is a missing element. This missing element not only pertains to the critique, rather it is a broader philosophical and political issue encompassing the entire reality of Black existence and struggle in America..." see full article at: <http://www.freejalil.com/blog50.html>

Listen to [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#) and [Part 4](#) of **Interview with Jalil by CKUT Prison Radio in Montreal:**

<http://www.freejalil.com/images3/jalilpart1wPRSintro.mp3>

<http://www.freejalil.com/images3/jalilpart2final.mp3>

[http://www.freejalil.com/images3/CKUT\\_Jalil\\_Part3.mp3](http://www.freejalil.com/images3/CKUT_Jalil_Part3.mp3)

[http://www.freejalil.com/images3/CKUT\\_Jalil\\_Part4.mp3](http://www.freejalil.com/images3/CKUT_Jalil_Part4.mp3)

See: "**Dr. Muhammad interviews Jalil Abdul Muntaqim** a former Black Panther member who was convicted 40+ years ago for a crime he didn't commit..." " <https://youtu.be/a-URs8fJFHU>  
<http://www.freejalil.com/muhammadinterview.html>

**Interview with Jalil Muntaqim by Claude Marks**, Director of the Freedom Archives, Former Political Prisoner. <http://www.freejalil.com/Prison.Jalil.cm.mp3>

**Please Write to Jalil at:**

Anthony Bottom #77A4283

Sullivan C.F. PO Box 116

Fallsburg, NY 12733-0116

**-Kevin Rashid Johnson-Florida Prisoners Are Laying It Down** "During early 2018 prisoners across Florida are gonna "laydown" in nonviolent protest of the intolerable conditions in Florida's prisons. The objectionable conditions being protested include unpaid slave labor,

compounded by outright price-gouging in the system's commissary and package services, and the gain-time scam that replaced parole, which, coupled with extreme sentencing, has created overcrowding and inhumane conditions. The "laydown" will consist of a prisoners work stoppage and their refusal to participate in any state-sanctioned or related activities, and is planned to last for several weeks, or perhaps indefinitely until their concerns are addressed. It is imperative that the public be aware of the prisoners' need for resolutions and of their abuses..."Please see the rest of the article at: <https://imixwhatilike.org/2018/01/03/florida-prisoners-laying-it-down/>

## 5-Call for Action & other Requests:

-Soledad Brother' **John Clutchette** - Angola 3 Newsletter: "Brother Clutchette is approaching seventy-five years of age. Officials need to know that political accountability will await them for doing so. Readers must make John Clutchette's story a topic of robust discussion. Most importantly, they must speak their immediate opposition to Governor Brown. Supporters can mail a written letter, send a fax, make a phone call, and/or send an email to his office.' Contact Information for Governor Brown, Suggested Talking Points and Sample Letter: Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173 Sacramento, California 95814 Phone: [\(916\) 445-2841](tel:9164452841) Fax: [\(916\) 558-3160](tel:9165583160) " Link to email submission page: <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov39mail/http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102316625122&ca=100e0f6b-fa9b-4651-8b6c-af2ae5aca9c5>

-**Jaan K. Laaman**, long-time anti-imperialist political prisoner, has been transferred to USP McCreary in Kentucky — after being held in segregation at USP Tucson for over 270 days — over 8 months. Please send greetings to:  
Jaan Laaman #10372-016 USP McCreary  
P.O. Box 3000 Pine Knot, KY 42635  
[Free Jaan Laaman](#)

-**Russell Maroon Shoatz** has been recently transferred. Please write to him at:  
Russell Maroon Shoatz #AF-3855  
SCI Dallas [1000 Follies Road](#)  
Dallas, Pennsylvania 18612  
<https://russellmaroonshoats.wordpress.com/>

-Demand Immediate Parole For **Edward Goodman Africa** Am-4974  
Ona Move, The Justice And Accountability Campaign. For More Info: [www.onamove.com](http://www.onamove.com)

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**Kevin "Rashid" Johnson #158039**

