

The Dragons Fire

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“When the prison doors are opened, the real dragon will fly out”

Ho Chi Minh

Revolutionary Greetings,

Welcome to our National Jericho Movement Newsletter. Thank you to all of our members and 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.

“Throughout amerika's history, people have been imprisoned because of their political beliefs and charged with criminal acts in order to justify that imprisonment. Those who have dared to speak out against the injustices in this country, both Black and white, have paid dearly for their courage, sometimes with their lives.”

— Assata Shakur, Assata: An Autobiography

Jericho Movement's Current Work and Progress

Jericho actively maintains direct connections with our political prisoner by visiting or writing them monthly. We also maintain contact and assist their families as available. We monitor health & legal status and provide support and intervention. We hold political education classes, table at events, 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 occurred during the month across the nation. Thinking forward-we will be updating our website, increasing our international reach to build continued solidarity and plan to create additional resources for our Political Prisoners/POW's and their families.

The Jericho Movement has initiated as well as supported and participated in many rallies, events and calls to action this month.

Jericho Activities, Highlights and Tributes

Eddie Africa of the MOVE organization was released on June 21st, 2019!



“Eddie Africa is welcomed as he emerges from more than 40 years in prison by the lawyers from the Abolitionist Law Center and People’s Law Office on Friday, June 21, 2019.” Retrieved from <https://sfbayview.com/2019/06/eddie-africa-of-the-move9-is-home-after-four-decades-of-incarceration/>

This has been yet another highlight and congratulatory win for the MOVE family and all of their supporters!! The National Jericho family wishes to extend our heartfelt joy and support to our brother and the MOVE family. As we honor and celebrate your homecoming and new life with your family. We will continue the to struggle to free your remaining MOVE family- Chuck and Delbert Africa. Much love and blessings to you all!

With Solidarity & Love, Your Jericho Family.

NYC Jericho Event, Free Leonard Peltier with Lenny Foster!

April 2019



NYC Jericho & Comrades!



Nathan Phillips, his daughter, Patricia Davis, Lenny Foster and Olie

Chairman's Corner

On Monday, June 24, 2019, the National Jericho Movement gave direct support to the Puerto Rican Independence Movement.

Chairperson Jihad Abdulmumit testified at the annual hearing of the Special Committee for the Decolonization of Puerto Rico.

He was joined by Sekou Odinga and Jericho members Frank Velgara, Ann Jaffe, and Ben Ramos.

Comrades Ben Ramos and Oscar Lopez also gave very powerful testimonies denouncing US colonialism in Puerto Rico.

From these testimonies a resolution is being tendered to the General Assembly denouncing colonialism and demanding the US honor past resolutions and allow the beautiful sisters and brothers of Puerto Rico to frame and build their own government.

UNITED WE STAND!



Jihad Abdulmumit



Jihad Abdulmumit and Oscar Lopez



Jihad Abdulmumit

NYC Jericho: Jalil, Cook, HS, and Tag (July 2019)



Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

POLITICAL PRISONER OF THE MONTH

Assata Shakur

“No movement can survive unless it is constantly growing and changing with the times. If it isn't growing, if it's stagnant, and without the support of the people, no movement for liberation can exist, no matter how correct its analysis of the situation is. That's why political work and organizing are so important. Unless you are addressing the issues people are concerned about and contributing positive direction, they'll never support you. The first thing the enemy tries to do is isolate revolutionaries from the masses of people, making us horrible and hideous monsters so that our people will hate us.”

— Assata Shakur, *Assata: An Autobiography*

Assata: Exile since 1979

“On May 2 1973, Black Panther activist Assata Shakur (fns) JoAnne Chesimard, was pulled over by the New Jersey State Police, shot twice and then charged with murder of a police officer. Assata spent six and a half years in prison under brutal circumstances before escaping out of the maximum-security wing of the Clinton Correctional Facility for Women in New Jersey in 1979 and moving to Cuba.

On May 2 2005, the xxth anniversary of Assata's escape, The U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney General, and the New Jersey State Police raised the reward (read: blood bounty) being offered for the capture of Assata Shakur to \$1,000,000 US Dollars, encouraging mercenaries and freelance joy seekers to find, kidnap and if necessary break Cuba law so that Assata might be returned to the U.S. to resume her sentence and be tried on additional charges. Charges which also include the ridiculous and slanderous description of "domestic terrorist".

