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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 affiliations 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. Much work has been done by Jericho and other organizations, and there is still much more work to do.

With 20 years behind us and much work ahead, Jericho is growing and is taking on new projects and missions. Our shared vision is that we will reach a time in this country (and others) wherein there will be no more Political Prisoner's/Prisoners of War. We envision the day when they **all** will walk free and into their family's arms-who have been waiting for decades. We hope you join us in making this a reality.

*When a cause comes along and you know in your bones that it is
 just, yet refuse to defend it--at that moment you begin to die.
 And I have never seen so many corpses walking around talking about
 justice.
 Mumia Abu-Jamal*

Jericho Movement's Current Work and Progress

Jericho actively maintains direct connections with our Political Prisoners by visiting or writing them monthly. We also maintain contact and assist their families. We monitor health & legal status and provide support and intervention. We hold political education classes, table at events, travel to give presentations, interviews and speak on radio shows. We are actively involved in collaborating with and supporting other organizations and events which are in alignment with our missions and values to break down walls of injustice, racism, oppression and Free our Political Prisoners. Jericho meetings and teleconferences occurred during the month nationwide. The Jericho Movement has initiated as well as supported and participated in many rallies, events and calls to action this month. We are currently focusing on the campaign “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela”, supporting our PP’s who are going for parole hearings and addressing several health and legal issues of our Political Prisoners. We are also tending to “end of the year” goals and deadlines, as well as pre-planning for a spring National Jericho conference.

Jericho Retreat: Jericho is in the process of planning our yearly retreat. We are looking at summer in Providence Rhode Island. More details to follow!

Food Packages: NYC Jericho provided food packages for several Political Prisoners this month who were happy to receive food that was healthy and they enjoyed.

Jericho Highlights and Tributes

Love Live John Africa,

Delbert Africa is FREE after 41 Years!!!!

THE NATIONAL JERICHO MOVEMENT JOINS IN WITH ALL OF ITS COMRADES, FRIENDS, FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS TO CELEBRATE THE LONG AWAITED RELEASE OF THE LAST OF OUR MOVE COMRADES - CHUCK AFRICA - FROM PRISON. LET OUR MOMENT TO CELEBRATE HEIGHTEN OUR REALIZATION OF THE PAIN AND SACRIFICE CHUCK AND ALL OF OUR MOVE SISTERS AND BROTHERS HAD TO ENDURE FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES; AND THAT THERE REMAINS DOZENS MORE POLITICAL PRISONERS CONTINUING TO ENDURE THE SAME. WE RELISH IN LOOKING AT YOUR PHOTOS WITH FAMILY UPON YOUR RELEASE. THE JOY AND RELIEF ARE INTENSELY BEAUTIFUL. WE CAN'T WAIT TO CROSS PATHS AND EMBRACE. CHUCK AFRICA'S RELEASE MOTIVATES US ALL TO FIGHT EVEN HARDER FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL FREEDOM FIGHTERS! FOUR AND FIVE DECADES CAN NO LONGER BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY. WE HAVE WITHIN US THE WISDOM AND DETERMINATION TO FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS! UNITED, WE CAN BE VICTORIOUS!

ALL OUR LOVE AND RESPECT TO OUR MOVE COMRADES!

TO OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS HAVING TO SACRIFICE THE TORTURE OF OVER FOUR DECADES OF CAPTIVITY

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
National Jericho Movement



Pam and Carlos Africa bringing Del home on January 18, 2020



Delbert with his daughter Yvonne.

Move 9 member Delbert Orr Africa freed after 42 years in prison Ed Pilkington -
January 18, 2020

One of the great open wounds of the 1970s black liberation struggle came closer to being healed on Saturday with the release of Delbert Orr Africa, a member of the Move 9 group who has been

imprisoned for 42 years for a crime he says he did not commit.

Del Africa walked free from Pennsylvania's state correctional institution, Dallas, on Saturday morning after a long struggle to convince parole authorities to release him. He is the eighth of the nine Move members – five men and four women – to be released or to have died while in prison. Only one of the nine, Chuck Africa, remains behind bars. The nine were arrested and sentenced to 30 years to life following a dramatic police siege of their communal home in Philadelphia which culminated with a shootout on 8 August 1978. In the maelstrom a police officer, James Ramp, was killed with a single bullet. Move has always denied that any of its members were responsible.

Brad Thomson, a member of Del Africa's legal team, said the decision to release him on parole "affirms what the movement to free the Move 9 has been arguing for decades: that their continued incarceration is unjust".

Thomson added: "With the release of Delbert, that leaves Charles 'Chuck' Africa as the last member of the Move 9 to still be in prison. Chuck went before the parole board last month and we are optimistic that he will be released in the very near future."

The Guardian told the story of Del Africa and his fellow Move 9 member Janine Phillips Africa in a series of articles on black radicals who have been incarcerated for decades as a result of their activities in the 1960s, 70s Move was formed in Philadelphia as a group of black radicals committed not only to the liberation and 80s. from racial oppression, in tune with the Black Panther party of the time, but also to environmentalist and back-to-nature ideals. They lived, as they still do today, as a family, taking "Africa" as their shared last name. Over two years, from prison, Del Africa related his story to the Guardian in emails and a three-hour interview. He recounted how he became engaged in the black struggle when a girlfriend introduced him to the Black Panther Party in Chicago in the late 1960s. Later, he moved to Philadelphia and drifted into Move. He was inside the Move house in Powelton Village in the summer of 1978 when it came under police siege.

The city, under a notoriously brutal mayor, Frank Rizzo, wanted to evict the group on the grounds that they were a nuisance and an affront to public decency.

When the shootout broke out, police went in with guns and water cannon. Del Africa provided one of the astonishing images of the black liberation struggle when he emerged from the house with his arms outstretched, as if on the cross, while a police officer jabbed a rifle in his neck.

Video footage shows two officers throwing him to the ground and kicking him on the head, which bounces between them like a ball.

Africa described the event: "A cop hit me with his helmet. Smashed my eye. Another cop swung his shotgun and broke my jaw. I went down, and after that I don't remember anything till I came to and a dude was dragging me by my hair and cops started kicking me in the head."

For six years of his incarceration, Delbert Africa was put in an infamous solitary confinement wing known by prisoners as the "dungeon". His isolation was imposed because he refused to have his dreadlocks cut – part of the Move philosophy.

He recalled in Guardian interviews how he survived in solitary confinement by developing a black history quiz with other prisoners, which they would play by tapping out messages. Other prisoners joined the game, which asked questions like: when was the Brown v Board of Education ruling in the US supreme court? What year was the Black Panther party founded? Who was Dred Scott? For what is John Brown remembered?

In 1985, when Del Africa had been in prison for almost seven years, tragedy struck again. He learned that Philadelphia police had conducted a second siege on the Move communal home, which was now located in Osage Avenue. On this occasion, the police dropped an incendiary bomb from a helicopter. The bomb ignited a fire that spread through the overwhelmingly African American neighborhood. City leaders allowed the fire to rage. Sixty-one houses were razed and 11 people in the Move house were killed, including five children. One of the survivors, Ramona Africa, was badly burned. She was duly

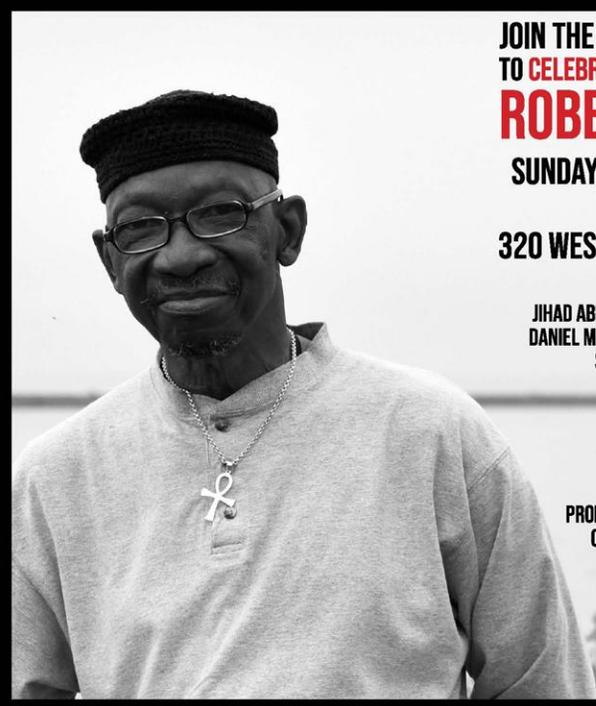
put on trial and sentenced to seven years in prison. One of the children who died was Delisha, Del Africa's 13-year-old daughter. He told the Guardian how he responded to the news that she had been killed in an inferno: "I just cried. I wanted to strike out. I wanted to wreak as much havoc as I could until they put me down. That anger, it brought such a feeling of helplessness. Like, dang! What to do now? Dark times." With the 35th anniversary of the bombing approaching in May, Del Africa is free. At the end of the Guardian's interview with him, he described how he had managed to endure four decades behind bars. "I keep staying on the move. Stagnation is the worst thing. I'm on the move, and I hope you are too," he said. "We've suffered the worst that this system can throw at us – decades of imprisonment, loss of loved ones. So we know we are strong. For all of that, we are still here, and I look on that with pride." See https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jan/18/move-9-delbert-orr-africa-released-prison?fbclid=IwAR344CjM6jYoymwTsKHa_0vRNMxcX88S58uX43IzCQIZDVQFVx6lV-OvBCE

**Join the Jericho Movement to Celebrate
the Life of Freedom Fighter Robert Seth Hayes!**

Sunday, March 1, 2020, 1-4pm

The People's Forum

320 West 37th Street, New York, NY



**JOIN THE NATIONAL JERICHO MOVEMENT
TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF FREEDOM FIGHTER
ROBERT SETH HAYES!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020, 1PM TO 4PM
THE PEOPLE'S FORUM
320 WEST 37TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY**

**SPEAKERS AND CULTURE:
JIHAD ABDUL MUMIT, NATIONAL JERICHO CHAIR, BPP/BLA
DANIEL MCGOWAN, CERTAIN DAYS CALENDAR COLLECTIVE
SPIRITCHILD, REVOLUTIONARY FREEDOM ARTIST
OTHER SPEAKERS AND CULTURE TBA**

**WE WILL ALSO REMEMBER OTHER FALLEN
WARRIORS AND CELEBRATE RECENT VICTORIES!**

**CO-SPONSORS
PROLIBERTAD FREEDOM CAMPAIGN, CALL TO ACTION
ON PUERTO RICO, MINISTRY OF SOLIDARITY WITH
THE PEOPLES, NYC FREE PELTIER,
ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS TBA**

Sunday, March 1, 2020 From 1 to 4 p.m. The People's Forum, 320 West 37th Street,
New York, NY (Between 8th and 9th Avenues, Manhattan)

Keynote Speaker: Jihad Abdul Mumit, National Jericho Chair, BPP/BLA

Daniel McGowan, Certain Days Calendar Collective

Other Speakers and Culture TBA

We will also remember other fallen warriors and celebrate recent victories!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/165867098014375/>

Announcement: Abdul Jabbar Caliph's Book is Released!

This book is a labor of love-truly. It is a labor of love by comrade sister Tomiko Shine. "Tomiko Shine is a Cultural Anthropologist with a focus on identity/narrative of people of African descent. She is Founding Director of "Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign" (APP-HRC) see: <https://www.apphrc.com/>. Sister Tomiko is a well-known and respected activist not only in her city of Baltimore, but nationally and internationally as well. It is no wonder her and Jabbar crossed paths in this life. Sister Tomiko met brother Jabbar about two years prior to his transcending. The two bonded as comrades in the movement. During brother Jabbar's stay in the hospital, sister Tomiko was always by his side, encouraging him, bringing him food, calling friends so they could talk and pray with Jabbar, and sing African songs to him. She was with Jabbar until he took his last breath. Thus, it is no surprise that she began the time consuming work of compiling Jabbar's essays, writings, and other works to put together this most revolutionary book. She knew his work was not finished. She also knew that too often, when great freedom fighters' transition, their works can get lost forever....Through her fierce determination and dedication to compile this book of essays, Jabbar's work lives on. Much honor, Respect, and Love to the sister.

The book of essays, "Rebuilding and Organizing the African Working Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism" is an intriguing and serious look into the life and works of Abdul Jabbar Caliph. It is also an introspection of self, in relationship to what progress has been made, and how one can contribute to the movement in a meaningful, solidified way. When analyzing the essays, the reader develops an awareness that it is "everyday" people that can accomplish great things, create change, and help move people forward towards freedom and self-determination. This is a journey of serious ponderance and deliberation. This book reflects a portion of Jabbar's passion and commitment to change. Anyone who is truly interested in doing movement work that makes a difference, needs to read this book in its entirety. If you knew Jabbar, it will be a deep heartfelt reminder. If you did not know him, it will be a wakeup call.

From Sister Tomiko Shine:

"As these writings were submitted to us from Bro. Jabbar in the spirit of Ubuntu (I am we because we are) we return it back to the community in the same spirit. For the new and youth organizer this book will be a refreshing perspective that leads to understanding individual and collective organizing on behalf of the masses. For the community builders it will bring together the various elements needed for community transformation through his critiques of various social movements and grassroots efforts over the decades. For those in the prison movement on both sides of the wall it will help place them in space and time of justice.' I am excited to announce the arrival of the first shipment of ' Organizing and Rebuilding the African Working Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism'. The above statement remains true; the essays speak to the process of thought to ideas to manifestation/transformation at a communal level. If anyone is interested in the book contact via email; I will ship book/books to those

across various states, for those in the Baltimore City, DMV area we can discuss pick up or delivery”.
'Organizing and Rebuilding the African Working Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism-
 300 pages, \$20

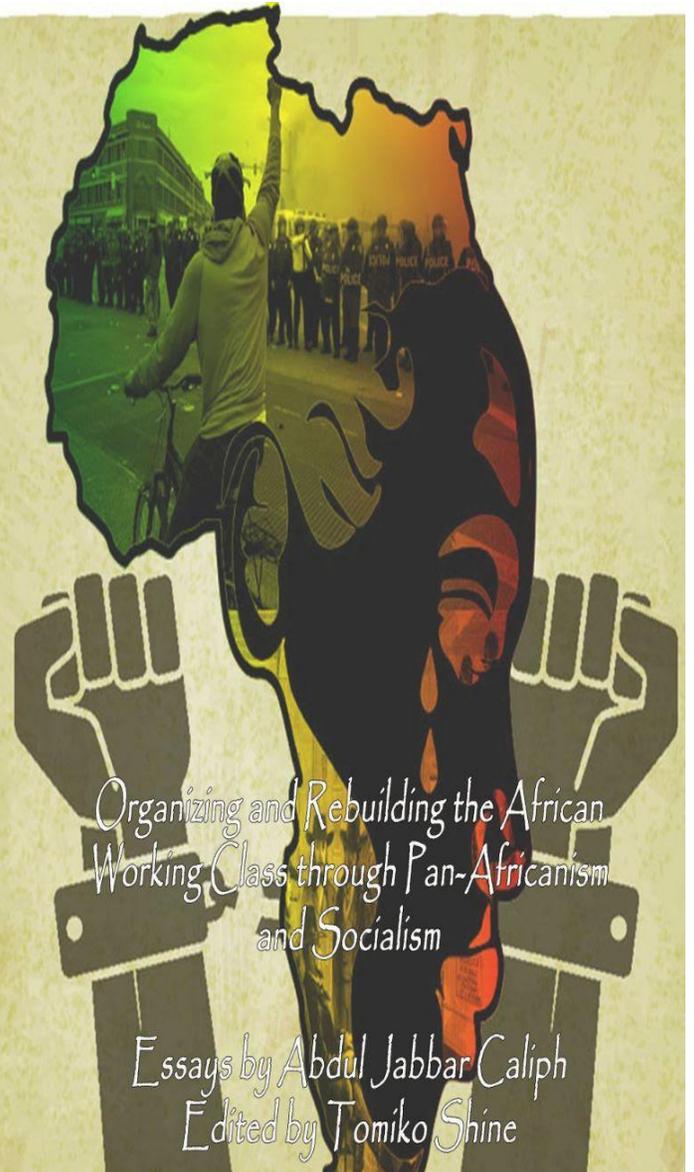
Tomiko Shine, Founding Director, Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign, www.apphrc.com



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

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

Pan-Africanism and Socialism



"As a Pan-African Internationalist I understand the importance and the need for the development of a Pan-African culture that is reflective of the values and morals of African people...Under colonialism we existed as slaves and under the new society that we are seeking to develop we will live as free men and women who control their own destiny." Abdul Jabbar Caliph 1961-2018

To purchase a copy of “Rebuilding and Organizing the African Working Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism”, include your name, mailing address, and send payment via PayPal to paypal.me/jabbaressays

\$20.00 Book \$5.00 Shipping

Chairman's Corner

Please check Back Next Month

Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

Medical Updates

Rev. Joy Powell- Joy was having chest pain and was taken to Westchester County Hospital. Heart issue occurring in the last few weeks. She had chest pains but found out about 70% heart blockage. Looking into future surgery. Anne L. has been monitoring plans and will provide updates.