**Kevin "Rashid" Johnson (#158039) wrote an article** about the Florida prison strike, which was published online on January 9, 2018. The following day warden Barry Reddish retaliated against Kevin's use of his First Amendment rights, ordering that he be given a disciplinary infraction for "inciting a riot". Further, on January 19th Johnson was thrown in a cold cell, with a broken toilet, no heating, and with a window that will not fully close, allowing cold wind to blow into the cell. The cell has the same temperature as the outside, where temperatures have been repeatedly at or below freezing. We have not heard anything from Kevin since January 19th. Warden Barry Reddish must be held accountable for illegal retaliation and, now, the torture of Kevin "Rashid" Johnson. We demand that Johnson is moved to a safe and clean cell, with normal indoor temperatures and with a toilet that works. We demand that Johnson be allowed to call his attorneys immediately. We demand that warden Reddish and all other Florida Department of Corrections officials stop retaliating against Kevin for his reporting on conditions in their prisons".

<http://rashidmod.com/>

**PLEASE CALL**

Warden Barry Reddish

Florida State Prison

Raiford, FL 32083

[904-368-2500](tel:904-368-2500)

**DEMAND:**

Move Johnson to a properly climate controlled cell with a working toilet, Immediately allow Johnson to make phone calls to his attorneys, Stop retaliating against him for reporting on conditions in your prisons

Please report back on the response to your call, Send reports back to:

[jaybeware@riseup.net](mailto:jaybeware@riseup.net)

(<https://imixwhatilike.org/2018/01/25/urgent-call-alert-kevin-rashid-johnson/> )

-Support Colombian Political Prisoner **Simon Trinidad** Held at US Maximum Security Prison.

Please send letters to Simon Trinidad. He is in a maximum-security prison with limited communication with his family and the outside world, to let him know that he is not alone.

Note that the letter has to be addressed exactly as follows:

Juvenal Ovidio Palmera Pineda

Reg. Number 27896-016

USP Florence ADMAX

PO BOX 8000

FLORENCE, CO 81226

<http://resumen-english.org/2018/01/support-colombian-political-prisoner-simon-trinidad-held-at-us-maximum-security-prison/> (Freedom archives)

**-Leonard Peltier-** Leonard had a cold for over a week and he is still recovering his strength from the heart surgery. He is better now but it is extremely cold within the prison and during the cold snap here in Florida he had to get extra blankets to keep warm. The coldness extends to the visiting area where the visitors often wear sweaters or jackets and Leonard and other prisoners have on short sleeved jumpsuits. The prisoners are Not even allowed to wear long sleeve undershirts or sweatshirts to stay warm in the visiting area for security reasons the guards say.

Leonard asked his supports to write to:

Warden Charles L. Lockett USP

Coleman 1

P.O. Box 1023

Coleman FL. 33521

Request that Leonard be given an operation for his Prostate Problem. Leonard saw a specialist 2 years ago for the problem and was informed that the procedure only takes 10 to 15 mins. The Dr. recommended Leonard have the procedure done, and Leonard has requested the surgery, but nothing has been done. Leonard said his enlarged prostate is causing him increased pain and discomfort. Also, on the health front we are still waiting for Leonard to get relief on his hip and knee problems. Even brother Turtle moves faster than the Bureau of Prisons when it comes to health care". Contact [contact@whoisleonardpeltier.info](mailto:contact@whoisleonardpeltier.info)

**-Leonard Peltier:** There will be events on the 6th of February recognizing the start of Leonard's 43 year in captivity. There is also a Meet and Greet for Leonard's attorney on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> to introduce him to the St. Pete and Tampa Bay area. contact [contact@whoisleonardpeltier.info](mailto:contact@whoisleonardpeltier.info)

**-Imam Jamil Al-Amin:** "Yahya Abdussabur, a leading supporter of Imam Jamil Al-Amin, in distributing this letter by email, writes: The letter is part of the continuing effort to gain freedom for our beloved Imam Jamil Al-Amin. As Allaah has enjoined on us, "Enjoin what is right and forbid what is evil" and as the Holy Prophet has said, "Want for your brother what you want for yourself." **Please sign this letter** and encourage your jamaat, friends and associates to do the same." By the end of January, nearly 500 had signed, and your signature is requested as well. Go to <http://www.kundnani.org/jamilalamin/>, where you can read the open letter and the list of people who have signed so far. A simple form is provided for adding your signature.