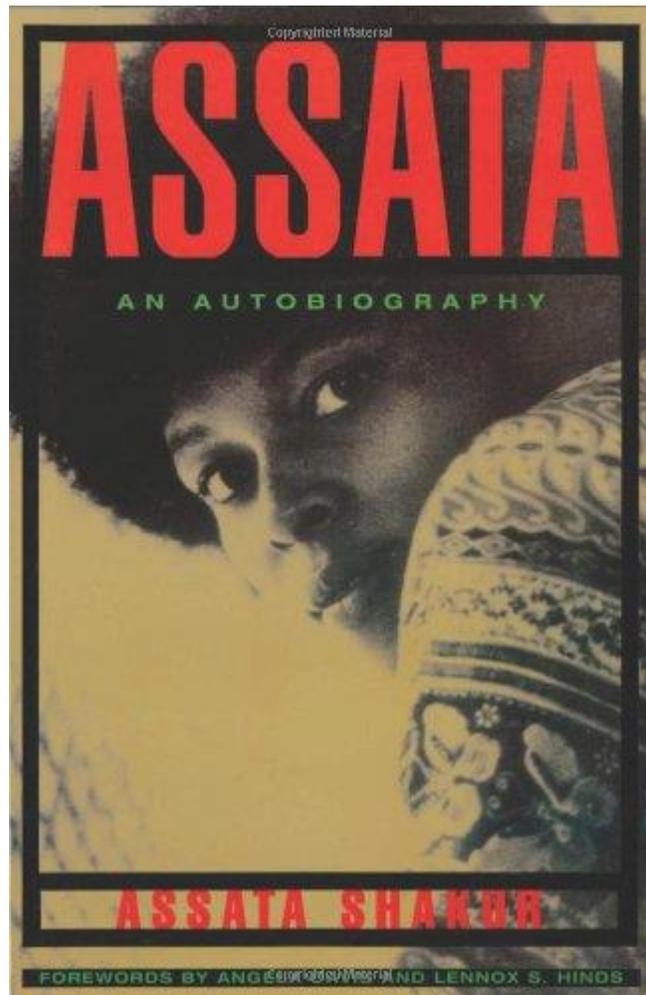
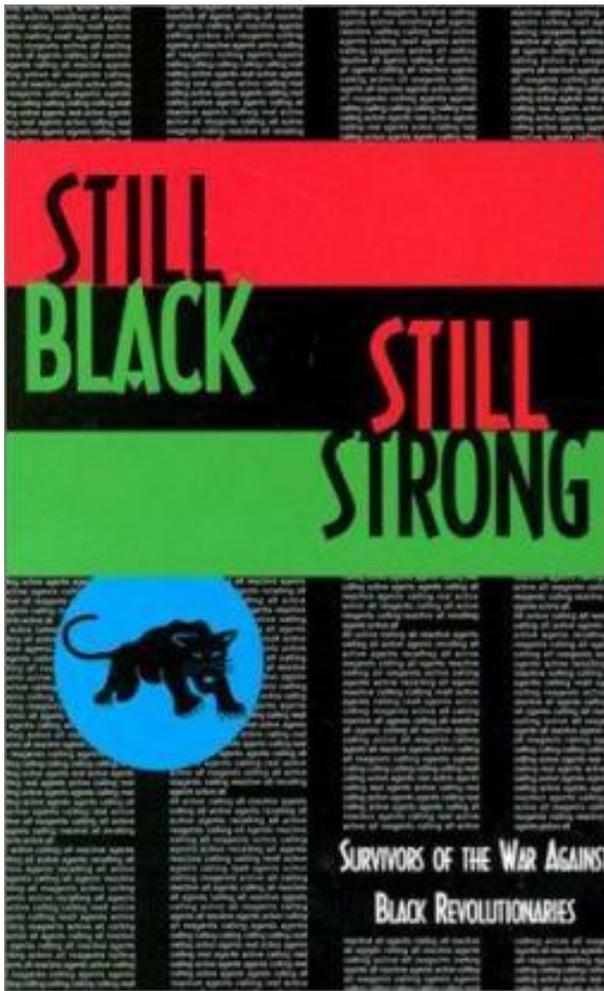
This obsessive and barbaric attempt to malign, imprison and/or assassinate important and legitimate Black (Afrikan) activists is an ongoing expression of the contempt and hatred that the U.S. government has always shown Black people and their leadership in America. It is all out assault on our rights as both citizens of the United States and human in general, to voice, dissent and challenge social, economic and political obstacles that hinder our progress, threaten our lives and derail our destiny. The government wants us dumb, silent, docile and compliant. Assata Shakur is one voice that will not be muffled!



Photo from <https://allthatsinteresting.com/assata-shakur> via YouTube/Democracy Now

Assata: In her own words

My name is Assata ("she who struggles") Shakur ("the thankful one"), and I am a 20th century escaped slave. Because of government persecution, I was left with no other choice than to flee from the political repression, racism and violence that dominate the US government's policy towards people of color. I am an ex political prisoner, and I have been living in exile in Cuba since 1984. I have been a political activist most of my life, and although the U.S. government has done everything in its power to criminalize me, I am not a criminal, nor have I ever been one. In the 1960s, I participated in various struggles: the black liberation movement, the student rights movement, and the movement to end the war in Vietnam. I joined the Black Panther Party. By 1969 the Black Panther Party had become the number one organization targeted by the FBI's COINTELPRO program. because the Black Panther Party demanded the total liberation of black people, J. Edgar Hoover called it "greatest threat to the internal security of the country" and vowed to destroy it and its leaders and activists." From <http://www.assatashakur.com/>



<https://www.thriftbooks.com/a/assata-shakur/201881/>

For more information on Assata see:

http://www.itsabouttimebpp.com/Assata_Shakur/Assata_Shakur_index.html

https://www.democracynow.org/topics/assata_shakur

<http://www.assatashakur.com/>

<http://www.assatashakur.net/>

Medical Updates

Ed Poindexter: Ed's health is very bad, Jericho is looking to start a campaign.

Kojo Bomani: Kojo has been calling regularly. His health is not the best, Jericho to follow up.

Abdul Aziz: We may have to launch a call-in campaign to ensure Abdul Aziz gets appropriate medical attention for his heart and prostate. More info to follow pending update.

Mumia Abu Jamal: “Mumia’s vision has rapidly deteriorated. It has been confirmed that Mumia currently suffers conditions that seriously threaten his eyesight. These include glaucoma, a vitreous detachment and cataracts in both eyes. This threat seriously jeopardizes his life and well-being, as well as his journalistic profession”. Please see call to Action.

Kamau Sidiki: Amputation of his foot will not be happening.

Maumin: Spoke to Maumin’s family, recently had an oxygen concern. Jericho to follow up.

Legal Updates

Jalil Muntaqim



Campaign for Commutation of Sentence for Jalil A. Muntaqim, Black Panther Party, Political Prisoner

"As many of you know, Jalil has been to the parole board ten 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. After the last parole hearing and denial, pursuant to NYS Constitutional Article IV, Section 4, Jalil 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 May Day 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 47+ 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.

Call to Action: We request that people do the following for Jalil throughout the month of July and August: (also see Call to Action section) 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 July/August 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 the month of July and August, 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/>

Parole letters: Jalil will have a parole hearing in September 2019. To write a letter in your own words in support of parole for Jalil, address to: Senior Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator, Sullivan Correctional Facility, 325 Riverside Drive, Fallsburg, New York 12733

BUT SEND TO:

Nora Carroll, The Parole Preparation Project, 168 Canal Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10013

The subject line should be "Anthony Bottom 77-A-4283"

We are making an effort to include letters of support for Jalil that are personalized and from people who are familiar with him and his work. If you want further instructions for how to write a strong, personalized letter of support, please email carroll.nora@gmail.com.

Also, please send a copy of your letter to Jalil for his files: Anthony Jalil Bottom #77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, NY 12733-0116.

Virgin Island PP's- Malik and Abdul are in Florida now and Paulette was able to go visit a few days ago and will be going back next week. Filing Habeus corpus to go back to the island. Parole

and clemency are on the table and have filled out three applications that never made it through. Parole board claims to have never received their application. We will have an attorney to personally hand in the application to ensure that it goes through this time. Technically they were not supposed to be moved from the island in the first place.

