

The Dragons Fire

THE NATIONAL JERICO MOVEMENT NEWSLETTER

in Fierce Determination Since 1996

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P.O. Box 2164 Chesterfield, Virginia 23832



“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.

“I have heard their groans and sighs, and seen their tears,
and I would give every drop of blood in my veins to free them”

Harriet Tubman

Jericho Movement's Current Work and Progress

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

Picture Highlight!

Cubs at African American Day Parade (NYC Jericho)



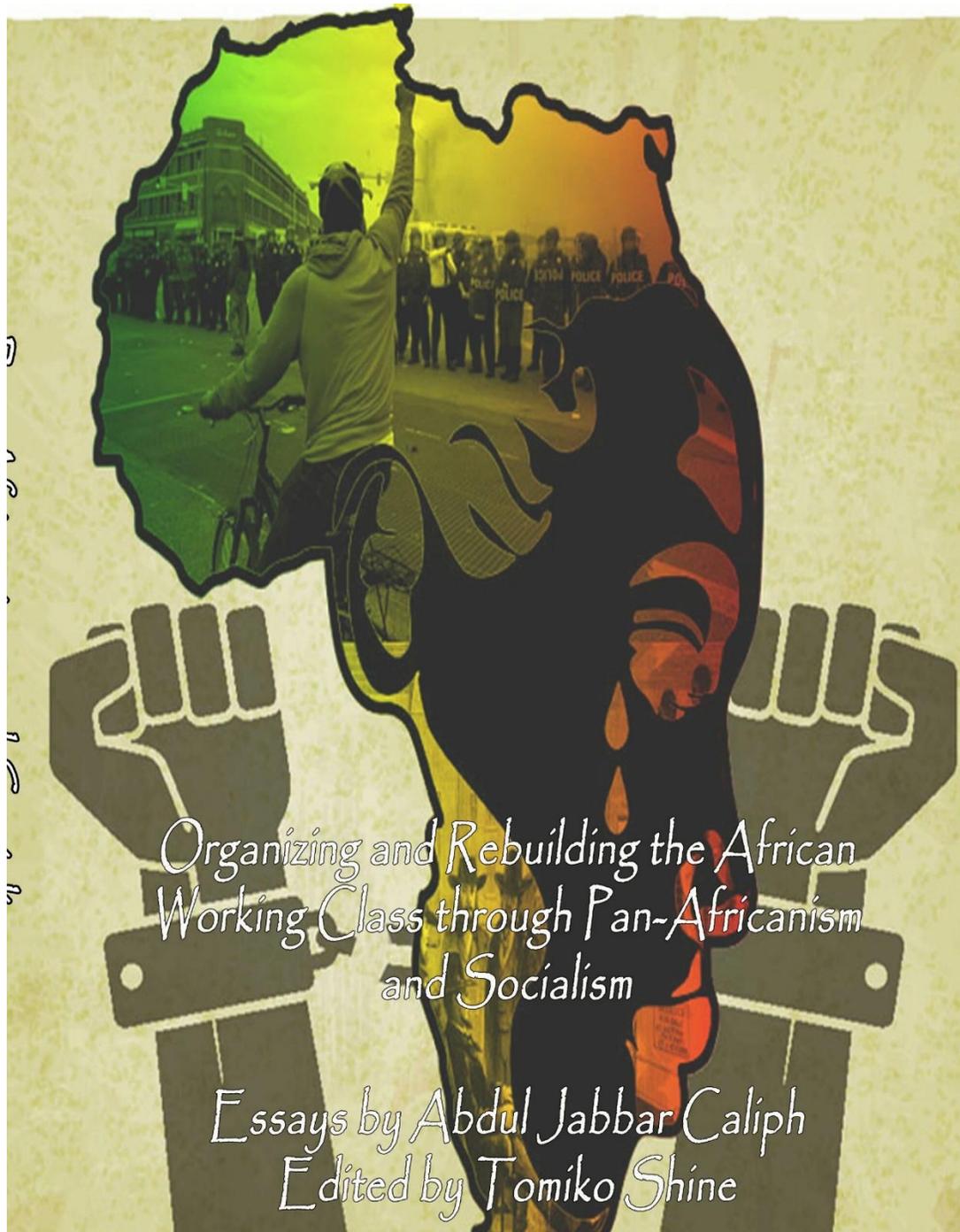
Sharon, Theresa Shoatz and Ksisay

Jericho Highlights and Tributes

Announcement

Coming this winter, a new book by **Abdul Jabbar Caliph**.

Pre-orders will begin November 18th, 2019. Information and details to follow.



Chairman's Corner

National Jericho Chairperson Jihad Abdulmumit, his son, Abdurrahman Abdulmumit, and Sister Anne Lamb of New York Jericho joined Brother Ralph Poynter and Sister Betty Davis to represent Political Prisoners and imprisoned Freedom Fighters at the annual Black is Back Coalition <http://blackisbackcoalition.org/> march on the White House, Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3, 2019. This year's focus was turning imperialist wars into wars against imperialism. Working class and poor people from all around the world, in particular people of color, suffer from the economic, political and social impact of the many imperialist wars and acts of aggression perpetrated by the United States government. There are hundreds of political prisoners in the United States; indeed, every Black person's case is political by nature when the adjudicator is the oppressor and it uses a system founded on racism, brutality, and injustice as a legal basis.



Black is Back Coalition for Social Justice, Peace and Reparations
 Turn Imperialist Wars into Wars against Imperialism
 November 2 & 3, 2019
 Washington, D.C.

Since World War II, the United States has been directly or indirectly responsible for killing over 20 million people, overthrown at least 40 governments, interfered in 90 some foreign elections, attempted to assassinate over 60 foreign leaders, and dropped bombs on people in more than 40 countries.

https://impeachforpeace.org/impeach_bush_blog/wp-content/uploads/2007/02/725

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/us-has-killed-more-than-20-million-people-in-37-victim-nations-since-world-war-ii/5492051>. Individuals in the United States who have historically challenged and fought against US racism and aggression, and who have been incarcerated as a result, form a class of Political Prisoners who need the acknowledgement and support of all community organizations, activists, and peace loving people of the world.

On the first day of this 2 day event, activists held a rally in Malcolm X Park and March to the White House with more presentations at Lafayette Park. The second day consisted of powerful and defining presentations from Black is Back members. Among those were:

Omali Yeshitela – Chairman, African People's Socialist Party and Black is Back Coalition

Glen Ford - Black Agenda Report, Founding Member Black is Back Coalition

Ajamu Baraka - Black Alliance for Peace

Ralph Poynter – Political Prisoners Working Group, Black is Back Coalition

Betty Davis - New Abolitionist Movement; Louisiana United International

Anne Lamb – New York Jericho

Diop Olugbala - Black Community Control of the Police

Lisa Davis - Health Care Working Group

Pam Africa - MOVE

Zaki Baruti - Universal African People's Organization

Jihad Abdulmumit – National Jericho Movement

Please see videos of Jihad's presentations here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cm-V-Fb9PkM&feature=youtu.be> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZb3I7nSw7Y&feature=youtu.be>

Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

POLITICAL PRISONER OF THE MONTH

Please see next Month Newsletter

Medical Updates

No medical Updates this Month-Statuses are the Same

Legal Updates

Jalil Muntaqim



“Jalil Muntaqim was given a 12-month hit by the NYS Parole Board. This was a unanimous decision by the Board, despite the fact that Jalil has been in prison since August 28, 1971

As many of you know, Jalil has been to the parole board twelve times since 2002, when he first become parole eligible.

Jalil has been denied each time for a variety of reasons, all of which

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

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

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

parole commissioners, many of whom decided to deny his release.

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

Since the submission of the Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served, Governor Cuomo has received many letters and communications urging him to grant Jalil’s Application. However, due to the revelation of political collusion between the Board of Parole and the PBA, and the PBA/media backlash and scrutiny of the Parole Board’s release of Jalil’s co-defendant, it has become necessary to launch this initiative in support of Jalil’s Application.

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

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

As a human rights advocate, he had the first U.S. prisoners national petition heard and recorded by a Special Committee at the United Nations on U.S. prisons and the existence of U.S. political prisoners. He has litigated several civil rights complaints on behalf of prisoners. In 2000, Essence magazine featured an article on father-daughter relationships. The article, entitled “Daddy Says,” quoted Jalil stressing the importance of maintaining these relations even during incarceration.

We request that people do the following for Jalil throughout the months of November and December: We are requesting that Friends and Supporters call, tweet, email and write NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s office and appeal to him to grant Jalil’s Application to Commute the Sentence to Time Served.

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

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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/>

Birthdays Please send a card!

November Birthdays

Ed Poindexter: Birthday November 1, 1944



BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Contact Information/Prison Address

#27767--Nebraska State Penitentiary

P.O. Box 2500, Lincoln, NE 68542

Affiliation: Black Panther Party

Captured: 1971-life. Denied parole 4 times.

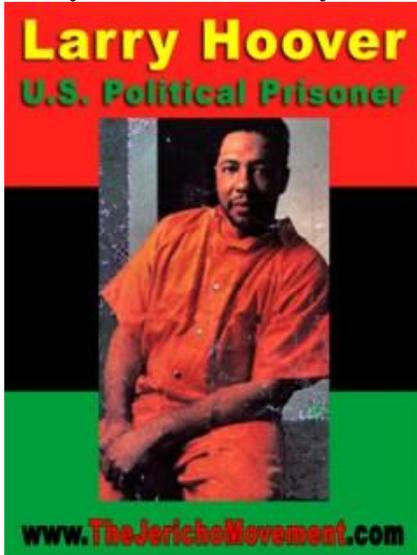
“A breakthrough in Poindexter’s case could have important ramifications for Mondo we Langa (formerly known as David Rice, gone to the ancestors), who exhausted his appeals thirty years ago.