Legal Updates

Jalil Muntaqim



“Jalil Muntaqim was given a 12-month hit by the NYS Parole Board. This was a unanimous decision by the Board, despite the fact that Jalil has been in prison since August 28, 1971. As many of you know, Jalil has been to the parole board twelve times since 2002, when he first become parole eligible. Jalil has been denied each time for a variety of reasons, all of which

are tantamount to the nature of the crime—something that will never change.

Pursuant to NYS Constitutional Article IV, Section 4, Jalil has filed an Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served with NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. Governor Cuomo has the authority to grant the Application and order Jalil’s immediate release from NYS DOCCS custody.

Since the Application’s submission it has been revealed that the NYS Board of Parole had a “secret deal” with the NYC Police Benevolent Association (PBA), permitting them to submit opposition letters directly to the Board of Parole from their website. These opposition letters negatively influenced the decision-making process, ensuring Jalil would not receive a fair and impartial parole hearing. During Jalil’s 2014 parole hearing, he was told that “current and former members of law enforcement” were parole commissioners, many of whom decided to deny his release.

On December 4th & 5th, 2016, The New York Times published an extensive exposé entitled “The Scourge of Racial Bias in New York States Prisons” that informed: “The racism can be felt from the moment a black inmate enters New York’s upstate prisons.” This implacable racism has been institutionalized in the entire parole system, permitting subjective biases of parole commissioners to influence parole decisions.

Since the submission of the Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served, Governor Cuomo has received many letters and communications urging him to grant Jalil’s Application. However, due to the revelation of political collusion between the Board of Parole and the PBA, and the PBA/media

backlash and scrutiny of the Parole Board's release of Jalil's co-defendant, it has become necessary to launch this initiative in support of Jalil's Application.

Jalil exceeds all requirements for release. His release on parole has been supported by activists, academics and community leaders from across the country and around the world, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the family of one of the victims. The political nature of his conviction has prevented parole commissioners from giving fair and impartial consideration to his release, despite the overwhelming community support.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During his 48+ years of his imprisonment, Jalil has accomplished the following: Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, Certificate of Architectural Drafting, Certificate of Computer Literacy.

He has established many programs, such as the first Men's Group for therapeutic training in the NY State prison system, an African/Black Studies program, a computer literacy class, a Sociology class and a poetry class. He has received two commendations for preventing prison riots. He has raised money for the children's fund, was office manager of the computer lab and a teacher's aide for GED classes. Jalil is also the recipient of several certificates for rehabilitation programming, and is a published author, poet, educator and blogger.

As a human rights advocate, he had the first U.S. prisoners national petition heard and recorded by a Special Committee at the United Nations on U.S. prisons and the existence of U.S. political prisoners. He has litigated several civil rights complaints on behalf of prisoners. In 2000, Essence magazine featured an article on father-daughter relationships. The article, entitled "Daddy Says," quoted Jalil stressing the importance of maintaining these relations even during incarceration. We are requesting that Friends and Supporters call, tweet, email and write NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's office and appeal to him to grant Jalil's Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served.

We also request that this initiative be widely posted on social media platforms, encouraging freedom loving people around the world to join in this initiative.

Since this will be ongoing, we propose that people

tweet and/or email Governor Cuomo every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and call and write the Governor every Tuesday and Thursday.

Communications to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's office must refer to Jalil as: ANTHONY JALIL BOTTOM, 77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, New York 12733-0115.

Write the Governor:

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo

Governor of the State of New York

Executive Chamber, State Capital Building, Albany, New York 12224

Call the Governor: 1-518-474-8390

Tweet the Governor: @NYGovCuomo

Email the Governor: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

For more information concerning Jalil's case, check his

website: www.freejalil.com and <https://thejerichomovement.com/>

New Addresses for Political Prisoners

Veronza Bowers, Jr. #35316-136

FCI Butner Medium II

Post Office Box 1500

Butner, North Carolina 27509

Douglas Wright #57973-060

USP Victorville
 Post Office Box 3900
 Adelanto, California 92301

If you send the packets to **Chuck Africa**, please stop, as **he has BEEN RELEASED! Welcome** home, comrade!

Ruchell "Cinque" Magee has been Moved by newafrikan77

"50 + Years Political Prisoner Ruchell "Cinque" Magee has been moved. Please send him a letter of support today!

Ruchell Cinque Magee #A92051, #T 115, California Medical Facility, Post Office Box 2000
 Vacaville, California 95696-2000

IN PRISON 56 YEARS

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

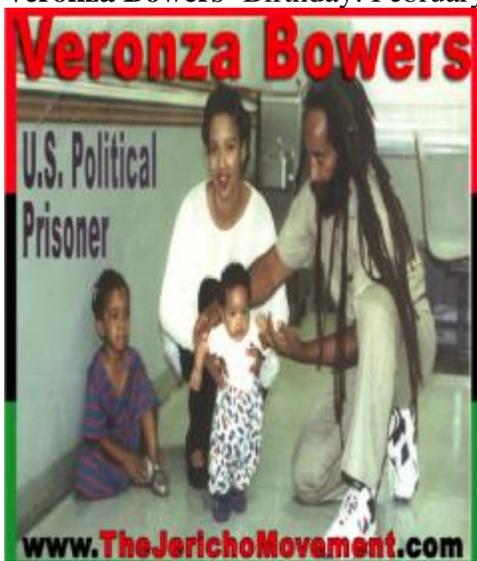
Black August Memorial/ Commemoration Month" See

<https://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/2020/01/21/ruchell-cinque-magee-has-been-moved/>

Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

February Birthdays

Veronza Bowers- Birthday: February 4th



Affiliation: Black Panther Party

Contact Information/Prison Address

#35316-136--FCI Butner Medium II, Box 1500, Butner, NC 27509, Captured: Sept. 15th, 1973: Life

Kamau Sadiki (Freddie Hilton)- Birthday: February 19th



Affiliation: Black Panther Party

Contact Information/Prison Address

#0001150688 -Augusta State Medical Prison,

Bldg 23A-2, 3001 Gordon Highway,

Grovetown,, GA 30813 United States

Captured: 2002: Life without parole

The government and police, knowing that he suffers from Hepatitis C, Cirrhosis of the Liver and Sarcoidosis they told Kamau that unless he helped them capture Assata Shakur that he would "die in prison." The police told Kamau that if he worked with them and "got Assata to leave Cuba" and go to some other country where they could apprehend her that they would not prosecute on the false police killing charge. Kamau's two daughters and grandchildren are devastated by the absence of their loving, hard-working father (he supported them by working for the telephone company in New York for over eighteen years) and are active in efforts to release him. <http://freekamau.com/>

Malik Abdullah Ka'bah (AKA Jeff Fort)- Birthday: February 20th, 1947



Affiliation: Muslim

Contact Information/Prison Address

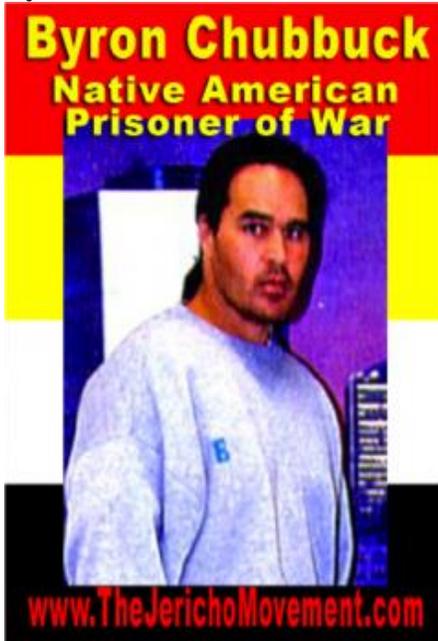
#92298-024 USP Florence ADMAX,

P.O. Box 8500, Florence, CO 81226, United States

Captured: 1987: Sentenced to 80 years

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

Byron Shane Chubbuck (Oso Blanco)- Birthday: February 26, 1967



First Nation Political Prisoner Affiliation: Ejército Zapatista de Liberación Nacional, EZLN Defender
Contact Information/Prison Address

#07909051 USP Victorville, PO Box 3900

Adelanto, CA 92301 United States

Captured: 1999 – Release Date 2071

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

<http://freesosoblanco.blogspot.com> Author

January Birthdays

Jeremy Hammond: Birthday: January 8, 1985



1985 Affiliation: Anarchist-computer hacker

Contact Information/Prison Address

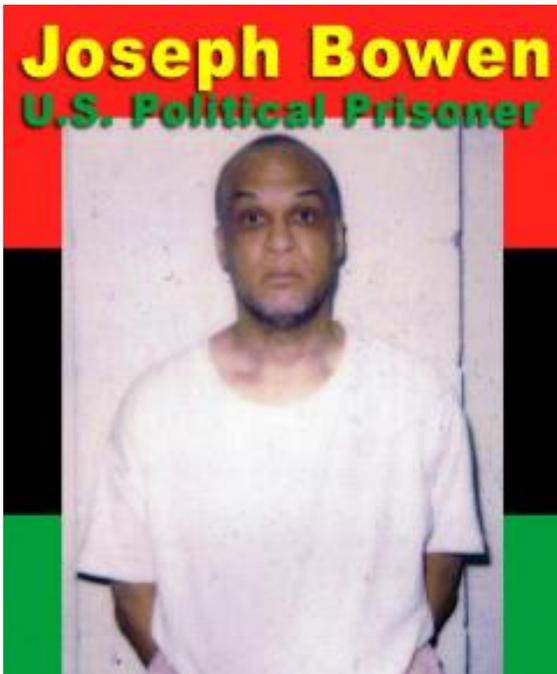
A0182888, William J. Truesdale ADC,

2001 Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22314

Captured: March 5, 2012. Sentence: 10yrs

“Jeremy Hammond, a former member of the hacking network Anonymous who has become a cause célèbre for hacktivists, civil libertarians and those concerned about the rights of whistleblowers, is a gifted young computer programmer who is currently spending a decade in prison. His crime? Leaking information from the private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting, information which revealed that Stratfor had been spying on human rights activists at the behest of corporations and the U.S. government.” <http://freejeremy.net>

Joseph Bowen-Birthday: January 15, 1948



Contact Information/Prison Address

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

Affiliation: Black Liberation Army

Captured: 1973: Life Without Parole

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

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



Affiliation: Anarchist and Earth First!

Contact Information/Prison Address

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

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

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

<https://supportmariusmason.org/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marius_Mason

Abdul Azeez: Birthday Jan. 9, 1947



Contact Information/Prison Address

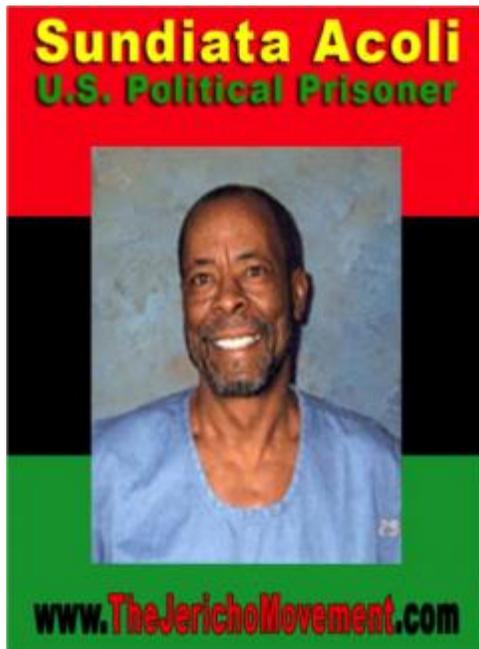
Warren Ballantine #5161422, Citrus County Detention Facility, 2604 West Woodland Ridge Drive, Lecanto, FL 34461

Captured 1972--8 Life Sentences

A history of the "Virgin Island Five", a group of activists accused of murdering eight people in the U.S.

Virgin Islands. The murders took place during a turbulent period of rebellion on the Islands. The island was put under virtual martial law, and eventually five men: Ismail Ali, Warren (Aziz) Ballantine, Meral (Malik) Smith, Raphael (Kwesi) Joseph, and Hanif Shabazz Bey were apprehended and then charged with the attack. All the men were known supporters of the Virgin Island independence movement. The five were charged after being subjected to vicious torture, in order to extract confessions. They were beaten, hung from their feet and necks from trees, subject to electric shocks with "cattle prods", had plastic bags tied over their heads and had water forced up their noses by the "defenders of the law." The judge (Warren Young) overlooking the case prior to being placed on the federal bench worked as Rockefeller's private attorney and even handled legal matters for the Fountain Valley Golf Course. Eventually, the five went to trial in what became known as the "Fountain Valley" murder trial. This was an obvious Kangaroo Court and a mockery of any sense of a fair trial. On August 13, 1973, each of the five men convicted and sentenced to eight (8) consecutive life terms. Today, Warren (Aziz) Ballantine, Meral (Malik) Smith, and Hanif Shabazz Bey are all confined in federal prisons. Ismail Ali was liberated to Cuba via an airplane hijacking in 1984. Raphael (Kwesi) Joseph was granted a pardon by the V.I. governor in 1992. Six years later Kwesi was mysteriously found dead of poison-laced drug overdose, after it was said that he was about to reveal evidence that would have exonerated at least one or more defendants. <http://abcf.net/abc/pdfs/vi5.pdf>

Sundiata Acoli: Birthday: January 14, 1937



Affiliation: Black Panther Party-New African

Contact Information/Prison Address

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

Cumberland, MD 21501 Captured: 1973- Life Sentence

"The Parole Board's stated reason for the 20-year hit was Sundiata's membership in the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army prior to his arrest and the receipt of hundreds of "Free Sundiata" form letters that characterized him as a New Afrikan Prisoner of War." <http://SundiataAcoli.org> For complete article see: <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/acoli-sundiata-clark-squire>

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



Political Prisoners/POWs (Past & Present) Art, Writings, Statements, Interviews

“If Words” a poem by Eric King

If words are as dangerous as bullets
and sharp as knives
Can we start filling the pages?
grinding our pencils to stubs
Turning ink into guillotines
prose the ropes onto their wrist
and rhyme these prison walls to paste
cause nothing else seems to be working
heads aren't rolling, the streets are on holiday
maybe enough words can spark
a million fires in our hearts
which would create a million fires in the banks
a million convicts in the streets
Not giving a fuck about a voters box
Giving a fuck about having a life
our words can break these chains?
then gather our dictionaries
there aren't enough thesaurus' in the world
I need to fight more, I need to write more
My tongue has been shackled

I haven't resisted, I haven't insisted
 More words, more battles, more victories
 more poems, more struggle, more bumps
 We'd be fighting w/our minds
 dismantling the system that strangle us
 Then turning those words into life
 A life more important than burning & bombing
 Enough magic, love, growth & life
 We can grow into a space worth existing in
 Our words can get us free"

From: <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/updates-28-jan-2020.pdf>

Faces Full of Gas
Abuse of War Crimes Chemical Weapons in Indiana Prisons

News Article

January 27, 2020

Kevin "Rashid" Johnson

US Hypocrisy as Usual

‘Indiana is the fifth state in which I’ve been imprisoned since 2012. Over this eight year period, I’ve been bounced from Virginia to Oregon, then Texas to Florida, back to Virginia, and now to Indiana. All in response and efforts to repress my involvement in exposing and resisting the routine abuses that pervade US prisons. Among the many issues I’ve reported on in each state has been the frequent, often deadly, misuse of tear gas on prisoners. One of my articles specifically exposed that this benignly named agent is actually a chemical weapon created for use in war, having the same grade and lethality as chlorine gas which US officials bombed Syria for supposedly using against its own citizens in 2018. Also, that tear gas, like chlorine, has been banned internationally from use in war because of its especially dangerous characteristics.

It was this international aversion to these weapons that US officials self-righteously invoked to justify Amerika's violent intervention in Syria's civil war.

So, the Amerikan government commonly uses a deadly military grade chemical weapon on US prisoners that is banned from use in actual war. Just as US police who routinely gun down unarmed people of color in the streets, are armed with organ-shredding ammunition (aka dum dum bullets) that also are banned by international law from use in war because of their inhumane effects.

As with other states, Indiana is no exception to the use (or misuse—even by its own standards) of tear gas on prisoners.....” See <https://incarceratedworkers.org/news/faces-full-gas>

Community Calls for Action

Chuck Africa is free! Please donate to his release fund!

“Chuck Africa is home! On February 7th 2020, Chuck was released on parole after spending 41 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. He was the final remaining political prisoner from the case of the MOVE 9, and we're happy to have him back in our community!



It takes a lot to rebuild a life that has been stolen since August 8th, 1978. We want to make this transition as smooth as possible, and ensure he has all the basic necessities to get established on the outside. Additionally, Chuck has been valiantly fighting cancer from within prison. Now that he is out, he can receive holistic care and some funds will go towards these expenses. Chuck appreciates all the support we've given over the past four decades, and just needs a little more to kick start his new life! Please give him a warm welcome home and help him to get settled.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-chuck-africa-rebuild>

More information:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/feb/07/chuck-sims-africa-move-9-freed-philadelphia>

Please support these recently released Political Prisoners!

Delbert Africa

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/free-delbert-orr-africa>

Nina Droz Franco

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/nina-quiere-retomar-su-vida>

Eddie Africa

<https://fundrazr.com/eddie-africa>

Connor Stevens

<https://fundrazr.com/d1PY2c>

Janet and Janine Africa

<https://fundrazr.com/janet-janine>

Debbie and Mike Africa

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-debbie-amp-mike-rebuild>

Ramsey Orta Support Needed!