Freedom Archives [522 Valencia Street San Francisco, CA 94110 415 863.9977](http://www.freedomarchives.org/)

<https://freedomarchives.org/>

<http://sfbayview.com/2018/02/end-the-isolation-of-jamil-al-amin-formerly-h-rap-brown/>

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## **Birthday's:**

### **JANUARY:**

It is never too late to send a birthday card! Please send your greetings to:

Acoli, Sundiata (Squire) #39794-066

FCI Cumberland, P.O. Box 1000

Cumberland, MD 21501

**Birthdate: January 14, 1937 Sundiata Acoli:** is a Black/New Afrikan Political Prisoner of War. A tireless worker for Black Liberation, Sundiata was a prominent member of the New York State Chapter of the Black Panther Party. After acquittal from the NY Panther 21 Conspiracy Trial Frameup and being continually targeted by the FBI's illegal COINTELPRO operation, Sundiata continued the struggle underground with the Black Liberation Army. In 1973 he, Zayd and Assata Shakur were ambushed by New Jersey state troopers. Zayd Shakur was killed, while Assata was seriously wounded and taken into custody. One state trooper was killed in the attack and another injured. In a political charged and biased trial Sundiata was sentenced to life plus 30 years. In 2010 Sundiata was denied parole, but the fight for his freedom continues.

**Bell, Herman #79C0262**

Shawangunk Correctional Facility

P.O. Box 700, Wallkill, NY 12589

**Birthdate: January 14, 1948 Herman Bell:** is a former member of the Black Panther Party framed for the murder of a police officer in New York and is serving 25 years to life in prison. Herman Bell was born in Mississippi and moved to Brooklyn, New York as a boy. He was a talented High School football player and won a football scholarship to the University of California in Oakland. While in Oakland, Herman joined the Black Panther Party and became active around human rights issues in the Black community. In 1971, he went underground because of relentless FBI attacks on the Black Panther Party. While underground, Herman joined the Black Liberation Army, and in September of 1973 he was captured and extradited to New York on charges of having killed 2 New York City police officers— a case for which Jalil Muntaqim and Nuh Washington were already serving time. No witnesses were able to put Herman at the scene of the crime. The first trial ended in a hung jury and he was convicted at his second trial and given 25 years to life.

## **FEBRUARY:**

**Bowers, Veronza #35316-136**

USP Atlanta, P.O. Box 150160, Atlanta, GA 30315

**Birthdate: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1946 Veronza Bowers Jr.** is a former Black Panther Party member framed for the murder of a U.S. Park Ranger. He is being illegally held past his 30 year sentences, making him one of the longest-held political prisoners in U.S. history. Unjustly convicted in 19 of this murder on the word of two government informers, both of whom received reduced sentences for other crimes by the Federal prosecutor's office. There were no eye-witnesses and no evidence independent of these informants to link him to the crime. At his trial, Veronza offered alibi testimony which was not credited by the jury. Nor was testimony of two relatives of the informants who insisted that they were lying. The informants had all charges against them in this case dropped and one was given \$10,000 by the government according to the prosecutor's post-sentencing report. Veronza has consistently proclaimed his innocence of the crime he never committed, even at the expense of having his appeals for parole denied, for which an admission of guilt and contrition is virtually required, he insists on maintaining his innocence

**-Hilton, Freddie (Kamau Sadiki) #0001150688**

Augusta State Medical Prison, Bldg 23A-2

3001 Gordon Highway, Grovetown, GA 30813

**Birthday: February 19, 1953** **Kamau Sadiki** is a former member of the Black Panther Party and was convicted of a 30-year old murder case of a Fulton County Police Officer found shot to death in his car outside a service station. Kamau joined the Black Panther Party and began the struggle for his freedom at the age of 17 by dedicating his life to the service of his people. He worked out of the Jamaica, New York office of the Black Panther Party. A rank and file party member, Kamau worked in the Free Breakfast Program each morning and then went out into the community to sell the BPP newspaper later in the day. While selling his papers he continued to educate the people, while organizing tenants, welfare mothers, whomever he came in contact. At the end of the day, he reported to the office. He wrote his daily report and attended political education classes.

