

The Dragons Fire

THE NATIONAL JERICHO MOVEMENT NEWSLETTER

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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.

**“here and there
in the barrios and the favelas,
among those who have least,
beat hearts of hope,
fly sparks of Overcoming.”**

– Mumia Abu-Jamal, [Death Blossoms: Reflections from a Prisoner of Conscience](#)

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.**

Chapter Reports

Due to Ramadan, Chapter Reports will resume next month.

Jericho Highlights and Tributes

Janet and Janine Africa of the MOVE organization have been released!

This has been 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 sister's and the MOVE family. As we honor and celebrate your homecoming and new life with your family, we will continue to struggle to free your remaining MOVE family- Chuck, Delbert and Eddie Africa. Much love and blessings to you all! Love, Your Jericho Family

Sister/Comrade Anne Lamb is almost Finished with Rehabilitation Therapy!

The National Jericho Movement is happy to announce that sister/comrade Anne Lamb is almost finished with rehabilitation therapy for her knee and should be going home soon. Please continue to show your support with phone calls, cards and visits. We thank those who have supported her in so many ways!

Please donate to her gofundme to help with the astronomical medical costs she will be facing.

<https://www.gofundme.com/g24bv-support-for-anne>

Chairman's Corner

Due to Ramadan, the Chairman's Corner will Resume Next Month

Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

POLITICAL PRISONER OF THE MONTH

Please check Back Next Month!

Medical Updates

Russel Maroon Shoatz "The family is pleased to bring you Maroon's latest message after his recent surgery: "Had my first visit since my operation, with Theresa, Sharon, and Russell. Since I'm still in the prison infirmary, it had to be approved by the doctor, and I was in a wheelchair; though I CAN and DO walk a little every day. Medically, all I choose to say is that it has been like NOTHING I have ever experienced! More pain than I have ever had to deal with; though A LOT of PRAYER has made it EASIER. During my two-week stay in the outside hospital, the ENTIRE hospital staff treated me in a professional manner, as did the prison security details that accompanied me. (Written while laying on a reclining hospital bed after the dressing was changed on the navel-to-sternum gash from my surgery. Thankfully, it's healing well, and there is less and less pain with the daily changes.)" Straight Ahead! Maroon
Maroon and the Shoatz family will continue to keep people updated about his health. If you are planning to visit Maroon, he is still in the prison infirmary. All visits should be confirmed with Maroon via phone (267) 456-7882. Write Maroon at: Smart Communications, PADOC/SCI Dallas
Russell Shoatz AF3855, PO Box 33028, St. Petersburg FL. 33733"

Imam Jamil Al-Amin Karimah, Imam Jamil Al-Amin's wife, and she said concerning he is still dealing with "Mutiple Myeloma" which is a cancer that forms in a type of white blood cell called a plasma cell. Plasma cells help you fight infections by making antibodies that recognize and attack germs. Multiple Myeloma causes cancer cells to accumulate in the bone marrow, where they crowd out healthy blood cells. He is trying to get his medical records from the US Penitentiary in Tuscon, Arizona. They have not given them to him.

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.

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.

We request that people do the following for Jalil throughout the month of May: (also see Call to Action section)

On May 1, 2019, May Day, 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 May 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 May, 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 you 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.

Dr. Mutulu Shakur filing a Habeas Corpus

"The last time we spoke, I informed you we were preparing for the filing of my Federal complaint, which un-fortunately was not successful. At this point, Judge Wilson's court order- after denying an oral argument- stated the following; "Circuit case law supports the conclusion that plaintiff's claims can be made in a section 2241 petition, even though a favorable resolution of the claims might not necessarily lead to speedier re-lease. Third, plaintiff has not identified any alternative vehicle to section 2241 for seeking relief. The court thus dismisses plaintiff's claims and suggests that plaintiff for a writ of habeas corpus." We will now be ap-pealing this decision and filing a Habeas Corpus." For full letter see <https://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/2019/05/22/may-2019-message-to-supporter-dr-mutulu-shakur/>

Veronza Bowers Denied Parole Again May 2019

"In a message received May 30, Veronza writes: "The way I look at news is that it is neither bad nor good; it just IS what it is. And once received, then we can move forward. "I do appreciate very much that people are very concerned about me. Please let folks know that I am fine. I talked with my Freedom Team today and they are busy preparing our next step. "In short, we are not giving up. And I am confident that truth and justice are on my side and that I will be taking my long overdue long walk to FREEDOM in the not too distant future." <https://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/2019/06/01/political-prisoner-veronza-bowers-denied-parole-again-may-2019/>

Imam Jamil Al-Amin: Karimah says she has taken a back seat to his legal affairs and entrusted them to their son, Kiari. Legal arguments were raised in the recent habeas hearing. They are waiting the results of this hearing, which may take a while.

VI Brothers: Meral "Malik" Smith, Abdul Aziz (Warren Ballantine), and Hanif Shabazz Bey (Beamont Gereau):

All three have been transferred to Citrus County Detention facility is the local detention center in Citrus County, it is run by a private company by the name of CCA or Corrections Corporation of America. It is NOT run by the local Sheriff's Office and all calls and inquiries should be directed to the CCA Detention Facility using the numbers below.

T: 352-527-3332 F: 352-527-6561

2604 W. Woodland Ridge Drive, Lecanto, FL 34461

Margie Navarro and Jericho Chair have been talking regularly in building a campaign to get them returned to the VI, getting immediate medical attention, especially for Abdul Aziz, and exploring clemency options.

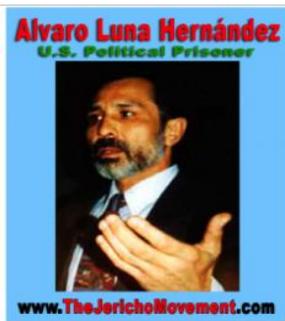
Kojo Bomani: Kojo has been calling regularly. Jericho to follow up on parole hearing. Need to know what New Jersey is going to do with him; parole hearing? or what? He hasn't heard anything or had any contact from New Jersey in decades.

Birthdays

Please send a card!

May

HERNANDEZ, ALVARO LUNA-Birthday: May 12, 1952



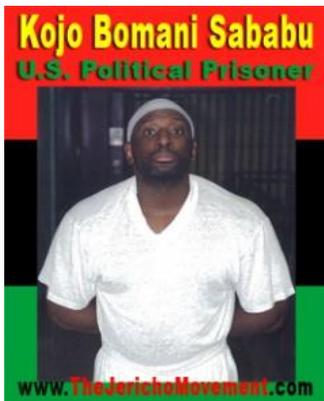
Chicano Political Prisoner-Contact Information-Prison Address

#255735 James V Allred Unit, 2101 FM, 369 North Iowa, Park, TX 76367 United States

Affiliation: Chicano Political Prisoner Captured: July 18, 1996: 50 years sentence.

"Alvaro Luna Hernandez is a political prisoner of the State of Texas and the U.S. government. He is nearly 22 years into a 50 year prison sentence for an "aggravated assault" conviction stemming from a July 1996 incident in which he disarmed a Brewster County Sheriff attempting to shoot him. Alvaro vehemently denies the charge that he assaulted the Sheriff. To Mexican-Americans in the cities, slums, plains, deserts, and prison cages of the Southwest, he is a civil rights hero, a Chicano freedom fighter true to his barrio roots and eternally fearless in the face of injustice. For years, he has been internationally recognized by amnesty movements and human rights lawyers and experts as a U.S. political prisoner, yet inside the United States, the name Alvaro Luna Hernandez remains largely elusive on the lips of progressives and social justice advocates."