“Ramsey Orta is paying a heavy price for filming the cold blooded murder of Eric Garner by an NYPD officer. He's a political prisoner, and as such we formed a small support group to provide material support while he's in prison. For those who can, please send \$5, \$10 or whatever amount you can afford for his commissary so he doesn't risk being poisoned by the COs who constantly write him up for the smallest infractions. Our goal is to raise \$500 to meet his needs while incarcerated. He is due for release in early July” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/02/updates-11-feb-2020.pdf>

Ramsey is currently at Mohawk Correctional Facility. He needs our help:

- o You can donate to his PayPal account. He uses his PayPal donations for commissary, phone calls, and packages. First you need to create your own account and go to

<https://www.paypal.com/myaccount/summary>. Then click on “Send.” Next, you fill in officialramseyorta@gmail.com in the box. And finally, you fill in the amount.

- o You can also donate to the “Welcome Home Ramsey Fund” here:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ramsey-orta-welcome-home-fund>. These donations will be set aside for the time when Ramsey has been released.

- o Another gofundme will be set up soon to cover the cost of visits by supporters to the jail. Check with the Ramsey Orta: Support Network on facebook @SupportRamseyOrta “

National Solidarity Events to Amplify Prisoners Human Rights AUGUST 21 - SEPTEMBER 9th

“To all in solidarity with the Prisoners Human Rights Movement:

We are reaching out to those that have been amplifying our voices in these state, federal, or immigration jails and prisons, and to allies that uplifted the national prison strike demands in 2018. We call on you again to organize the communities from August 21st - September 9th, 2020, by hosting actions, events, and demonstrations that call for prisoner human rights and the end to prison slavery. We must remind the people and legal powers in this nation that prisoners' human rights are a priority. If we aren't moving forward, we're moving backward. For those of us in chains, backward is not an option. We have nothing to lose but our chains.

Some people claim that prisoners' human rights have advanced since the last national prison strike in 2018. We strongly disagree. But due to prisoners organizing inside and allies organizing beyond the walls, solidarity with our movement has increased. The only reason we hear conversations referencing prison reforms in every political campaign today is because of the work of prison organizers and our allies! But as organizers in prisons, we understand this is not enough. Just as quickly as we've gained ground, others are already funding projects and talking points to set back those advances. Our only way to hold our ground while moving forward is to remind people where we are and where we are headed. On August 21 - September 9, we call on everyone in solidarity with us to organize an action, a panel discussion, a rally, an art event, a film screening, or another kind of demonstration to promote prisoners' human rights. Whatever is within your ability, we ask that you shake the nation out of any fog they may be in about prisoners' human rights and the criminal legal system (legalized enslavement).” During these solidarity events, we request that organizers amplify immediate issues prisoners in your state face, the demands from the National Prison Strike of 2018, and uplift Jailhouse Lawyers Speak new International Law Project. We've started the International Law Project to engage the international community with a formal complaint about human rights abuses in U.S. prisons. This

project will seek prisoners' testimonials from across the country to establish a case against the United States Prison Industrial Slave Complex on international human rights grounds.

Presently working on this legally is the National Lawyers Guild's Prisoners Rights Committee, and another attorney, Anne Labarbera. Members of the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC), Fight Toxic Prisons (FTP), and I am We Prisoners Advocacy Network/Millions For Prisoners are also working to support these efforts. The National Lawyers Guild Prisoners' Rights Committee (Jenipher R. Jones, Esq. and Audrey Bomse) will be taking the lead on this project.

The National Prison Strike Demands of 2018 have not changed. As reflected publicly by the recent deaths of Mississippi prisoners, the crisis in this nation's prisons persist. Mississippi prisons are on national display at the moment of this writing, and we know shortly afterward there will be another Parchman in another state with the same issues. The U.S. has demonstrated a reckless disregard for human lives in cages.

The prison strike demands were drafted as a path to alleviate the dehumanizing process and conditions people are subjected to while going through this nation's judicial system. Following up on these demands communicates to the world that prisoners are heard and that prisoners' human rights are a priority. In the spirit of Attica, will you be in the fight to dismantle the prison industrial slave complex by pushing agendas that will shut down jails and prisons like Rikers Island or Attica? Read the Attica Rebellion demands and read the National Prison Strike 2018 demands. Ask yourself what can you do to see the 2018 National Prison Strike demands through. **SHARE THIS RELEASE FAR AND WIDE WITH ALL YOUR CONTACTS!**

We rage with George Jackson's "Blood in my eyes" and move in the spirit of the Attica Rebellion! August 21st - September 9th, 2020

AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANIZE Dare to struggle, Dare to win! We are--"Jailhouse Lawyers Speak"

NLG EMAIL CONTACT FOR LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL LAW PROJECT: micjlsnlg@gmail.com

PRISON STRIKE DEMANDS: <https://jailhouselawyerspeak.wordpress.com/2020/02/11/prisoners-national-demands-for-human-rights/> “

Delbert is home! PLEASE DONATE!!!

“My father, Delbert Orr Africa, was a political prisoner from the MOVE Organization that has been incarcerated for 41 years finally got paroled on Saturday, January 18th, but I have to have some major things in place in order to ensure he’s re-acclimated (e.g. health insurance, housing, etc). **I would greatly appreciate your financial support by donating to my GoFundMe campaign for my father.**

Donate here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/free-delbert-orr-africa>

Delbert Orr Africa is now 73 years old, having served nearly 42 years for a crime none of the Move 9 committed. Please help me get him resettled into his “new” world. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

BACKGROUND:

MOVE is a revolutionary liberation organization that has faced extreme state repression for decades, most notably in 1985 when the City of Philadelphia dropped a bomb on their home.

In 1978, a prior altercation led to 9 Black members of MOVE being wrongfully convicted and sentenced to 30-100 years in prison. After 41 years of organizing for their freedom, 5 members of the MOVE 9 were recently released on parole. My dad is one of 2 that remain in prison and eligible for parole, while 2 others previously died in state custody.” See https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jan/18/move-9-delbert-orr-africa-released-prison?fbclid=IwAR344CjM6jYoymwTsKHa_0vRNMxcX88S58uX43IzCQIZDVQFVx6lV-OvBCE

80 plus cities are mobilizing for the Global Day of Protest: Sat. Jan. 25 No War With Iran!



“Join the 80 plus places across the world that are mobilizing on Saturday, January 25 to oppose yet another catastrophic war in the Middle East! Now is the time to take action. We expect the number of cities and towns organizing anti-war actions on January 25 will continue to grow. Join us! Register a protest organized in your city here!”:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScThXqE8CCYrpITPX1MZdkpiJiB7eCjiwFqtzQn2CKan_sQUEg/viewform Add your name as an endorser here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPo4D7e5_SxEGuB2mHUnlfd4gft3yKO1JcdQO4tcvLv_wl2eA/viewform

Schedule of Actions and Events: 15-29 January Free Ahmad Sa’adat and all Palestinian Prisoners

“Khaled Barakat, Palestinian writer and the international coordinator of the Campaign to Free Ahmad Sa’adat, speaks about why it is so important for people to join the Weeks of Action 15-29 January 2020 to free all Palestinian prisoners. The Campaign to Free Ahmad Sa’adat and Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network have called for weeks of action between 15 and 29 January 2020 to free Ahmad Sa’adat and all Palestinian prisoners. We have been joined by a call for a day of action for the liberation of Georges Abdallah on 19 January. Share the video: <https://samidoun.net/2020/01/video-khaled-barakat-calls-for-participation-in-action-call-to-free-saadat-palestinian-prisoners/> “

National Call in Day, Wed., Jan 22 to demand: Drop the Charge against Venezuelan Embassy Protectors-Updates from the Committee to Stop FBI Repression

“Call Prosecutor Danielle Sara Rosborough,, U.S. Attorney’s Office at: 202-252-6837

Tell the prosecutor:

“I (state your name) request that you drop all charges against the four Venezuelan Embassy Protectors: Kevin Zeese, Margaret Flowers, Adrienne Pine and David Paul. The four did not violate any U.S. or international law during their 37-day stay in the Venezuelan Embassy in Washington DC. Their stay in the Venezuelan Embassy building was with full permission of the legitimate, elected Government of Venezuela, as recognized by the United Nations and its Charter.

I believe it is the United States government that has violated the UN Charter by unlawfully raiding and transferring the control of the Venezuelan Embassy to an unauthorized opposition group in Venezuela that has little support among the people of that country.

I don't think that the charge of ‘interfering with the protective functions of the state’ can be legitimately applied to this case, and if abusively applied, it will open the door to any foreign government or entity to do the same with the United States diplomatic premises anywhere in the world.”

The Web site of the Defense Committee is: www.DefendEmbassyProtectors.org

Commutation Campaign to Gov Cuomo for Jalil Muntaqim

We request that people do the following for Jalil:

We are requesting that Friends and Supporters call, tweet, email and write NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s office and appeal to him to grant Jalil’s Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served. We also request that this initiative be widely posted on social media platforms, encouraging freedom loving people around the world to join in this initiative. Since this will be ongoing throughout we propose that people tweet and/or email Governor Cuomo every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and call and write the Governor every Tuesday and Thursday.

Communications to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s office must refer to Jalil as: ANTHONY JALIL BOTTOM, 77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, New York 12733-0115.

Write the Governor:

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, Executive Chamber
State Capital Building, Albany, New York 12224

Call the Governor: 1-518-474-8390

Tweet the Governor: @NYGovCuomo

Email the Governor: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>



Jalil also requests that the following article be included in his campaign:

“I-Team: Gov. Cuomo's Program for More Clemency Applications Appears to Stall, As Prisoners Wait and Hope for a Second Chance by Melissa Russo and Hilary Weissman

Published Nov 1, 2019 at 10:50 PM | Updated at 8:51 AM EST on Nov 3, 2019

Hundreds of lawyers volunteered to help convicts serving long sentences apply for clemency after Gov. Cuomo put out the call in 2017, but now those lawyers say the New York governor has failed to act on any of their cases. There have been 107 applications for clemency filed through a partnership, of which Cuomo has acted on none. NBC New York’s Melissa Russo reports. (Published Friday, Nov 1, 2019)

WHAT TO KNOW

1. Gov. Cuomo's program to help more prisoners apply for clemency in NY appears to be stalled, leaving prisoners waiting for a second chance
2. In 2017, Cuomo asked lawyers to volunteer to identify prisoners worthy of mercy, and assist them in making their best case
3. More than two hundred lawyers stepped up, but after two years and 107 clemency applications filed, Cuomo hasn't taken action on any of them

Governor Andrew Cuomo’s program to help more prisoners apply for clemency in New York State appears to be stalled and the Governor’s office is declining to explain why.

In 2017, Cuomo asked lawyers to volunteer to help identify prisoners worthy of his mercy and assist them in making their best case for a shortened sentence.

More than two hundred lawyers stepped up. But two years and thousands of pro bono hours later, Governor Cuomo has neither approved nor denied any of the 107 clemency applications filed through the program. “It’s discouraging. We’ve put a lot of resources into it.” said Norman Reimer, executive director of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, which partnered with Families Against Mandatory Minimums and the State at the Governor’s request.

“We put people away for ridiculous amounts of time, often for mistakes they made when they were very young,” Reimer added. Lawyers involved in the NACDL/FAMM project tell News 4 because there has been no action in these cases, they are reluctant to take on new prisoners. More than 1,600 prisoners are currently waiting to be assigned attorneys through the project.

“The idea that you can’t find a single one of those to grant is inconceivable to me. There’s just no greater feeling than giving somebody freedom,” said NYU Law Professor Rachel Barkow and author of “Prisoners of Politics.” The power to commute a prisoner’s sentence rests solely with the Governor. NACDL says the Cuomo administration has been highly cooperative, producing records and helping to vet cases. Cuomo administration insiders familiar with the clemency review process say the problem is not that these cases are being ignored. Sources with first hand knowledge say the cases submitted by NACDL/FAMM were carefully reviewed by a team of attorneys inside the office of the Counsel to the Governor. They say the team identified a group of worthy candidates for a possible mid-year clemency grant this past Spring, but the Governor did not act. Timing, they speculated, may have played a role, citing pushback from some law enforcement groups for Cuomo’s role in the early release of Judith Clark in May 2019. Clark was the getaway driver in the deadly 1981 Brink’s robbery and the Governor commuted her sentence to make her eligible for early parole.”

See <https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Gov-Cuomo-Program-for-More-Clemency-Applications-Appears-to-Stall-Prisoners-Wait-for-Second-Chance-564261291.html?amp=y>

For more information concerning Jalil’s case, check his website: www.freejalil.com and <https://thejerichomovement.com/>

THE N.Y.C. PEOPLES SURVIVAL PROGRAM (PSP) IS ASKING FOR ALL TO GET ON BOARD WITH THE SOUTH BRONX BASED "EL MAESTRO" ORGANIZATION TO HELP THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN PUERTO RICO!

New York With Puerto Rico

Collection drive continues, to send desperately needed food & supplies to earthquake victims in Puerto Rico.

**Monday-Friday: 2 PM-7 PM
Saturday, Jan 18th and Sunday, Jan 19th
1 PM-5:00 PM**

You can drop off donated items at
**El Maestro, Inc. 1300 Southern Blvd.
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You may also donate via the following:
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Saturday, January 25th: Cargo container to be Loaded. Come lend a hand - 9:30 AM

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E-mail: tuconsentido@aol.com, (646) 299-6507**

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Conference Schedule

Friday, March 20
6pm – Reception at Cuban Mission.
Saturday, March 21
8:30-9:30am – Registration
9:30 – 11am – Opening Plenary with Special Guests
11:15am – 1pm – Opening Conference Panels; Breakout Sessions
2:30-4:30pm – Second Group of Conference Panels

7:00 International Rally Against the Blockade
Special Guest Speakers, Live Music, Cultural Performances, Dance, Food and Refreshments.
Sunday, March 22
10am – 2pm – Closing Plenary Discussion, Debate, and Vote on an Action Plan, Including Proposals from Conference Panels.

We join with an international movement to end the unjust economic and political war against Cuba's sovereignty and self-determination. Build this united action movement. Find out what you can do at this International Conference.

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www.US-CubaNormalization.org | www.CubaSiNYNJCoalition.org

Conference Panels

1. Canada, Quebec, and the US: Building Cross-Border Solidarity
2. Cuba and Medical Solidarity
3. Cuba, the Caribbean, and Latin America
4. Defend Your Right to Travel to Cuba!
5. Impact of the Blockade on the People of the United States
6. Multiplying Our Voices: National, City, and State Legislative Achievements and Possibilities

Our Demands
Completely Normal Relations with Cuba – which means:

1. End all US economic, commercial, and financial sanctions against Cuba — the blockade. Repeal all blockade legislation, particularly the 1996 Helms-Burton law
2. Defend your right to travel to Cuba! End all US restrictions on travel to Cuba by US citizens and legal residents, as with any other country. Fully legalize all air travel from the US to Cuban cities. Reverse the ban on cruise ship stops to the island.
3. Normalize diplomatic relations with Cuba, including the full staffing of the US embassy in Havana so that Cuban citizens can obtain visas to travel legally to the United States.
4. Return Guantanamo Bay to Cuba!
5. End all subversive, “regime change” programs against Cuba, including the obscene attacks and smears against Cuba’s outstanding medical missions that send Cuban doctors to countries in need throughout the world, receiving universal recognition and praise.

Our Strategy

Through united public action on many fronts we aim to organize the maximum pressure on the US government as a whole — the White House and Congress — to create the political conditions for the legal ending of the US economic and political war against the Cuban Revolution. We recognize that the White House can make limited changes tightening or ameliorating US policies, but that only the US Congress can fully lift the blockade, and thereby normalize US-Cuba relations.

View all endorsers from numerous organizations:
www.US-CubaNormalization.org
email: info@us-cubanormalization.org

Puerto Rico needs our help.

“After a series of devastating earthquakes, the island has experienced extreme power outages and catastrophic structural damage to integral buildings, schools, and roads. The result has been a devastating lack of resources, causing thousands of people left displaced and in need. Juango and I wanted to send along two grassroots organizations that are providing immediate aid and funding to Puerto Rico. Any donation helps, please share with your family and friends as well.

Thank you. <http://caritaspr.net/> <https://www.mariafund.org/earthquakeresponse>



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FREE EM' ALL: A VIDEO & MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE FROM THE SON OF DR. MUTULU SHAKUR - PLEASE SUPPORT & SHARE WIDELY TO HELP BRING MUTULU HOME

“Truth & Reconciliation Project: Dr. Mutulu Shakur

We are raising funds for the production of a documentary on the life of Dr. Mutulu Shakur.

Please Click Below To See The Video, Donate & Then Share Widely To Help Bring Mutulu Home”

<https://igg.me/at/mutulushakur>

“A LETTER TO THE PEOPLE

Peace and blessings to you all,

My attribute is Talib ‘Tyroné’ Shakur. I am the executive director of “Truth & Reconciliation: Dr. Mutulu Shakur”.