Larry and Afiya Sadiki are in very bad conditions in isolation.

Maumin: Spoke to Maumin's family and paperwork has started for compassionate release. He is back in general pop. Paperwork is in progress.

Birthdays

Please send a card!

July

Nina Droz Franco-Birthday July 30th



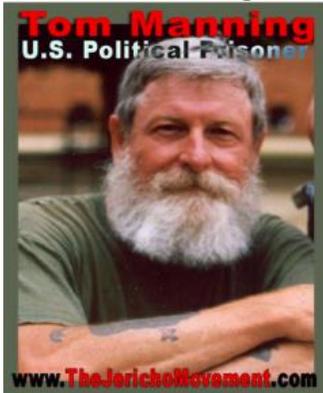
FCI Tallahassee
501 Capital Circle, NE
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

"Nina Alejandra Droz Franco was arrested by the Puerto Rico Police as she sat on the street to block a line of riot cops during the disturbances that followed the mass march that took place on May 1st, 2017. Later that day, ATF took over the investigation. On May 2, she was transferred to federal custody and charged with damaging or attempting to damage by means of fire a building engaged in activity affecting interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i). Specifically, she was accused of trying to set fire to the Banco Popular building in the "Golden Mile" area, which on May Day was the target of the rage of hundreds of protesters who smashed its glass windows and wrote on its walls."

<https://www.prolibertad.org/nina-droz-franco>

June Birthdays

Thomas Manning-Birthday: June 28, 1946



ANTI-IMPERIALIST POLITICAL PRISONER

Contact Information

Prison Address

#10373-016 USP Hazelton, P.O. Box 2000, Bruceton Mills, WV 26525

Affiliation: ANTI-IMPERIALIST FREEDOM FIGHTER

Captured: 1985. Sentence: life. Denied parole 1 time.

“The People must fight for their own system in all ways—one of those being armed clandestine struggle. We have a long way to go, but we are getting there. I am accused of being a part of the Sam Melville/Jonathan Jackson Unit in the 1970’s and the United Freedom Front in the 1980s. I am proud of the association and all it implies” *

**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/POW's (Past & Present) Art, Writings, Statements, Interviews

Bill Dunne: THE U.S. PAROLE COMMISSION JUST SAYS NO, AN UPDATE FROM BILL DUNNE

"On Wednesday, 1 May 2019, I attended a statutory interim hearing before U.S. Parole Commission Hearing Examiner [FNU] Asbury. Also, in attendance was my U.S. Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Case Manager, Melissa Lawrence. This hearing was more than four months late, for which Ms. Asbury blamed Trump’s government shutdown (though that didn’t stop at least one hearing examiner from coming out here to conduct hearings five months ago). The main topics of discussion at the hearing were: my presence on political, and particularly anarchist, web sites and the continued failure/refusal of the commission to provide documentation for its giving me a 15 year “hit” (postponement of a full reconsideration hearing as opposed to an interim hearing covering only the period since the last hearing) for that reason in 2014; an incident report for fighting in 2017; codefendant disparity; and the elevation of my offense behavior severity category. We also discussed my participation in various recreational and educational programs and my work as a GED tutor.

As a result of my 5 November 2014 reconsideration hearing, Hearing Examiner Scott Kubic recommended, and the commission adopted the recommendation, that I be denied parole and the next full reconsideration of my case be put off until November of 2029. The rationale of this action included, according to the Notice of "Action, that "the Commission finds your continued association and affiliation with anarchist organizations is evidence you still harbor anti-authoritarian views that are not compatible with the welfare of society or with the conditions of parole". Mr. Kubic assured me at the hearing that I would get the documents on which he (and, later, the commission) relied for this claim. Despite repeated requests, I was never provided any such documents because there are none. Maybe that's why I was not on the docket for a timely hearing here the last time the commission visited: Mr. Kubic was the examiner for that docket. Being associated with, affiliated with, or an anarchist is not necessarily (there are right wing anarchists out there) "not compatible with the welfare of society or [even] the conditions of parole".

For that reason, I have been asking and asked again at the recent interim hearing where the documentation is. The proposition that association or affiliation with anarchist organizations is somehow inherently contrary to the welfare of society needs further explanation because it is facially counterfactual. I would argue precisely the opposite! Ms. Asbury whipped out a one-page printout of what appeared to be an approximately 10-year-old picture alongside some text. She said, "You're not hard to find out there. This popped up on my first try. "She read a line about my being a political prisoner but would not let me have a copy or read it more closely than when she flashed it. "So, what?" says I. "Does it attribute to me anything illegal?" She said it did not, which left hanging what was wrong with my appearance in it. She told me to file a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request if I wanted it. I said the content was important to defending against the allegation and illustrated the point with jihadi vs. mainstream Muslim websites where both objectionable and salutary content may appear under the same rubric (even though I support no religion). Without the content, I could not – then nor previously – distinguish threatening material from the protected conduct/opinion/thought expressed in the material the commission alleges is the basis for concluding my anarchist connections warrant denial of parole. But Ms. Asbury said the commission has already addressed that issue in its denial of my 2014 appeal.

The second thing Ms. Asbury was exercised about was an incident report (infraction) I was given for fighting a couple years earlier. According to the infraction, a guy (to whom I'd never spoken and did not know) punched me in the nose without provocation (on camera!), and we adjourned to the bathroom (no camera!!) to address the issue that raised. The reporting employee wrote that when he entered the bathroom, he saw us "hugging ". The DHO didn't think we were just making up, and he avoided having to dismiss the incident report on technical grounds with sleight of paperwork. We were found guilty, dude was released to population, and I was shipped, inverting the usual practice. Ms. Asbury said the commission relied on the DHO findings in such cases, so that is another issue for the court. I, in fact, want to litigate the incident report, not only for the improper finding, but also because the BOP keeps such negative records forever, but only keeps positive records like good work reports or grades for 18 months.

I also raised the issue of codefendant disparity. Ms. Asbury (as did Hearing Examiner Mark Tanner at my previous hearing) said we were not there to discuss that issue because the commission had already "spoken" on it in its denial of my 2014 appeal of the new 15-year hit. I protested that no, it hadn't, because the only reasons it has given for the now 15-year disparity (I'm not entitled to an identical release date and no infractions versus infractions) do not explain it. Plus, it is now two years greater. It appears the commission made my codefendant do about 200 months for his role in the offense and, according to the commission's own guidelines, all my infractions are worth about 100 months. That would argue for a release date in the 300-month range. But even

by the BOP's count, I already have around 400 months served. Well, Ms. Asbury insisted on dodging the issue.