Kojo Grailing Brown: Birthday: May 27th



Black Liberation Army

Contact Information

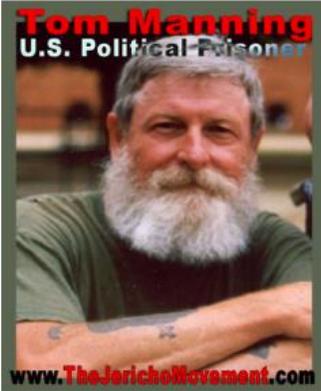
Prison Address #39384-066 USP Canaan, P. O. Box 300, Waymart, PA 18472 United States

Affiliation: Black Liberation Army Captured: 1975: Life

"... we must make great strides, reorganizing ourselves to embrace the difficulties we face. I have no solutions, but I will say this: There are some great political minds contained in America's prisons, which are growing old as their era of life departs, this resource needs to be tapped before it expires. Do not abandon the political prisoners and POW s, they are still insightful with their knowledge and experience."

June

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.

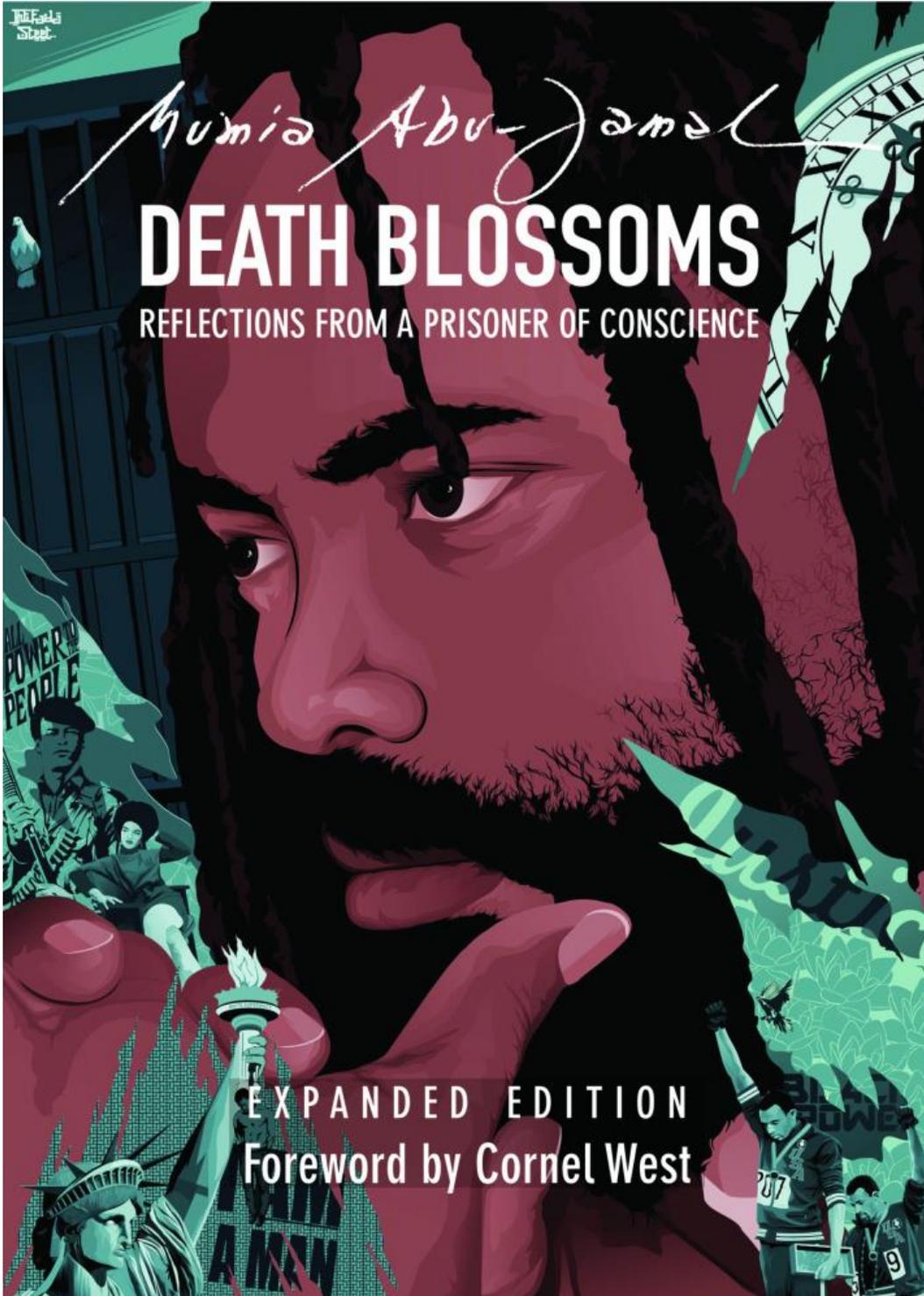
"The People must fight for their own system in all ways—one of those being armed clandestine struggle. We have a long way to go, but we are getting there. I am accused of being a part of the Sam

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

Mumia Abu-Jamal: Death Blossoms Reflections from a Prisoner of Conscience, Expanded Edition
Foreword by Cornel West, Introduction by Mumia Abu-Jamal , Preface by Julia Wright



"Profound meditations on life, death, freedom, family, and faith, written by radical Black journalist, Mumia Abu-Jamal, while he was awaiting his execution.

"Uncompromising, disturbing . . . Abu-Jamal's voice has the clarity and candor of a man whose impending death emboldens him to say what is on his mind without fear of consequence."—The Boston Globe

"A brilliant, lucid meditation on the moral obligation of political commitment by a deeply ethical—and deeply wronged—human being. Mumia should be freed, now."—Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

"A brilliant, powerful book by a prophetic writer . . . his language glows with an affirming flame."—Jonathan Kozol

During the spring of 1996, black journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal was living on death row and expecting to be

executed for a crime he steadfastly maintained he did not commit—the murder of a white Philadelphia police officer. It was in that period, with the likelihood of execution looming over him, that he received visits from members of the Bruderhof spiritual community—refugees from Hitler's Germany—anti-fascist, anti-racist, and deeply opposed to the death penalty. Inspired by the encounters, Mumia hand-wrote *Death Blossoms*—a series of short essays and personal vignettes reflecting on his search for spiritual meaning, freedom, and truth in a deeply racist and materialistic society.

Featuring a new introduction by Mumia and a report by Amnesty International detailing how his trial was "in violation of minimum international standards," this new edition of *Death Blossoms* is essential reading for the Black Lives Matter era, and is destined to endure as a classic in American prison literature.

Praise for *Death Blossoms*, Expanded Edition:

"For years in my classrooms I have watched *Death Blossoms* do its luminous work. It has awakened the conscience of so many of my student readers. Once awakened, they begin to shoulder the disciplines of a revolutionary knowing, its moral passion, historical precision and clarity of reason. No wonder repressive powers seek death for this prisoner of conscience. Alas for them, Mumia still lives. From streets to classrooms and back, *Death Blossoms* keeps opening up conscience, heart, and mind for our revolutionary work."—Mark Lewis Taylor, Professor of Theology and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, and author of *The Theological and the Political: On the Weight of the World*

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Community Calls for Action

**Janet and Janine Africa of the MOVE organization were RELEASED from prison today
May 24, 2019, after over 40 years! Support the MOVE Family!!!**

"Mike Africa Jr., Friday, May 24, 2019

For over 40 years, we have been immersed in a fight that has been long and arduous. But thanks to the support locally from the MOVE family following the teaching of John Africa, thanks to our supporters from all over the world, and our lawyers Brad Thomson and Bret Grote, we are two steps closer to freeing all of the MOVE 9. Thank you to everyone who has ever supported the freedom for the MOVE 9.

Free all political prisoners!!!

On the MOVE

LONG LIVE REVOLUTION

LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA

#nevergiveup" <http://onamove.com/janine-and-janet-are-free/>



Congrats to Janet, Janine, the MOVE organization, their codefendants, their lawyers Brad Thomson of People's Law Office and Bret Grote of the Abolitionist Law Center and all the people who supported them since 1978!