Amnesty International has classified Mondo we Langa and Ed Poindexter -- known as the Omaha Two at the time of their trial in 1971 -- as “prisoners of conscience.”

nebraskansforjustice.org/ and <http://n2pp.info> and <http://omahatwo.wordpress.com>

Author

Larry Hoover: Birthday: November 3rd, 1950



Contact Information/Prison Address

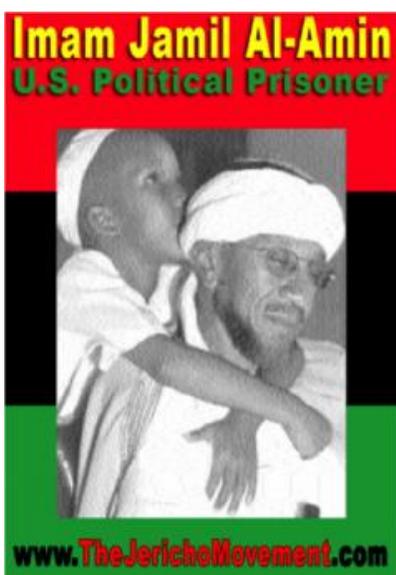
#86063-024-Florence ADMAX, P.O. Box 8500,, Florence, CO 81226

Captured: 1973 –150 years

Excerpt from 1993 Call For Peace: "...And finally, in my sincere appeal for peace and unity: Those of us that have experienced being our brothers' keeper — We must educate our members around us. Education brings about awareness. Awareness generates the ability to think. Our youth must know the end result of crime is shame, disgrace, and imprisonment to themselves, as well as the community. We must come to the point of outlawing those who willfully disrupt our communities and our call for peace and unity. " <http://newafrikan77.wordpress.com/>

October Birthdays

Imam Jamil Al-Amin: Birthday-October 4th, 1943



Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Contact Information/Prison Address

#99974-555 USP Tucson

P.O. Box 24550, Tucson, AZ 85734

Affiliation: Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee

Captured: 2000- Life No Parole (Georgia to Federal custody)

The prosecutor in the Atlanta case after the conviction said, "After 24 years we've finally gotten him," which means the prosecutor was counting back to the day when Jamil walked out of a prison in New York City. So this case in Atlanta...was and is an extension of the targeting." - Karima Al-Amin, Attorney & Wife in extensive San Francisco Bay View article [photo: Imam Jamil with his son Kairi when he was a child – Kairi is now an attorney practicing law with his mother, Karima Al-Amin.] Author.

<http://imamjamilactionnetwork.weebly.com/> <https://twitter.com/imamjamilalamin>

David Gilbert October 6, 1944



ANTI-IMPERIALIST POLITICAL PRISONER

Contact Information/Prison Address

#83A6158 -Wende Correctional Facility, 3040 Wende Rd., Alden, NY 14004

Affiliation: ANTI-IMPERIALIST POLITICAL PRISONER

Captured: October 20, 1981. Sentence: 75 years to life.

“The starting point for me is identifying with other people. That solidarity, that tenderness, mandates standing with the oppressed---the vast majority—against the power structure...The Civil Rights Movement also showed me more of a sense of humanity and nobility of purpose than I found in the white suburbs where I grew up.”*

Political Autobiography, David Gilbert - 10/13/08

“The starting point for me is a deep identification with other people.

That solidarity, that tenderness, means always standing with the oppressed. The children suffering malnutrition in Africa, the women and girls sold into sexual bondage in Thailand, the orphans scavenging in the streets of Sao Paulo, the gay man beaten to death in Wyoming, those still homeless in New Orleans due to the man-made disaster that followed hurricane Katrina ... they are all precious human beings whose lives matter.

Reality burst into my consciousness with the Greensboro sit-in of February 1960, when I was 15. I guess I had been unusually naive in fervently believing in America’s rhetoric about democracy and equality. That promise was totally belied by the blatant racism, as well as the U.S. practice of imposing brutal dictatorships on Third World nations around the globe. The Civil Rights Movement also showed me a more profound sense of humanity and nobility of purpose than anything I’d found in the white suburbs where I’d grown up. In 1962 I joined the Congress of Racial Equality, and in 1965 I started the Committee to End the War in Vietnam at Columbia University. I was a founding member of the SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) chapter there in 1965, wrote the first national SDS pamphlet to name the system as “U.S. Imperialism” in 1967, and participated in the Columbia strike of 1968. By the late 1960’s, the rise of the women’s movement combined with firm, constructive efforts by women comrades showed me the importance of opposing sexism and of striving to live our humanist values in our personal relationships. In 1970, responding to the murderous government assault on the Black Liberation Movement and on the unending, massive bombings of Vietnam, some of us went underground to raise the level of resistance, forming the Weather Underground Organization, which functioned for 7 years. By the end of the 1970s, after the WUO dissolved, I tried to work more directly as an ally of the black liberation struggle. On 10/20/81 I was captured when a unit of the Black Liberation Army and allied white revolutionaries attempted to take funds from a Brinks truck, with the tragic results of a shoot-out in which a guard and two policemen were killed. Subsequently, Mtayari Shabaka Sundiata was killed by police, while many other comrades were captured and given long sentences. I was convicted under New York’s “Felony Murder” law. That means that even with no allegations of doing any shooting, any participant in a robbery bears full legal responsibility for all the deaths that occur. I was given 75 years to life and cannot even be considered for parole before 2056. Any hope for my eventual release is totally bound up with qualitative social change for all, advances big enough to lead to the recognition of PPs in the U.S. and/or major reform of draconian sentencing structures. In prison, I’ve tried to continue to contribute to the struggle through my political writings and through correspondence with younger generation activists. Also, after my co-defendant Kuwasi Balagoon died of AIDS on 12/13/86, I became a pioneer in initiating peer AIDS education programs in

prisons and did intense AIDS counseling and education work for the next 13 years. Kathy Boudin and I have a son, Chesa, who was only 14 months old when we were busted. He was raised as part of the family of our close friends and has grown to be an accomplished, caring and thoughtful young man. Thanks to him and also the many fine family and friends who've stood by me, I'm blessed with a tremendous amount of love in my life. Recently family and friends have formed a group to provide support and look out for my legal interests. They can be reached at: Friends of David Gilbert, P0 BOX 7326, Capitol Station, Albany, NY 12224 or freedavidgilbert@gmail.com. Author

Jalil Muntaqim-Birthday: October 18, 1951



BLACK PANTHER PARTY-BLACK LIBERATION ARMY

Contact Information/Prison Address

#77A4283 Sullivan Correctional Facility,
P.O. Box 116, Fallsburg, NY 12733-0116

Affiliations: Black Panther Party, Black Liberation Army

Captured: AUGUST 28, 1971: 25 years to Life - Denied Parole

NINE times "Given the fact, neither the capitalist economic system or electoral politics benefits the majority of Americans, but rather serves the interest of corporate entities that according to law are persons, as Americans are considered commerce property, there is no wonder there is a need for a new American Revolution!" Jalil was 19 years old when he was arrested. He is a former member of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army. For the past 45 years, Jalil has been a political prisoner, and one of the New York Three (NY3), in retaliation for his activism in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Many of Jalil's writing can be found on his website

<http://freejalil.com/>

<http://www.kersplebedeb.com/mystuff/profiles/ny3.html> Author

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



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

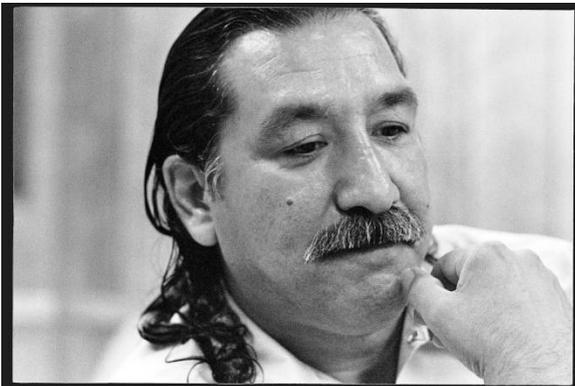
Please See Next Month Newsletter

Community Calls for Action

October 18th TWEET: “Tweet #FreeHebaNow, in original or copied-and-pasted tweets and without any other hashtags, to demand Israel free Heba Al-Labadi, a 24-year-old Palestinian on hunger strike against her “administrative detention,” internment without charge or trial”

**PSL VP Candidate Leonard Peltier and whole Elder unit is on unjust lockdown:
Write to the warden now!**

“PSL Vice Presidential Candidate Leonard Peltier has dedicated his life and sacrificed enormously to the fight for a world free of exploitation and racism, where all people can determine their own destiny and have the social rights they need to live in dignity. The La Riva/Peltier campaign is an extension of this struggle. To learn more about the campaign visit larivapeltier2020.org



The following appeal was circulated by Paulette Dauteuil, Director of the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee. The Party for Socialism and Liberation urges its supporters to write the warden to demand an end to this brutal lockdown.

I received a legal mail letter from Leonard yesterday. It is hard on his health to have no exercise and the lighting is so weak that reading and writing are hard on his eyes. He also said it looks like the lockdown won't be lifted until sometime in Dec. This lockdown is so intense that even his Elder unit is confined to their cell 24/7 and allowed a half-hour to shower every 3 days. He would like you to write to the warden of Coleman 1 and ask why Leonard & the Elder unit is under such a strict lockdown?

You would send your letters to:

Warden Cheatham

U.S. PENITENTIARY Coleman 1

P.O. BOX 1023

COLEMAN, FL 33521

Remember: white paper only and white envelopes only. No stickers on the white envelope”

**RAPP: “Rally Outside Gov. Cuomo's Fundraiser: Cuomo is hosting a fundraiser in midtown
205 W. 46th St. (off 7th Ave.)**

“THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 at 6pm. We and the #HALTsolitary campaign will be there to demand an end to the punishment of people through solitary, long sentences, and parole denials.”

Release Aging People in Prison : Join Us in Albany January 14

BRING THEM HOME!

**END DEATH-BY-INCARCERATION SENTENCES &
PROMOTE PAROLE JUSTICE**



DAY OF ACTION AT NYS CAPITOL IN ALBANY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

RSVP HERE: [HTTP://BIT.LY/3SZDLUL](http://bit.ly/3SZDLUL)

FREE TRANSPORTATION & FOOD PROVIDED

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT ROSIE RIOS:
RMR2198@COLUMBIA.EDU

PAROLE PREPARATION PROJECT
A PROJECT OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD
NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER

RAPP
RELEASE AGING PEOPLE IN PRISON

“The next New York State legislative session is just around the corner, beginning on January 8, 2020. We want to be Albany right as it starts, demanding our representatives pass legislation to ensure there are no more needless deaths by incarceration in New York State prisons. Please join us on Tuesday, January 14 for an all-day advocacy day at the State Capitol. We will march, rally, and meet with legislators in support of our work to end death-by-incarceration and promote parole justice.” For More info and to RSVP, please see <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKzDBaAUapDjy61yEVBsoH6jcskotOwSiEcBZ2Cf3dNL62RQ/viewform>

NYPD & MTA POLICE ATTACK TEENS! PROTESTS FOLLOW AFTERWARDS

NOV 4, 2019

“New York City - Protestor's from across the city displayed their anger and rage Friday evening, over the brutality of police within New York City subways! In two separate incidents, police were seen on video "attacking" teens in an outrageous display of brutality! Over 500 new Transit police are going to be released into the subway, while the city spends 8 millions dollars for the building of 4 NEW additional jails within the boro's of this city! The outrage is warranted for teens were attacked without provocation while another was "pounced upon" while seated inside a train after police alleged he failed to a

pay \$2.75 train fare! These officers were "reckless" in the actions taken but these are habitual and not always caught on video. [Police attack teens!](#) See full article and petition here <https://www.change.org/p/national-action-against-police-brutality-and-murder/u/25303181>

Sunlight Is A Human Right - International Humanitarian Intervention Called for By South Carolina Prisoners



“Activists Across the World Deliver South Carolina Prisoner's Demands to United Nations October 23, 2019-PUBLIC MEETING LOCATIONS: London, United Kingdom. Meeting at Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens at 9:00 AM GMT +01:00. New York City, New York. Meeting at United Nations Plaza at 3:30 PM EDT. Washington, D.C. Meeting at Farragut Square at 11 AM EDT.