She also ducked on the same grounds the related offense severity issue. For 14 years my "offense behavior" had been rated at "Category Seven severity". Then, in 2014, the commission raised it to category eight, the highest, which has no upper guidelines by so much and without explanation. My upper category seven guideline, infractions included, passed in 2006. The commission did two things wrong in raising my offense severity: it conflated vicarious liability and offense behavior; and it mischaracterized the wounding of a cop during an offense as attempted murder where the state had found only assault. But the hearing examiner wasn't hearing any of that.

We also discussed at the hearing what the commission views as positive things I've done over the last two years. These included participating in various educational and recreational programs, working as a GED tutor, and helping other prisoners with their paperwork. To my surprise, my BOP case manager saw all of that in a favorable light and did not interject anything bad. I tried to get a recommendation from the commission that I be permitted to participate in the electrical apprenticeship program. The BOP is denying me access to the apprenticeship programs on the allegation I am an escape risk (which would not enjoy club fed's hospitality?), even though I don't meet the escape risk criteria in the only program statement (BOP policy) to address the issue. But the commission don't play that, Ms. Asbury said, not even a recommendation.

When Ms. Asbury got tired of evading the things, I was trying to make a record on, she announced she was ready to make her recommendation to the commission, as if she hadn't been when I walked in. Her recommendation was that there be no change in the 2029 reconsideration date due the infraction and the disinformation that anarchist associations/affiliations were contrary to the welfare of society. The other fighting charge I received, in 2000, only warranted 0-2 months added to my parole guidelines range. Ms. Asbury apparently tried to avoid making the anarchist association/affiliation charge too explicit on the record by saying, "the infraction and this", pulling the folder into which she'd slipped the screen print of me on a web site forward and putting her finger on it, in stating her reasons. I don't recall her mentioning what it was when she pulled it out, either. I didn't catch it at the time, but still think the issue is sufficiently recorded as an illegitimate basis of the action against me.

I didn't really expect favorable action from the commission, notwithstanding the favorable treatment of a few political prisoners in the last few years. But I did get another opportunity to resist my own oppression in court on the basis that I was denied parole (again) for improper reasons. I will challenge the codefendant disparity and increased offense behavior severity and disciplinary charge. More importantly, I will challenge the denial of parole to any extent for political reasons. Fill in the blank the U.S. Parole Commission here filled in with "anarchist" with any other "-ist" displeasing to the apparatus of oppression and its imperial capitalist owners, and it is clearly an attack not only on political prisoners. It is also an attack on people outside whose consciousness compels them to struggle for the most equitable social reality and against the political use of the U.S. gulag archipelago to control their expression of that consciousness. Continuing and defending such struggle, however, is necessary push back against exploitation and oppression in all its myriad forms.

Bill Dunne 28 May 2019

Bill would love to hear from any and all supporters, here is his current mailing address:

Bill Dunne #10916-086, FCI Victorville Medium I, PO Box 3725, Adelanto, CA 92301"

<https://sacprisonersupport.wordpress.com/2019/06/18/the-u-s-parole-commission-just-says-no-an-update-from-bill-dunne/>

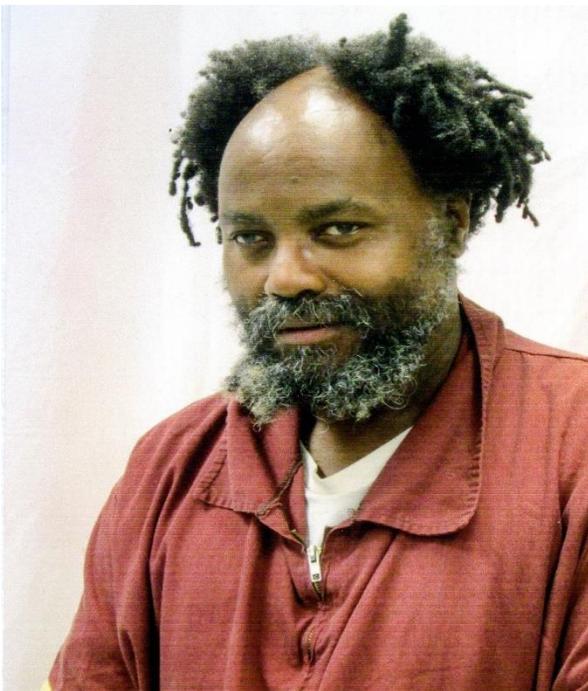
Jalil Muntaqim: On April 22, 2019, Lenny Foster visited Jalil Muntaqim. During the visit they discussed the need for Black and Native unity moving forward. They especially expressed the need to get more young people involved in the struggle to free our political prisoners. Jalil has special affinity to the plight of indigenous people's because his great grandmother was Creek of the Muskogee Nation of Alabama. Lenny and Jalil discussed the situation of Leonard Peltier and the expectations of the UN Rapporteur visiting Leonard to learn more about his fight for compassionate release. Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Chip Fitzgerald, etc. need to be released.

Community Calls for Action

STATEMENT FOR MUMIA given to the US Ambassador in France and a Petition: ACT NOW TO SAVE MUMIA'S EYESIGHT AND TO DEMAND HIS RELEASE!

"If you haven't signed and shared the new petition to save Mumia's eyesight and to demand his release yet, please do so now" <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/emergency-appeal-for-mumias-health> https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_actionnetwork.org_petitions_emergency-2Dappeal-2Dfor-2Dmumias-2Dhealth&d=DwMF-g&c=slrrB7dE8n7gBJbeO0g-IQ&r=E5-NxuUxD4a8VHsLrqFJPfObLKP8uDdOg53E7cSqfeo&m=yquuDUBvvzng_X0i7KoInInmecKIgU_2ntvwwLq9mi8&s=BknVvicsNv5Nh3XUf-dDrZ7Sjf9PCvC-8k5mgr6X6MA&e=

Message from Mumia to Prison Radio



"Now, cataracts: Do you know what cataracts are? Imagine you're wearing a very dark pair of sunglasses; Now smear the lenses with thick swabs of Vaseline. That's cataracts--from the inside. But it doesn't end, for there is no pair of glasses to remove. It's... your eyes. They don't work anymore like they used to. There's a man here, an "Old Head" who is functionally blind (although

he has some vision in one eye). One of his eyes is as blue as a robin's egg, but it's dead. He has no vision in it. Imagine that; a Black man with a blue eye! That's what prison eye care can get you!
alla best, maj!"