At 19 Kamau became a member of the Black Liberation Army (BLA). Several members of the BLA, including Kamau, left New York City and lived in the Atlanta area for a short period of time. On November 3, 1971 Atlanta Police Officer James Green was murdered. On the night of the murder, two witnesses observed three black males run from a van where Officer Green sat at a gas station in downtown Atlanta. Both witnesses failed to identify Kamau from a photographic line-up and there was no physical evidence that implicated Mr. Sadiki. In 1971, the Atlanta police department closed the case as unsolved. Then in 1999, the FBI in pursuit of collaboration in their attempts to recapture Assata Shakur, a political exile in Cuba, threatened Sadiki with life in prison if he did not assist them. When Sadiki did not comply the FBI convinced Atlanta police to re-open the case and charge Sadiki. In 2001, an alleged former BLA member gave a statement about the 1971 murder after being detained during a traffic stop. With no eyewitness testimony and no physical evidence, the State based its case entirely upon the statements of three alleged BLA members who were present in Atlanta at the time of Officer Green's murder.

In 2002 Kamau was finally arrested again in Brooklyn, New York some thirty one (31) years later after the murder; And then on November 10, 2003, Judge Stephanie Manis sentenced Kamau Sadiki to life imprisonment for murder and ten (10) years to run consecutively for armed robbery after a Fulton County Superior Court jury found him guilty for the murder of Atlanta Police Officer James Green on November 3, 1971

**Chubbuck, Byron Shane (Oso Blanco) #07909-051**

USP Lewisburg, PO Box 1000, Lewisburg, PA 17837

**Birthday: February 26, 1967** **Byron Shane "Oso Blanco" Chubbuck:** is an Indigenous rights activist & Native American Political Prisoner of War who was labeled "Robin the Hood" by the FBI for repeatedly expropriating funds from banks, only to give the money to folks in the hood. Based on the testimony of a confidential informant Oso Blanco was also accused of robbing banks in order to acquire funds to support the Zapatista rebellion in Chiapas, Mexico throughout 1998-99. Currently serving 80 years for bank robbery, aggravated assault on the FBI, escape and firearms charges in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Oso Blanco is unwilling to renounce his revolutionary politics and is periodically attacked and tortured by guards. For updates and ways to help, visit his support site [osoblanco.org](http://osoblanco.org)

**Ka'bah, Abdullah Malik (aka Jeff Fort) #92298-024**

USP Florence ADMAX, P.O. Box 8500, Florence, CO 81226

**Birthday: February 20, 1947** **Ka'bah, Abdullah Malik "Jeff Fort":** was born on February 20, 1947 in Aberdeen, Mississippi and later moved to Chicago, Illinois with his family, residing on

Blackstone Avenue. In 1966, he assumed command of the Blackstone Rangers street gang and by 1968 he renamed it to The Almighty Black P. Stone Nation which had, under his leadership, become the largest and most powerful street organization in Chicago. It was during this time that he first became victim to a failed FBI COINTELPRO plot to forge a Chicago street war between The Stones and the Black Panther Party which was under the leadership of Chairman Fred Hampton who was shortly murdered by the Chicago Police in another COINTELPRO plot. In 1968, the FBI, under COINTELPRO, continued its campaign as the Stones federally funded teen jobs program came under investigation amid accusations that grant money was diverted to criminal activities and Fort was subpoenaed to testify before a Senate committee where he introduced himself at the committee hearings and walked out; for this, he was first convicted of contempt of Congress and then in 1972 finally convicted of misusing federal funds and sentenced to five years in prison. During his time at USP Leavenworth, he converted to Islam and assumed the name Prince Malik. After his release from prison in 1976 he joined the Moorish Science Temple. In 1978, he returned to Chicago and renamed the Black P. Stones to the El Rukn Tribe of the Moorish Science Temple: El Rukn being Arabic for pillar. Once again the FBI made moves on his organization as he was convicted in 1983 of drug trafficking charges and sentenced to 13 years in prison. He was sent to the Federal Correctional Institution at Bastrop, Texas where it is alleged that he continued to lead El Rukn through daily telephone calls from prison in order to instruct members of El Rukn to meet with Libyan officials and agree to commit terrorist acts in the U.S. in exchange for \$2.5 million. In 1987, by use of COINTELPRO type methods, he was tried and convicted for allegedly conspiring to transport explosives and conspiracy to commit violent acts of domestic terrorism in the United States on behalf, at the direction, or as representative of the Government of Libya. He was sentenced to 80 years imprisonment and transferred to the USP Marion, the federal supermax prison in Marion, Illinois. In 1988, he was also convicted of ordering the 1981 murder of a rival gang leader and was sentenced to 75 years in prison to be served after the completion of his terror conspiracy sentence. He was transferred to the newly opened ADX Florence supermax underground prison in Florence, Colorado in 2006 and remains there as of 2012, being under a no human contact order since his arrival.