“On Wednesday October 23, human rights activist in New York City, Washington DC, London, U.K., and Kingston, Jamaica will deliver a request for humanitarian intervention to the United Nations drafted by US prisoners in South Carolina.

For years, prisoners and their families have been decrying the notoriously bad conditions within South Carolina prisons, as the US Department of Justice has demonstrated through reports and consent decrees with states in violation of basic human rights protections. However, this process has not produced notable improvements in prison conditions.

The UN has been many steps ahead of the United States in its recognition of human rights globally, and prisoner's rights in particular. The UN recognizes that solitary confinement is torture after 15 days, even though long-term solitary confinement remains common in the US. A recent study has suggested that any period of time in "restrictive housing," increases the likelihood of a former prisoner's death following their release. These are common conditions throughout US prisons that have an impact on the brains of prisoners and impair their ability to survive.” For full article see

<https://fighttoxicprisons.wordpress.com/>

NYC antifascist sentenced to 18 months in jail

“Yesterday, 32 year old New Yorker and antifascist David Campbell was sentenced to 18 months at Rikers Island in New York City state court. David was accused of getting into a brawl with a person

outside an alt-right event in January 2018 and was charged with 'gang assault'. While some cheer the supposed closure of Rikers (i'll believe it when i see it) as 8 billion dollars will be spent on at least 4 new jails, our comrade has started a sentence for standing up to alt-right Nazis. Please support him however you can. His support site at <https://freedavidcampbell.com> has information on the case, thoughts from David, how to send books, packages and letters, and how to donate. Please show David some love.”

Write: David Campbell, #3101900657

Eric M. Taylor Center (EMTC)

10-10 Hazen Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11370

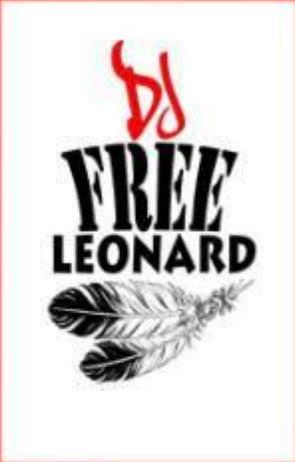
URGENT: HELP US PACK CITY HALL TOMORROW FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1092 TO DEMAND THAT PRESIDENT TRUMLIFT THE U.S. EMBARGO & END THE TRAVEL BAN ON CUBA



“Greetings All, On Thursday, October 31, 2019, the New York City Council Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Committee will a holding a public hearing on Resolution 1092 - “Resolution Calling upon the President to life the Cuban embargo and end the Cuban travel ban.” Resolution 1092 was introduced in the City Council on October 17, 2019 by Council members Inez Barron, Ydanis Rodriguez and Jimmy Van Bramer. Council member Van Bramer is the chair of the Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Committee. Bramer’s office has informed me that there are three items on the Committee’s agenda on the 31st. The first is the introduction of a bill calling for the creation of the NYC Museum of African American History sponsored by Council member Fernando Cabrera. One person will be speaking about this bill and there will be no discussion of it. The second item on the agenda is Resolution 1092. Council members Barron and Rodriguez will both be present and will probably speak first. The Committee will then hear from members of the public. If you would like to speak, you must arrive early, and sign up with the Sargent-at Arms when you arrive. All speakers will be allowed two minutes to speak. Please bring six copies of your testimony for distribution to the members of the Committee. Testimony may also be submitted electronically to Bramer’s legislative director, Jack Bernatovicz at jbernatovicz@council.nyc.gov copied to at me for collection by NY-NJ CubaSi, the principle backer of this initiative at joanpgibbs2012@gmail.com.”

Memberships Available Support -Speaking Tours: DJ Free Leonard-CALL FOR SUPPORT

**The Son Of A
Missing Indigenous Women**

Speaking Tours

November 2019 510-737-9806

“Welcome Family, Friends, Fans, & Comrades,

DJ Free Leonard (The Broken Treaty Poet) is an American Indian Recording Artist, DJ, Educator, Community Organizer and Author who was born in Oakland, California. Most notably known for using Hip Hop as a tool to for liberation and to raise awareness for Political Prisoners. Has released 7 albums, 1 book, 1 documentary, over 20+ music videos and has spoken at over 50 schools and community centers within the last 10 years. All while remaining an independent artist with no major record label backing.

"My mission is to make learning about Indigenous Social Studies tangible for everybody, as the epidemic on the reservations continues to plague our community, we need more people now than ever to be aware and do what they can about issues like Broken Treaties, Suicide Prevention, Traditional ways such as ceremony, language, respect for one another, and Art.

By teaching cultural competency lectures in classrooms, health centers, pow wows, and community centers, I write music to be performed and show the music videos I created to serve as an ice breaker into the overall discussion of what Tribal Sovereignty means in this day and age. Also, performing live at concerts in venues where these ideas are ignored in favor of a more self-destructive themes which dominates Pop Culture." For full article and to donate see <https://www.patreon.com/DJFreeLeonard>

Protest to free Palestinian prisoners and #BoycottPuma-Nov 9th-PUMA, 609 Fifth Avenue, NYC
 Bring signs, flags, and banners demanding freedom for Khalida Jarrar, Samer Arbeed, and all Palestinian political prisoners, and an end to PUMA's support for Israeli settler-colonialism in occupied Palestine!



For more info see Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/950181828682630>

Commutation Campaign to Gov Cuomo for Jalil Muntaqim

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

Releasing Aging People in Prison: Day of Action (Jan. 14th)

“As you may already know, RAPP will host a Day of Action to end death-by-incarceration sentences and promote parole justice at our state’s capitol in Albany on January 14, 2020. Our goal is to bring out 500 people from across the state to march, rally, and fill the offices of legislators with New Yorkers who support Fair and Timely Parole (S497A/A4346A) and Elder Parole (S2144). We cannot make this happen without your support. Can you and some number of your members, friends, and colleagues join us on January 14th? It would be great if you could bring 5, 10, 15 or more of your people with us. We’ll provide food and transportation from across the state free of charge. Please RSVP by filling out this short form and encourage others to do the same. Question? Reach out to RAPP intern Rosie Rios: rmr2198@columbia.edu. We hope we can count on your support on January 14th!” Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKzDBaAUapDjy61yEVBsoH6jcskotOwSiEcBZ2Cf3dNL62RQ/viewform>

Call to Action Nov. 8-11: Free Khalida Jarrar, Heba al-Labadi, Samer Arbeed and all Palestinian prisoners!

“Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network urges all supporters of justice in Palestine to hold events, actions, info tables, demonstrations, postering campaigns and mobilizations on 8 through 11 November to demand freedom for Palestinian political prisoners struggling for freedom - and their very lives - in Israeli occupation prisons. On Friday, 8 November through Monday, 11 November, speak out for Khalida, Heba, Samer and all of the thousands of Palestinians held behind bars. Torture, arbitrary detention and abuse are taking place in full view of the world and we must speak out to stand with these Palestinians demanding their most fundamental rights. Free all Palestinian prisoners! Freedom for Palestine!

- 1) Organize or join an event or protest for the Palestinian prisoners. You can organize an info table, rally, solidarity hunger strike, protest or action to support the prisoners. If you are already holding an event about Palestine or social justice, include solidarity with the prisoners as part of your action. Send your events and reports to samidoun@samidoun.net.
- 2) Write letters and make phone calls to protest the violation of Palestinian prisoners’ rights. Demand your government take action to stop supporting Israeli occupation or to pressure the Israeli state to end

the policies of repression of Palestinian political prisoners. In particular, demand that your political officials put pressure on Israel to end the policy of administrative detention, the imprisonment of Palestinians without charge or trial.” For full article & info see <https://samidoun.net/2019/10/call-to-action-nov-8-11-free-khalida-jarrar-heba-al-labadi-samer-arbeed-and-all-palestinian-prisoners/>

Important project for eco and animal rights prisoners in the U.S.- Project FANG

“We are writing to ask for your support for an important fundraising campaign launch happening on November 12 (today!) for environmental and animal rights activists in prison. Project FANG administers a fund that supports family, friends and comrades with travel expenses to visit environmental and animal rights activists in prison. The fundraiser will be online between November 12 - December 3 (Giving Tuesday) so any support you can provide during that time will help us make a big difference in the lives of the imprisoned activists, their family and loved ones. Visits from friends, family, and comrades are repeatedly identified by prisoners as one of the most important life lines that exist for them. Ways that you can show support: Donate and ask at least two friends to donate and tell two of their friends, Repost social media posts from project FANG’s accounts (see links below), Share articles and podcast interviews that will be published during the fundraising period, Share your own stories about why visiting prisoners is so important, Encourage your social media followers to follow our social accounts project FANG Twitter: https://twitter.com/project_fang; project FANG Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/project_fang, project FANG website: <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/fang> A couple of example social media posts for you to use:

We are supporting the @project_FANG fund to help family and loved ones visit environmental and animal rights activists in prison. Join us in showing your support for those taking a stand against destructive resource extraction and animal exploitation <https://fundrazr.com/b1aQR5>

There are environmental and animal rights activists sitting in U.S. prisons right now, and they need our solidarity. Please support @project_FANG in providing funds to family & loved ones to be able to visit these animal, land and water defenders <https://fundrazr.com/b1aQR5>

We deeply appreciate any support and solidarity you can show with environmental and animal rights activists in prison. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or ideas for supporting project FANG. In solidarity, NYC ABC”

“The climate crisis, and ongoing destruction of landscapes and wildlife, are provoking a deepening sense of urgency in an increasing number of people. It can be a serious struggle to care for a world that is being plundered for profit, but there are more and more people turning their grief into resistance in defense of nature and other animals. From water protectors to pipeline protestors, and wildlife and caged animal defenders – good people who care for our world are standing up for all of us.

Unfortunately taking such a stand can result in arrest, court, jail, and prison time. Background: In 2016, project FANG was established by the NYC ABC as a much-needed attempt to fill a gap in the ongoing support work for the growing number of eco and animal rights prisoners in the United States. The focus of project FANG funding is to help pay for prison visitation costs for friends and family of these prisoners.