July 3 has traditionally been a day of action calling for the release of political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal. On the anniversary of the day he was originally sentenced to death row, we have filled the streets of Philadelphia with rallies and marches. **This July 3, on the 37th anniversary of his incarceration we are asking your participation in a different type of mass action.** In recent weeks the focus of Mobilization4Mumia.com has been to raise awareness of the medical crisis Mumia currently faces as the PA Department of Corrections (DOC) has delayed his access to cataract surgery. The petition below calls not only for this medically necessary procedure to be performed without delay, but also for the release of Mumia, a factually innocent man.

On July 3, 2019 please take time to make calls to the numbers below. Please sign the petition (on-line) if you haven't and share it with your social media networks. Please download the petition and collect signatures that we will later deliver to Krasner and others. Take action in your community as part of a nationwide demonstration of support for Mumia.

Sign the petition https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/emergency-appeal-for-mumias-health?link_id=1&can_id=a87cf503d25d388a7cd2dbd945658542&source=email-on-july-3rd-take-action-for-mumia-abu-jamal&email_referrer=email_573599&email_subject=on-july-3rd-nil-take-action-for-mumia-abu-jamal

Call: Dr Courtney P Rodgers - 570-773- 7851 and SCI Mahanoy Superintendent Theresa A. Delbalso - (570) 773-2158

Tell them to approve Mumia's cataract surgery immediately. Call: PA Gov. Tom Wolf - 717-787-2500. PA DOC Secretary John Wetzel - 717.728.2573, Philadelphia DA Larry Krasner - 215-686-8000. Tell them to release NOW because he can receive better healthcare outside of prison and also because he is an innocent man! And last, please consider making a donation or a regular monthly contribution to further the work to free Mumia. Head over to the Mobilization for Mumia website to download a printable version of the petition today. In solidarity, Mobilization for Mumia"

July 8th-12th Week of Action: Shut Down I.C.E. Profiteers!

Shut Down ICE Profiteers!

Week of Action
AGAINST THE FINANCIAL
BACKERS OF MIGRANT
DETENTION AND
DEPORTATION:
July 8-12
2019

CHINGA LA MIGRA

ACTIONS NEAR YOU:

**SUNTRUST AND PNC
BANK CONTINUE TO
FINANCE THE IMMIGRANT
PRISON INDUSTRY
THROUGH PRISON
PROFITEERS GEO GROUP
AND CORECIVIC.**

Photo retrieved from <https://itsgoingdown.org/july-8th-12th-week-of-action-shut-down-i-c-e-profiteers/>

"Inspired by recent #BlockTheWall actions, people are calling for a week of action against the largest financial backers of migrant detention and deportation.

July 8th-12th take collective and direct action to protest or shut down branch locations of PNC Bank.

NOTE: Bank of America and SunTrust were originally listed as a target in this call to action. On June 26th, Bank of America announced its intention to divest from private prisons, including corporations that operate migrant detention centers. Bank of America was the largest bank invested in these entities. Then, on July 8th, SunTrust announced it was divesting as well. Thus, the private prison divestment and Abolish ICE movements have secured an impressive victory. We hope this win furthers the momentum against SunTrust, PNC and other ICE profiteers. We are all too aware of the cruelties of the American border regime: locking children in cages or ruining families by kidnapping and deporting parents. While this is a nightmare scenario for millions, it is big business for deportation and migrant-detention profiteers.

Like other mechanisms of oppression, the border system utilizes infrastructures that can be disrupted. This infrastructure is composed of state agencies, such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). But it is also thoroughly integrated with the private sector. Contracts with construction, technology and security corporations are integral to the function of a militarized border. The majority of immigrant detainees are imprisoned in detention centers operated by private prison companies contracting with ICE. The largest of these are Geo Group and CoreCivic.

Bank shutdowns and protests can be planned in a public or private fashion. Public outreach via social media and mass fliering can guarantee heightened attendance but can tip off bank branch management and police in advance. It is likely in this scenario that the bank branch will close its doors before the demonstration occurs. This can make for a less sexy action, but a closed bank is still a closed bank and this approach shouldn't be written off. Alternatively, bank shutdowns can be organized more privately, through word-of-mouth, text chats and other platforms off of public social media. This method will permit a greater element of surprise, likely allowing participants to enter a bank lobby, temporarily shut down the location and potentially disperse before police arrive.

If mobilizing sufficient numbers for a shutdown or picket is difficult in your community, consider organizing a banner drop or a phone zap against a bank branch. Actions like these are less risky and resource-intensive and can complement actions in other communities. Get to it and see you in the lobbies!" For full article see <https://itsgoingdown.org/july-8th-12th-week-of-action-shut-down-i-c-e-profiteers/>

Romaine "Chip" Fitzgerald: "A PETITION FOR CHIP'S RELEASE: WE THE RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA, are calling for the release of Romaine "Chip" Fitzgerald, a former member of the Black Panther Party who has served 50 years in the California State prison system. He was first eligible for parole in 1976 and has served more than three times the average sentence for his offense." Please sign here <https://www.change.org/p/california-free-chip-fitzgerald?signed=true>

Jalil Muntaqim: Call to Action: We request that people do the following for Jalil throughout the month of July and August: (also see Call to Action section) 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 July/August 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 the month

of July and August, 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/>

Parole letters: Jalil will have a parole hearing in September 2019. To write a letter in your own words in support of parole for Jalil, address to: Senior Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator, Sullivan Correctional Facility, 325 Riverside Drive, Fallsburg, New York 12733

BUT SEND TO:

Nora Carroll, The Parole Preparation Project, 168 Canal Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10013
The subject line should be "Anthony Bottom 77-A-4283"

We are making an effort to include letters of support for Jalil that are personalized and from people who are familiar with him and his work. If you want further instructions for how to write a strong, personalized letter of support, please email carroll.nora@gmail.com.