I was born and raised in South Jamaica, Queens. All my life I was told that someone else was my father. A man I had never seen nor heard his voice before. As a kid, I was constantly told I looked like a man named Jeral. Fast forward to 2015, more than 40 years later, I was riding the train in 2015 when a man wearing an African garment looked to be in his late 60s or early 70s approached me and asked, “excuse me young man, are you Dr. Mutulu Shakur’s son?” I told the man “no, I don’t know the man

I'm sorry.”

After that encounter, I finally decided to ask my mother who my father is. When I asked my mother she hesitated then said, “yes son, that is your father, Jeral, now known as Dr. Mutulu Shakur. I'm sorry for keeping it from you all these years.”

Jeral was my father's slave name before he legally changed it to Dr. Mutulu Shakur. Immediately, I typed his name in Google in order to find the address of the prison he was being held in. I wrote to him right away. A week later I got a letter in the mail from Dr. Mutulu. In the letter he said, “I finally found my son, here are your family names, addresses and phone numbers.” First on the list was Afeni Shakur, Set Shakur, Mopreme Shakur and the list kept going. Those moments of initial contact and greetings with my father are etched into my heart and soul.

Now, I have the opportunity to visit and speak with him frequently. I tell him that I'm going to do my best to show the world the real you, the passionate you, the healer, educator, mentor, the family man, community leader and so much more.

To you, my beloved readers, I share with you my story knowing that you all have many stories with my father as well that help to shape not only his legacy, but the Shakur legacy. To find out more about being featured in this documentary contact Talib Shakur. I ask that you join us to raise the funds so we can make this documentary a global success and finally bring Dr. Mutulu Shakur home!

For questions, comments or to inquire about being featured in the documentary leave a voice message or text your name, contact number and your reason for reaching out to the contact info below.

Contact Talib Shakur email tyshakur7016@gmail.com call or text 516.425.0267

What We Need & What You Get

We are undertaking the project of producing an Expository and Participatory Documentary for Dr. Mutulu Shakur's biography and achievements. However, creating a documentary of this fashion is finance sapping. We are faced with several financial challenges to meet all the requirements for this project. Our goal is to raise \$45,000.00 in 60 days. We need all hands on deck! Our primary goal is to ensure that a factual, well-articulated and compiled documentary is created for the sake of Dr. Mutulu Shakur's life and freedom. The funds raised will go directly to providing all the required equipment and human resources to complete our project.”

“*This Truth and Reconciliation project is officially approved by Dr. Mutulu Shakur

The Impact

This documentary aims to push forward the ongoing work of others who support the release of Dr. Mutulu Shakur from federal prison. We are striving to reach new networks of people locally and internationally, people who actively push for change, progress and are aware of our political climate and are taking a stand to see change in our criminal justice system. We present to you the unparalleled impact and positive work of Dr. Shakur as an acupuncturist, political prisoner and human rights activist, who has fought for the betterment of African American people and communities across the country.

For our documentary, the following will be done:

1. Gathering of facts (pictures, videos, interviews, testimonies, and stories) about Dr. Shakur
2. Crystallizing all the information gathered to enhance precision
3. Creating an informative and educative documentary about Dr. Shakur's biography and achievements
4. Promoting this documentary on several TV channels in the USA
5. Sharing this documentary on social media platforms for global awareness
6. Creating a YouTube Channel where the documentary will be posted for public viewing
7. Creating an international impact

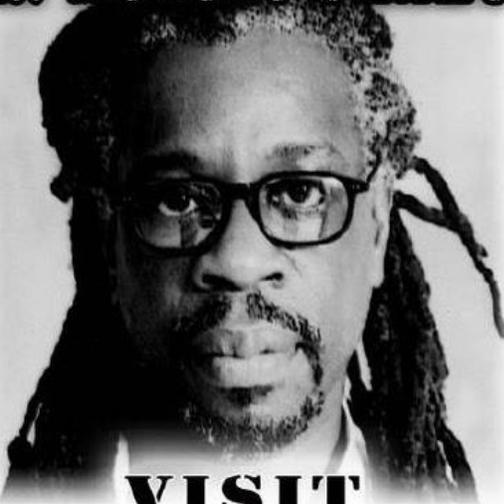
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Who Is Dr. Mutulu Shakur: A Lifelong Activist in the New Afrikan (Black) Independence Movement

<http://www.zimbio.com/Public+Enemy/articles/710/Dr+Mutulu+Shakur+Lifelong+Activist+New+Afrikan>

Risks & Challenges

We are on a strict deadline to complete this project before February 21st, as you can imagine we feel like we are fighting against time, especially since we are raising funds from the ground up. As Doc would say, "take no easy victories, the victory must be earned and the task understood." We set the deadline for February 21st because he has a parole hearing soon after that and we would like to launch our film before his parole hearing. Our challenge is to raise the funds, complete the documentary and publish it to bring awareness and an uproar for action.

Other Ways You Can Help

We are asking folks to get the word out and make some noise about our documentary. Use the INDIEGOGO share tools to help us spread the word!"

Emergency Call and Mobilization for Political Prisoner Dr. Mutulu Shakur

DR. MUTULU SHAKUR

It is our Duty to Fight for Our Freedom: Emergency Mobilization for Mutulu Shakur!



02.18.2020

Mutulu Shakur is a Black Human Rights activist, mentor, and healer, who has served more than 34 years in prison. In 1986 he was charged with conspiracy to aid bank expropriation under the conspiracy laws known as "Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization" or 'RICO' laws (8 counts). The U.S. government alleged that Mutulu's political associates constituted a racketeering enterprise, **aiding in the escape of Assata Shakur**.

Last year, Mutulu Shakur was diagnosed with **advanced stage 3 bone marrow cancer caused by multiple myeloma**. His filing for compassionate release in December 2019 **was denied**. Worse, the Federal Bureau of Prisons has refused to release his complete medical records to his independent oncologist. As his only recourse, he has now filed a petition before his original sentencing judge applying for a sentence reduction to time served, meaning immediate compassionate release. **We must mobilize, amplify, and support him!**

Please join us Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 8pm eastern (5pm pacific) to hear from Mutulu Shakur's family, attorney, and friends about the current campaign to support his compassionate release.

Register here and share far and wide bit.ly/DRSHAKUR

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"We Have a Duty to Fight for our Freedom: Emergency Call and Mobilization for Mutulu Shakur! Emergency Call and Mobilization for political prisoner Dr. Mutulu Shakur. Tuesday 2.18: Hear from Mutulu Shakur's family, attorney, and friends about the current campaign to support his compassionate release. <https://myaccount.maestroconference.com/conference/register/RT0KXEO2XANO4B5> More info via mutulushakur.com" Dr. Shakur received a diagnosis of life-threatening bone marrow cancer in October, 2019. Until now, he has requested that this information be kept private. For over a year he had experienced pain in his bones, but he was not even x-rayed until April 2019. Although the prison doctor probably suspected cancer and called for a CT scan, the scan was delayed for four months. After a year of delay, we know now that Mutulu is suffering from extensive painful bone lesions, caused by a rapidly growing bone marrow cancer. He is 69 years old, and aging in prison after 33 years of incarceration. In 2014, he suffered from a stroke, which required several months for

recovery. He has high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and vision problems from glaucoma. We fear for his survival and his life.

Dr. Shakur's legal team has filed a compassionate release petition, because now Dr. Shakur's very survival depends on his release. He meets the conditions for compassionate release under federal law. He is a recognized advocate for human and civil rights who poses no danger of committing any crimes against anyone. As evidenced by widespread support for his parole, he will be welcomed back into a community that will also provide for his financial and medical support. However, on December 5th he was denied compassionate release by the Central office of the BOP. He is currently receiving chemotherapy, but the BOP has not told him or his lawyer the exact type of treatment he is getting. He has been able to talk with his newest lawyer Mark Kleiman and may receive a family visit from his son. Most importantly, Mutulu says that he is managing the treatment and his spirit is strong.

Our next steps are two-fold: Mutulu will petition his original judge, Judge Haight in the Southern District of New York, to modify his sentence so he can be released immediately based on his current medical condition. Dr. Shakur also has a habeas petition in front of Judge Wilson in federal court in Los Angeles, detailing the parole commission's abuse of discretion through their politically-driven denials of parole. We will move to expedite that petition based on the newest information about his life-threatening medical condition. Please send letters of support and love to Mutulu at Victorville:

Dr. Mutulu Shakur #83205-012

FMC Lexington , POB 14500, Lexington, KY 401512

We are asking his comrades and supporters to give money for medical, legal defense, commissary, and more. The quickest way to send financial support is through the Family and Friends of Mutulu Shakur paypal (go to mutulushakur.com and click on the red and white DONATE button in the right sidebar if this direct link doesn't work)."

Day 5 of Hunger Strike at Raleigh Central Prison-Call to action against the torture of the most vulnerable populations in Raleigh, NC January 24, 2020

"In Raleigh, North Carolina Central Prison has seen a surmounting increase of prisoners with mental illness being sent to solitary at higher rates. Despite numerous studies showing that the use of solitary confinement causes irreparable psychological damage to the human brain, even more mentally ill people are incarcerated in jails and prisons nationally than there are in hospitals.

Reform efforts to improve health services inside North Carolina prisons have only lined the pockets of administration with raises and promotions.

Medical staff continue to show deliberate indifference to the needs of the prisoners housed on Unit One, which is comprised of mostly mentally ill prisoners in solitary confinement. Several prisoners are not receiving their self-meds (medications given out monthly that prisoners keep in their cells, these meds are but are not limited to blood pressure meds and high cholesterol meds, etc.). To receive these meds, the prisoner submits a medication refill request. The medical staff has neglected to submit the requests therefore leaving several prisoners without their meds." See

<https://incarceratedworkers.org/news/day-5-hunger-strike-raleigh-central-prison>

16 Hunger Strikers in an act of comradery for fellow prisoners starting MLK Day- Please help them to expose these human rights violations and meet their basic, humanitarian demands by joining the phone zap and calling in to amplify their voices!

"Sixteen folks incarcerated at Central Prison in Raleigh, NC are going on a hunger strike starting Monday January 20, 2020 as an act of comradery to the 200 prisoners being tortured in Unit One (a mental health unit). They need your help to make the calls on Monday, January 20th. And if you have the time thereafter, call any other day you can until their demands are met and those sixteen hunger strikers can eat again."..."These sixteen brave and selfless activists imprisoned in Central Prison are

taking a stand for those in Unit One who are mentally incapable of making these demands, by way of a hunger strike. This is a humanitarian display of unity for those inside who face injustice by the very same who face injustices enslaved right there with them. This solidarity is inspiring. Please help them to expose these human rights violations and meet their basic, humanitarian demands by joining the phone zap and calling in to amplify their voices!: For instructions and more info see <https://incarceratedworkers.org/phone-zaps/16-hunger-strikers-act-comradery-fellow-prisoners-starting-mlk-day>

#HALTsolitary Next Steps

“1. Please join us again in Albany on February 4 (Mental Health) and/or Feb 11 (Faith Leaders) to push for #HALTsolitary!

Mental Health Action Day for #HALTsolitary: Albany, Tues., Feb. 4: People with mental health concerns, family members, mental health professionals, experts to push HALT. Sign up: <http://bit.ly/MentalHealthHALTFeb4> (flyer attached)

People of Faith for #HALTsolitary: Albany, Tues., Feb. 11: Faith leaders, people of faith, congregation or faith community members come to Albany to push HALT. Sign up: <http://bit.ly/FaithHALTFeb11> “

THE PEOPLES RALLY IN SOLIDARITY & UNITY WITH PUERTO RICO IS GOING DOWN ON THIS COMING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1ST @ 6:00 PM ON THE "RED STEPS" IN TIMES SQUARE NEW YORK CITY



FTP #3... IT'S GOING DOWN AGAIN IN NEW YORK CITY ON THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020 "THE THIRD RALLY TO STOP POLICE TERROR ON THE SUBWAYS" - JOIN US IN GRAND CENTRAL STATION/42ND STREET @ 5:00 PM

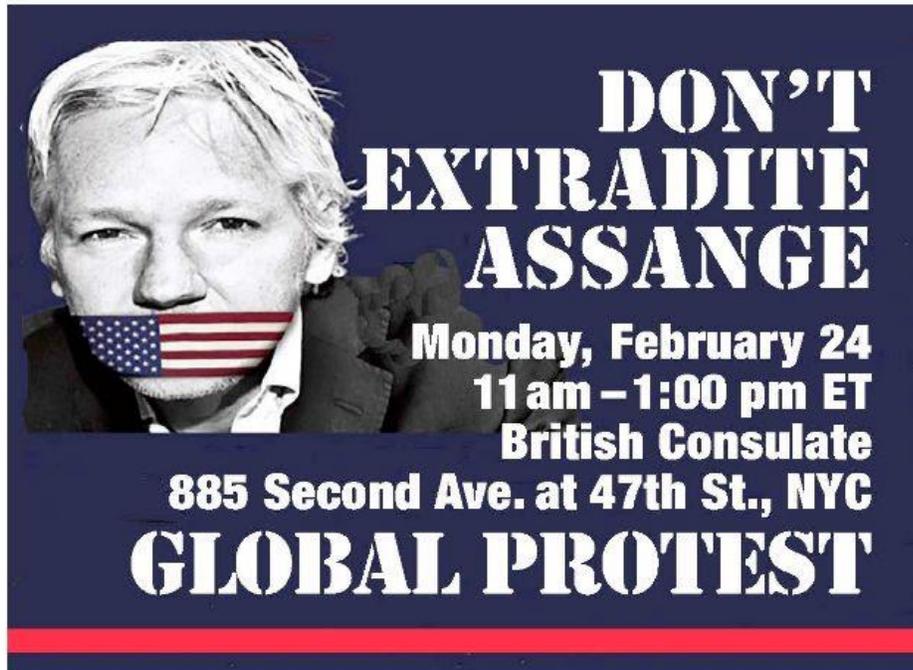
"Settle your quarrels, come together, understand the reality of our situation, understand that fascism is already here, that people are dying who could be saved, that generations more will live poor butchered

half-lives if you fail to act. Do what must be done, discover your humanity and your love in revolution." Fallen Black Panther Field Marshal, Comrade George L. Jackson (1941-1971)"

Free Julian Assange - Feb. 15 & 24

"Two great events in New York in February in support of freedom for journalist Julian Assange, Saturday, Feb. 15 and on Monday, Feb. 24, a global day of protest on the day of his hearing in London (see preliminary flyers below). Please let us know if you or your organization wish to endorse these important events in defense of democratic rights and that of Chelsea Manning. Please note that everyone is invited to attend our weekly vigil Thursdays inside Grand Central station, 4:30 to 5:30.

Assange helped expose war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan and CIA manipulation worldwide! Please spread the word about the outrageous persecution of these truth tellers and join us in speaking out Feb. 15 and Feb.24th!"



**DON'T
EXTRADITE
ASSANGE**

**Monday, February 24
11 am – 1:00 pm ET
British Consulate
885 Second Ave. at 47th St., NYC**

GLOBAL PROTEST

Julian Assange, award-winning Australian journalist and publisher, and founder of WikiLeaks, is facing extradition to the U.S. on trumped-up charges under the Espionage Act for publishing the truth about U.S. war crimes—including video evidence of the murder of civilians, journalists and children. Assange is facing 175 years in prison if convicted. The extradition hearing is being held in the U.K. where Assange has been kept in the high-security Belmarsh prison in torturous conditions, and denied the ability to prepare for the hearing. The UN has declared Assange is undergoing "arbitrary detention" and "psychological torture."

There will be a Global Protest, February 24, 2020, the day the U.K. Extradition Hearing is scheduled to begin.

In solidarity with NYC Free Assange; Big Apple Coffee Party; Veterans for Peace; Glen Ford; Executive Director, Black Agenda Report, Marty Goodman, Former Executive Board Member of TWU Local 100, retired; Joel Kupfeman, Director Environmental Justice Initiative; Haiti Liberté; Manhattan Geen Party; Socialist Action

NYC Free Assange@gmail.com

An Open Letter to CA Governor asking for the release of Romaine 'Chip'

Fitzgerald By Michelle Alexander and Danny Glover

“We are writing in support of Mr. Romaine Fitzgerald’s (B-27527) petition for release. He is now 70 years old and has been incarcerated for over 50 years. He has demonstrated deep remorse for his actions and is no longer the person that he was a half a century ago. In the interest of justice, I entreat you to grant his release.

I am fully aware of the serious nature of Romaine’s offenses, committed in 1969 when he was still a teenager. As a result of important medical advances, the world knows far more today about the functioning of the teenage brain than it did fifty years ago. Numerous studies have proven that the teenage brain is not mature, is prone to unreasonable risk-taking and lacks the ability to engage in substantive forethought. These facts are borne out by the disproportionate number of young people who comprise the bulk of the world’s jail and prison populations.

It is also important to acknowledge the reality of our nation’s history. The 1960s represent one of the most tumultuous eras of our national development. Most observers would agree that the racial progress that resulted from that decade’s upheavals represent welcome additions to our vibrant democracy. It is unfortunate, indeed lamentable, that some young people who sought to contribute to positive social change engaged in activities that we all agree were both unwise and harmful. While Romaine can be counted among these well-meaning but misguided youths, nothing is gained by keeping him locked in a cage as an elderly man.