We must do all we can to free the THREE remaining MOVE members: Chuck, Delbert and Eddie Africa!
<http://move9parole.blogspot.com>

These legal efforts are pro-bono. Please donate to help the lawyers cover their costs.
<https://abolitionistlawcenter.org/donate>

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Executive Chamber

State Capital Building
Albany, New York 12224

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Click here to download a pamphlet to distribute to your family, friends, neighbors, faith group, etc."

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Participate in #Nakba71 Actions with USPCN



"May 15th is #NakbaDay, when Palestinians and our supporters across the world commemorate the Nakba ("Catastrophe" in Arabic) - the forced exile and ethnic cleansing by European Jewish militias (that eventually became the Israeli occupation forces) of over 750,000 Palestinians in 1947-48. These refugees, and those from the 1967 Israeli occupation of the rest of historical Palestine, plus all their descendants, now number close to seven million.

#NakbaDay is the day when our movement makes it clear that there can be no resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli or Arab-Israeli conflict without the full implementation of the Right of Return for all Palestinian refugees and their descendants, to the homes and lands they were violently expelled from in 1947-8 and again in 1967.

It is the day we affirm that there cannot be peace without the Right of Return, and that this right is not only an individual one, but a collective one that belongs to the Palestinian people as a whole and cannot be bargained away by Israel, the U.S., the European Union, or even the Palestinian Authority itself.

It is the day that we look to the Gaza Strip, under siege for 13 years, but still resisting every day. The #GreatReturnMarch, which launched on March 30th (Land Day), 2018, and has continued every Friday since, has seen tens of thousands of Gazans cumulatively marching to expressly demand the Right of Return. Not only have hundreds of Palestinians been massacred during these marches, but the Israeli military also continues to regularly drop missiles and bombs on Gaza, as we saw last week, when dozens more were killed. But the Gazans fight back under a unified resistance, never capitulating.

It is the day that we examine the leaked summary of Kushner and Trump's Deal of the Century, and we recognize not only how ridiculous it is, but how confident we are that our people, and the people of the world, have already rejected any notion that Israel can annex the illegal settlements that sit on stolen Palestinian land in the West Bank and Jerusalem.

And it is the day that, despite the ultra-right-wing, racist leadership of both the Israeli and U.S. governments, we stand proud of our brave people throughout historical Palestine, the U.S., and the rest of the world, standing strongly against the enemies of freedom, justice, and equality - organizing BDS campaigns, defending our right to boycott, and resisting by any means necessary.

Israel and the U.S. may believe that they can act with impunity in Palestine, but 71 years and more of resistance should make it clear that we will never stop organizing and fighting until the end of the occupation and colonization of all Palestinian and Arab lands, until all our refugees and their descendants return to historical Palestine, and until we have freedom and total liberation from zionism, racism, and U.S. imperialism. USPCN, May 14th, 2019"

#HALTsolitary! TAKE ACTION!

"I am writing to all of you who are part of groups/organizations that have supported the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. Thank you for your ongoing support!!! With 5 weeks left of the legislative session and with HALT not yet being brought to a vote despite having majority support in both houses of the legislature, we are at the most pivotal time we have ever been in (and may ever be) in this campaign and I am asking for your help on the following two items (i'm listing additional ways to support if you are interested, but prioritizing these first two for you all to support HALT):

1) Can you send your own e-blast to your lists to have a mass call-in day on May 29? And/or do whatever you can to urge people to make calls on that day? While we do call-ins all the time, we are trying on May 29 to focus our energies and get 1000+ calls on that day itself to Senate Majority Leader Stewart Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie to urge that they bring HALT to a vote NOW! A sample blast that we will be sending to our campaign lists that day is pasted below at the end of this email. If even a quarter of the groups who support HALT got 20 people each to call-in, we'd be over 1,000 people calling. So please help! Can you let me know if you plan to send a blast out re May 29?

2) Can you help mobilize people to attend a rally, June 7, 12:30 pm, at Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins' District office in Yonkers (29 Wells Ave.)? We are trying to get as many people to attend this rally as possible to urge the Senate Majority Leader to bring HALT to a vote. Please urge anyone and everyone to sign up here: <http://bit.ly/YonkersRallyHALT>. Anyone in the nearby region is of course most encouraged to attend, but we also encourage people from other parts of the state as well. The Senator's office is right off of the metro-north line, and we can also support transportation costs for those who need it. We are aiming to get 200 people there (or 100) so please help make that happen! Can you let me know if you plan to help mobilize people for June 7?

If you are interested in other ways of supporting at this critical time, please also join:

- Mental Health Day of Action for HALT in Albany, May 30: All people living with mental health needs, family members, other mental health professionals/advocates please sign up for a mental health day of action for HALT in Albany. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/MentalHealthMay30>. Please also sign onto this letter: <http://bit.ly/MentalHealthHALTSignOnLetter>.

-Attend next monthly CAIC meeting: Thurs., June 6, 6 pm, Urban Justice Center (40 Rector St., 9th Fl., NYC). Contact Victor at vpate@nycaic.org for call-in number for people around the state.

-TWEET TO ELECTED OFFICIALS: Dear @NYGovCuomo @AndreaSCousins @CarlHeastie: I support the HALT Solitary Confinement Act because . . . NY must end this torture now. #HALTsolitary @nycaic. New York's injustice system needs fundamental transformation: #dismantleinjustice, #HALTsolitary, #FreeOurElders, #FREEnewyork, JusticeRoadmapNY.org
thanks so much all! scott "

Support Cuba, Puerto Rico and Venezuela!



US HANDS OFF CUBA, HANDS OFF VENEZUELA!

**Saturday, June 1 from 12 noon to 2:00PM
at Union Square Park South
(14th Street) in front of the stairs.**



The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign
www.ProLibertad.org
ProLibertad@hotmail.com

Community News, Articles and Updates

Running Down the Walls 2019 is June 9th

June 9, 2019

*Anarchist Black Cross
Warchest Fund Raiser*

**RUNNING
DOWN
THE
WALLS**

**PROSPECT PARK
BROOKLYN**

**RUNNING
DOWN
THE
WALLS**

5K run/walk/bike/skate and BBQ to raise funds and support for political prisoners

Sunday June 9, 2019

OAKLAND

10am-3pm at Lake Merritt

"Next month is the annual Running Down the Walls 5K run that happens in many different cities and prison yards around the continent. In NYC, the run will happen in Prospect Park, Brooklyn but there will also be runs in Los Angeles, Hamilton, Ontario, Oakland and Chicago.

Every year, prisoners and supporters of political prisoners organize solidarity events with Running Down the Walls. This year we hope to expand the amount of runs in prisons and other cities, as well as increase the amount of funds raised for community projects.

This year's run will take place on Sunday, June 9th, 2019 at 2:00 pm in solidarity and conjunction with runs that will take place in cities and prison yards across the country at the same time.

NYC ABCF's goal with this year's run is \$4,000.

You can donate online by going to paypal.me/nycabc

Their run info is at <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2019/04/09/rdtw2019/>

La ABCF has set up an online fundraiser you can donate to as well.

Find out more about the ABCF Warchest program which sends small checks to 15 political prisoners every month for twenty years.

About the ABCF Warchest program

"The Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) has initiated a program designed to send monthly checks to those Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no financial support during their imprisonment. The Warchest program was initiated in November 1994. Its purpose is to collect

monthly funds from groups and individual supporters and send that money to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POW) via monthly check."
via <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/> "

Join Restore the Vote Coalition for Advocacy Day

"If you could send the below email out to any networks, would be great, and join us yourself! If you/someone wants to join and are currently on parole and needs help getting permissions from a parole officer, please let me know ASAP! We are happy to help with that and have a letter to send to POs ready to go!

Join the Restore the Vote coalition in Albany on Wednesday, May 22 as we advocate for voting rights for people on parole

Our work reforming New York's antiquated voting laws is not complete if we leave Jim Crow laws on the books, disenfranchising thousands of New Yorkers. Because of our advocacy this year, we were able to achieve historic victories. Your voice will be the catalyst for change, once more, as we urge our representatives to pass voting rights for people on parole and finally kick Jim Crow out of New York.