## **Jericho Movement's Current Work and Progress:**

### **Current Highlights:**

During the month of January we have been busy planning for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our event will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Holyrood Episcopal Church, [715 W. 179th St. New York, New York](#). Dinner will be served downstairs from 5 to 6 p.m. The Program will be from 6:30pm. to 9:00pm. in the Sanctuary. So far our speakers will be: **Jericho National Co-Chair Jihad Abdulmumit and Pam Africa of ICFMAJ and MOVE Organization** with additional speakers to be announced. There will also be Culture, Music, and Spoken Word performances. We hope you will join us! For more information please contact: **National Jericho Movement:** [nationaljericho@gmail.com](mailto:nationaljericho@gmail.com) **NYC Chapter:** [nycjericho@gmail.com](mailto:nycjericho@gmail.com) [917-544-1577](tel:917-544-1577) [thejerichomovement.com](http://thejerichomovement.com) [jerichony.org](http://jerichony.org)

Please Click [here](#) to download a flier and here to [donate for ongoing expenses](#)

We are inviting those organizations and individuals who have shared some of that history to take out ads in our commemorative journal sending messages of support to Jericho, as well as advertising your organization and/or any upcoming events. The options for ad size are:

Full page (7.5" x 10") \$ 200

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We are very excited about our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as it marks two decades of ongoing commitment and struggle. Please see the powerful article written by The National Jericho Movement Chair and former Political Prisoner, Jihad Abdulmumit:

“The Jericho Movement to Free All Political Prisoners (now more commonly known as the National Jericho Movement) was started by Safiyah Bukhari (d. 2003), Herman Ferguson (d. 2014) and Jalil Abdulmuntaqim, who is a Black Panther political prisoner incarcerated for over 44 years. Jericho has maintained a steady course for 20 years. Beginning with its famous march on Washington in 1998, Jericho has continued to campaign to free freedom fighters, community activists and revolutionaries primarily from movements of the 1960s and ‘70s.

As time passes from decade to decade, one of the most difficult challenges facing Jericho is maintaining the continuous process of education of communities across the United States to the realization that political prisoners actually exist in this country. As movements come and go, racism and oppression remain; as well as those who have stood and fought against injustices, exploitation, and police and state sponsored violence remaining in prison for decades. Federal and state government, academics and media have done a stellar job in minimizing, misrepresenting and erasing the history and context of domestic revolutionary movements.

Without any historical context and analysis, freedom fighters of the past are easily made to look as though they are no more than common criminals. As a matter of fact, all revolutionary movements have been made to appear as such. Therefore, a profound nexus between movements and struggles past and present is the realization and support for political prisoners.

As time passes from decade to decade, one of the most difficult challenges facing Jericho is maintaining the continuous process of education of communities across the United States to the realization that political prisoners actually exist in this country. Support for political prisoners requires not just knowing, but doing. It requires action.

During the civil rights and national liberation struggle era, many revolutionary organizations, freedom fighters and community activists were victimized by the government’s counter intelligence program (COINTELPRO) unleashed by then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in the 1950s to disrupt the activities

of the Communist Party of the United States. In the 1960s, it was expanded to include domestic revolutionary organizations and militants, including members of the Black Panther Party, American Indian Movement, Revolutionary Action Movement, Young Lords and white anti-imperialists.

In its arsenal, the counter intelligence program employed tactics such as assassination of leaders, torture, Black propaganda, frame ups and imprisonment. It became a specific focused goal of COINTELPRO to ensure that no viable Black messiah or leadership arises to motivate and organize Black people toward freedom, justice and equality. In 1975 the Senate's Frank Church hearing declared COINTELPRO to be an illegal program. COINTELPRO continues today under many names, all of which now are perfectly legal.