Scores of other prisoners convicted of the same offense as Romaine during the same period (circa 1969) have since been paroled. There is no logical, justifiable, or legal reason to continue to incarcerate Romaine, an elderly stroke victim who often requires the use of a wheelchair. I implore you to do justice in this case by granting Romaine’s release.”

Michelle Alexander

Danny Glover

Please sign petition here <https://www.change.org/p/california-free-chip-fitzgerald>

Community News, Articles and Updates

We’re All In This Together: Palestine & Advocacy Film Bob Peck January 19, 2020

“In the larger oneness of humanity, there is no isolation. If others are suffering, don’t we have a responsibility as non-sufferers? Making the film Solidarity: Five Largely Unknown Truths About Israel, Palestine, and the Occupied Territories.” See <https://portside.org/2020-02-10/were-all-together-palestine-advocacy-film>

VETERAN BLACK PANTHERS & YOUNG LORDS... DENISE OLIVER PEREZ, CLEO SILVERS & SADIKI "BRO. SHEP" OLUGBALA TO SPEAK @ LEHMAN COLLEGE ON THIS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2020 (1 PM-2 PM)- FREE ADMISSION & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! VETERAN BLACK PANTHER & YOUNG LORDS PARTY MEMBERS DENISE OLIVER PEREZ, CLEO SILVERS & SADIKI "BRO. SHEP" OLUGBALA TO SPEAK @ LEHMAN COLLEGE ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Moderated by: Prof. Robyn Spencer and Prof. Mary Phillips.

~ With Panelists from the Black Panther Party & the Young Lords Party Including:

Prof. Denise Oliver-Velez, Sadiki "Bro. Shep" Olugbala & Cleo Silvers.

~ And Scholars Dr. Johanna Fernández & Dr. J. Robin Moon.

The Black Panther party created a free food program for black people and other oppressed people.

#BlackHistoryMonth 🍌🍌🍌



Thursday, February 13th 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm *

East Dining Room @ Lehman College

***We will be accepting canned food donations for the Lehman College Food Pantry**

El Derecho A Despertar View the video here! <https://vimeo.com/385366642>

“Across the world today, people are rising up against the devastating effects of Neo-liberalism. Chile is an especially interesting example as many of the current practices of global neo-liberal policies originated under General Augusto Pinochet (1973 – 1991). In this piece by Jules Retzlaff, Retzlaff, using archival footage and audio from Freedom Archives, reflects on the connections between the current political moment and underlying intentions of the 1973 coup d’etat. Archival images paired with both archival and modern footage demonstrate the legacy of resistance to fascism and struggle for economic and social justice embedded in the progressive left movement in Chile. Interviews are taken from Freedom Archives “Chile Promises of Freedom“, an hour long reflection on the Coup and the future of Chile, available for purchase and download on Freedom Archive’s website.”

<https://freedomarchives.org/el-derecho-a-despertar/> <https://vimeo.com/385366642>

Muslims put on No-Fly List by FBI agents as a coercion tactic are asking SCOTUS to allow lawsuit to go forward

“On Wednesday, Muslim men who were placed or kept on the No-Fly List in retaliation for refusing to

spy on their communities for the FBI urged the Supreme Court to affirm a ruling that they may sue FBI agents for attempting to coerce the men into becoming informants. The Court will consider whether the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) allows the men to sue agents for damages for the harm the men suffered as a result of being on the list. RFRA already allows for injunctive relief.

“No one should be harassed and forced to spy on their religious community. The FBI agents knew I was vulnerable and that I needed to fly to see my family,” said Muhammad Tanvir, the lead plaintiff.

“This kind of harassment shouldn’t go unaccounted for — I am continuing in this fight because I want to make sure that others don’t go through what I went through.” The Supreme Court will hear the case on March 24, 2020. Learn more about this historic case on our website.” See

<https://ccrjustice.org/home/press-center/press-releases/muslims-placed-no-fly-list-fbi-agents-coerce-them-spy-their>

Blues for Jazzy Jeff Wednesday, Support Unist'ot'en!, 2020 Water Walk Nuclear Free Future Support UNIST'OT'EN Wet'suwet'en Today their support toolkit page is here

<http://unistoten.camp/supportertoolkit/>

Great video from Haudenosaunee Confederacy in 6 Nations-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-jg40HpfjU&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0bvVWU25aO5Txsh7EfUr98LOZ5KSZhRskKpQrv-AOOgEYyo5W-J2ZK2iM>

“February 12th 9m at Neitches 248 Allen st. Buffalo for Blues for Jazzy Jeff. Jeff "Jazzy" Snyder has been an 'O.G.' Buffalo old stick player from way back. Unfortunately, his health situation has landed him living temporarily in a nursing home. Jazzy really would like to relocate to a home back on the Catt Rez and any and all help would be appreciated. We will have live music at Nietches with live performances from JJ White and the Mood Swings and among other acts. We thank you in advance. All proceeds will go directly to Jeff to cover medical and living expenses.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/486196398984978/>

You are invited to participate in the 2020 Nuclear Free Future WALK from Buffalo NY April 3 to NYC April 26. This Is an Indigenous Initiative of Gyosun Yusuda, Nipponsan Myohoji, Grafton Peace Pagoda, 87 Crandall, Petersburg NY 14128, phone 518-658-9301 (landline call 7:30am-4:30pm only.)

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The four California prisoner class representatives call for solidarity and change

February 11, 2020 Introduction by Laura Magnani, American Friends Service Committee

“What follows below is an update from the leadership of the 2011 and 2013 California Prison Hunger Strikes against indefinite solitary confinement and other mistreatment across the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCr), the world’s largest prison system. These “reps” had been in solitary for decades and sought to draw attention to their plight through a series of non-violent hunger strikes, two in 2011, the first drawing 6,600 participants statewide, the second 12,000, and a third in 2013 that drew 30,000 participants, the largest prison hunger strike in history. In 2012 the Center for

Constitutional Rights, along with several other prominent California prison rights attorneys and organizations, formed a team, partnered with a representative group of 10 Pelican Bay SHU prisoner plaintiffs and filed a lawsuit on May 31, 2012. The lawsuit, *Ashker v. Brown*, charged that California's practice of indefinitely isolating prisoners in solitary confinement violated U.S. Constitution protections against "cruel and unusual punishment" and guaranteeing "due process." In the same year, the four reps and several other SHU prisoner reps issued the Agreement to End Hostilities." See <https://sfbayview.com/2020/02/the-four-california-prisoner-class-representatives-call-for-solidarity-and-change/>

SOPHIA DAWSON: ART SHOW - CONCERT - BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - FEBRUARY 22
 "Join me for the ten year anniversary of the To Be Free project! On 2/22/2020 I will be celebrating my 32nd birthday with an opening reception and concert at the historic Langston Hughes Library in Queens. Get your tickets below!!! A percentage from all proceeds will support the legal fees, commissary needs and living expenses of current and former US held political prisoners. Last week we celebrated the release of Chuck Africa! Chuck was the last politically imprisoned member of the MOVE 9. God is indeed faithful. P.S. For my birthday I would love for you to support, political prisoner Veronza Bowers through the Go Fund Me below.
 Love, Sophia #thankyouJesus"

The Forgotten Socialist History of Martin Luther King Jr. Matthew Miles Goodrich
 January 15, 2020



"Martin Luther King Jr.'s goal was unflinching: the "total, direct, and immediate abolition of poverty." , (State Library and Archives of Florida)" Retrieved from <https://portside.org/2020-01-22/forgotten-socialist-history-martin-luther-king-jr>

"As Americans honor King on his birthday, it is important to remember that the civil rights icon was also a democratic socialist, committed to building a broad movement to overcome the failings of capitalism and achieve both racial and economic equality for all people.

Capitalism "has brought about a system that takes necessities from the masses to give luxuries to the classes," King wrote in his 1952 letter to Scott. He would echo the sentiment 15 years later in his last book, *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?*: "Capitalism has often left a gap of superfluous wealth and abject poverty [and] has created conditions permitting necessities to be taken from the many to give luxuries to the few." In his famous 1967 Riverside Church speech, King

thundered, “When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism and militarism are incapable of being conquered.” See <https://portside.org/2020-01-22/forgotten-socialist-history-martin-luther-king-jr>

Out of prison after 41 years, MOVE member Delbert Africa rails against ‘unjust’ criminal justice system by Mensah M. Dean, Updated: January 21, 2020

“Delbert Africa, a longtime member of MOVE, is unrepentant about his part in the 1978 Powelton Village confrontation between the group and Philadelphia police that left an officer dead and sent him to prison for more than 40 years.

“Nothing could have been done differently to stop and curtail that assault by the police on us. It wouldn’t have stopped,” Africa, 73, said Tuesday in his first Philadelphia interview since being paroled from state prison on Saturday. One of nine MOVE members imprisoned for the 1978 incident, Africa said he is looking forward to reuniting with the surviving MOVE members who were previously paroled, to continue the work of challenging what he called an unjust criminal justice system. The fact that the city has had African American police commissioners during his time in prison has no bearing on the inequity in the system, he said.” See <https://www.inquirer.com/news/delbert-orr-africa-move-philadelphia-police-officer-murder-paroled--20200121.html>

Chuck Sims Africa freed: final jailed Move 9 member released from prison Ed Pilkington - February 7, 2020

One of the great open wounds of the black liberation struggle of the 1970s has finally been healed with the release of the last member of the Move 9, the group of radicals rounded up in a Philadelphia police siege in 1978 and held behind bars for more than four decades.

Chuck Sims Africa, 59, walked free from the Fayette state correctional institution in La Belle, Pennsylvania, on Friday morning. The youngest of the incarcerated group, he has been in custody since shortly after he turned 18. His freedom marked his reunion with his family for the first time in almost 42 years. It was also historic, as it closed a chapter that had remained unfinished since the black power movement erupted in the late 1960s.

Alongside the Black Panthers, Philadelphia’s Move organisation was central to the volatile and at times violent struggle for black equality that lasted until the 1980s. Members of the organisation regarded themselves – and still do to this day – as part of a family dedicated to race equality, with all members taking the last name “Africa”. Part Panthers and part eco-hippies, they also had a commitment to environmental justice that was ahead of its time.

Mike Africa Jr, the son of two of the Move 9, said Chuck’s release put an end to a long and gruelling campaign. “We will never have to shout ‘Free the Move 9!’ ever again. It’s been 41 years, and now we’ll never have to say it.” For Mike Africa, who is also Chuck’s nephew, the release was especially poignant. He was born in a cell five weeks after his mother, Debbie Sims Africa, Chuck’s sister, was rounded up in the 1978 siege and incarcerated – she gave birth to him unbeknown to the prison guards and kept him hidden with her in the cell for the first few days of his life.

The Guardian began investigating the prolonged imprisonment of the Move 9 in 2018 as part of an examination into black power behind bars. At that time all the surviving members of the group were still in custody in various Pennsylvania prisons. Members of the group described in letters, emails and prison interviews how they had endured so many years inside while keeping their spirits high. Janine Phillips Africa said that she raised therapy dogs in her cell and grew vegetables in the prison yard, avoiding birthdays or holidays that reminded her of the passage of time.

“The years are not my focus,” she wrote in a letter to the Guardian. “I keep my mind on my health and the things I need to do day by day.”

Delbert Orr Africa said: “We’ve suffered the worst that this system can throw at us – decades of imprisonment, loss of loved ones. So we know we are strong.”

Soon after the Guardian began its investigation, the seven surviving members of the group began to be released on parole. First up was Debbie Sims Africa, set free in June 2018. “We are peaceful people,” she said as she stepped out of Cambridge Springs prison. Then the other six began to emerge, one after the other like falling dominoes:

* Mike Africa Sr, October 2018

* Janine Phillips Africa and Janet Holloway Africa, May 2019

* Eddie Goodman Africa, June 2019

* Delbert Orr Africa, January 2020

Chuck Sims Africa completes the set.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/feb/07/chuck-sims-africa-move-9-freed-philadelphia>

Samidoun: Colonial “Deal of the Century” sure to fail; time to fight back and defend Palestine

“Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network joins our voice with that of Palestinians and all people of conscience around the world in rejecting and condemning Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu’s racist, colonialist, so-called “Deal of the Century.” This “deal” blatantly enshrines settler colonialism and Zionism without even a facade of concern for allegedly universal principles of justice, sovereignty, self-determination and international law from which Palestinians are systematically excluded.

While we are entirely certain of the utter failure of this “war plan” for occupied Palestine (it is certainly not any form of plan for peace) when confronted with the unified rejection of the Palestinian and Arab peoples and all supporters of justice around the world, we also emphasize the urgency of escalating our struggle to confront Zionism and imperialism and bring about their defeat.. This must mean expanding our campaigns for boycott, divestment and sanctions with material effect; defending Palestinian resistance and advancing the demand for freedom for Palestinian political prisoners.” See <https://samidoun.net/2020/01/samidoun-colonial-deal-of-the-century-sure-to-fail-time-to-fight-back-and-defend-palestine/>

Pregnant and shackled: why inmates are still giving birth cuffed and bound

Lori Teresa Yearwood - January 24, 2020

“Seven months pregnant, hands cuffed and feet bound, Sophia Casias shuffled across the floor at the Bexar county adult detention center in San Antonio, Texas, on March 2017. A guard stood in front of her, holding the chain connected to Casias’s handcuffs. Casias couldn’t keep her balance though and crumpled on to the wet cement floor. She sobbed and felt as if she couldn’t breathe. She would later realize that she had felt the same way when multiple family members sexually assaulted her as a child. See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jan/24/shackled-pregnant-women-prisoners-birth>

BK/NY – Tuesday, January 28 – Letter Writing Dinner for Joe-Joe Bowen

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing Dinner WHEN: 7pm sharp, Tuesday, January 28th, 2020

WHERE: The Base – 1302 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11221

NOTE: The Base is on the ground floor, is wheelchair accessible, and has a gender neutral toilet.

COST: Free

“We are just settling into 2020 and have some good news—after 42 years in prison, Delbert Africa is free! That means we need to work extra hard to make sure Chuck Africa, the last remaining MOVE 9 political prisoner, gets parole. This news also has us thinking of another Pennsylvania prisoner—Joe-Joe Bowen. This week NYC ABC will be focusing our every-other-week political prisoner letter-writing dinner on Joe-Joe, aka “The Old Man,” who is no stranger to rebelling against captors as a

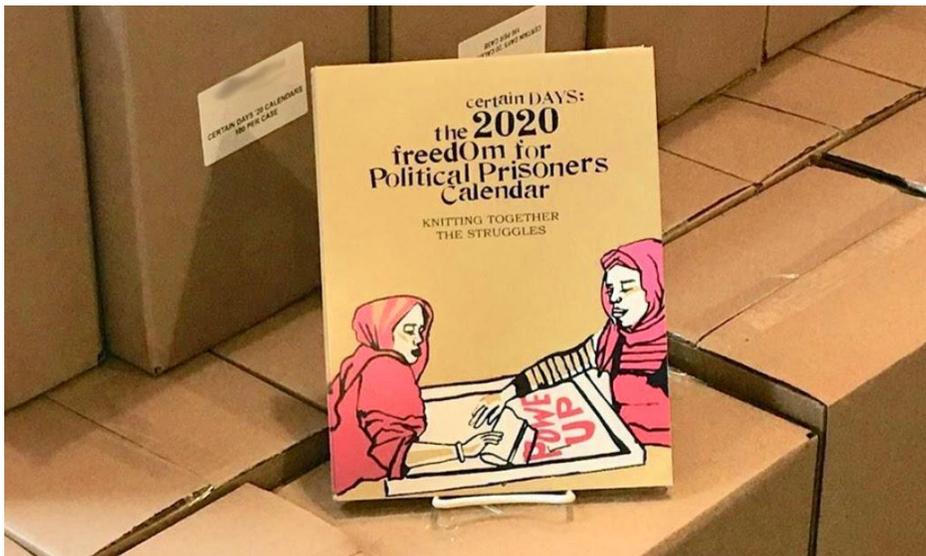
path towards collective liberation.” See https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/01/23/joe-joe_2020

Alone for decades in a cell in Texas

“These walls have broken me.” Texas, home of celebrated bipartisan criminal justice reform, still houses hundreds of prisoners in solitary confinement for decades on end. Eighteen prisoners have been held in isolated detention since at least 1990. Another 129 have been kept in solitary between 20 and 30 years. When told of the problem last year, legislators seemed oddly stunned. But judges surely aren’t. They’ve been issuing rulings permitting the grim practice for years.” See https://www.texasobserver.org/solitary-confinement-texas/?utm_source=The+Marshall+Project+Newsletter&utm_campaign=bea1ff8771-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_23_12_28&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e02cdad9d-bea1ff8771-174405517

Certain Days 2020 Calendars: It's time to start getting organized for 2020!