Why are visits so important? Visits from friends, family, and loved ones are repeatedly identified by prisoners as one of the most important life lines that exist for them. Without visits, the crushing isolation of life inside a prison becomes unbearable. However, visits can often be prohibitively expensive. Travel costs might include not only an expensive plane ticket, but also lodging, a rental car, and meals. These quickly add up to hundreds of dollars. Help project FANG expand its critical support for imprisoned activists.” <https://fundrazr.com/b1aQR5>

Parole Prep Welcome Home Party and Fundraiser on Nov. 21st

“On November 21st at 7pm at Riverside Church, we'll celebrate the homecoming of more than 30 Parole Preparation Project applicants, many of whom spent decades in prison. Please join us for this momentous occasion! We'll laugh, cry, eat good food and stay up late. Tickets start at \$25. We also have sponsorship options at three levels: \$1,000 (three tickets), \$2,500 (five tickets) and \$5,000 (ten tickets and a special shout out). If you can't join us, you can donate tickets to former Project applicants and their families. See you next week!” Parole Preparation Project, 6th Annual Welcome Home Party and Fundraiser Thursday, November 21st at 7pm, Riverside Church, South Hall*, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027 <https://ticketbud.com/events/6445369c-d4a0-11e9-8432-42010a717007>

Community News, Articles and Updates

RAPP: “NYC Bar Association Event on Mandatory Minimum Sentences: Join us for a panel discussion TONIGHT-Oct 23 at the NYC Bar Association, 42 West 44th Street, NY. The panel includes RAPP’s Carlos Ivan Calaff.” More info here <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10217275947668403&set=gm.2396183414042055&type=3&theater>

Update on the health status of tortured detainee Smaer Al-Arbeed October 16, 2019

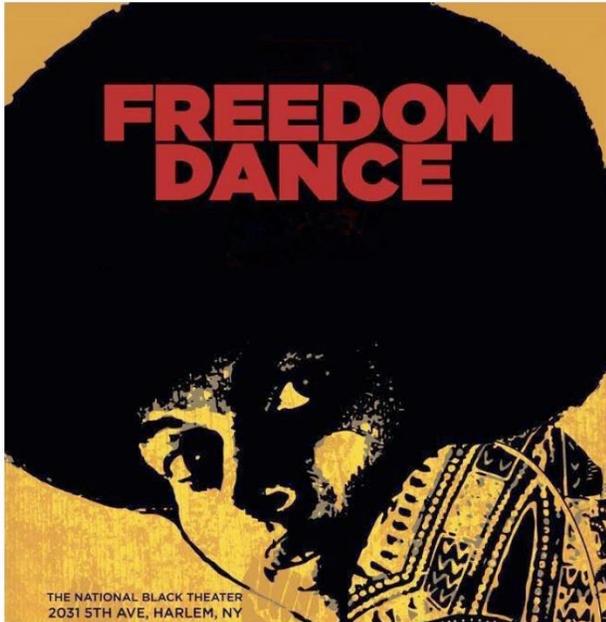
“On 15 October 2019, Samer Arbeed's detention was extended for another eight days, following a court session that barred Samer’s lawyer from being present. The hearing was held in Hadassah Hospital’s Intensive Care Unit (ICU), where Samer was transferred on 27 September due to life-threatening injuries from being tortured during interrogation in Al-Moscobiya Interrogation Center. Samer has regained consciousness and was disconnected from artificial respirators, yet he continues to lie in the intensive care unit at Hadassah Hospital. Samer’s medical report details a multitude of serious injuries. His kidneys are seriously malfunctioning, requiring him to be on constant and regular dialysis treatment. Additionally, he suffers from pain and swelling all over his body, particularly in his extremities, and he is still unable to move his legs. Eleven of his ribs are fractured.” For full article see <http://www.addameer.org/news/update-health-status-tortured-detainee-smaer-al-arbeed>

Prison systems in the US and Israel have something in common- Activists say private companies are profiting from the incarceration of racially profiled groups in the US and Israel. by Cristina Maza

“Occupied West Bank - Nidal Abu Aker, a 51-year-old Palestinian living in the Dheisheh refugee camp near the city of Bethlehem, is no stranger to prison. He has spent 16 years in Israeli prisons throughout his life, often without being formally charged with a crime, he and his lawyers say. But now that his son Muhammad, age 24, is incarcerated in an Israeli prison, Abu Aker is suffering a new form of hardship as he struggles to support a loved one who is behind bars.” For full article see <https://www.aljazeera.com/ajimpact/prison-systems-israel-common-190920142718509.html>

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40 years of **FREEDOM**
for **ASSATA SHAKUR**
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Saturday, October 26, 2019
8p.m. to 1a.m.

National Black Theater
2031 Fifth Avenue
(between 125th and 126th Streets)
Harlem, NY

\$20 entrance
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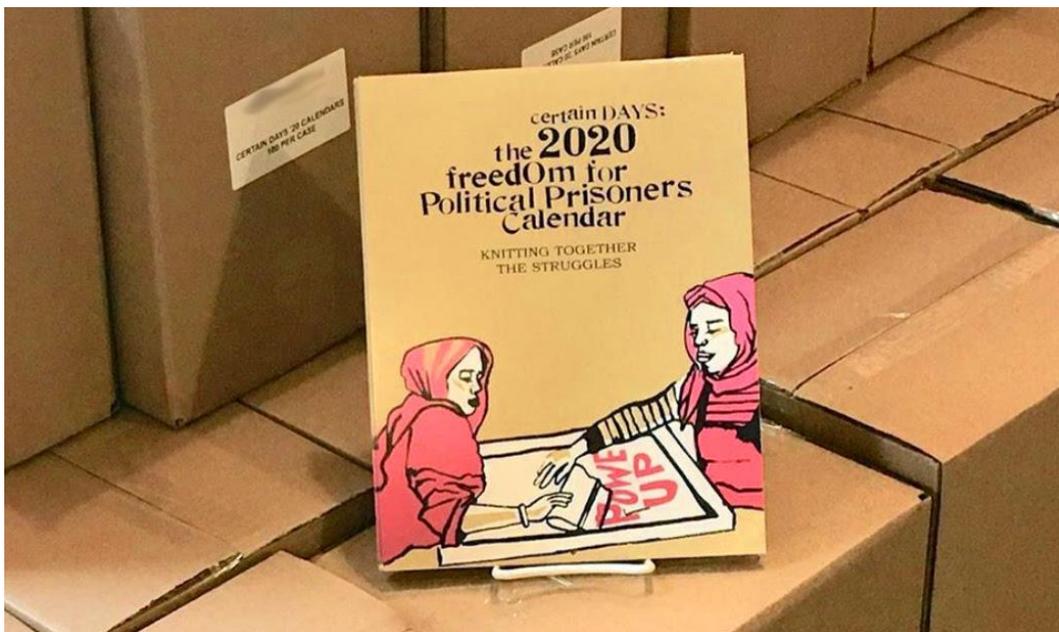
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Certain Days 2020 Calendars: It's time to start getting organized for 2020!



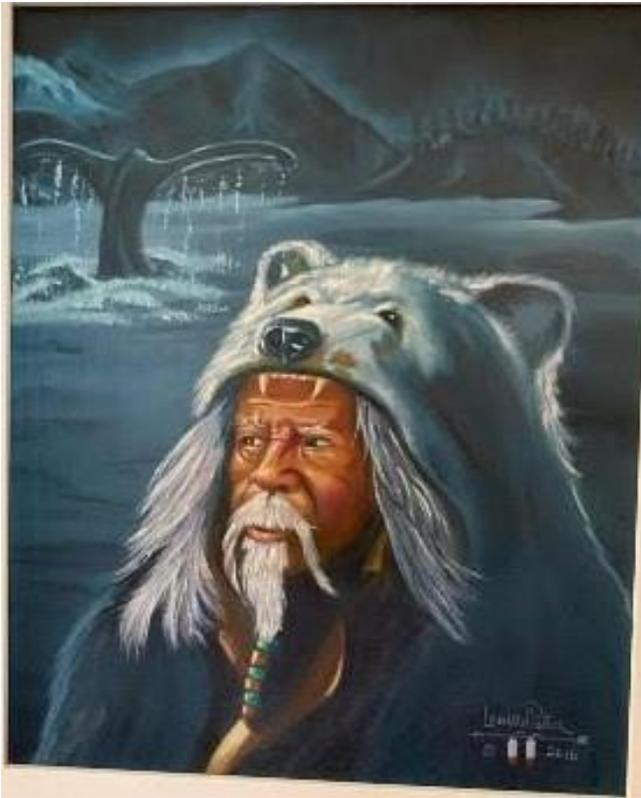
“Burning Books has developed a strong partnership with the Certain Days collective over the last few years. Certain Days has been producing a beautiful and incredible wall calendar, focused on

Freedom for Political Prisoners, since 2000. Our partnership has helped to streamline US sales and more than double the number of Certain Days calendars hanging on walls or radical spaces around the globe. Get a Certain Days calendar now and help support political prisoners and prison reform/abolition efforts while having the coolest calendar in town. Better yet, get 10 or more calendars wholesale with online coupon code "BULK," and sell/distribute them in your community however you please. 2020 will be here before we know it. Be ready for it with a Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar from Burning Books.”

The Africa-Palestine Conference: Why South Africa Must Lead the Way Ramzy Baroud

“Africa must reclaim its position as a global leader in the fight against racism and apartheid, and South Africa is very qualified to spearhead these efforts, because, after all, as iconic South African leader Nelson Mandela once said, "We all know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians". For full article see <http://www.palestinechronicle.com/the-africa-palestine-conference-why-south-africa-must-lead-the-way/>

Visions of Home: Celebrating the Art of Leonard Peltier: Leonard Peltier Art Show in Chicago at the American Indian Center, 3401 W Ainslie Street, Chicago, IL- November 15th-2019 at 6-8pm



Guest Speaker Chase Iron Eyes (Oglala) Activist, attorney, and politician, He is a member of the Lakota People’s Law Project and a co-founder of the Native American news website Last Real Indians.”