Also, please send a copy of your letter to Jalil for his files: Anthony Jalil Bottom #77A4283, Sullivan Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, NY 12733-0116

Chuck Africa: Sign Petition & Support Parole for Chuck Africa Political Prisoner

"Charles Sims Africa #AM 4975 has been in prison since age 18. He is now 59 years old and a recovering cancer patient. He has been eligible for parole since 2008 but continually denied because of his political views. Charles has 8 codefendants. Two has died in prison, four has been released from prison onto parole. Chuck's sister Debbie Sims Africa is one of the four codefendants released onto parole.

Since coming home from prison, Debbie is thriving. Our community of support has supported Debbie to excel and we are committed to do the same for Chuck so that he can excel as well."

Click Link & Sign https://www.change.org/p/pennsylvania-governor-support-chuck-africa-for-parole?source_location=petitions_browse

Community News, Articles and Updates

Chuck Africa: Michael Africa Jr. shared an update on Support Chuck Africa for Parole. I spoke to Chuck Last Night. 6/13/19

"I spoke to Chuck last night. He is very excited and uplifted by the support that he is receiving. He was a little weak from still recovering from the cancer treatments, but he was move to silence as I explained to him the petition to the governor. He was also very excited about the release of Janet and Janine and he continues to ask me questions about their well-being" Please

see https://www.change.org/p/pennsylvania-governor-support-chuck-africa-for-parole/u/24702018?cs tk=ArjAu0-xJgMcADa6B10AAXicyyvNyQEABF8BvF0eYhnndSqbwmQKacQdkjY%3D&utm_campaign=f39277a53d0b48e0ad72210e81ea30d5&utm_medium=email&utm_source=petition_update&utm_term=cs

MXCC WANTS YOU TO HOLD AUGUST 24TH

The Malcolm X Commemoration Committee wants everyone to hold Saturday, August 24th for our Annual Dinner Tribute to Our Political Prisoners! Details coming soon!...

For more information about the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee and to make bus reservations for the pilgrimage, please call 718 512 5008 or email us mxcc519@verizon.net... 'Like' us on Facebook. Interested in donating to the work of the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee, especially to our Political Prisoner support work, you may contribute through PayPal at www.paypal.com/me.ppows...

Malcolm X - El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz has gained a secure position within the collective consciousness of Africans, oppressed peoples and workers worldwide. His image proliferates in the urban areas of America and his name and spirit are often evoked in relation to the uncompromising character of the African-American struggle for total liberation from national oppression and economic exploitation. And, we at WBAI are "building bridges" along with the efforts of the political heirs of Malcolm X to maintain the integrity and principled character of his legacy and further grow Malcolm X's place in world history. Fifty-four years ago, more than a life of a great leader was lost. The country also lost a chance to address the racial issues that continue to plague this nation. **Tune in at 9 am Thursdays to Equal Rights and Justice hosted by Mimi Rosenberg** In addition to being broadcast over WBAI, 99.5 FM in NYC and the tri-state area 7 - 8 pm EST Mondays, Building Bridges is syndicated to 50 broadcast and internet radio stations in the US, Canada and the UK"

Amnesty International investigator speaks out on Nebraska prison media ban against Ed Poindexter richardsonreports Posted on June 10, 2019

"The restrictions on news media visits with the ban on recording equipment and requirement to be on an inmate's personal visiting list of friends and family is a setback to prisoner access to the community. The media ban overturns a longstanding free press tradition in Nebraska that permitted news organizations access to prisoners. The ban now not only limits prisoners, but also censors the public from an independent view inside the prisons." For article see <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/06/10/amnesty-international-investigator-speaks-out-on-nebraska-prison-media-ban-against-ed-poindexter/>

What They Wanted to See: Images for People in Solitary Confinement

by Valerie Kiebala

Photo Requests from Solitary, an art project sponsored by Solitary Watch, invites people in solitary confinement to request an image of anything, real or imagined, and finds volunteers on the outside to make the images for them. Since April 20, a special site-specific exhibition of Photo Request from Solitary has been at the Brooklyn Public Library, organized around the question, "What would someone in solitary confinement want to see?"

For full article see <https://solitarywatch.org/2019/06/13/what-they-wanted-to-see-images-for-people-in-solitary-confinement/> and <https://www.bklynlibrary.org/exhibitions/photo-requests-solitary>

New York Activists on Hunger Strike for Passage of Solitary Confinement Bill by Joshua Manson

"As New York State lawmakers prepare to leave Albany for the summer, advocates have stepped up pressure to end prolonged solitary confinement in New York by beginning a hunger strike

that, if legislators fail to act, could last through the end of the legislative session." see <https://solitarywatch.org/2019/06/14/new-york-activists-on-hunger-strike-for-passage-of-solitary-confinement-bill/>

Ashkelon prisoners suspend hunger strike June 17, 2019

"On Sunday, 16 June, 45 Palestinian prisoners in Ashkelon prison – as well as Nasser Abu Hmaid, the prisoners' representative who had been transferred away – launched a hunger strike in protest of a series of repressive actions, conditions and invasion at the hands of Israeli occupation forces. They launched the strike after months of demanding changes, but after a few hours, the prisoners announced that the strike had been suspended as the Israeli occupation prison administration had agreed to several key issues." For article see <https://samidoun.net/2019/06/ashkelon-prisoners-suspend-hunger-strike/>

US Running Concentration Camps at the Border June 16, 2019

The United States (U.S.) government is no stranger to implementing concentration camps. Back in 1942, 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry were forcibly relocated and incarcerated in the western interior of the country. Almost a century later, Donald Trump's administration has revived the concentration camp system in the U.S, according to Andrea Pitzer, author and international expert on the matter.

"When people hear the phrase 'Oh, there's concentration camps on the southern border,' they think, 'Oh, it's not Auschwitz.' Of course, it's not those things, each camp system is different. But you don't have to intend to kill everyone to have really bad outcomes," Pitzer, author of *One Long Night: A Global History of Concentration Camps* told *Esquire*.