“On Tuesday, January 14th, we joined forces with more than 500 New Yorkers from across the state in support of freeing people from prison, reuniting families, and healing communities. Hundreds of people from Long Island to Buffalo and everywhere in between marched, rallied, and met with 90 New York State lawmakers in support of Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole. Pictures of the day from photographer Walter Hergt can be found here.” See <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a5072Jic3SfvHUaDK1Yy3IPftTwvA2We>



“Burning Books has developed a strong partnership with the Certain Days collective over the last few years. Certain Days has been producing a beautiful and incredible wall calendar, focused on Freedom for Political Prisoners, since 2000. Our partnership has helped to streamline US sales and more than double the number of Certain Days calendars hanging on walls or radical spaces around the

globe. Get a Certain Days calendar now and help support political prisoners and prison reform/abolition efforts while having the coolest calendar in town. Better yet, get 10 or more calendars wholesale with online coupon code "BULK," and sell/distribute them in your community however you please. 2020 will be here before we know it. Be ready for it with a [Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar](#) from Burning Books.” Contact: info@certaindays.org

Certain Days calendar collective on Beyond Prison podcast

“I recently was on the Beyond Prison podcast with my fellow collective members, Sara and Josh to discuss our calendar project with people in prison, as well as charting radical history, political prisoners, why prison censors suck, the significance of time while in prison, and a lot more. Listen to it

at <https://shadowproof.com/2020/01/10/beyond-prisons-certain-days-collective/> or wherever you check out podcasts. If you have not yet gotten a Certain Days calendar for 2020, be sure to order one via burningbooks.com They are \$15 each or \$10 each if you buy 10 or more. Shipping is free on orders over \$25 too so check out Burning Books' amazing catalog.- Daniel McGowan”

DJ Free Leonard is creating Spoken Word, DJ, Music Videos-Please Support!!!

<https://www.patreon.com/DJFreeLeonard>

<https://www.whoisleonardpeltier.info/product/djfreeleonard/>

Will Albany Give Older NY Prisoners A Chance At Freedom? By Victoria Law - January 15, 2020

“Theresa and her husband Morris have been together for 45 years, 11 of them married. She’s known Morris since early childhood and has stuck by him through multiple arrests and prison sentences, as well as his crack cocaine addiction. For the last 14 years Morris has been in prison, stemming from his participation in a group robbery, which included an assault and led to charges of attempted murder and a 40-year sentence.” See <https://gothamist.com/news/will-albany-give-older-ny-prisoners-chance-freedom>

In Indiana Prisons, Solitary Confinement by Another Name Still Feels Like Torture

By Victoria Law

“If he took 13 steps in his size 11 shoes, Brandon Serna had walked the length of his cell. If he took more than six steps, he’d walked its width. For more than one year, the 40-year-old spent over 16 hours each day locked in this cell with his 30-year-old cellmate. This is life in the “restricted movement” unit (RMU) at Indiana’s Wabash Valley Correctional Facility. In Indiana, solitary confinement, defined as being locked in a cell for at least 22 hours each day, is known as Administrative Restrictive Housing Status, or ARSH. The restricted movement unit, which those held inside refer to as G-ARSH, is not considered solitary confinement, though its inhabitants spent at least two-thirds of their time locked in a cell and face other deprivations similar to those in solitary.” See

<https://solitarywatch.org/2020/01/14/solitary-confinement-by-another-name/>

Freedom Rider: Solidarity with Moms 4 Housing

“Black women in Oakland confronted the austerity regime head-on, by seizing the housing their families need.

“Hopefully this tactic will spread and others will take the same action.”

The four women in Oakland, California known as Moms 4 Housing have been evicted from the home they seized from unscrupulous speculators. Despite being removed by police and arrested, they are still a model for action in this latest attack on the rights of black people.

The displacement of black people from their communities isn’t new. Urban renewal, popular and accurately known as Negro removal, was a weapon in use for many years. White flight from the cities was accompanied by a flight of capital which left communities in ruins. Landlords made more money by burning their properties and collecting insurance than they did by making them habitable for renters. The current term gentrification does not do justice to the latest assault.

The process is playing out publicly in Oakland where Moms 4 Housing took matters into their own hands. They are mothers with young children and despite being employed could not find adequate places to live. One of them works not one, not two, but three different jobs. Low wage workers are caught in the same trap in California and in every other state. These women took bold action when they moved into an empty house targeted by a real estate speculator and called it their own.” See

<https://www.blackagenda.com/freedom-rider-solidarity-moms-4-housing>

6th Annual MLK March and Rally-Oakland. CA at Oscar Grant Plaza



Baltimore's Black Alliance for Peace Demands End to Policing Surge

“Baltimore is among the seven cities targeted by the Trump administration for a high-tech “surge” in police penetration of Black communities.

“Increased militarization of police departments leads to increased numbers of civilians murdered by police.”

At the end of October, during the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Chicago, President Trump announced, “In coming weeks, Attorney General Barr will announce a new crackdown on violent crime—which I think is so important—targeting gangs and drug traffickers in high crime cities and dangerous rural areas.”

Attorney General Barr announced, right before the holidays, the initiative known as Operation Relentless Pursuit at a news conference in Detroit, Michigan. Joining him were leaders of the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and U.S. Marshals Service.

Baltimore City is one of seven cities, including Detroit, Albuquerque, Cleveland, Kansas City, Memphis and Milwaukee, selected for the new crime program intended to “surge” federal, state and local resources into cities where violent [horizontal] crime rates remain high.” See

<https://www.blackagendareport.com/baltimores-black-alliance-peace-demands-end-policing-surge>

The World Must End Washington's Illegal Economic War

“The US is currently attacking one-third of the planet's population with 8,000 economic sanctions, ongoing acts of war against 39 nations.

“Their intent is to shrink the economy and cause chronic shortages and hyperinflation while ensuring a lack of access to finance to pay for essentials.”

The United States is relying more heavily on illegal unilateral coercive measures (also known as economic sanctions) in place of war or as part of its build-up to war. In fact, economic sanctions are an act of war that kills tens of thousands of people each year through financial strangulation. An economic blockade places a country under siege.” See <https://www.blackagendareport.com/world-must-end-washingtons-illegal-economic-war>

Alka Pradhan: Torture secrets still being uncovered at Guantanamo

Alka Pradhan

“On Jan. 11, the United States marked a dubious milestone: the 18th anniversary of the prison at Guantanamo Bay. There are still 40 men there, largely forgotten by an American public who wonder how, in 2020, we can bring ourselves to hold people of color in camps without legal process. The answer is that we allowed three different administrations to escape consequences for the torture they admitted, but also to hide most of the story — to this day. In 2012, the torture of my client Ammar al Baluchi was broadcast to the world as entertainment in the film “Zero Dark Thirty.” He'd been disappeared in 2003 and held by the CIA for 3 ½ years of continuous torture before being brought to Guantanamo. During that time, he was subjected to mock executions, beaten and starved, endured 2 ½ years of intentional sleep deprivation and slammed so hard against a wall by multiple interrogators that he sustained a traumatic brain injury that affects him to this day. The CIA gave filmmakers Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal access to classified information for “Zero Dark Thirty” to make it look like detainee torture led to Osama bin Laden before the Senate Intelligence Committee's report could debunk that falsehood.” See <https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/Op-Ed/2020/01/14/Alka-Pradhan-Torture-secrets-still-being-uncovered-at-Guantanamo-Bay/stories/202001140009>

Trump Prosecutors Make Move to Ensure that Embassy Protectors are Convicted Ajamu Baraka

“Trump's prosecutors are trying to suppress the facts of the US attempted coup in Venezuela and railroad the Embassy Protectors to prison.

“The prosecutors would leave the jury wearing a blindfold, unaware of the facts, context or why the Embassy Protectors were in the embassy.”

As the trial approaches, the lawyers for the Trump Administration's prosecution of the four Venezuelan Embassy Protectors who were arrested last May are asking the court to make sure the jury is kept ignorant about the facts and circumstances surrounding the actions of the protectors.” See <https://www.blackagendareport.com/trump-prosecutors-make-move-ensure-embassy-protectors-are-convicted>

What the Prison-Abolition Movement Wants

Kim Kelly dives into the prison-abolition movement for her latest op-ed.

by Kim Kelly (Teen Vogue)

“Why do we take prison for granted? Esteemed American author, activist, and professor Angela Davis posed the question in her 2003 treatise *Are Prisons Obsolete?*, a work that encouraged readers to interrogate their understanding of the U.S. prison system. Davis, an abolitionist, rejected the idea of stopping at reform, arguing that focusing on making small improvements inside the walls decenters the larger goal of decarceration, the process of freeing people from institutions like prisons and detention centers. “Prison abolitionists are dismissed as utopians and idealists whose ideas are at best unrealistic

and impracticable, and, at worst, mystifying and foolish,” Davis wrote. “This is a measure of how difficult it is to envision a social order that does not rely on the threat of sequestering people in dreadful places designed to separate them from their communities and families. The prison is considered so ‘natural’ that it is extremely hard to imagine life without it.”

See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/updates-14-jan-2020.pdf>

Here Are Five Ways to Support Chelsea Manning in 2020-The year 2019 has been a nightmare for whistleblower Chelsea Manning and her supporters by Ella Fassler (Truthout)

“While Donald Trump cleared three members of the United States Army who reportedly murdered Afghani civilians, Manning is, once again, confined for acting in accord with her own principles. In 2010, she was imprisoned for leaking classified military and diplomatic documents that exposed U.S. war crimes, including the murder of Iraqi and Afghani civilians.

This time, Manning is not charged with or convicted of a crime. On March 6, 2019, she invoked her First, Fourth and Sixth Amendment protections as she refused to testify in federal grand jury proceedings in an investigation against WikiLeaks. District Court Judge Claude M. Hilton of the Eastern District of Virginia sanctioned Manning with contempt and ordered her detention at the Truesdale Adult Detention Facility in Alexandria, Virginia, for the 18-month life of the grand jury, or until she folds.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/updates-14-jan-2020.pdf>

**Felony Dismissed in “DNA” #NoDAPL Case Against Water Protector
The Water Protector Legal Collective is thrilled with the January 7th decision from a North Dakota judge to dismiss the felony conspiracy to commit criminal mischief charge against a #NoDAPL Water Protector.**

“The evidence in this case consisted of DNA found on a cigarette butt. The DNA material was alleged to have fit the profile of Indigenous Water Protector Larry Malcolm

The state claims the butt was found in an area where alleged property destruction of construction equipment occurred. Bruce Nestor, longtime movement lawyer based in Minneapolis, is representing Mr. Malcolm on behalf of WPLC. Nestor’s deftly drafted and argued motion to dismiss (with its supporting memo) was allowed yesterday and put an end to the bogus conspiracy charge.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/updates-14-jan-2020.pdf>

The Virginia Gun Rights Rally Raising Fears of Violence.

"On Monday, thousands of gun rights supporters will descend on Richmond, Virginia, for the Virginia Citizens Defense League’s annual Lobby Day. And so will a host of militia groups, conspiracy theorists, and far-right extremists, some of whom believe the rally in Richmond will represent the first shot of a new civil war, or as some users of the /pol/ forum term it, “boogaloo.” In response, the governor of Virginia, Ralph Northam, has declared a state of emergency for Monday due to intelligence he says shows “a threat of an armed militia groups storming our capital.” One member of the Virginia General Assembly was so beset by death threats that he is currently staying in a safe house. The organizer of the rally is concerned enough to emphasize on a popular gun site that Monday’s rally is supposed to be a “peaceful event about gun rights and NOTHING ELSE.” See <https://portside.org/2020-01-18/virginia-gun-rights-rally-raising-fears-violence>

The chair no one wants to sit in.

“They Went to Jail. Then They Say They Were Strapped to a Chair for Days. In jails across the country, sometimes for days or weeks at a time, prisoners are held in “restraint chairs” that they say inflict acute physical pain and lasting emotional damage. Jail officials say the chairs ensure that detainees do not harm themselves while intoxicated or suffering from mental illness. But widespread use of the chair has

been linked to at least 20 deaths in the past six years, and there is little oversight or accountability. In collaboration with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, TMP's Maurice Chammah has our story." See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/02/07/they-went-to-jail-then-they-say-they-were-strapped-to-a-chair-for-days>

CCR: Join Us: Freedom Flicks Screening of A Bitter Legacy

"The Center for Constitutional Rights is excited to partner with Tsuru for Solidarity, New York City Day of Remembrance (NYC DOR), and the Japanese American Citizens League – New York on a screening of the feature documentary, A Bitter Legacy.

Following the screening, Advocacy Program Manager Aliya Hussain will moderate a discussion with Staff Attorney Diala Shamas, filmmaker Claudia Katayanagi, and ACLU Senior Staff Attorney Carl Takei about the legacy of Japanese-American incarceration during World War II and the criminalization of other communities in the name of national security.

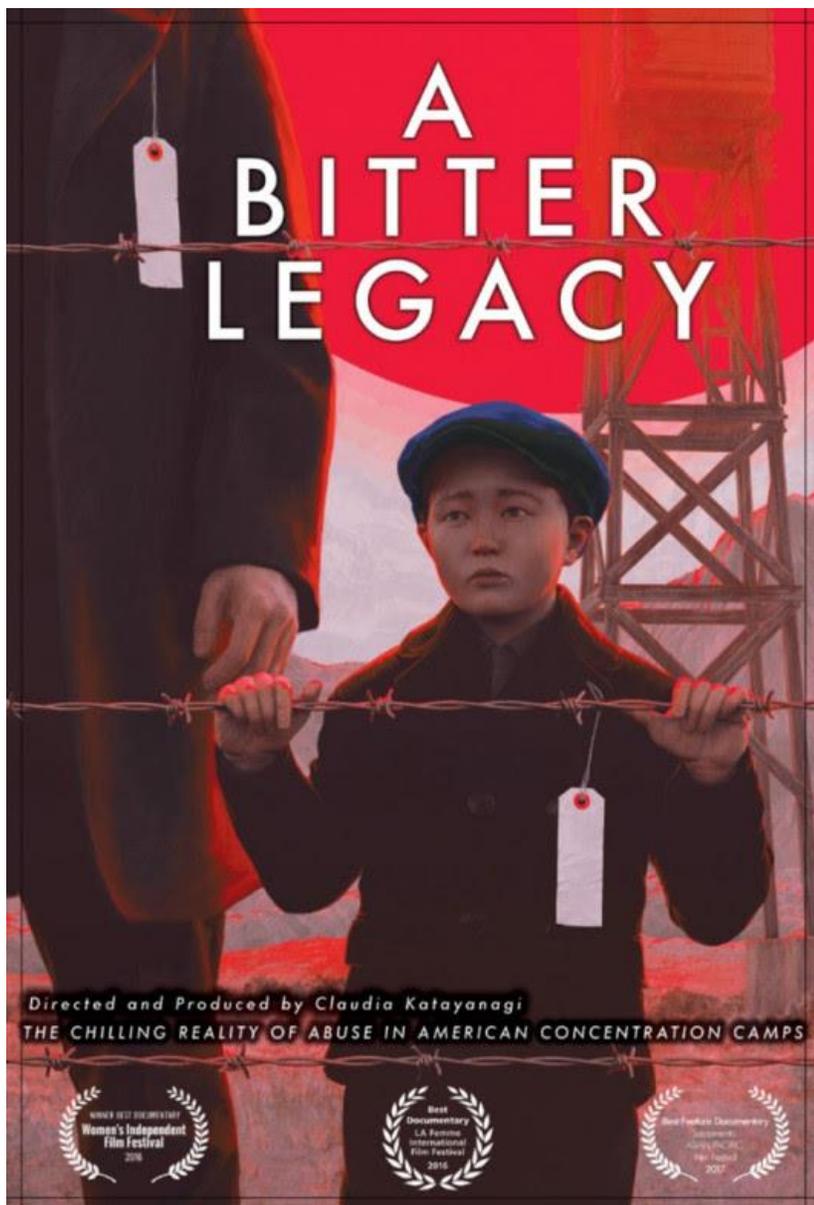


Photo from <https://ccrjustice.org/home/get-involved/events/bitter-legacy-freedom-flicks-screening>

Thursday, January 30, 2020, 6:00 PM: Reception (Light refreshments will be served)

7:00 PM: Screening & Talk-back, Helen Mills Theater, 137 W 26th St, New York, NY 10001

This screening is free and open to the public. RSVP is requested. While much has been written and shared about the history of Japanese-American detention during WWII, *A Bitter Legacy* investigates the “Citizen Isolation Centers,” harsh and secret prisons created within the Japanese-American incarceration camp system to separate citizens deemed “trouble-makers” by the U.S. government from the others. These secret prisons have been called precursors to Guantánamo. Filmmaker Claudia Katayanagi interviews professors, artists, and other former prisoners of the Japanese-American incarceration system and incorporates archival and present-day photographs to bring to light this little-known piece of history. The event will take place on New York City’s “Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution” in celebration of the civil rights hero. In 1942, at the age of 23, Korematsu was arrested for his refusal to relocate to incarceration camps for Japanese-Americans. He challenged the constitutionality of Executive Order 9066, and his pursuit for justice led him to the Supreme Court.”: See <http://www.abitterlegacy.com/> and <https://ccrjustice.org/home/get-involved/events/bitter-legacy-freedom-flicks-screening>

The Injustice of This Moment Is Not an ‘Aberration’- By Michelle Alexander - January 17, 2020
From mass incarceration to mass deportation, our nation remains in deep denial.

“Ten years have passed since my book, “The New Jim Crow,” was published. I wrote it to challenge our nation to reckon with the recurring cycles of racial reform, retrenchment and rebirth of caste-like systems that have defined our racial history since slavery. It has been an astonishing decade. Everything and nothing has changed.