Join people from across the state on May 22 as we gather in Albany to meet with our representatives and urge them to restore the right to vote to people on parole. Sign up online or call 877-626-4651.

Over 30,000 New Yorkers are on parole at any given time. Criminal disenfranchisement laws disproportionately impact people of color, removing the voice of entire communities. Last year at our convention, the Governor announced an executive order restoring voting rights to people on parole. The Governor's 2018 executive order was a good temporary measure, but S1931/A4987 would make restoration permanent and simpler and would enact education measures to make sure people know their rights.

Please RSVP so we can assess transportation needs and set up meetings.

Or call 877-626-4651 to sign up! "

Chelsea Manning jailed again after refusing to testify against WikiLeaks

"I would rather starve to death than change my opinion" By Niles Niemuth

"Whistleblower Chelsea Manning was jailed by a federal judge in Alexandria, Virginia for contempt of court for the second time since March, after she again refused to testify before a grand jury impaneled to bring frame-up charges against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

Federal Judge Anthony Trenga rejected two motions submitted by Manning's lawyers to quash the subpoena and disclose any evidence of unlawful electronic surveillance by the government.

An appointee of President George W. Bush who ruled in favor of Trump's xenophobic anti-Muslim travel ban, Trenga instead ordered Manning to be jailed immediately after a two-hour hearing. On top of imprisonment, he vindictively imposed fines of \$500 per day if she does not testify after a month of confinement and \$1,000 a day after two months.

According to her attorneys, the piling on of a coercive financial penalty is highly unusual, typically reserved for compelling testimony from representatives of corporations, not individuals." For full article please see

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2019/05/17/chel-m17.html>

You Are Invited To Come Celebrate Malcolm X Weekend In NYC @ Events On Friday, May 17th In Brooklyn ~ Saturday, May 18th In Brooklyn & Sunday, May 19th In Harlem..

"COME CELEBRATE 94 YEARS OF MALCOLM X IN HARLEM AT: THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE SITE OF MALCOLM X AND MORE! On Sunday, May 19th, the world will come to New York to observe the 94th birth anniversary of Malcolm X! The central activity for that historic observation will be the annual pilgrimage to his gravesite. The Malcolm X Commemoration Committee (MXCC) and the Sons of Afrika will again co-host the Organization of Afro-American Unity's (OAAU) Annual Pilgrimage to his Gravesite!

At 9am, participants will assemble at the Harlem State Office Building located at 125th Street and Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard to prepare to caravan to Malcolm's gravesite at Ferncliff Cemetery in Ardsley, NY. The bus and car caravan will leave Harlem promptly at 9:30am for the Cemetery!



"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Malcolm X

Tickets for the busses going up to the Cemetery are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Families and groups wishing to ride should call in advance to make reservations at 718 512 5008 or email at mxcc519@verizon.net.

The endearing and inspirational gravesite ceremony was conceived and developed shortly after his death by the late Ella Little-Collins, Malcolm's older sister who was with him in the OAAU. Largely unknown to most, it was Ella Little-Collins who actually kept the OAAU going for at least five years after the assassination of her legendary little brother. The organization has faithfully maintained this pilgrimage on an annual basis through the leadership of Baba James Small for nearly 50 years!

In 1993, the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee, under the leadership of the late Baba Herman Ferguson, a founding member of the OAAU and former political prisoner himself, made a commitment to grow the pilgrimage. Since then, the pilgrimage has grown exponentially, drawing participants from all along the northeast coast from Boston to Washington, DC. Over the past three years, the Africana Institute of Essex County College in Newark, NJ and Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood, the beloved successor to Muslim Mosque Inc., each have made their added local commitments to participating in the pilgrimage. The Africana Institute sends two busloads of young people to participate. Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood has begun observing its Ziyaara Ashahadafayn, or 'their gravesite visitation and Quranic chanting to praise Allah and appreciate the need to prepare for the next life.' Other key activities of the day will include the closing down of stores on 125th Street and memorial observation forums at the Shabazz Center and at the Schomburg.



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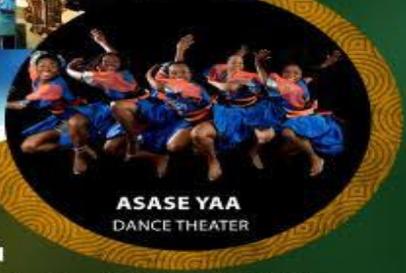
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“We are very proud of our role in growing the pilgrimage,” said Zayid Muhammad, MXCC’s founding press officer...”

WBAI DEVOTES MAY 19TH TO MALCOLM, MXCC OFFICER ON AIR

Pacific Radio-WBAI –New York will devote the entire day that is May 19th to Malcolm X as it often has in the past. At the 7pm hour, MXCC’s founding press officer Zayid Muhammad will join guest host Professor William Sales, author of the highly lauded book ‘From Civil Rights To Black Liberation:Malcolm X And The Organization of AfroAmerican Unity,’ and his co-convenor of the much heralded Malcolm X Speaks in the 90’s Conferences Professor Abdul Alkalimat. Those proceeding of these conferences and all manner of background on Malcolm are available online at www.BrotherMalcolm.net...

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.pnows...

Green Party co-chair and others illegally arrested at Venezuelan embassy in Washington DC



"The Green Party strongly protests the arrests today of individuals inside the Venezuelan Embassy. Members of the organization Embassy Protection Collective had been staying inside the embassy since April 10, 2019, with permission of the embassy. Their objective was to help prevent a U.S. administration-aided effort by the Venezuelan opposition to take over the embassy. Several members of the Green Party were part of the organization. The United Nations recognizes Nicolas Maduro as the legitimate president of Venezuela. It is illegal under international law for the U.S. to facilitate control of the embassy to opposition leader Juan Guaido, who has asserted a claim to the office. The Embassy Protection Collective released a statement recently saying that eviction and arrests of the individuals, inside the embassy with the approval of the Venezuelan government, would violate international law." For Full article please see <http://www.gp.org/>

A Palestinian Hunger Striker: 'Bury Me in My Mother's Grave' May 16, 2019

By Ramzy Baroud & Fayha Shalash

"One of the many ways in which Israel seeks to oppress and control the Palestinian population is by imprisoning those who lead the resistance to its occupation and settler colonialist project.

In Palestine, a Palestinian prisoner in an Israeli jail is referred to as "aseer", or captive, because he or she is not a criminal. What lands Palestinians in Israeli prisons are acts of resistance – from writing a poem about the struggle against the occupation to carrying out an attack against Israeli soldiers in the occupied Palestinian land. For the Israeli occupation, however, every act of Palestinian resistance or defiance is either classified as a form of "terrorism" or "incitement" that cannot be tolerated.

Currently, there are 5,450 prisoners in Israeli jails, 205 of whom are minors and 48 women. According to some estimates, since the Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza in June 1967, over 800,000 Palestinians have been imprisoned in Israeli jails." For full article see <http://www.palestinechronicle.com/a-palestinian-hunger-strike-bury-me-in-my-mothers-grave/>

WBAI: Building Bridges Special: Malcolm X: The End of White World Supremacy

"Ossie Davis (1917 - 2005) Faith Temple Church of God In Christ, New York City - February 27, 1965

"This was his meaning to his people. And, in honoring him, we honor the best in ourselves. Last year, from Africa, he wrote these words to a friend: My journey, he says, is almost ended, and I have a much broader scope than when I started out, which I believe will add new life and dimension to our struggle for freedom and honor and dignity in the States.

I am writing these things so that you will know for a fact the tremendous sympathy and support we have among the African States for our human rights struggle. The main thing is that we keep a united front wherein

our most valuable time and energy will not be wasted fighting each other.

However we may have differed with him—or with each other about him and his value as a man—let his going from us serve only to bring us together, now.