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American Indian Center - 3401 West Ainslie St., Chicago, IL 60625



“Dear Friends and Chicago Supporters
 Please join me on opening night Nov.
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 VISIONS OF HOME art work of
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All monies raised will go to replenish
 Leonard's legal fund

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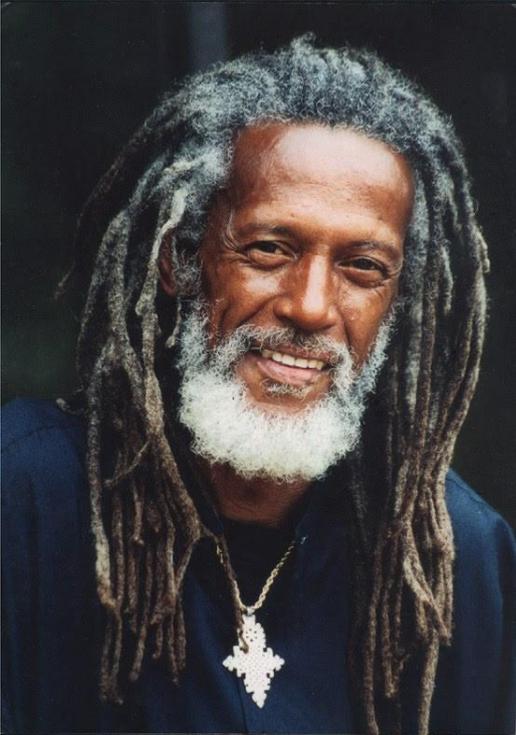
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Palestinian ends 112-day hunger strike after Israel agrees terms of release November 13, 2019

“Palestinian hunger striker in Israeli jails Ismail Ali yesterday suspended his open hunger strike after reaching a deal with the prison services to end his administrative detention.

According to the Palestinian Prisoner Club (PPC), the family of the prisoner announced that Ismail had suspended his hunger strike after 112 consecutive days after reaching a deal with the Israeli Prison Services to end his administrative detention within six months. Thirty-year-old Ismail from occupied Abu Dis in East Jerusalem has been held under administrative detention since the start of 2019. He had been arrested several times and spent a total of seven years in Israeli jails. There are over 5,500 Palestinian prisoners inside the Israeli jails, according to rights groups, including 43 women, 230 children, 500 under administrative detention and 1,000 patients, including 700 who suffer from serious illnesses.”

For full article see <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20191113-palestinian-ends-112-day-hunger-striker-after-israel-agrees-terms-of-release/>



2020 "Elder" Freeman Policy Fellowships Available!

“The Ronald “Elder” Freeman Memorial Policy Fellowship is a project of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children. Ronald “Elder” Freeman was a legendary revolutionary pillar in the Bay Area, a lifelong Freedom Fighter in the Black Liberation Struggle, and an original member of the Southern California chapter of the Black Panther Party. This fellowship honors his work and legacy. We are looking for three (3) formerly incarcerated people to join our team for an intensive 12-month fellowship program to learn grassroots organizing, legislative and administrative advocacy, and other strategies to run local and state campaigns with the goal of elevating the leadership of formerly incarcerated people in criminal justice reform.

The 2020 Policy Fellowship will collaborate with the UC Berkeley Underground Scholars program to give fellows the opportunity to work and train together in a supportive environment. Our fellows will represent individuals with diverse backgrounds and life experiences fighting collectively to reform the criminal justice system. The work

is based at the Lin Oakland, CA, with trainings conducted on the UC Berkeley campus, led by Azadeh Zohrabi, Director, Berkeley Underground Scholars, and regular travel to Sacramento during the legislative session.” Please contact the LSPC <https://prisonerswithchildren.org/contact-2/> for more information.

“Mumia Abu-Jamal Just One Step from Freedom” notes Maureen Faulkner

“From the minute Mumia picked up a microphone and a pen at the age of 14, Philadelphia’s notoriously racist police department has been seeking to silence him. Just look at the FBI files—documenting that the Philadelphia PD Civil Disobedience Unit Red Squad trailed him -- and the Police Chief Frank Rizzo targeted him -- feeding his name to the FBI to put him on the “security index.” Mumia was literally covering community events and rallies, and writing for the Black Panther Party Paper, all this while he was still in his teens!

During the 1995 PCRA hearings, 13 yrs after Mumia's questionable murder conviction, a Philadelphia police officer was heard by a NY Times reporter outside the courtroom saying “we should have executed him that night.” Remember: it was Philly cops who shot Mumia. The Philly cops who brutally beat him at the scene, in the police wagon, and on the floor of the Jefferson Hospital emergency room entrance.

Joe McGill, the prosecutor on Mumia’s case, and Ed Rendell, the District Attorney at the time, worked closely with the police to frame and convict Mumia for the Dec. 9th 1981 murder of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner.

In 2020, a new hearing in Philadelphia Common Pleas could be, and should be, free from bias. Everyone knows that Mumia's trial judge in 1981-1982 was a stone cold racist. A current sitting homicide judge on the Common Pleas Court bench has commented that Albert Sabo was “the most racist and sexist judge I have ever met.” Here is information that has been suppressed and buried for decades and now could be available for the first time during a new trial” For full article see

www.prisonradio.org

Black Agenda Report's 13th Anniversary: An Evening of Information and Inspiration for Liberation, and a Tribute to Co-Founder Bruce Dixon -6p to 9p on Saturday, October 26 at the People's Forum, 320 West 37th Street, New York City. by Bar Staff



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Saturday October 26, 2019

**The People's Forum,
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6-9 PM**

\$20 RSVP on Eventbrite (No one will be turned away)



Black Agenda Report

“Every year presents new challenges to those struggling for human liberation. For Black Agenda Report, the essential task remains the

same as when we published our first issue, on October 26, 2006: to sustain a radical, Black-led publication that can effectively intervene in the great debates of our time. We believe BAR has helped shape the Black Left political debate in this turbulent era of late stage, imperial capitalism – a period of economic catastrophe for Black and poor Americans, political disarray among “progressives,” and escalating lawlessness in U.S. foreign policy. Through it all, BAR has steadily increased both our audience and our capabilities, while waging weekly political battle with the ruling Lords of Capital, the ever-conniving “Black Miseducation Class,” and those who would “sheep-dog” the Left into alliance with corporate forces.” For tickets and more info see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-agenda-reports-13th-anniversary-tickets-72333259727>

Douglas County prosecutor can look for new evidence in his office files in Edward Poindexter case (New evidence in Omaha Two case might be in prosecutor's files) by richardsonreports

“Don Kleine, the Douglas County Attorney in Omaha, Nebraska, has said he would reopen the Edward Poindexter case if presented new evidence. Poindexter, chairman of the National Committee to Combat Fascism, a Black Panther affiliate group, was convicted in 1971 for the bomb murder of Patrolman Larry Minard on August 17, 1970. One reason Kleine should review the files of his predecessor Donald Knowles, who prosecuted Poindexter and co-defendant David Rice, for new evidence in the case is because both men were targets of a clandestine counterintelligence operation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation code-named COINTELPRO.” For full article see

<https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2019/10/19/douglas-county-prosecutor-can-look-for-new-evidence-in-his-office-files-in-edward-poindexter-case/>

The US Stole Generations of Native American Children to Open the West

“Nearly 200 Native children lie buried at the entrance of the Carlisle Barracks in the “Indian Cemetery” — the first thing you see when entering one of the United States’ oldest military installations. It is a grisly monument to the country’s most infamous boarding school, the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, which opened in 1879 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and closed in 1918.”

“The past of Carlisle is really about justice,” says Ben Rhodd, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe’s tribal historic

preservation officer. Since April 2016, his office has been pursuing the return of 11 children buried at the Carlisle Indian Cemetery.



Even in death, Rhodd explains, Rosebud’s children remain “prisoners of war,” held at a military base and unable to return to their home on the Rosebud Reservation, children who were “hostages taken to pacify the leadership of tribes that would dare stand against U.S. expansion and Manifest Destiny.” For full article see <https://portside.org/2019-10-19/us-stole-generations-native-american-children-open-west>

Douglas County prosecutor can look for new evidence in his office files in Edward Poindexter case Michael Richardson - October 19, 2019

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One Of Them Enters 100th Day; Six Detainees Continue Hunger Strike October 21, 2019

“The Palestinian Prisoners’ Society (PPS) has reported, Monday, that six Palestinian detainees continue the hunger strike in Israeli prisons, including a detainee who started the strike 100 days ago, in addition to one woman who began her strike 28 days ago, protesting being held under the arbitrary Administrative Detention orders, without charges. The PPS stated that detainee Ahmad Ghannam, 42, Doura town near the southern West Bank city of Hebron, has started the hunger strike 100 days ago, and is scheduled to have a court hearing on his appeal this coming Wednesday, November 23rd.” For full article see <https://imemc.org/article/one-of-them-enters-100th-day-six-detainees-continue-hunger-strike/>

Four Administrative Detainees Still on Hunger Strike October 28, 2019

“Four Palestinian administrative detainees in Israel remain on hunger strike against their indefinite incarceration without charge or trial, including one who has been consistently refusing food for 97 days in a row, the Palestinian Prisoners Commission said, today. Ismail Ali, from Abu Dis, to the east of Jerusalem, has been on hunger strike for 97 days, today. The Israeli High Court, yesterday, rejected his petition for release. The commission said that Ali’s health has seriously deteriorated, due to his long fast.” For full article see <https://imemc.org/article/four-administrative-detainees-still-on-hunger-strike/>

Prisoner Labadi rushed to hospital on 37th day of hunger strike October 30, 2019

“The prisoner club confirmed on Wednesday, the transfer of prisoner “Heba Labadi” on hunger strike for the day “37” in a row to the hospital after the deterioration of her health.

Lawyer Ruslan Mahajneh said that Hiba al-Labadi was rushed back to Bani Tzion hospital after her health deteriorated, especially as she continued her hunger strike for 37 days. Four more prisoners continue their hunger strike to protest their continued administrative detention without trial or charge. Prisoner Ismail Ali from the town of Abu Dis, and striker for (100) days in a row, with three other prisoners in the detention centers of the occupation, “Israeli” open hunger strike to refuse their administrative detention.” For full article see <http://english.pnn.ps/2019/10/30/prisoner-labadi-rushed-to-hospital-on-37th-day-of-hunger-strike/>

A Living Chance Exhibit & Panel Hosted by California Coalition for Women Prisoners and Freedom Archives- Thursday, November 14th - 518 Valencia Street - 4:30pm



Tracee, in progress



Anna, in progress



Judith, in progress



Mimi, in progress



Natalie, in progress



Tammy, in progress

“Please join CCWP & Freedom Archives for the opening reception of A Living Chance Project, exhibited as part of the National Women's Studies Association's annual conference. We will host a panel discussion of formerly incarcerated survivors of LWOP, who now help lead the statewide campaign to #DropLWOP.

Panelists:

*All panelists are members of CCWP, formerly sentenced to LWOP, and are now organizers with the Drop LWOP campaign.