When I was researching and writing the book, Barack Obama had not yet been elected president of the United States. I was in disbelief that our country would actually elect a black man to be the leader of the so-called free world. As the election approached, I felt an odd sense of hope and dread. I hoped against all reason that we would actually do it. But I also knew that, if we did, there would be a price to pay. Everything I knew through experience and study told me that we as a nation did not fully understand the nature of the moment we were in. We had recently birthed another caste system — a system of mass incarceration — that locked millions of poor people and people of color in literal and virtual cages.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/17/opinion/sunday/michelle-alexander-new-jim-crow.html>

Architect of CIA’s Torture Program Testifies Just Yards From Accused 9/11 Plotter He Waterboarded Margot Williams - January 21, 2020

“A psychologist who helped to design and execute the CIA’s “enhanced interrogation techniques” testified in open court for the first time on Tuesday in connection with the trial of five men accused of planning the 9/11 attacks.

“I suspected from the beginning that I would end up here,” James Mitchell told a Guantánamo Bay courtroom. Dressed in a charcoal suit and bright red tie, Mitchell stated that although he could have testified over a video link, he had chosen to come in person. “I did it for the victims and families,” he told James G. Connell III, an attorney for Ammar al-Baluchi, one of the accused plotters. “Not for you.”

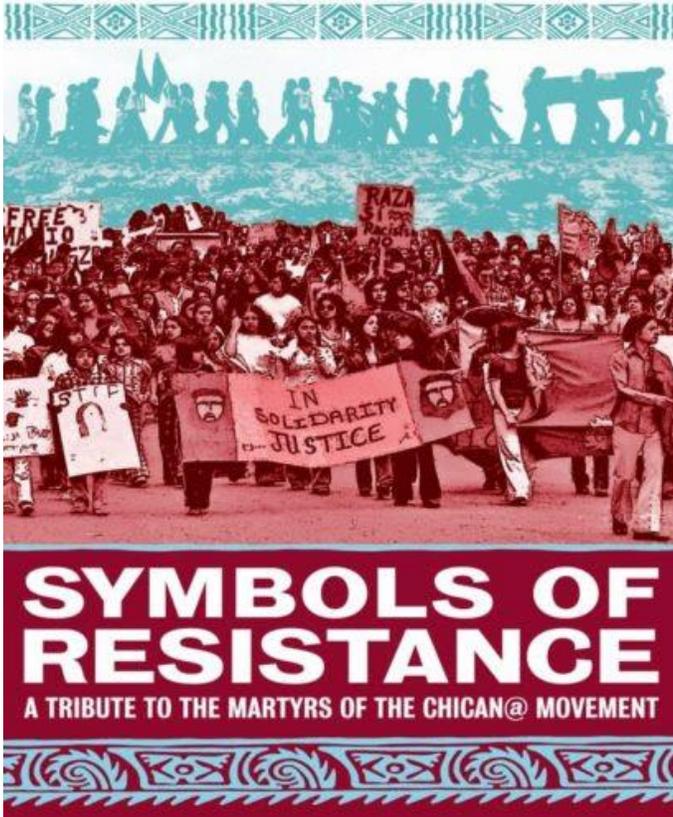
He added: “You folks have been saying untrue and malicious things about me and Dr. [Bruce] Jessen for years.”

Mitchell and his colleague Jessen were previously questioned in videotaped depositions in a civil case, but the proceedings underway at the military court complex in Guantánamo represent the first courtroom appearances by the two psychologists as witnesses. On Tuesday, the accused architect of the

9/11 attacks, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, sat just yards from the men who waterboarded him 183 times in a CIA black site in Poland in March 2003.

The topic of Tuesday’s hearing was a motion to suppress statements made by the 9/11 defendants while they were being held in detention, even after they were brought from the CIA’s black sites to Guantánamo. The defense attorneys allege that the statements the men made at Guantánamo were not voluntary because of the profound impact of their prior torture, which was overseen by Mitchell and Jessen.” See <https://theintercept.com/2020/01/21/911-trial-cia-torture-guantanamo/>

Freedom Archives - Download Symbols of Resistance Curriculum



“Symbols of Resistance looks at the history of the Chican@ Movement as it emerges in the 1970s, with a focus on events in Colorado and Northern New Mexico. The documentary explores the struggle for land, the student movement, and community struggles against police repression. As an organizing tool, this documentary has deepened people’s understanding of the roots of struggle and highlighted how this history can inform and strengthen current organizing efforts and movement building.

Our curriculum is intended to accompany and extend the impact of the film. The curriculum will highlight the relevance of the history documented in the film to present-day struggles for justice – for immigrant rights, and against the ongoing repression of ICE raids, detention, and mass deportations.”

For Download see

https://freedomarchives.org/Documents/Finder/DOC42_scans/42.SOR.Curriculum.Full.pdf

Veteran Black Panther Political Prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal Granted Right Of Appeal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shO6tAjAawg>

US listed climate activist group as ‘extremists’ alongside mass killers

“DHS listed activists engaged in non-violent civil disobedience targeting oil industry alongside white supremacists in documents. by Adam Federman (The Guardian)

A group of US environmental activists engaged in non-violent civil disobedience targeting the oil industry have been listed in internal Department of Homeland Security documents as “extremists” and some of its members listed alongside white nationalists and mass killers, documents obtained by the

Guardian reveal. The group have been dubbed the Valve Turners, after closing the valves on pipelines in four states carrying crude oil from Canada's tar sands on 11 October 2016 which accounted for about 15% of US daily consumption. It was described as the largest coordinated action of its kind and for a few hours the oil stopped flowing. The five climate activists, members of Climate Direct Action, cut their way through fencing and turned the valves. The activists notified the energy companies whose pipelines were being disrupted and posted videos of their protest online and waited patiently to be arrested. They have since been dubbed the "Valve Turners", profiled in the New York Times magazine and featured in a recent documentary titled *The Reluctant Radical*. Their trials have also tested the willingness of courts to allow climate activists to make use of the necessity defense – the idea that a criminal action is justified if it helps to prevent greater future harm – as part of a legal strategy." See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/updates-28-jan-2020.pdf>

Will Albany Give Older NY Prisoners A Chance At Freedom? As fake progressive Governor Cuomo hides from the issue, folks on the street are taking it directly to him. by Victoria Law

"Theresa and her husband Morris have been together for 45 years, 11 of them married. She's known Morris since early childhood and has stuck by him through multiple arrests and prison sentences, as well as his crack cocaine addiction. For the last 14 years Morris has been in prison, stemming from his participation in a group robbery, which included an assault and led to charges of attempted murder and a 40-year sentence.

"My husband is a very different man [than he was 14 years ago]," Theresa told Gothamist. (Theresa asked that the couple only be identified by their first names to prevent retaliation from prison officials.) Morris is now drug-free and a grandfather. He has completed various programs in anger management, substance use and violence prevention. "I don't see the person I used to see in the '80s and '70s," Theresa noted. "He no longer talks about ripping and roaring in the streets, his old friends, getting back with them. He wants to go back to church—he was a church boy [before]. He wants to sit at home and get to know his grandchildren, repair his relationship with his daughters." See

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/updates-28-jan-2020.pdf>

Why Andy Young seeks mercy for Jamil Al-Amin-An Atlanta reporter chimes in on Andrew Young's consistent support of Imam Jamil Al-Amin by Bill Torpy

"Andrew Young is a national treasure located here in our backyard. The civil rights hero/ambassador/mayor has for decades captivated crowds with homilies that resemble unfamiliar mountain roads — curvy and circuitous and leaving you with no idea of the ultimate destination. He delivered such an oratory last week at Tyler Perry's studio during an event to commemorate the Fulton County district attorney's new Conviction Integrity Unit. The goal of the unit is to help free the wrongfully convicted or help shorten inordinately long prison sentences. The event featured some innocent men who had been imprisoned for crimes they didn't commit.

Young was his old raconteur self, talking about justice, race, the causes of crime, the cost of prisons, Martin Luther King Jr., German Shepherds and then, finally, about a case "that weighs heavy on my heart because I really think he was wrongfully convicted." Young said the man, a Muslim, had helped "clean up" Atlanta's West End. "I'm talking about Jamil Al-Amin," he said, "H. Rap Brown."

"I think it's time to rejudge," said Young. "He's been dying of cancer and has been suffering away from his family in the worst prisons of this nation." See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/updates-28-jan-2020.pdf>

Why Chelsea Manning Is Still in Jail?

Three years to the day after her sentence was commuted, a look at how things got to where they are. by Leila Ettachfini

“When Barack Obama commuted Chelsea Manning’s 35-year sentence three days before the end of his presidency, it signified a shift in the political landscape—one that her supporters and those long-critical of the United States military welcomed. “Let’s be clear: Chelsea Manning has served a tough prison sentence [...] it makes sense to commute—and not pardon—her sentence,” he said of his decision. Obama’s action suggested that the United States was finally willing, perhaps, to reckon with its destructive military operations overseas, and the ways the system treats trans people at home. The moment was hopeful and relieving to the many who saw Manning not as the traitor she was accused of being, but as an American heroine.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/updates-28-jan-2020.pdf>

NYC Anarchist Assembly for People of Color

“WHAT: Assembly WHEN: 7:00pm, Saturday, **February 1st**

WHERE: The Base – 1302 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11221

NOTE: The Base is on the ground floor, is wheelchair accessible, and has a gender neutral toilet.

COST: FREE

The growth of anti-police organizing, anti-imperialist and anti-colonial struggles, and the movement against prison slavery has been central to revolutionary organizing and activity. These struggles primarily affect black and brown people in the United States. In light of this reality, we are calling for an assembly exclusively for people of color. Please come to what will be our first of many of these assemblies. These will be some points of discussion, but other points and topics are welcome and encouraged:

- o What steps do we take to put forth a form of politics that makes opposition to the United States central to anarchist politics?

- o How do we start building an alternative to electoral politics?

- o What are some next possible steps for FTP anti-pig activities in NYC?” See

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/updates-28-jan-2020.pdf>

Venezuela Embassy Protectors' Pretrial Hearing Update

Pretrial Hearing Update: Defense Team Challenged Trump Prosecutors' Attempts to Fix Outcome of Trial: Judge Delays Key Decisions By Ajamu Baraka and Bahman Azad

Co-Chairs of the Embassy Protectors Defense Committee

“A pretrial hearing of the four Embassy Protectors facing federal prosecution took place before Judge Beryl A. Howell on January 29 in Washington, DC. The hearing, which was to define the parameters of the upcoming trial, became complicated as the judge learned more about the facts of the case.

When the hearing started, Judge Howell stated that she expected to rule on all the issues requiring decisions that day. She added that her previous ruling on discovery, where she denied all of the

defendants’ discovery requests, ought to tell the defendants what to expect. However, after four hours, the judge decided to delay some of her decisions on critical elements such as what the jury will be allowed to hear and whether the Embassy Protectors will be able to present a meaningful defense.” See

https://defendembassyprotectors.org/?link_id=1&can_id=8399872173a6cb6b622cc86d1b42d4a1&source=email-venezuela-embassy-protectors-east-coast-tour-new-york-city-event-5&email_referrer=email_714198&email_subject=venezuela-embassy-protectors-pretrial-hearing-update

Samidoun: Colonial “Deal of the Century” sure to fail; time to fight back and defend Palestine

“Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network joins our voice with that of Palestinians and all people of conscience around the world in rejecting and condemning Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu’s racist, colonialist, so-called “Deal of the Century.” This “deal” blatantly enshrines settler

colonialism and Zionism without even a facade of concern for allegedly universal principles of justice, sovereignty, self-determination and international law from which Palestinians are systematically excluded. While we are entirely certain of the utter failure of this “war plan” for occupied Palestine (it is certainly not any form of plan for peace) when confronted with the unified rejection of the Palestinian and Arab peoples and all supporters of justice around the world, we also emphasize the urgency of escalating our struggle to confront Zionism and imperialism and bring about their defeat. This must mean expanding our campaigns for boycott, divestment and sanctions with material effect; defending Palestinian resistance and advancing the demand for freedom for Palestinian political prisoners.” See: <https://samidoun.net/2020/01/samidoun-colonial-deal-of-the-century-sure-to-fail-time-to-fight-back-and-defend-palestine/>

At Gitmo, a Parade of Euphemisms Sustains the 9/11 “Forever” Trials Margot Williams - January 29, 2020

“The accused were escorted into the courtroom by guards wearing gloves made of blue latex. The men were placed in seats one behind the other in five rows next to their lawyers. The sixth row was empty, but a chain was still attached for shackling a defendant to the floor.

Welcome to Guantánamo Bay, where an unused shackle is a small reminder of the abnormal fusing into the normal, nearly two decades after the first prisoners of the “war on terror” began arriving here. The defendants now are not chained, and they appear for court in clothing of their choice, often camouflage jackets or traditional garments worn in Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, or Yemen; there are no more government-issued jumpsuits. At the U.S. naval base that hosts the extraordinary military commissions for the prosecution of post-9/11 detainees, a view of the Sierra Maestra in the distance is one of the few reminders that you are in Cuba. There’s also a souvenir shop with trinkets that show sites in Havana you can’t drive or fly to from here. This is not that Cuba.” See <https://theintercept.com/2020/01/29/guantanamo-9-11-forever-trials/>

Video: Murder at Parchman January 31, 2020 National IWOC”A person incarcerated at Parchman Farm (formally known as Mississippi State Penitentiary) recorded the following video of a murder in the prison. The video was pulled from Youtube, so we are hosting it here. CONTENT WARNING: GRAPHIC VIOLENCE <https://incarceratedworkers.org/news/video-murder-parchman>

Torture Is the Central Issue in the Guantanamo Trials January 30, 2020

“The CIA is hiding the names of those who ordered and carried out the torture of Guantanamo detainees. Even after years of legal battles, the United States is likely still using black sites and torture.” See <https://therealnews.com/stories/torture-guantanamo-trials-cia-black-sites>

The Cheer Team Caught Between Two Worlds

“Ashley Esquivel’s alarm goes off at 5:45 a.m. in Juárez, Mexico. It’s a Friday in November, and she’s heading to high school in Texas, which means football. She pulls on blue sweats branded with the frowning bear mascot of her high school, stuffs her cheerleading skirt into her backpack and gets in the car. Her dad drops her at the U.S. border on his way to work. About 40,000 children cross the U.S.-Mexican border each day, dodging traffic and waiting through checkpoints on their way to school in Texas and other states. In collaboration with National Geographic, Nina Strohlic and Sara Naomi Lewkowicz bring the story and photo essay of Ashley Esquivel, who with her friends treks from Juárez, Mexico, to El Paso, Texas, each day for high school. They are cheerleaders on the Bowie High School team who dream of college and have become symbols of the successes, and the challenges, of our crossborder society. See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/01/30/the-cheer-team-caught-between-two-worlds?>

Next month, there will be TWO memorials for recently deceased former political prisoner Robert Seth Hayes. I hope you can make both of them! Celebrate the life of Robert Seth Hayes Join us to commemorate this former Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army veteran, long-term political prisoner and freedom fighter.

February 29, 2020 5:30-8:00pm, Countee Cullen Branch (NY Public Library)
104 West 136th Street, Harlem, NYC.

Sponsored by: Northeast Political Prisoner Coalition, National Alumni Association of the Black Panther Party, New York City Anarchist Black Cross, Page One Collective.

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Join the National Jericho Movement to Celebrate the Life of Freedom Fighter Robert Seth Hayes!

Sunday, March 1, 2020

The People's Forum 320 West 37th Street, NY, NY. 1 to 4 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Jihad Abdul Mumit, National Jericho Chair, BPP/BLA

Daniel McGowan, Certain Days Calendar Collective

Other Speakers and Culture TBA

We will also remember other fallen warriors and celebrate recent victories!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/165867098014375/>

18 Years After Its Opening, Justice Remains Elusive for Prisoners of Guantánamo Aisha Maniar
January 11, 2020

“More prisoners have died at Guantánamo than have been convicted by the military commissions. 2019 was a bad year for justice for former and present Guantánamo prisoners, and not just prisoners subject to the military commission process. Forty men still remain detained at the Guantánamo Bay prison camp 18 years after it opened on January 11, 2002. Only seven of them face charges, including five prisoners accused of involvement in the 9/11 attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., in 2001. With the start date for their trial set for January 11, 2021, ongoing pretrial hearings in their case are focused on the permissibility of evidence obtained through torture in CIA custody, which would not be a consideration in normal court proceedings. As part of the hearings, the two independent contractor psychologists who designed the CIA’s torture program for \$80 million are due to testify as witnesses later this month.” See <https://portside.org/2020-02-03/18-years-after-its-opening-justice-remains-elusive-prisoners-guantanamo>

Embassy Protection Collective: ‘We Are Not the Ones Who Violated the Law’ By Paul Dobson -
February 4, 2020

“The US government formally recognized opposition leader Juan Guaido as Venezuela’s head of state following his self-proclamation as “interim president” in January 2019, sparking a breakdown in diplomatic relations between the Maduro administration and US government.