Consigning these mortal remains to earth, the common mother of all, secure in the knowledge that what we place in the ground is no more now a man—but a seed—which, after the winter of our discontent, will come forth again to meet us. And we will know him then for what he was and is—a prince—our own black shining prince!—who didn't hesitate to die, because he loved us so”.

“No man in our time aroused fear and hatred in the white man as did Malcolm, because in him the white man sensed an implacable foe who could not be had for any price — a man unreservedly committed to the cause of liberating the Black man in American society, rather than integrating the Black man into that society.” (As the journalist M.S. Handler stated in the documentary film, El Hajj Malik Shabazz)

Despite the efforts of the corporate media to distort his legacy and international image since his martyrdom, 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"

Book tour visit to Mondo’s book collection in prison stirs memories by richardsonreports

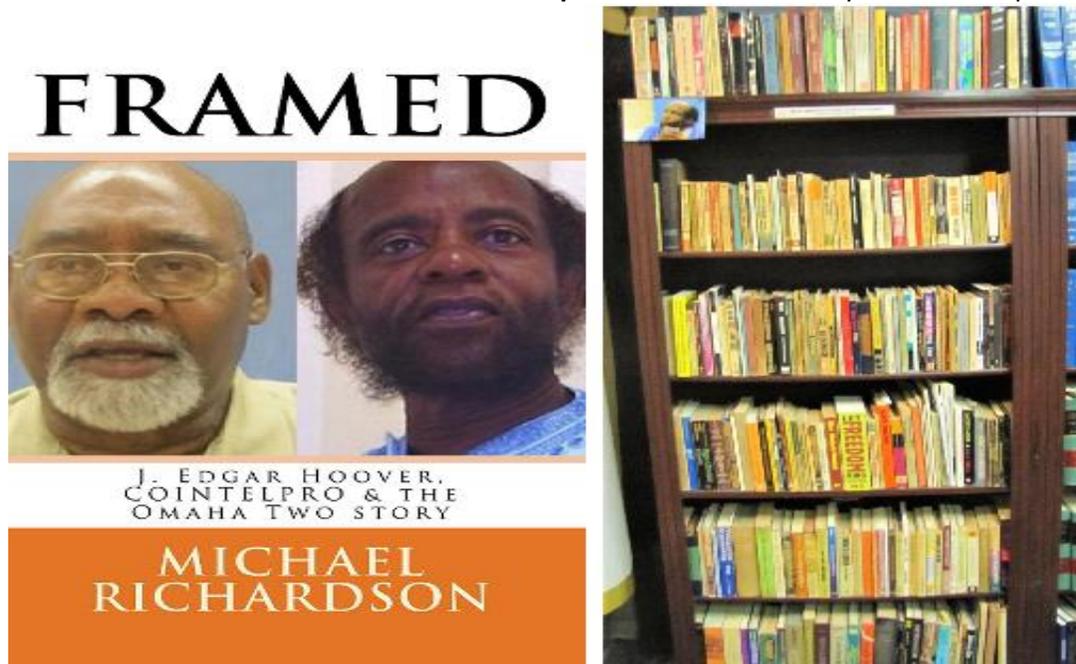


Photo: The prison book collection of Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa on display at the Aframerican Bookstore in Omaha, Nebraska (credit: Michael Richardson)

"It was a return to the scene of the crime, Omaha, Nebraska. Weeds choked the vacant lot at 2867 Ohio Street where nearly a half-century ago Patrolman Larry Minard was killed by an ambush bomb at a vacant house. The occasion was a book tour for FRAMED: J. Edgar Hoover, COINTELPRO & the Omaha Two story, my non-fiction account of the crime and subsequent prosecution of two Black Panther leaders.

There were four venues on the schedule, two book stores, a community forum, and the Great Plains Black History Museum. Also included were stops at the governor's office in Lincoln and the Douglas County Attorney's office in Omaha. Books were donated to schools and libraries. Interesting people came forward at each event enriching the bittersweet experience with their personal accounts. FRAMED is a story with no happy ending, only continuing injustice.

While visiting the Aframerican Bookstore, 3226 Lake Street, there was a goose-bump surprise, the prison book collection of Mondo. Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa, former David Rice, was an intellectual, but I already knew that. However, not until Mondo's books were in my hands complete with occasional notes, did I realize the depth of his thinking and scope of his reach. It was a final visit, a last good-bye, as I paged through the collection wanting to talk with the absent owner about his books" For full article see <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/05/20/book-tour-visit-to-mondos-book-collection-in-prison-stirs-memories/>

Nebraska governor Pete Ricketts asked during book tour to examine 1971 Black Panther case by richardson-reports

"A book tour for FRAMED: J. Edgar Hoover, COINTELPRO & the Omaha Two story to Nebraska included a stop at the State Capitol in Lincoln. Governor Pete Ricketts was out of town when I stopped by to give him a copy of the the book but his personal secretary assured me that she would see that Ricketts got the book.

FRAMED is the story of justice undone, a policeman's murder where the guilty go unpunished, and two men were wrongfully convicted. The book is a true story of the 1970 bombing murder of Omaha Patrolman Larry Minard including the manipulation of the police investigation by competing federal law enforcement agencies and the tampering of the 1971 state trial by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and agents of the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Division. FRAMED is a window on a case never fully or accurately reported.

Two Black Panther leaders, Edward Poindexter and Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa (former David Rice), were convicted in a controversial capital murder trial where both men faced the electric chair. Poindexter remains imprisoned at the Nebraska State Penitentiary while Mondo died serving his life without parole sentence in March 2016. Duane Peak, the fifteen year-old confessed bomber never served a day in prison for Minard's murder. Peak obtained a deal from Douglas County Attorney Donald Knowles and was judged to be a juvenile delinquent in exchange for his testimony that Poindexter and Mondo put him up to the crime.

The governor's free book came with a letter requesting his action. "I request that you review Edward Poindexter's case in light of the federal tampering with the police investigation and state trial. I believe an innocent man is in prison while Minard's killers walk free. There is no statute of limitations on murder. Justice has not been done in Nebraska in this case. With this book, I now put the matter on your desk, in your hands."

For full article see <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/05/23/nebraska-governor-pete-ricketts-asked-during-book-tour-to-examine-1971-black-panther-case/>

During FRAMED book tour Robert Cecil declares the Omaha Two were really the Omaha Three richardsonreports Posted on June 3, 2019

"Elmer Robert Cecil broke decades of silence during a book tour for FRAMED: J. Edgar Hoover, COINTELPRO & the Omaha Two story and stepped forward to declare the Omaha Two were really the Omaha Three. The Omaha Two were Edward Poindexter and David Rice, later Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa, who were convicted for the August 17, 1970 bombing murder of Patrolman Larry Minard. The Omaha Two were leaders of the National Committee to Combat Fascism, a Black Panther affiliate group and denied any role in the crime. The pair had been targeted by the clandestine COINTELPRO operation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Robert Cecil was a Black Panther member in Omaha during the group's brief existence in the Midwestern city. In 1969, when the local chapter was dissolved by the national office in Oakland, California, Cecil joined up with the United Front Against Fascism, later renamed the National Committee to Combat Fascism." For full article see <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/06/03/during-framed-book-tour-robert-cecil-declares-the-omaha-two-were-really-the-omaha-three/>

Writing Letters in Support of Chuck Africa

Outline and suggestions on writing letters to The Pennsylvania Parole Board on Behalf of Chuck Africa!!! For letter format please see <https://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/2019/06/02/writing-letters-in-support-of-chuck-africa/>

Inhumane Illegal Treatment Widespread in Israel Prisons: Report Published 19 May 2019

"A new report has found that prisoners in Israeli jails are often kept in facilities "unfit for human residence" and constantly face illegal punitive measures, according to a probe made by the Israeli Public Defense Office (PDO) published on May 12.

"This is a nationwide problem that causes a daily violation of prisoners' and detainees' basic rights and a violation of their human rights," the report reads, based on findings made on surprise visits conducted by PDO staff to various facilities between 2017 and 2018.