It's unconscionable for activists and human right organizations today to overlook or abandon those who have sacrificed their lives for the movement and who languish in prisons for 30, 40 and 50 years! It is the responsibility of all conscious people, activists and human rights organizations to become informed about political prisoners and to realize that political arrests and incarcerations continue till this day. It is one of the state's natural and historical repressive responses to those who fight for freedom, justice and the right to self-determination.

There are dozens, perhaps hundreds of political prisoners in the United States. Most notable are those who have come from socio-political movements, such as Mumia Abu Jamal, Leonard Peltier, Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Sundiata Acoli and the remaining MOVE members, just to name a few familiar names[i]. There are also those who have become political while in prison, akin to the life experience of the renowned revolutionary, George Jackson, assassinated Aug. 21, 1971, in San Quentin Prison. Then there are those cases that are political, not because of the conscious level of the person involved, but because of the racism inherent within the institution of policing and the judicial system itself. When all of these factors are considered, the United States does indeed have thousands of political prisoners.

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Jericho has local chapters across the United States. Some of its activities include actively maintaining direct communication with each political prisoner by visiting and writing them; providing financial assistance to them and their families as needed and when possible; advocating for their increasing medical needs, particularly as everyone gets older; working on amnesty campaigns – legal and political; educating people and communities across the United States with the strategic objective of building a mass movement to free all political prisoners; and building working alliances and coalitions with other like-minded people and organizations.

Uniquely, Jericho establishes communication with each political prisoner it represents so that they have a direct say in the direction of the organization.

Recently, political prisoner Jalil Abdilmuntaqim called for an international initiative named "In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela." This initiative will appeal to the international community, including the International Commission of Jurists, to call for special hearings within the United Nations to review the cases of political prisoners in the United States.

This initiative will reveal to the world the continuing historical conditions of racism, political repression and economic exploitation of the masses of people, particularly Black people, and acknowledge the gallant fight of scores of revolutionaries in building a society free of racism, exploitation and oppression. It will declare the continued incarceration of those who fought against these conditions as political prisoners whose human rights have been violated and who deserve to be freed.

Jericho calls on and invites activists and human rights organizations throughout the United States to join in this strategic effort. This is the call made by El-Hajj Malik El Shabazz and those before and after him who stressed the importance of raising our socio-political abuses beyond that of civil rights and place them squarely on the international stage of human rights.

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This is the call; this is the mission. Bringing the issue of political prisoners in the United States to the international stage will also serve to educate and connect international communities, organizations and governments to the history of U.S. repression and the peoples' liberation struggles for freedom.

On March 24, 2018, the Jericho Movement will celebrate its 20th year anniversary of the original march on the White House. The event will take place in New York City and will include dinner and speakers as well as conscious performers. Not only are we looking forward to celebrating this 20-year milestone but we are more importantly looking forward to honoring its founders, their families as well as all of our PPs and POWs who have been waiting on their freedom.

While we stay within the guidelines and missives that were originally created, we are also taking innovative steps and approaches which will put us in a more strategically conducive position to address our PPs' and POWs' needs in this politically charged climate. Although we've had some victories and some losses over the last 20 years, we remain committed to bringing home our beloved freedom fighters who sacrificed so much, yet are still trapped behind the prison walls.

As this is a monumental event for not only those of us in service to free our freedom fighters, it is also an anniversary of importance to our political prisoners who started this movement in the spirit of hope and determination. Freedom fighters, their families and loved ones who remember the March on Washington are counting on all of us to help bring them home.

We ask for your support to make this a successful and memorable event which will produce forward thinking as we honor the Jericho Movement's missives, our freedom fighters and their families as well as all those who have fought alongside of us in seeking their rightful freedom. Your much appreciated donations (go to <http://www.thejerichomovement.com/donate>) will help defray the costs of our anniversary celebration, such as assisting with travel expenses to bring former PPs to the event, catering and printing costs, as well as provide support for our continued efforts to "Free Them All."

Free the Land!  
Free all Political Prisoners!