Kelly Savage, Dejohnette, Susan Bustamante, Tammy Garvin, Brandi Taliano

*Moderated by Adrienne Skye Roberts, A Living Chance organizer”

“A Living Chance uses audio storytelling, portraits and postcards to share the stories of people serving Life Without Parole (LWOP) sentences in California women’s prisons. The project was created collaboratively by members of the California Coalition for Women Prisoners (CCWP) inside and outside of prison to break through carceral boundaries and challenge extreme sentencing. Through A Living Chance, more than 70 people have shared their stories about the racialized and gendered violence that led to their conviction, their day-to-day survival, and the resiliency necessary to fight against these death sentences.”

https://www.facebook.com/events/2531336346945494/?active_tab=discussion

Prisoners Stage Hungerstrike and Work Stoppage Within Santa Rita Jail to Protest Filthy Conditions, Price Gouging and Abuse

“PRESS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 10:00 AM AT SANTA RITA JAIL ENTRANCE: 5325 BRODER BOULEVARD, DUBLIN, CA

Prisoners inside Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, CA are staging a one day hunger strike and work stoppage to protest widespread institutional neglect and abuse, including unsanitary living conditions, price gouging, poor medical care, forced labor, and lack of access to legal resources. The self-organized protest began as a sit-in within a single housing unit, but organizers have called for a jailwide action on Wednesday, October 30th in response to poor jail conditions and indefinite lockdowns...” From: Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee – Oakland Press contact: Yolanda Huang yhuang.law@gmail.com”

Please NOTE:

“If you send the updates/announcements packet to: Chuck Africa, Muhammad Burton, Xinachtli, Doug Wright, or Gage Halupowski, they have moved:

Charles Sims Africa #AM4975, SCI Fayette, Post Office Box 33028, St Petersburg, Florida 33733
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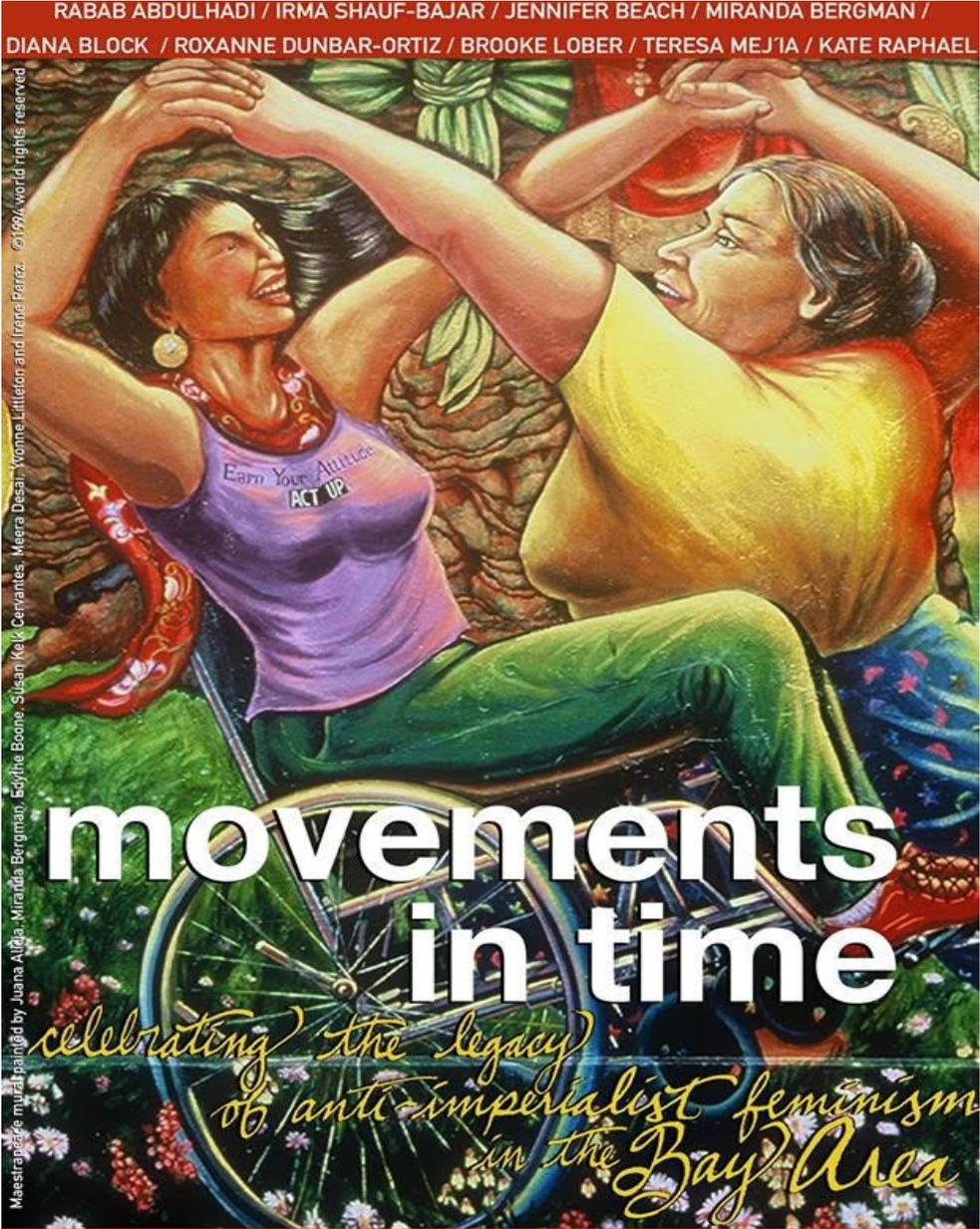
Douglas Wright #57973-060, FCI Victorville Medium II, Post Office Box 3850, Adelanto, California 92301

Xinachtli #255735, James V. Allred Unit, 2101 FM 369 North, Iowa Park, Texas 76367

*Address envelope to Alvaro Luna Hernandez”

Gage Halupowski #21894460, Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, 24499 SW Grahams Ferry Road, Suite U , Wilsonville, Oregon 97070

Freedom Archives news: Upcoming Events in the Bay Area!

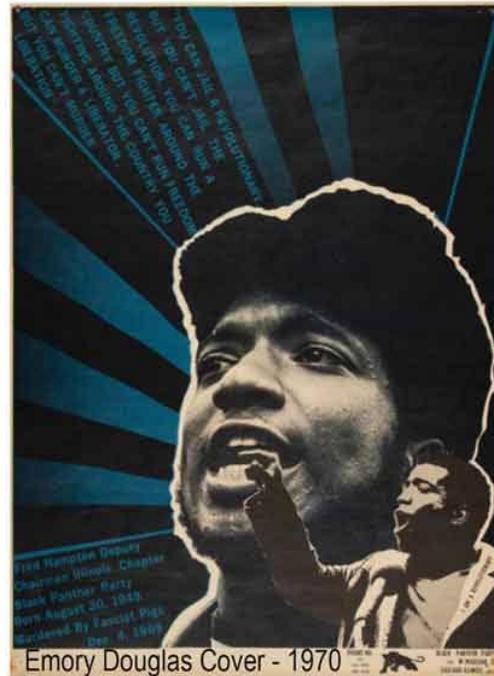
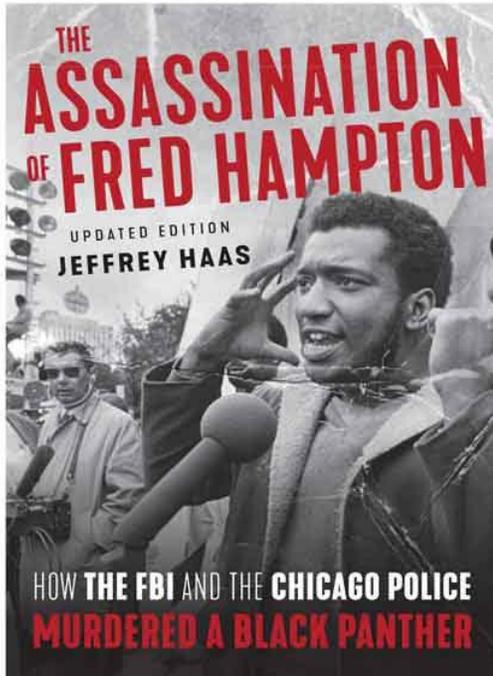


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DIANA BLOCK / ROXANNE DUNBAR-ORTIZ / BROOKE LOBER / TERESA MEJ'IA / KATE RAPHAEL

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*celebrating the legacy
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 2019
1pm-2pm: Mural Tour 2pm-4pm: Celebration/Conversation/Herstory
Sponsored by the California Coalition for Women Prisoners, the Freedom Archives, and the National Women's Studies Association



Honoring Fred Hampton on the 50th Anniversary of his Murder

**Sunday, December 8th - 4pm
1125 Valencia St - San Francisco**

**Join Jeff Haas & Emory Douglas
and the Freedom Archives for this
Howard Zinn Book Fair event!**

50 years ago Chicago police with FBI support raided Black Panther Fred Hampton's Chicago apartment assassinating him and Mark Clark and injuring 4 others. Attorney Jeff Haas exposes the conspiracy behind the execution in this updated book. Emory Douglas, then Minister of Culture for the Black Panther Party, will also join us.



Sponsored by the Freedom Archives - for more information 415 863-9977

An Evening of Prisoner Resistance with the Freedom Archives

“Monday, November 18th 7pm-The Motley Coffeehouse - Scripps College – Claremont-Hosted by Claremont Prison Abolition

Join Claude Marks and Nathaniel Moore of the Freedom Archives for a screening and discussion of the following films”:

Attica is All of Us

“September 9-13 marks the anniversary of the Attica Rebellion. This massive prison takeover by hundreds of inmates and the callous repression and murders by the state of New York are part of a unique moment in US history. The legacy of Attica and the fight for human rights is carried on in the prisons of Georgia, Ohio, California and wherever people are caged for years on end.”

George Jackson: 48 Year Commemoration

“George Jackson was a prisoner who became a leading author, a member of the Black Panther Party, and co-founder of the Black Guerrilla Family prison organization. He achieved global fame as one of the Soledad Brothers and for his writings, before being executed by prison guards in San Quentin Prison.”

George Jackson Work Print

“This extraordinary video is from a 16mm film “work print” made in 1971–1972, and includes interviews with George Jackson, Georgia Jackson (George and Jonathan Jackson’s mother) and Angela Davis, while she was still in the Marin County Courthouse Jail—before her acquittal. We have not been able to identify the other prisoners. As you will see, the film has no titles or other credits. The discovery of such amazing, previously unknown historic materials always leaves us thrilled and in awe, deepening our understanding of those times and affirming the mission of the Freedom Archives.”

“The Freedom Archives is a non-profit educational archive located in San Francisco dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of historical audio, video, and print materials documenting progressive movements and culture from the 1960s to the 1990s.

Claude Marks has been involved in all of the CD and video productions of the Archives, and has continued his activism, especially in support of political prisoners.

Nathaniel Moore has worked with the Freedom Archives since 2012. He holds degrees in African Studies, African-American Studies, and Library and Information Science.”

“<https://www.facebook.com/events/771583913287074/>”

Short Update from Xinachtli 16 Oct

“You may well have heard from Xinachtli more recently, but if not, a bit of news.