The report found that inmates are often kept in facilities "unfit for human residence". Sanitation issues were found in 19 prison facilities, some of these problems included mold in prison walls, and the presence of mice, cockroaches, bedbugs, and rats infesting cells and beds. At Ayalon Prison, some prisoners said they prefer sleeping on the floor because of bedbugs in the mattresses. The report also pointed out that in 16 cases, the space for each prisoner was half of the less than the bare minimum of three square meters per inmate currently required by the High Court of Justice. A lack of working toilets, windows and delivery of fresh clothes was reported.

"Two other minors said that while in solitary confinement, their mattresses were taken during the day so they were forced to lie on metal beds," the report added.

However, the most worrying matters are the systematic violations of human rights. Some of the illegal measures found were the use of strip-searches as a punitive measure or "deterrent", especially in Ayalon Prison, where it seems to be a routine practice." For full article see <https://www.telesureenglish.net/news/Inhumane-Illegal-Treatment-Widespread-in-Israel-Prisons-Report-20190519-0020.html>

BAP: Surprise: Venezuelan neo-fascists are marketing pros, intel agents

"The state has long used sophisticated tactics to subvert people's movements. You can read the Mint Press News exclusive report here <https://www.mintpressnews.com/whos-behind-the-pro-guaido-crowd-besieging-venezuelan-embassy-in-dc/258533/>

Yesterday, our folks were out in the streets of Washington, D.C., to oppose the U.S. intervention in Venezuela. Watch a video encapsulating the day. It features Black Alliance for Peace member Asantewaa Mawusi Nkrumah-Ture and Netfa Freeman of Pan-African Community Action, a BAP member organization. They both spoke about how the struggle against U.S. intervention in Venezuela is connected to the global struggle for African liberation. Then check out our photos https://www.facebook.com/BlackAllianceforPeace/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1985992358176846 "

You're invited to Race Matters, a CLE presented by the NLG's National Police Accountability Project!

"The seminar will take place Friday, June 21, 2019, 9 AM-5 PM, at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law, in St. Paul, MN. It is sponsored by Thomson Reuters and The Halpern Group. This all-day CLE will cover how race affects police misconduct trials. **Accreditation:** NPAP has received approval for 6.0 credit hours from the Minnesota MCLE Board. **Hotel Bookings:** NPAP has negotiated a discounted rate of \$149/night for rooms at [The Saint Paul Hotel](#).

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All police misconduct cases are tough ones for the plaintiff. When race is an issue, as it so often is, intractable issues of prejudice and implicit bias can make them all the more difficult. We are bringing together experienced practitioners and other experts to explore strategies for combating the pernicious influence of racial bias. From recognizing implicit bias, to selecting the jury, telling your story, understanding the law, and making your arguments, we'll explore all facets of the trial process. This is an important seminar that you should not miss. View the full program here and register at the NPAP website! <https://www.nlg-npap.org/civ-icrm/event/info%3Fid%3D41%26reset%3D1>
In solidarity, NLG National Office"

Civil rights activists, actors and others call for release of former Black Panther

Ed Pilkington - May 21, 2019

Seventy-five public figures sign letter to New York governor asking for release of Jalil Muntaqim after 48 years in prison



"Leading civil rights activists, academics, actors and writers are calling on Andrew Cuomo to release Jalil Muntaqim, a former Black Panther who has been in prison for 48 years for one of the most high-profile killings of the 1970s black liberation struggle. Seventy-five prominent public figures have signed a letter to the gover-

nor of New York state, headlined: “48 years is enough”. The letter asks Cuomo to commute Muntaqim’s sentence to time served. They include the writer and activist Angela Davis, who was herself put on trial for a 1970 courtroom kidnapping but later acquitted.

Among other signers are Cornel West of Harvard university, actor Danny Glover, Black Lives Matter co-founder Parris Cullors, film-maker Boots Riley and Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*.

The authors write: “We believe in the principles of restorative justice. While we understand the serious nature of the crimes for which Jalil has been convicted, a life sentence should not be a death sentence. Forty-eight years is long enough. After all this time, Jalil Muntaqim belongs with his family and his community.”

The letter also emphasizes that he has had a clean prison record for decades. “He has served as a teacher, mentor and role model for hundreds of other incarcerated people and stands as an example of the potential to reflect, change and grow despite the many challenges of the prison environment.”

Muntaqim, whose birth name is Anthony Bottom, faces his 12th parole board in September, having been knocked back for release 11 times since he first became eligible in 2002 on a sentence of 25 years to life. He will be 68 at his next hearing.

He was arrested in 1971 at age 19 for the ambush and murder in Harlem of two police officers, Joseph Piagentini and Waverly Jones. Days after the shootings, the Black Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Black Panthers, claimed responsibility and three members were arrested.

Of his two co-defendants, Albert “Nuh” Washington died in prison in 2000 and Herman Bell was released on parole in April of 2018.

The Guardian highlighted the struggle for release of Muntaqim in July 2018 as part of a series of articles on black power behind bars. At that time 19 black radicals were identified who were still being imprisoned, in some cases almost 50 years after the crimes for which they were convicted.

That number has since fallen to 17 following the release of two members of the Move organization in Philadelphia, the husband and wife couple Mike Africa Sr and Debbie Africa.

Another former Black Panther profiled by the Guardian for the series, Mumia Abu Jamal, is among the signers of the new letter calling for Muntaqim’s release. Abu-Jamal remains behind bars in Pennsylvania as one of the 17 incarcerated black radicals, where he is serving a life sentence having been taken off death row in 2012. Muntaqim’s battle for freedom after almost half a century in New York maximum security prisons has been hampered by ongoing vociferous opposition from New York City police unions and from one of the widows of the two slain police officers. A further challenge has been Muntaqim’s unwillingness to denounce the black liberation struggle of which he was part.

Herman Bell secured his release in part upon his statement to the board in which he said of the 1971 incident: “There was nothing political about the act, as much as I thought at the time. It was murder and horribly wrong.” Muntaqim is more resistant. Though he has admitted to committing the police killings, he continues to describe the 1970s black power movement as “noble”. In an interview with the Guardian he said: “My engagement in the struggle was self-sacrifice because of my love of my people and humanity. Because of that I was targeted by the government and that indicates that my incarceration is of a political nature.”

Angela Davis told the Guardian that she believed black radicals in prison were being forced to denounce their politics before they could go free: “They have to denounce a party that was the forerunner of movements like Black Lives Matter today.” <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/may/21/black-panthers-jail-release-letter-donald-glover-cornel-west-boots-riley>

Grant Release to Black Panther, Say Activists, Lawyers, Academics, May 21, 2019 Contact: press@ccrjustice.org

“Jalil Muntaqim, Jailed 48 Years, Has 11th Hearing This Year

May 21, 2019, New York – Today, a group of prominent academics, lawyers, and activists published an open letter calling for the release of political prisoner Jalil Muntaqim (a/k/a Anthony Bottom), the only remaining Black Panther incarcerated in New York. He was arrested 48 years ago, when he was 19 years old, and is scheduled for his 11th parole hearing in September 2019. Signers include Professor Angela Davis of the University of

California at Santa Cruz, Professor Cornel West of Harvard, actor and activist Danny Glover, musician and filmmaker Boots Riley, author Michelle Alexander, and co-founder of Black Lives Matter Patrisse Cullors.

The letter reads:

We the undersigned offer our strongest support for the release of Jalil Muntaqim (aka Anthony Bottom) on parole. We also ask that New York Governor Andrew Cuomo commute his sentence to time served. Jalil was arrested in 1971 when he was only 19 years-old and a member of the Black Panther Party. Forty-eight years later he is the only Black Panther prisoner who remains incarcerated in New York State prisons. It is time for this father, grandfather and great grandfather to come home.

Over the decades, Jalil has consistently demonstrated his commitment to sustaining family relationships, pursuing educational advancement and providing service to the community, inside and outside of prison. He has served as a teacher, mentor and role model for hundreds of other incarcerated people. He stands as an example of the potential to reflect, change and grow despite the many challenges of the prison environment.