January 1, 2018  
by Jihad Abdulmumit

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Jericho is actively maintaining direct connection with each political prisoner by visiting and writing them. Financial assistance was provided in January to Political Prisoner's to cover needs as well as family visits. Jericho actively advocated for medical and legal needs in January given the dire situations with Seth and our PP's/POW's either going to parole hearings or those filing legal papers.

Many Jericho meetings occurred during the month of January across the nation to discuss the campaign "in the Spirit of Nelson Mandela, for political education classes, prisoner letter writing, organizing for various events as well as supporting affiliates and other organizations in shared missives. Jericho members participated in many forums this month as well as were keynote speakers at events.

The Jericho Movement initiated as well as participated in many calls to action this month. One important action was in support of Ahd Tamini. The Jericho Movement endorsed and joined the mobilization to free Ahd Tamimi on January 30. Jericho supports and participates in actions for Call To action on Puerto Rico! for the Puerto Ricans in the diaspora protest privatization and austerity measures in Puerto Rico among other causes and missives that align with freedom, self determination and ending oppression.

### **In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Campaign**

Jericho is spearheading the "In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela" campaign proposed by political prisoner and co-founder of the National Jericho Movement Jalil Abdul Muntaqim. This initiative appeals to the international community, including the International Commission of Jurists, to call for special hearings within the United Nations to review the cases of Political Prisoners. Several meetings have already occurred in collaboration with interested others, and much headway is being made regarding organizing efforts. As we prepare to launch the In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela, Bring Back the International Jurists Campaign, we are providing links to some important documents. One of these is the United Nations Mandela Rules, unanimously passed by the Security Counsel in December of 2015. Another important document is Jalil Muntaqim's essay regarding the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the International Jurists. Please see links and Docs at:

<http://www.freejalil.com/2017juristsUN.html>

[Click here to read the Report of International Jurists—Visit with Human Rights Petitioners in the United States, August 3-20, 1979.](#)

Political Prisoner/Prisoner of War, Jalil Muntaqim states in his blog "recently the Jericho Amnesty Movement embarked on a new national and international campaign to persuade the U.N. International Jurists to initiate a formal investigation on human rights abuses of U.S. political prisoners. To further demand the U.S. Corporate Government implement the U.N. Minimum Standards on the Treatment of Prisoners, and for the immediate release of our political prisoners. This especially calls for the release of those with COINTELPRO convictions who have languished in prison for 30 to 50 years. These political prisoners were contemporaries of Nelson Mandela; when he was fighting against Apartheid in South Afrika, they were fighting against Jim Crow segregation and second-class citizenship in the U.S. This Jericho campaign motto is "In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela" and activists across the country are urged to join and support in whatever way they are able in political solidarity toward the building of the National Coalition for the Human Rights of Political Prisoners".

(<http://www.freejalil.com/blog47.html>).

As we move forward into 2018, 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 fighter's who are now elders **still** in these dungeons , but also for those Political Prisoner's who are to come in the future-and surely

they will, given the escalating oppression and fascism that is swiftly seeping through every crevice in this country. Unless a sudden change permeates the power structures, the number of political prisoner's will grow. COINTELPRO is still alive and running many missives in which to entrap those who oppose the tyrannical, oppressive & racism regime. In the many decades of their operations they have become even more cunning and sophisticated. Our hope is to unify the people who truly want to move forward towards a better future for all, **not just some**-and to use the power of unified numbers to stand as **strong as a spider web** against those who have chosen a destructive path to abolish human rights and dignity.

As our Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's of War are aging and too many have already died behind these dungeon walls, it is imperative that we as a collective, continue to go even harder in the quest for their freedom. They have been waiting patiently... for 30, 40, 50 years. "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."—**Nelson Mandela**  
As Jericho has withstood many obstacles in the past 20 years, we are still here, and we will not fall back. We are relentless in bringing our beloved freedom fighters home.

## Gratitude and Appreciation

It is with great gratitude that we express our sincere appreciation to you-our supporters. Without your help, we could not accomplish all that we do for our Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's 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/Prisoner's of War, your support helps make this possible. We know it, and our Political Prisoner's/Prisoner's of War know it as well. There is power in the people, and this is where their 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 heavy confining door swings open and they finally step into their families 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 super power 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 Prisoner's/Prisoner's 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

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

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