MORE: “I just saw the Hepatitis C specialist on 09/23/09 and she told me my last blood tests showed the Hep C virus is completely gone, and the medicines worked, and restored my liver to its vigor capacity and free of toxins and viruses. My treatment ends October 6th, and I could be returned to the Allred Unit in Iowa Park, TX any time after that [depending on how fast Huntsville puts me back on the return chain?]” He also currently has his typewriter and all his property back (unless they’re now in the middle of transferring him and losing it all again).” For full article see <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/updates-29-oct-2019.pdf>

Prison Radio: “Mumia Abu-Jamal Just One Step from Freedom” notes

Maureen Faulkner Oct 17

“From the minute Mumia picked up a microphone and a pen at the age of 14, Philadelphia’s notoriously racist police department has been seeking to silence him.

MORE: Just look at the FBI files- documenting that the Philadelphia PD Civil Disobedience Unit Red Squad trailed him -- and the Police Chief Frank Rizzo targeted him -- feeding his name to the FBI to

put him on the "security index." Mumia was literally covering community events and rallies, and writing for the Black Panther Party Paper, all this while he was still in his teens!

During the 1995 PCRA hearings, 13 years after Mumia's questionable murder conviction, a Philadelphia police officer was heard by a New York Times reporter outside the courtroom saying "we should have executed him that night." For full article see <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/updates-29-oct-2019.pdf>

Artists Talk-M. Gayle "Asali" Dickson-"Survival Pending Revolution"

November 8th, 6:30-8:30 at the Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA



The only female artist for the Black Panther Party Newspaper 1972-1974
M. Gayle "Asali" Dickson

Artist Talk

"Survival Pending Revolution"

1970s Vintage Art by Asali

(plus more recent artwork)

Friday Nov 8, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Joyce Gordon Gallery
406 - 14th Street, Oakland, CA
510- 465-8928

Exhibit extended to November 30, 2019



Journalist Max Blumenthal Arrested, Hit With Political Prosecution Related To Venezuela Reporting

Kevin Gosztola - October 28, 2019

"Journalist Max Blumenthal was arrested on October 25 and charged with "assault" in a political case that he says is "completely false" and "manufactured" by Venezuela opposition supporters. From April to May, supporters of Juan Guaidó's attempted coup in Venezuela surrounded the Venezuela embassy in Washington, D.C. They engaged in verbal and physical assaults that authorities largely permitted. Blumenthal, the editor of The Grayzone, reported on antiwar and international solidarity activists, who attempted to protect the embassy from the right-wing opposition. According to Grayzone reporter Ben

Norton, “A team of D.C. police officers appeared at Blumenthal’s door at just after 9 AM, demanding entry and threatening to break his door down. A number of officers had taken positions on the side of his home as though they were prepared for a SWAT-style raid.” For full article see <https://shadowproof.com/2019/10/28/journalist-max-blumenthal-arrested-charged-venezuela-embassy-reporting/>

Plowshares Action Justified to Prevent Omnicide October 15th - Daniel Ellsberg:

“Last week, accuracy.org released the news release: “The Coming Trial: Activists Facing Decades in Prison for Turning Weapons into Plowshares.” Today, Daniel Ellsberg, who exposed the Pentagon Papers, said in a statement to accuracy.org: “I strongly endorse the action of civil resistance by the Kings Bay Plowshares 7 defendants who are now on trial for having ‘nonviolently and symbolically disarmed the Trident nuclear submarine base at Kings Bay, Georgia.’ The sign they displayed during their action on the base — ‘The Ultimate Logic of Trident is Omnicide’ — is exactly right. I believe they are definitely entitled to the legal defense, among others, of ‘Justification’ or ‘Necessity:’ that an action which would under other circumstances be illegal can be justified as legal by a reasonable belief that it is necessary to avert a much greater evil: in this case, omnicide, the collateral murder of nearly every human on earth in a war in which the nuclear missiles aboard Trident submarines were launched.” For full article see <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/updates-29-oct-2019.pdf>

RAM Statement Against New NYC Prison Construction-Statement from the Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement (RAM) about the recent decision in New York -Oct 21

“City to build four new jails in the area. MORE:

After years of calls to shut down the brutal penal colony that is Rikers Island, the state surveyed the landscape of dissent, as all colonizers do, and formed a plan to crush, co-opt and exploit the people’s fight for liberation. The state focused its glowing red eyes on what could be gained from the disaster it created. It folded in its tiny ears to block out the deafening legacy of slavery, very much alive today. It flared its nostrils to detect its prey, and then opened its monstrous jaws to devour the vision of the people. Abolition is the vision of the people. Those of us who envision abolition see ourselves in it, engaged with it, in complicated and committed ways. We see a multiplicity of responses to suffering, formed and practiced within families, between friends, and among neighbors. We see a community of strong, caring and wise people with the capacity to lift one another up, without the violent intervention of the state and its proxies.” For full article see

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/updates-29-oct-2019.pdf>

US prisons to photocopy inmate mail to curb drug smuggling As always, read corporate media with a critical eye by Michael Balsamo (Associated Press) Oct 21

“The U.S. Bureau of Prisons has started photocopying inmate letters and other mail at some federal correctional facilities across the U.S. instead of delivering the original parcels, in an attempt to combat the smuggling of synthetic narcotics like K-2, officials told The Associated Press on Monday. The program is being implemented at a “number of Bureau facilities impacted by the increased introduction of synthetic drugs,” the agency said in a statement to the AP. At those jails and prisons, Bureau of Prisons employees are currently copying incoming mail and then distributing the copies to inmates, the agency said. Officials would not say how many staff members are being assigned to make photocopies or whether they are removing correction officers to perform the task. The initiative raises questions about whether the agency, which has been plagued by chronic staffing shortages and violence, is reassigning staff members to spend time making photocopies instead of watching inmates.” For full article see <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/updates-29-oct-2019.pdf>

Mutual Aid Disaster Relief Training

“WHAT: Workshop WHEN: 6:00pm, Friday, November 1st WHERE: Interference Archive—314 7th Street, Brooklyn COST: FREE

“Building the Movement for Mutual Aid” is a 2-part workshop that makes the ideas and practice of Mutual Aid Disaster Relief accessible to everyone! The first part is an entertaining introductory presentation, “Protectors v. Profiteers: Communities in Resistance to Disaster Capitalism,” utilizing graphics from the Beehive Collective to tell stories about historic and contemporary colonization and the frontline communities that are protecting their land and water.” For full article see

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/updates-29-oct-2019.pdf>

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

“Gov. Cuomo's program to help more prisoners apply for clemency in NY appears to be stalled, leaving prisoners waiting for a second chance In 2017, Cuomo asked lawyers to volunteer to identify prisoners worthy of mercy, and assist them in making their best case. More than two hundred lawyers stepped up, but after two years and 107 clemency applications filed, Cuomo hasn't taken action on any of them Governor Andrew Cuomo's program to help more prisoners apply for clemency in New York State appears to be stalled and the Governor's office is declining to explain why. In 2017, Cuomo asked lawyers to volunteer to help identify prisoners worthy of his mercy, and assist them in making their best case for a shortened sentence. More than two hundred lawyers stepped up. But two years and thousands of pro bono hours later, Governor Cuomo has neither approved nor denied any of the 107 clemency applications filed through the program. “It's discouraging. We've put a lot of resources into it.” said Norman Reimer, executive director of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, which partnered with Families Against Mandatory Minimums and the State at the Governor's request.” For full article see <https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Gov-Cuomo-Program-for-More-Clemency-Applications-Appears-to-Stall-Prisoners-Wait-for-Second-Chance-564261291.html?amp=y>

Push Begins For Release Of Older Prison Inmates

“A coalition of groups backing criminal justice law changes are urging state lawmakers to back a bill that would allow for the release of prison inmates who are age 55 or older and have served more than 15 years in prison. The letter, signed by more than 100 groups and sent to Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, comes amid deaths of older inmates and highlights one woman who served decades in prison, earned college degrees and helped train service dogs for wounded veterans.” For full article see <https://www.nystateofpolitics.com/2019/10/push-begins-for-release-of-older-prison-inmates/>

ILIA hosts The Hidden Ummah: A Panel Discussion on Islam and the Incarcerated Community

by: Islamic Leadership Institute of America

“GREENBELT, Md. - Oct. 26, 2019 - PRLog -- Islamic Leadership Institute of America (ILIA) hosted The Hidden Ummah, a community forum on Islam & the Incarcerated Community. Co-Hosted with Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign (APPHRC), it touched on important topics such as finding Islam while incarcerated, the role of oppression in the prison system, and the barriers towards reintegration. The panel consisted of: Tyronne Morton, the National Advisor for APPHRC who himself found Islam while incarcerated; Imam Bilal Prather, who works as a Muslim Chaplain for prisons in D.C.; Dr. Maha Hilal, the co-Director of Justice for Muslims Collective; Dr. Acklyn Lynch, a professor on Caribbean Studies; and Nabihah Maqbool, a legal fellow with Muslim Advocates. Tomiko Shine, the

founding director of APPHRC, served as the moderator.” For full article see

<https://www.prlog.org/12795621-ilia-hosts-the-hidden-ummah-panel-discussion-on-islam-and-the-incarcerated-community.html>

From Puerto Rico to Palestine: Preserving the History of International Struggle-Tuesday, November 19th - 7pm - Humanities 204, Scripps College – Claremont-Hosted by Claremont Prison Abolition, Claremont Students for Justice in Palestine, Chiapas Support Committee

“Prison abolition means the end of capitalism, white supremacy, and Western imperialism everywhere. Join Claude Marks and Nathaniel Moore of the Freedom Archives for a discussion around their work preserving the history of international struggles for liberation.”

https://www.facebook.com/events/412477016088214/?active_tab=about

Hundreds of Oklahoma inmates being released Monday in largest commutation in U.S. history

“More than 400 inmates across Oklahoma were being released from prison Monday in what the governor’s office calls the largest single-day mass commutation in the nation’s history.

The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board approved the commutations Friday and forwarded them to Gov. Kevin Stitt, a former mortgage company CEO who was elected in 2018. The board voted unanimously to recommend that the sentences of 527 state inmates be commuted, with 462 of those inmates slated to walk out of prison Monday and 65 others being held on detainer.” For full article see

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/hundreds-oklahoma-inmates-will-be-released-monday-largest-commutation-u-n1076056>

NOV 16 in NYC: Mike Africa Jr. presents "Born on the Move"



Born on the MOVE featuring Mike Africa Jr.

Sat., Nov. 16-7pm @ the Solidarity Center, (147 w 24th St, 2nd Floor, Manhattan)

Using storytelling and hip-hop, Mike Africa Jr. will take you on a journey of his life from the day that he was secretly born in prison to the bombing of his family on May 13, 1985, up to his parents' release from prison after serving forty years.