Jalil is scheduled for his twelfth parole hearing this coming September. One of his co-defendants, Albert 'Nuh' Washington, died in prison in 2000. The other, Herman Bell, was released in April 2018 after serving almost forty-five years in prison. There is no justification for Jalil to be held in prison any longer. He should be released at his next parole hearing when he will be sixty-eight years old.

We believe in the principles of restorative justice. While we understand the serious nature of the crimes for which Jalil has been convicted, a life sentence should not be a death sentence. Forty-eight years is long enough. After all this time, Jalil Muntaqim belongs with his family and his community.

Muntaqim's two codefendants are Herman Bell, who was released from prison in 2018 after serving almost 45 years in prison, and Albert "Nuh" Washington, who died in prison in 2000. Muntaqim will be 68 years old at his parole hearing. " <https://ccrjustice.org/home/press-center/press-releases/grant-release-black-panther-say-activists-lawyers-academics>

Birthday Celebration For and With Ramona Africa! "Sat., June 8, 2019, Philadelphia, PA
Location and Time to be determined!



This year we are not going to have a commemoration of the bombing and murder of the MOVE family members by the City of Philadelphia, Police, and Fire Departments (but remember them personally on May 13th, the 34th anniversary). Instead, we are going to celebrate life, in particular, the life of Ramona Africa! Ramona Africa was deathly ill from after-effects of the bombing and PTSD, but she is alive and her fighting spirit and loving heart are completely intact!"

Thousands of Immigrants Suffer in Solitary Confinement in ICE Detention Spencer Woodman, Maryam Saleh, Hannah Rapple, Karrie Kehoe - May 20 2019

"The Intercept's and ICIJ's reporting, which included a groundbreaking review of more than 8,400 reports describing placements of ICE detainees in solitary confinement, found that the immigration agency has used isolation cells to punish immigrants for offenses as minor as consensual kissing, and to segregate hunger strikers, LGBTQ detainees, and people with disabilities.

In nearly a third of the cases, detainees were described as having a mental illness, which made them especially vulnerable to breakdown if locked up alone in a small cell. Records reviewed by ICIJ describe detainees in isolation mutilating their genitals, gouging their eyes, cutting their wrists, and smearing their cells with feces.

The review found that immigrants held in the agency's isolation cells had suffered hallucinations, fits of anger, and suicidal impulses. Former detainees told ICIJ that they experienced sleeplessness, flashbacks, depression, and memory loss long after release.

"People were being brutalized," said Ellen Gallagher, who currently holds a supervisory role in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Gallagher has tried for years to sound the alarm within her agency about a wide range of abusive uses of solitary confinement at ICE detention centers.

Gallagher, a whistleblower who is going public for the first time, told The Intercept and ICIJ that ICE, a DHS agency, has violated policies that often require a search for less restrictive measures before people are placed in prolonged solitary confinement. She said she has never been so deeply disturbed by a professional matter. "I lost sleep. I cried," she said.

ICIJ's investigation was conducted over five months in collaboration with Grupo SIN in the Dominican Republic; Plaza Pública in Guatemala; Mexicanos Contra la Corrupción in Mexico; and The Intercept, NBC News, and Univision in the U.S." For full article see <https://theintercept.com/2019/05/21/ice-solitary-confinement-immigration-detention/>

May 2019 Message to supporter – Dr Mutulu Shakur Posted on May 15, 2019 by Family and Friends

"I would like to thank you for the support. I received your letters/cards, and they are greatly appreciated. So many of you know my methods of communication leave a lot to be desired, but my desire is to assure you that your letters and questions in relation to the issues we are all concerned with are important to me. It fuels my fire to move forward and not give up.

I would like to say that many of your questions I tried to answer over the years in various forms of interviews, commentary, while also giving a historical analysis. In the event that you don't have knowledge of these platforms where you can find needed information in relation to me or answers to some of the questions you may have, you can find them on my website: Mutulushakur.com, Facebook group: "FREE Mutulu Shakur," or Instagram & Twitter: @FreeDrMShakur. Though I am not the direct administrator over those platforms, it is my understanding that the information provided is usually accurate while every detail may not be available and every detail did not come directly from "the horse's mouth." If you need more please ask, and I do appreciate those platforms' efforts to support.

The last time we spoke, I informed you we were preparing for the filing of my Federal complaint, which unfortunately was not successful. At this point, Judge Wilson's court order— after denying an oral argument— stated the following; "Circuit case law supports the conclusion that plaintiff's claims can be made in a section 2241 petition, even though a favorable resolution of the claims might not necessarily lead to speedier release. Third, plaintiff has not identified any alternative vehicle to section 2241 for seeking relief. The court thus dismisses plaintiff's claims and suggests that plaintiff for a writ of habeas corpus." We will now be appealing this decision and filing a Habeas Corpus." For full letter see <https://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/2019/05/22/may-2019-message-to-supporter-dr-mutulu-shakur/>

Veronza Bowers Denied Parole by Mary Ratcliff



Veronza Bowers is an internationally known man of peace, famous for his mastery of the Shakuhachi bamboo flute that he plays to relieve the suffering of sick and dying prisoners. Now 73, this former Black Panther who has proclaimed his innocence during 46 years of incarceration, has just learned that once again he has been denied parole. According to Wikipedia, his sentence dictated that "he was eligible for mandatory parole after 30 years." When that day arrived, he was dressed to leave to join his family at the prison gate when they were bitterly disappointed.

"In February 2005," reports Wikipedia, "10 months after he'd served 30 years in prison, his parole was postponed in order to give the victim's relatives a chance to express their opposition at a new parole hearing. Bowers was denied parole in December 2005."

At that parole hearing, Veronza's unit manager testified: "I have been with the Bureau of Prisons for 25 years in March and this is my first time ever speaking on behalf of an inmate. ... Incident reports are very easy to get and he has set the standard for not getting any incident reports. I can address the fact that as a Bureau of Prisons employee, we all wish we had an institution full of inmates who can go 21 years without an incident report." In a message received May 30, Veronza writes: "The way I look at news is that it is neither bad nor good; it just IS what it is. And once received, then we can move forward." For full article see <https://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/2019/06/01/political-prisoner-veronza-bowers-denied-parole-again-may-2019/>

Hunger-Striking Detainee Moved To Hospital June 6, 2019

"The Palestinian Prisoners' Society (PPS) has reported that a Palestinian detainee, who started a hunger strike 66 days ago, was moved to a hospital after a sharp deterioration in his health condition. The PPS said the detainee, Hasan Abdul-Salam al-'Oweawi, 35, from Hebron in southern West Bank, was rushed from Nitzan al-Ramla prison to Barzilai Medical Center, Thursday, after a serious health deterioration. It added that the detainee started his strike on April 2nd, 2019, protesting his continued arbitrary Administrative Detention, without charges or trial. It is worth mentioning that al-'Oweawi, a father of three children, was abducted on January 15, 2019, and is a former political prisoner who spent years in Israeli prison" <https://imemc.org/article/hunger-striking-detainee-moved-to-hospital-3/>

Puerto Rican Day Parade's "INDEPENDENCE CONTINGENT"



Puerto Rican Day Parade's "INDEPENDENCE CONTINGENT" The dress for our contingent is the "Black & White" colors of Resistance! Sunday @ 9:00 am SHARP on Madison & 45th Street. Palante' Bro. Shep

Political Prisoner Eric King back in SHU. Needs mail

News about his favorite football team Manchester United, about science, IRA articles, space, anything interesting, funny, weird or entertaining. These articles MUST be in black and white on non glossy standard weight printer paper. Letters to eric must be typed or written in black ink on the same type of paper. No borders, pencil, colored envelopes, no address labels and please number the pages so he knows if something is missing. ERIC ONLY HAS ACCESS TO 3 ENVELOPES A WEEK AND MAY BE UNABLE TO REPLY. HE WANTS FOLKS TO KNOW THAT HE WISHES HE COULD RESPOND TO EVERY LETTER AND LOOKS FORWARD TO DOING SO AGAIN.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY BOOKS as he will not receive them and there is no guarantee they will be returned.