According to the expert, the definition of a concentration camp is mass detention of civilians without trial, exactly what is happening in the U.S. southern border. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is currently detaining more than 52,500 migrants a day and the network of detention centers is spreading out across the country with more than 200 detention facilities tallied." For full article see <https://www.telesurenglish.net/news/US-Running-Concentration-Camps-at-the-Border-Expert-20190616-0013.html>

Angeles Maestro Prosecuted for Being in Solidarity with Palestine June 13, 2019

"The news coming from Madrid could not be more disturbing; the National High Court of Spain has denied the dismissal of the case against the Spanish internationalist fighter Ángeles Maestro and two other comrades for sending funds to the Palestinian people and has ordered the opening of a trial "for collaboration with a terrorist organization". Ángeles Maestro is a former communist deputy, doctor, writer and above all an exemplary anti-fascist and anti-war militant, who made internationalism her permanent cause. She has participated in solidarity actions in all the countries of the Middle East attacked by US imperialism and by its Zionist ally the Israeli government. In Palestine, in Iraq, in Syria, together with the Saharawi people, but also in support of the revolutions and the peoples of Latin America, such as those of Venezuela, Cuba and Bolivia, Maestro was always in the front row bringing his unconditional support, putting her body on the line when necessary or contributing from the intellectual field since she is also a member of the Network of Intellectuals, Artists and Social Movement in Defense of Humanity (REDH)." For full article see <https://www.resumen-english.org/2019/06/angeles-maestro-prosecuted-for-being-in-solidarity-with-palestine/>

Palestinian women prisoners announce demands, plan for collective strike 1 July

"Palestinian women prisoners in Damon prison delivered an official letter to the Israeli prison administration, informing them of their intention to launch an open hunger strike on 1 July if their demands are not addressed. In a statement, former prisoner Mona Qa'adan said that 13 prisoners would launch the strike, led by Damon prisoners' representative Yasmin Shaaban." For full article see <https://samidoun.net/2019/06/palestinian-women-prisoners-announce-demands-plan-for-collective-strike-1-july/>

International campaign to #BoycottPuma speaks out in cities around the world

"BDS organizers and activists for justice in Palestine organized dozens of international actions calling for a boycott of Puma on Saturday, 15 June. After Adidas dropped its sponsorship of the Israeli Football Association in 2018 after being presented with over 16,000 signatures of protest, Puma took up the sponsorship. This means that the global German athletic manufacturer is a partner in apartheid, supporting teams in Israeli illegal settlements on occupied Palestinian land." For full article see <https://samidoun.net/2019/06/international-campaign-to-boycottpuma-speaks-out-in-cities-around-the-world/>

Legal Aid for Inmates' Compassionate Release by Crime and Justice News | June 19, 2019

"Thousands of sick, dying, and elderly federal prisoners who are eligible for early release will have access to free legal representation through a newly established Compassionate Release Clearinghouse. The clearinghouse is a collaborative pro bono effort involving Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM), the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) It will match qualified prisoners with legal counsel if they need to pursue a case in court." For full article please see: <https://thecrimereport.org/2019/06/19/legal-aid-for-inmates-seeking-compassionate-release/>

YOU ARE INVITED TO BLACK AUGUST SUMMIT 2019. Sat, August 17, 2019 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Maryland Church of God in Christ, 5100 Denmore Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215

"This year's Black August East Coast event to be held in Baltimore Maryland will be a Summit free and open to the community. 2019 marks 400 years since the beginning of our being held captive in North America and the Maafa for which there has never been any form of repair. This Black August Summit will address the important issues of our 400 year presence here by hearing expert testimony about the Prison Movement, Political Prisoners, our Youth and Reparations. We will hear from speakers, scholars, activist and revolutionaries Dr. Ray Winbush, Dr. Jared Ball, Chairman **Jihad Abdul Mumit**, Ifatunmise Chi and others. Our goal for this year is to continue to commemorate the Black August tradition, inspire the spirit of resistance in the movement and produce collective action that will free our political prisoners." https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-august-summit-2019-tickets-65284933995?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=esfb&utm-source=fb&utm-term=list-ing&fbclid=IwAR02XaYXwiYwIIMTsdxktTNgixSoNo_ICSRqctgjbvRnWCN-ek1OecD4v44

Join a car caravan which will deliver thousands of signed "ACT NOW TO SAVE MUMIA'S EYE-SIGHT AND TO DEMAND HIS RELEASE!" Petitions to the Department of Corrections in Mechanicsburg, PA on Wed., July 24. If you can join in the caravan or provide a vehicle, leave a message

at mobilization4mumia@gmail.com “ https://www.fbook.com/events/2389567011328002/?active_tab=about

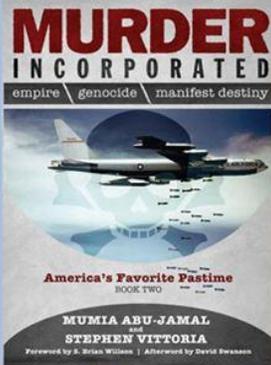
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EPIC CALL FOR A
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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM DHORUBA BIN WAHAD!

New How-To Write Political Prisoner video (9 min) - please share!

"Burning Books and Page One just released this 9-min instructional video on how to write political prisoners! This is intended as a tool for local political prisoner letter writing events and individuals looking to learn more about writing political prisoners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nu-qpGOWsSg>

Please spread the word and share this around! The more people watch this the more correspondence our political prisoners will get!!!

Special thanks to the Buffalo Committee Against State Repression, the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, the Friends of Jeff Luers, and the Family and Friends of Daniel McGowan."

Unanimous is Not Enough: Abolish the 13th Amendment - Free the Angola 2000 #LEFT-FORUM2019 June 28th to 30th! New Abolitionist Movement and Black is Back Coalition LOUISIANA UNITED INTERNATIONAL Inc. Event Organizer: Betty Davis

"Referred to during the election campaign as "the shame of our state," the non-unanimous jury scheme will no longer be used in Louisiana courts, but it was not applied retroactively. So the approximately 2,000 people serving 10-2 sentences will die in prison unless the law can "get all the way right," as these writers advocate. The state is not cooperating and is sealing all jury polling records to hide the truth of the Black lives unjustly taken and still incarcerated by the non-unani-

mous jury scheme. Until Louisiana's state Constitution was amended in the November 2018 election, Louisiana was the only state in the union where a person could be condemned to a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole by a non-unanimous jury vote of 10 out of 12 jurors voting to convict – also known as a 10-2 verdict. This practice not only undermines justice by violating the standard of proof of beyond reasonable doubt, which accounts for Louisiana being a leading state in exonerations, but its origin is a direct violation of our guaranteed 14th Amendment right to equal protection of law under the United States Constitution." For full article see <https://www.leftforum.org/events/unanimous-not-enough-abolish-13th-amendment-free-angola-2000>