In March, Guaido’s US representative, Carlos Vecchio, attempted to set up shop in Venezuela’s Washington DC embassy. This was thwarted, however, by around ten solidarity activists who embarked on a 37-day occupation, insisting that Guaido was unelected and had no legal basis to seize the building. The occupation, which began on April 10, came to an end in May when the US Secret Services broke into the diplomatic building and arrested the four remaining activists, now known as the Embassy Protection Collective: Kevin Zeese, Margaret Flowers, Adrienne Pine and David Paul.

In this exclusive interview, VA’s Paul Dobson talks to them about the upcoming trial and its political consequences.” See <https://venezuelanalysis.com/analysis/14782>

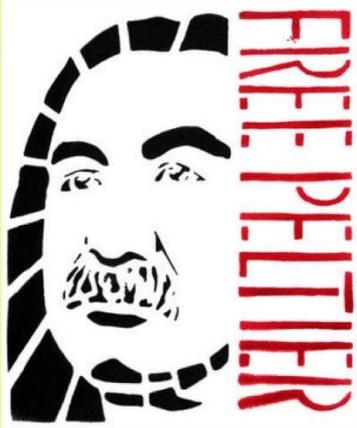
International Day of Solidarity with Leonard Peltier

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY
WITH LEONARD PELTIER

San Jose

6:00pm - 8:00pm
San Jose Peace &
Justice Center
(SJPJC)
48 South 7th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Speaker:
Carol Robideau,
Chippewa White Earth,
Aunt of Leonard Peltier,
will speak about her
recent visit with Leonard
Peltier in Coleman I prison
in Coleman, Florida.



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5:30pm @
24th + Mission
Street, San Francisco

Thursday, February 6th, 2020

Federal Judge Reverses Conviction of Border Volunteers, Challenging Government's "Gruesome Logic" Ryan Devereaux - February 4, 2020

"A federal judge in Tucson, Arizona, reversed the conviction of four humanitarian aid volunteers on religious freedom grounds Monday, ruling that the government had embraced a "gruesome logic" that criminalizes "interfering with a border enforcement strategy of deterrence by death." The reversal, written by U.S. District Judge Rosemary Márquez, marked the latest rebuke of the Trump administration's crackdown on humanitarian aid providers in southern Arizona, and the second time in matter of months that a religious freedom defense has prevailed in a federal case involving the provision of aid to migrants in the borderlands." See

<https://theintercept.com/2020/02/04/reversal-conviction-border-volunteers-gruesome-logic/>

DC Afro-Latino Caucus Founder Manuel Mendez Offers Ideas on How to Learn More About Afro-Latino History by JULIENNE GAGE February 4, 2020

"Manuel Mendez grew up always knowing his Black and Latino identity, but even in Washington, DC, a city affectionately called "The Chocolate City" for its historically large Black population, he spent a lot of time educating others. Sometimes he'd have classmates over to his house to try a plate of rice, beans, and chicken, which could then lead to a discussion about his Spanish surname, his Dominican heritage and a gentle reminder that ships carrying people stolen from Africa docked all across the

Americas. Today Mendez is the founding director of the area's DC Afro-Latino Caucus, and he uses the public library in the city's Mt. Pleasant neighborhood, a community that once hosted many of the capital's Latin American and Caribbean embassies, as a meeting space for special educational events. ProgressReport.co kicked off Black History Month by asking Mendez to share how he made Afro-Latino history lessons into a career, and how others like him can do that in their own communities" See <https://progressreport.co/dc-afrolatino-caucus-founder-offers-ideas-on-how-to-learn-more-about-afro-latino-history/>

International law firm cites 'globally renowned journalist' Michael Richardson

"My articles on Taiwan have reached a hungry market eager for news not found anywhere else. I now have more readers in Taiwan than I do in the United States. The desire for news ignored by the mainstream media has caused readers to seek out my reports in record numbers. Two Taiwan news channels have featured my reports as well as the Liberty Times. Now a Washington law firm specializing in international law has recognized my reports." See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/02/07/international-law-firm-cites-globally-renowned-journalist-michael-richardson/>

Johanna Fernández presents "The Young Lords: A Radical History" Thursday February 20, 7:00PM @ Red Emma's

"Against the backdrop of America's escalating urban rebellions in the 1960s, an unexpected cohort of New York radicals unleashed a series of urban guerrilla actions against the city's racist policies and contempt for the poor. Their dramatic flair, uncompromising vision, and skillful ability to link local problems to international crises riveted the media, alarmed New York's political class, and challenged nationwide perceptions of civil rights and black power protest. The group called itself the Young Lords. Utilizing oral histories, archival records, and an enormous cache of police records released only after a decade-long Freedom of Information Law request and subsequent court battle, Johanna Fernández has written the definitive account of the Young Lords, from their roots as a street gang to their rise and fall as a political organization. Led predominantly by poor and working-class Puerto Rican youth, and consciously fashioned after the Black Panther Party, the Young Lords confronted race and class inequality and questioned American foreign policy. Their imaginative, irreverent protests and media conscious tactics won significant reforms and exposed U.S. mainland audiences to the country's quiet imperial project in Puerto Rico. In riveting style, Fernández demonstrates how the Young Lords redefined the character of protest, the color of politics, and the cadence of popular urban culture in the age of great dreams.

Johanna Fernández is assistant professor of history at Baruch College of the City University of New York and editor of *Writing on the Wall: Selected Prison Writings of Mumia Abu-Jamal*." See <https://redemmas.org/events/1487-johanna-fern-ndez-presents--the-young-lords--a-radical-history->

Roger Waters ads banned by Major League Baseball after outcry from Jewish group

"Major League Baseball (MLB) has stopped running promotions of Pink Floyd co-founder Roger Waters on its platforms, after caving in to pressure from a Jewish group that accused him of anti-Semitism. In January, Jewish advocacy organization B'nai B'rith International began a campaign to protest ads for Waters' new tour, 'This is Not a Drill', which appeared on MLB platforms. The group claimed that the musician is an "avowed anti-Semite" whose views on Israel "far exceed the boundaries of civil discourse." See <https://www.rt.com/news/480384-roger-waters-mlb-bds-israel/>

Political Prisoner Letter-Writing

WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing Dinner WHEN: 7pm sharp, Tuesday, February 11, 2020

WHERE: The Base – 1302 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11221 NOTE: The Base is on the ground floor, is wheelchair accessible, and has a gender neutral toilet. COST: Free

“At a recent event in support of political prisoners, we were once again reminded by elders who either have spent time behind bars themselves or have supported those who have, that supporting folks snatched up by the State is of the utmost importance for any political movement and associated communities. Throughout the history of European expansion across the globe, indigenous folks have put their bodies on the line in order to stop the spread of colonialism. This struggle has shown itself in recent years in the fight against the expansion of American capitalist and colonial powers onto indigenous land to build pipelines that threaten not only the sovereignty and autonomy of those who live there, but also the water and ecology which sustains the region. Time and time again we see repression chasing down the strength of those who fight against these forces in an effort to isolate folks and put a stop to these movements. Water protectors are no exception. With that in mind, NYC ABC will be writing to Red Fawn Fallis and Rattler (Michael Markus) for our every-other-week political prisoner letter-writing dinner.” See https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/02/07/water_protectors2020

January 2020 Message from Joshua Williams

“Joshua Williams was arrested in the aftermath of the Ferguson uprisings. Please read his latest writing “This is my speech to all my people in the fight, so sit back and listen.

I say to the people all around the world, fighting against slavery, fighting against racism, fighting against the system, I say to you, don’t get tired. Keep fighting. Be strong, because one thing about us is we are stronger than racism. We are stronger than the police who’s trying to kill us off. And the thing about that is when the police kill a black man or woman or a white man or woman: another one is born, stronger than the last one.

People of the nation: I speak to you in peace. I speak to you in love. People of the world, I speak to you and in struggle I say, I’m here with you. Fighting along side of you. Because there are many fights. You can be fighting against cancer, for suicide prevention, against bullying and voter suppression— whatever it is, I say to you: stay strong. Don’t give up. I know you tired. I am, too. But the moment we give up on America is the moment we give up our lives, because we give up the fight.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/02/updates-11-feb-2020.pdf>

Art Without Walls-Review of Certain Days 2020 calendar featured in The Independent.

by Renée Feltz (The Independent)

“It was a full circle moment when Herman Bell attended the launch of the 2020 edition of the Certain Days calendar and shared how he conceived the project while he was incarcerated, urging friends to buy a copy by telling them: "Don't be a square!" The former Black Panther's archaically hip cajoling denoted his 44 years behind bars. Given a 25 years to life sentence in 1971 for killing two policemen, Bell was granted parole and released in 2018, after decades of grassroots organizing and critical reforms, which the calendar continues to support by raising funds for projects like RAPP (Release Aging People from Prison). Bell had the idea for a collaboration between political prisoners and their supporters in 2000, and started the calendar with two other men held in New York maximum security prisons and some Canadian students who visited them. Robert "Seth" Hayes was a former Panther who got 25 years to life in 1971 for the death of a transit officer, and attempted murder of police who stormed his apartment. He died in December 2019, at home, after being paroled just the year before. David Gilbert, sentenced to 75 years to life after a 1981 Brink's truck robbery with the Black Liberation Army, remains in prison and is still part of the project.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/02/updates-11-feb-2020.pdf>

The Tornillo 16: Reflections on Migrant Detention and Incarceration at the U.S.-Mexico Border

February 10, 2020 By Nicolás Cruz

“On May 20th, 2019 16-year old Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez died in a concrete cell in McAllen, Texas of the flu. After travelling with his sister from Guatemala through Mexico and across the border near Hidalgo, Texas, Carlos was detained by Border Patrol agents on May 13th. That same day, about 600 miles away along the same border, I turned myself into the El Paso City Police Department after they put out nationally televised warrants for the arrest of 16 activists including myself. Our crime: protesting the actions of the Border Patrol and the mistreatment of migrants in detention.” See <https://therednation.org/2020/02/10/the-tornillo-16-reflections-on-migrant-detention-and-incarceration-at-the-u-s-mexico-border/>

The Omaha Two inspired activist artists Ben Jones and Emory Douglas to create iconographic images of Nebraska’s political prisoners by richardsonreports



Ben Jones painted Edward Poindexter and Emory Douglas portrayed Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa, two Black Panther leaders sentenced to life in prison. (credits: Ben Jones/Emory Douglas). Retrieved from <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/02/13/the-omaha-two-inspired-activist-artists-ben-jones-and-emory-douglas-to-create-iconographic-images-of-nebraskas-political-prisoners/>

“Ben Jones, a Chicago artist, has recently completed a portrait of Edward Poindexter, an inmate of the Nebraska State Penitentiary. Emory Douglas, former Black Panther Minister of Culture, created a poster of Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa (former David Rice) in 2016 for Mondo’s memorial service. Mondo, who died in March 2016 serving a life without parole sentence, and Poindexter were leaders of Omaha’s Black Panthers in 1970 when they were arrested for a policeman’s murder.” See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/02/13/the-omaha-two-inspired-activist-artists-ben-jones-and-emory-douglas-to-create-iconographic-images-of-nebraskas-political-prisoners/>

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. The campaign “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela” is busy

framing ideas about how to proceed with the charges for a tribunal and then bring that to main committee and start getting professionals involved nationally.

NYC Jericho met on February 8th, noon to 3pm for the campaign "In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela". For March's meeting contact nycjericho@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved. We invite you to support this initiative. **Everyone is encouraged to check out the website** <http://spiritofmandela.org>

"Set your calendars now: The International Tribunal on U.S. Human Rights Violations and Political Prisoners (ITUSHRPP) is set to take place in **October 2021**. We intend to document, in detailed evidentiary form and utilizing all available contemporary human rights precedents, the gross violations faced by colonized people and those who have defended basic self-determination principles. But this will not be a narrow or dry legalistic affair. This people's Tribunal is designed to both educate and mobilize, so renewed fight back movements can emerge and be strengthened. We are aware that we stand on formidable shoulders.

In the 1940's, W.E.B. DuBois first petitioned the newly-formed United Nations regarding the rights of U.S.-born people of African descent; in the 1950's Paul Robeson was one of a number who "Charged Genocide" against the U.S. government to the global body. Minister Malcolm X's formation in 1964 of the Organization of Afro-American Unity was part of a direct campaign to put the case of "the 22 million Black people who are the victims of Americanism" before the Organization of African Unity and the U.N. On Human Rights Day 1978, attorney Lennox Hinds— working on behalf of the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ, and the National Alliance Against Racism—petitioned the UN's Human Rights Commission, resulting in a team of seven international jurists investigating cases of gross violations pertaining to U.S. political prisoners. Throughout the 1980's and 1990's, Dr. Luis Nieves Falcon and a wide array of petitioners held a variety of Tribunals in Europe, the U.S., and Puerto Rico, with verdicts indicating further abuses of the U.S. prison, police, political, and military systems. And in 2014, the UN Human Rights Committee issued a report criticizing the U.S. for 25 distinct violations of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. We are aware that the people's voice—including the voices of our long-incarcerated elders—must be heard.

Mutulu Shakur asserted the need for a U.S. process of truth and reconciliation, and many have begun to discuss and implement grassroots forum for truth-telling, where witnesses listen and reflect upon voices "from the margins" to organize for an end to structural and militarized state violence. Jalil Muntaqim has called for campaigns "in the spirit of Mandela," where the international social and political context which helped revise the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners in 2015 be utilized in the case of those incarcerated in the U.S. Our International Tribunal will call for testimony from both sides of the wall, both on issues of the torturous conditions of political imprisonment and on the root colonial and neo-colonial conditions and repression which inevitably lead to growing numbers of political prisoners. We will not separate the work to free our prisoners with the work to free the land, and for ultimate liberation of all."

As we continue 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 Council 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> **also in German!!** [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>).

Please read our invitation below and contact us if you are interested in endorsing, sponsoring or otherwise becoming involved in “The Spirit of Nelson Mandela” initiative.

“Greetings of Peace!

“It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones.” —Nelson Mandela
The IN THE SPIRIT OF NELSON MANDELA COALITION invites you to join our campaign to develop an International Coalition to acknowledge, recognize and push for the release of US held Political Prisoners. The conditions under which US political prisoners are forced to live, and the length of their sentences violates international law and the UN Nelson Mandela Rules. In December 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted its landmark resolution 70/175 entitled “United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules)” (<https://www.penalreform.org/priorities/prison-conditions/standard-minimum-rules/>). These Rules condemn the United States’ policies and practices of punitive solitary confinement, medical neglect and long-term solitary confinement. This particular international initiative stems from a call from Political Prisoner and co-founder of the National Jericho Movement to Free All Political Prisoners, Jalil Abdul Muntaqim. Although efforts to present our issues in the international arena certainly aren’t new—Malcolm X urged such in the 1960s—this Initiative begins with a much-needed renewed energy, focus and commitment.

While constantly organizing and soliciting endorsers and sponsors, our first campaign objective was to contact the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) (<https://www.icj.org>) to initiate a formal investigation into the holding of Political Prisoners in the United States. Representatives from the ICJ had come to the United States before in 1979 to visit Political prisoners Sundiata Acoli and Ed Poindexter. Some forty years later these prisoners still remain in prison. Ultimately, we hope to use this investigation to bring the following results:

- Generate international awareness and attention
- Implore the United Nation to convene a Truth and Reconciliation Tribunal to explore, expose and address the social, economic and political historic conditions of people of color, and particularly black people in the United States, revolutionaries and movement organizations that struggle against these conditions, and the government’s brutal and illegal response to those organizations and people resulting in the deaths and incarcerations of hundreds
- Build political and legal pressure to call for the release of Political Prisoners

We realize that we have a difficult job ahead, but the more national and international solidarity we garner, the greater the chances for victory. We hope you will join the campaign by -

1. Agreeing to support by clearly identifying your organization and contact person;

2. Providing your accurate email and phone number (We will keep you informed of developments of this initiative); and
3. Partaking of the unique experience of collectively brain storming strategies to bring this struggle to the international arena and to the United Nations.

Your input is valued at any level.

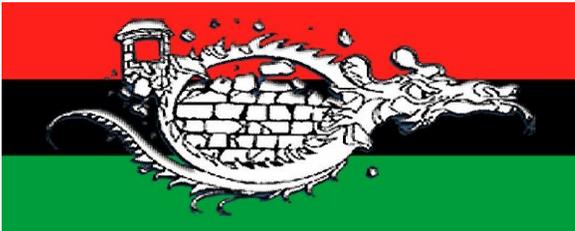
In solidarity,

The National Jericho Movement

In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Coalition”

FREE ALL U.S. HELD

POLITICAL PRISONERS!!!



Moving Forward

As we move towards accomplishing our goals, we seek to continue to form new alliances to help build a more unified front both nationally and internationally. We look forward to expanding our scope of services as well as increasing our dedicated members, especially reaching out to the youth to carry on the torch of justice for not only our beloved freedom fighters who are now elders **still** in these dungeons, but also for those Political Prisoners who are to come in the future-and surely, they will, given the escalating oppression and fascism that is swiftly seeping through every “right” in this country. Unless a sudden change permeates the power structures, the number of political prisoners will grow. COINTELPRO is still alive and running many missives in which to entrap those who oppose the tyrannical, oppressive & racism regime. 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.

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. “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/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 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 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

**Please consider signing up to be a being a Monthly Sustainer!
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