Eric King 27090045, USP MCCREARY, P.O. BOX 3000, PINE KNOT, KY 42635

<https://supportericking.org/2019/05/22/eric-was-attacked-at-usp-mccreary/?fbclid=IwAR2czyAVK13aNgASEqdSzubwYNEO521DQrycxUJJNcW6CLKrM1dyuLNGMRY>

BK/NY – Tuesday, June 11th – Letter Writing Dinner for Eco and Anarchist Prisoners + Prison Abolition Discussion

"WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing Dinner

WHEN: 7pm sharp, Tuesday, June 11th, 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

NYC ABC isn't big on screaming that the sky is falling. That said, THE SKY IS FUCKING FALLING. More and more folks are standing up and resisting impending ecological collapse, protesting unpopular and devastating petro-pipelines, and putting their bodies on the line for their communities and the environment. They are typically confronted by cops, known enemies of working folks and property defenders of the ruling class, and arrested. As a collective, we support those arrested and imprisoned for taking action to protect and defend the planet and part of that support comes in the form of our every-other-week political prisoner letter-

writing dinners. This week we respond to the June 11th call for solidarity with long term anarchist political prisoners, while recognizing the history of this day by including earth and animal liberation prisoners. We will also join a discussion with other revolutionaries about prison abolition, as theory and practice. The deal, as always, is that you come bringing only yourself (and your friends and comrades), and we provide you with a delicious vegan meal, information about the prisoners as well as all of the letter-writing materials and prisoner-letter-writing info you could ever want to use in one evening. In return, you write a thoughtful letter to a political prisoner or prisoner of war of your choosing or, better yet, keep up a long-term correspondence. We'll also provide some brief updates and pass around birthday cards for the PP/POWs whose birthdays fall in the next two weeks thanks to the PP/POW Birthday Calendar." https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2019/06/06/june11_2019

Letter Writing Dinner for Sundiata Acoli & Dr. Mutulu Shakur

WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing Dinner

WHEN: 7pm sharp, Tuesday, May 28th, 2018

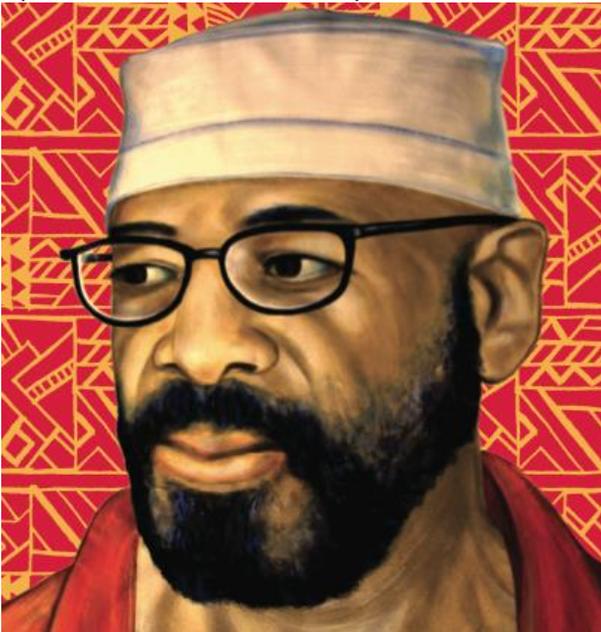
WHERE: The Base – 1302 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11221

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"This week NYC ABC will focus our every-other-week political prisoner letter-writing dinner on Sundiata Acoli and Dr. Mutulu Shakur, a former Black Panther Party member and a former Black Liberation Army member who are serving time for charges connected to Assata Shakur and/or her successful 1979 prison break and escape." For full article and info see https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2019/05/23/sundiata_mutulu_2019

Political Prisoner Russell Maroon Shoatz Health Update From Shoatz Family

Update from the Shoatz family:



On our most recent visit following our dad's hospital stay, we had the privilege and fortunate opportunity to meet, speak with, and embrace Chuck Africa. Ironically, it was Chuck Africa who put the word out to inform the family of Maroon's medical dilemma and transport from SCI Dallas to an unspecified hospital. The family is pleased to bring you Maroon's latest message after his recent surgery:

"Had my first visit since my operation, with Theresa, Sharon, and Russell. Since I'm still in the prison infirmary, it had to be approved by the doctor, and I was in a wheelchair; though I CAN and DO walk a little every day. Medically, all I choose to say is that it has been like NOTHING I have ever experienced! More pain than I have ever had to deal with; though A LOT of PRAYER has made it EASIER. During my two-week stay in the outside hospital, the ENTIRE hospital staff treated me in a professional manner, as did the prison security details that accompanied me. (Written while laying on a reclining hospital bed after the dressing was changed on the navel-to-sternum gash from my surgery. Thankfully, it's healing well, and there is less and less pain with the daily changes.)" Straight Ahead! Maroon

Maroon and the Shoatz family will continue to keep people updated about his health. If you are planning to visit Maroon, he is still in the prison infirmary. All visits should be confirmed with Maroon via phone (267) 456-7882. Write Maroon at: Smart Communications, PADO/SCI Dallas

Russell Shoats AF3855, PO Box 33028, St. Petersburg FL. 33733

Want to leave a voice message for Maroon?

etta cetera, friend of Maroon, is collecting voice messages to play to Maroon over the phone. Don't tell him - It's a surprise. If you would like to leave him a voice message please text recorded voice memos to 443-603-6964 (this is not the iphone recorded text message - it is a voice memo that is sent as an MP3.) You can also send an MP3 recorded message to writealetta@gmail.com from your computer or phone.

Please say your name, where you are calling from and a brief message.

Try to keep it around 30 seconds or less. This does not have to be a "get well" message - it could be a general 'LOVE who you are and miss you' message! Get well's are fine tho too.

For full article see <https://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/2019/06/04/political-prisoner-russell-maroon-shoatz-health-update-from-shoatz-family/>

Contemporary Artists Contextualize the Work of Black Panther Photographers

"SAN FRANCISCO — Vanguard Revisited: Poetic Politics & Black Futures at the San Francisco Art Institute (SFAI) celebrates a radical photo documentary project that portrayed the Black Panther Party (BPP) for the profound social justice movement it was.



Pirkle Jones, George Murray, Minister of Education, teaching English at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, CA. © Regents of the University of California. Courtesy Special Collections, University Library, University of California Santa Cruz.



Ruth-Marion Baruch, Man serving food to girl, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. © Regents of the University of California. Courtesy Special Collections, University Library, University of California Santa Cruz.

“Radical” is the word that precisely describes the work of photographers Ruth-Marion Baruch and Pirkle Jones, who both studied at SFAI when it was known as the California School of Fine Art. In the production and late-1968 presentation at San Francisco’s de Young Museum, their body of work *A Photographic Essay on the Black Panthers*, rejected corporate media portrayals of the BPP as what former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover described as “the greatest threat to internal security of the country.” Instead of the terrorizing threat to conservative white America Hoover insisted the BPP was, Baruch and Jones captured scenes of peaceful protest, empowerment, community engagement, and service that formed the foundation of BPP activism. By inviting input on matters of participation and representation from Party members including Kathleen and Eldridge Cleaver, the photographers abandoned journalistic assertions of neutrality that shaped photo documentary and essayistic practices of the day. What emerged is a powerful, lucid visual statement about one of the 20th century’s most important socio-political movements. Five decades following, *Vanguard Revisited* confidently holds space that its predecessor did not. Specifically, it highlights four contemporary Bay Area artists and artist collectives whose work contextualizes Baruch and Jones’s photo essay and the lasting impact of BPP ideology and activism.”

<https://hyperallergic.com/487981/contemporary-artists-contextualize-the-work-of-black-panther-photographers/>

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” met in NYC on **May 11th and June 15th**. For July'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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