Prison hunger strike supporters to protest outside Alabama's Limestone Prison Saturday...June 22, 2019

"As the U.S. Department of Justice has so far failed to pursue action by way of a lawsuit against the Alabama Department of Corrections, those who have confined loved ones argue that their inaction is proof that the DOJ does not believe incarcerated individuals in the ADOC are worth protecting. This mobilization demonstrates that those directly impacted by incarceration, and those fighting for change on the inside, will continue to make their own voices heard." For full article see <https://sfbayview.com/2019/06/prison-hunger-strike-supporters-to-protest-outside-alabamas-limestone-prison-saturday-june-22/>

All phone calls free from SF County Jail June 13, 2019

"Mayor London N. Breed and Sheriff Vicki Hennessy today announced that San Francisco will become the first county in the nation to make all phone calls from jail free and end all county markups on jail store items." For full article see <https://sfbayview.com/2019/06/all-phone-calls-free-from-sf-county-jail/>

Comrade Malik invites Black activists and Freedom Fighters from under every banner: On Aug. 18, make your way to Terre Haute, Indiana! June 12, 2019

"Kwame "Beans" Shakur is a revolutionary scholar, activist and New Afrikan Liberation Collective Cadre member. He is teaming up with a progressive pastor from Terre Haute, Indiana, as well as some dedicated community activists, in order to organize the First Annual REBUILD: New Afrikan People's Assembly Conference. This will be held at the Booker T. Washington Community Center on Aug. 18, 2019, in beautiful Terre Haute, Indiana. The main topic of the People's Assembly Conference is REBUILDING!" For full article see <https://sfbayview.com/2019/06/comrade-malik-invites-black-activists-and-freedom-fighters-from-under-every-banner-on-aug-18-make-your-way-to-terre-haute-indiana%ef%bb%bf/>

Change maker Amani Sawari taking Amend the 13th Petition to the United Nations! July 12, 2019

"In the 20th century, Malcolm X's teaching in "The Ballot or the Bullet" seems prophetic, especially right now. We can't continue to ignore the multitudes of human beings trapped inside these cages who have been systematically disenfranchised. This problem most assuredly will come back to haunt us one way or the other. One of our main points of focus in this Abolition Movement is to actively and assertively seek to strike the exception clause (slavery clause) which is con-

tained within the body of the 13th Amendment and which has promoted, condoned and sanctioned "legalized slavery" for over a century and a half." For full article see <https://sfbayview.com/2019/07/change-maker-amani-sawari-taking-amend-the-13th-petition-to-the-united-nations/>

Save the Date: Welcome Janet and Janine Africa to NYC July 19th, 2019 !

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“Free at last! Join us on Friday, July 19, at 7PM for a Welcome Home Reception for Janine Africa and Janet Africa at the People's Forum, 320 West 37th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues. These MOVE women warriors served 41 years of wrongful incarceration in a Pennsylvania state prison and both will be speaking at the event. There will also be a special guest performance by Grammy- and Oscar-nominated IMPACT Repertory Theater, as well as additional performers and speakers, including Mumia Abu-Jamal, who is sponsoring this event. A light supper will be available. For questions, call 212 330-8029 and leave a message”

BK/NY – Tuesday, June 25th – Letter Writing Dinner for Chuck and Delbert Africa -21 June 2019 NYC Anarchist Black Cross

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing Dinner WHEN: 7pm sharp, Tuesday, June 25th, 2019

WHERE: The Base – 1302 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11221 (directions below)

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

COST: Free

Chuck and Delbert Africa 2019-We in NYC ABC are going to keep it short this time. One by one, the MOVE 9 are coming home! #FACTS. And it's not due to a benevolent state apparatus, it's due to folks on the outside busting their asses to make sure the spotlight remains on imprisoned comrades. Eddie was just released, Janine and Janet very recently, and they will all need help getting on their feet and acclimating to a world possibly more fucked up than when they went in. In short, DONATE! And help us keep the pressure on the state and the morale of our comrades high by coming to our every-other-week political prisoner letter-writing dinner. This week we write to the two remaining MOVE 9 political prisoners, Chuck and Delbert Africa.” If for some insane reason you cannot join us Tuesday, please write them from home:

Smart Communications/PA DOC, Charles Sims Africa #AM4975, SCI Dallas, Post Office Box 33028, St Petersburg, Florida 33733

Smart Communications/PA DOC, Delbert Orr Africa #AM4985, SCI Dallas, Post Office Box 33028 St Petersburg, Florida 33733

House passes Ilhan Omar's amendment requiring some basis for any foreign bases July 11, 2019

"By a vote of 219 to 210, at 2:31 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an amendment introduced by Congresswoman Ilhan Omar requiring that the U.S. military provide Congress with the cost and the supposed national security benefits of every foreign military base or foreign military operation." For full article see

<https://sfbayview.com/2019/07/house-passes-ilhan-omars-amendment-requiring-some-basis-for-any-foreign-bases/>

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" did not meet in June. July's meeting is on the 20th. For August's meeting, please 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 families arms for good, it will be a powerful day indeed.

We are all links that join together as one. No act, no deed is too small. Together we are strong, powerful. We just have to keep going-as they did back in the days when they were fighting the same old oppressive, racist regime.

“Freedom can never be taken for granted. Each generation must safeguard it and extend it. Your parents and elders sacrificed much so that you should have freedom without suffering what they did. Use this precious right to ensure that the darkness of the past never return.”—Nelson Mandela.

Thank you-for safeguarding and extending the fight for justice, freedom and human rights. There is a light down the way, it is called our children's eyes. May they know a better world.

As you know, the obstacles to helping free our political prisoners are immense. It is to challenge the super power and its many facets. It is to fight repression through education, organizing, mobilizing, and creating a movement that embraces freedom and dignity for all people and freedom for all political prisoners.

Your financial support at this time is needed for Jericho's continued work and effectiveness. If you cannot support financially, please do continue to read our newsletters, share them widely, tell others about our Political 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

Your Generous Contributions Help Us Provide Real Support to our Political Prisoners!

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