Debbie Africa and Michael Africa Sr., both members of the MOVE 9 recently released from prison, will also be in attendance.

Tickets \$25 through Eventbrite (link below) or at the door.

Limited space, so get your tickets now! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/born-on-the-move-my-quest-for-peace-freedom-w-mike-africa-jr-tickets-74859670289>

The FBI Has a Long History of Treating Political Dissent as Terrorism

“...sting operations and the use of informants and agents provocateurs have become a staple of FBI operations in part because the courts have been “unwilling to find that their actions meet the legal definition of entrapment.” While terrorism in the U.S. is relatively rare, over the last decade most politically motivated violence has come at the hands of far-right extremists. Despite that reality, the FBI has devoted disproportionate resources to the surveillance of nonviolent civil society groups and protest movements, particularly on the left, using its mandate to protect national security to target scores of individuals posing no threat but opposing government policies and practices.

Since 2010, the FBI has surveilled black activists and Muslim Americans, Palestinian solidarity and peace activists, Abolish ICE protesters, Occupy Wall Street, environmentalists, Cuba and Iran normalization proponents, and protesters at the Republican National Convention. And that is just the surveillance we know of — as the civil liberties group Defending Rights & Dissent documents in a report published today...” For full article see <https://portside.org/2019-11-04/fbi-has-long-history-treating-political-dissent-terrorism>

NAARPR CONFERENCE

“On November 22-24, we will gather in Chicago, Illinois to refound the National Alliance and bring the fight for #CommunityControlNow to cities across the country.

The Refounding Conference of the National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression will take place in Chicago, Illinois on November 22-24. Activists and organizers from across the country will gather to refound NAARPR and coordinate nation-wide actions against state sponsored racial violence.” For more info & to register see: <https://conference.naarpr.org/>

Chesa Boudin wins San Fran DA Race calling for "radical change"

“To all of us who have worked for decades to support Chesa's anti-imperialist parents -- former political prisoner Kathy Boudin (released in 2002) and remaining political prisoner David Gilbert -- and who have been encouraged to watch Chesa's accomplishment-filled, radical life, this is indeed extremely gratifying news. Right on, Chesa! For more on what Chesa stands for, check out his campaign website at” <https://www.chesaboudin.com/about>

How Cuban Art Fed Africa's Liberation Struggles

“An exhibition of Cuban propaganda posters and magazines in London shows the support Fidel Castro gave to African liberation movements during the Cold War. **The works were produced by 33 designers, many of them women.**” For full article & Art Exhibition see <https://portside.org/2019-11-07/how-cuban-art-fed-africas-liberation-struggles>

Drop LWOP campaign- A Living Chance Exhibit & Panel — Join Us Thursday, Nov. 14th-SF
 “CA Coalition for Women Prisoners and Freedom Archives Present...A Living Chance: Exhibit & Panel Discussion. Thursday, November 14th | 4:30-6:30pm Eric Quezada Center | 518 Valencia Street
 “Please join CCWP for the opening reception of A Living Chance Project, exhibited as part of the National Women's Studies Association's annual conference. We will host a panel discussion of formerly incarcerated survivors of Life Without Parole (LWOP), who now help lead the statewide campaign to #DropLWOP. Panelists: *All panelists are members of CCWP, formerly sentenced to LWOP, and are now outside organizers with the Drop LWOP campaign. • Kelly Savage • Dejohnette • Susan Bustamante • Tammy Garvin • Brandi Taliano *Moderated by Adrienne Skye Roberts, A Living Chance organizer. The exhibit can also be viewed on Friday, November 15th and Sunday, November 17th from 11:30am-1:30pm. A Living Chance uses audio storytelling, portraits and postcards to share the stories of people serving Life Without Parole (LWOP) sentences in California women’s prisons. The project was created collaboratively by members of the California Coalition for Women Prisoners (CCWP) inside and outside of prison to break through carceral boundaries and challenge extreme sentencing. Through A Living Chance, more than 70 people have shared their stories about the racialized and gendered violence that led to their conviction, their day-to-day survival, and the resiliency necessary to fight against these death sentences. Life Without Parole (or LWOP) is a sentence under California law in which a person is sent to prison for the rest of their life with no possibility of demonstrating their change and growth to seek parole. Described as “the death sentence in slow motion,” LWOP effectively banishes people from the world outside prisons and demonizes them as less than human.”

Leonard Peltier: Dear friends an update and invitation to the opening of Leonard's art show on Friday Nov. 15th and a special Sat Nov. 16 showing and discussion with Chase Iron Eyes about Leonard, and the environmental struggle for Native Sovereignty.

“Dear Friends, Supporters and Family, I want to thank you for all your e-mails sent to the Warden & Sr. lawyer at Coleman I to get the return of Leonard’s Medicine Bundle returned. Leonard said that this pipe & feathers were ok, but his whistle was broken and he will try to repair it if not we will have a Medicine Person get permission to give him a new one as part of his prayer ceremony. The lock down is still on and entering its fourth month and no relief in sight. So please continue your letters to the Warden Cheatam to end the elder units’ isolation. Warden, Roy Cheatam-USP Coleman I, 846 NE 54th Terrace Sumpterville, FL 33521. On the Brightside, I invite all of Leonard’s supporters in the Mid-West to join Chase Iron Eyes and me at the opening of VISIONS OF HOME Nov. 15th 6pm at the American Indian Center 3401 West Ainslie St. Chicago, Il. The show will continue from the 15th through Jan. 3rd, 2020 all funds from the art show will go to Leonard’s legal fund. I know that with the holidays on the horizon you will appreciate the value of purchasing an original by Leonard, and the affordability of his work. With respect, Paulette, ILPDC National Office”

Exodus in Oklahoma.

“The release of more than 500 prisoners in Oklahoma on Monday was a striking moment in a state that has the country’s second-highest per capita incarceration rate. It was the result of a decision by the state’s Pardon and Parole Board, after voters in the state decided to reduce penalties for some drug possession and theft, and the Legislature made that policy change retroactive. More than 50 of those who got out were women. “I can do anything now,” one said. “Oh my God, I’m so happy,” said another. Cary Aspinwall spent the day at a women’s prison in Taft, Oklahoma, visiting with the women on the cusp of their release and examining what it means for the larger effort to shrink prisons in the state.” Full article <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2019/11/04/how-more-than-50-women-walked-out-of-a-prison-in-oklahoma?>

Priced Out Screening Sunday, November 10th, 2019

“2:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m., Midland Library

805 SE 122nd Portland, OR 97233

To include tabling, film screening, panel discussion with q&a”

Snapshots of a Revolution: With Portland Black Panther Party Co-founder Kent Ford (panel for the 16th Annual Ray Warren Symposium on Race and Ethnic Studies)

“Conference Link: https://college.lclark.edu/programs/ethnic_studies/symposium/archive/2019/

Thursday, November 14th 2019

Lewis & Clark College- Stamm, Templeton Campus Center, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

This discussion highlights Portland Black Panther history. Current moments of revolutionary activism reflect and refract our collective past. How does this history act as a bridge to the future? How can we learn from it? Kent Ford, Portland Black Panther Party co-founder, in conversation with Jules Boykoff, L&C MA '98, professor of politics and government at Pacific University.

Introduced by Reiko Hillyer, L&C associate professor of history.”

Prisoner Writing Night

“Thursday November 14th 2019 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Social Justice Action Center, 400 SE 12th Avenue, Portland, OR 97242

This November, skip the turkey and come stuff some envelopes for our incarcerated comrades!

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/471461083466548/>

Portland ABC hosts a monthly letter writing night on the 2nd Thursday of every month. A low key way to get involved in the revolutionary struggle, we will be writing letters and cards to U.S./International Political Prisoners/POW's. No experience, materials, or prior knowledge needed! Just a desire to share a kind word and support for our comrades currently incarcerated. You bring that writing spirit, and we'll bring the rest (donations such as stamps/envelopes/cards are always welcome).

We will have cards available for all our political prisoners/POW's with birthdays in November.”

Letter-Writing Dinner For David Campbell

WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing Dinner, WHEN: 7pm sharp, Tuesday, November 12th, 2019

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

“A couple of months ago, we broke the shocking story of how the United States is founded on white supremacy and to this day brutally punishes those who resist it (NOTE: sadly, this was not breaking news, but has been known and allowed to continue since this country's inception). With this week's every-other-week political prisoner letter-writing dinner, NYC ABC is focusing on David Campbell, a local to this city who showed up to protest the status quo of the far right and it now serving 18 months in Rikers Island.” For full article see <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2019/11/08/campbell2019>

Benefit Chelsea Manning and Jeremy Hammond

“WHAT: Benefit Concert, WHEN: 7:00pm, Friday, November 22nd, WHERE: Starr Bar, 214 Starr Street, Brooklyn, COST: BRING YOUR WALLET

MORE: This will be the second in a series of “Mutual Aid Festivals,” the first focused on our elder political prisoners, those still inside and those recently released, this one on political prisoners resisting a federal grand jury—Chelsea Manning and Jeremy Hammond. Check pageone.noblogs.org for details!”

What Would Mumia Do? A Teach In

“WHAT: Teach In, WHEN: 6:30-9:00pm, Saturday, November 23rd, WHERE: The People’s Forum—320 West 37th Street Manhattan, COST: FREE!

MORE: The Campaign to Bring Mumia Home presents Mumia, via call-in, speaking on (among other things): The Environment, Fraternal Order of Police, Jails in New York, and Imperialism.

Mumia will speak with a panel to be moderated by Kazembe Balagun that will include Pam Africa, Linn Washington, Ash, and Kevin Steele.”

In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela Campaign

Jericho is spearheading the “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela” campaign proposed by political prisoner and co-founder of the National Jericho Movement Jalil Abdul Muntaqim. This initiative appeals to the international community, including the International Commission of Jurists, to call for special hearings within the United Nations to review the cases of Political Prisoners.

Several meetings have already occurred in collaboration with interested others, and much headway is being made regarding organizing efforts. The campaign “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela” is busy framing ideas about how to proceed with the charges for a tribunal and then bring that to main committee and start getting professionals involved nationally.

NYC Jericho’s next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Solidarity Center, 147 West 24th Street, 2nd floor from 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. .For December’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 family’s arms for good, it will be a powerful day indeed.

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

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

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

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

Your financial support at this time is needed for Jericho's continued work and effectiveness. If you cannot support financially, please do continue to read our newsletters, share them widely, tell others about our Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War-volunteer to help us if you can, for everything matters and no sincere deed is left unnoticed. We are the ones, for a prisoner's options are limited, we have the key, we just have to figure out together, how to unlock those doors.

Free all Political Prisoners!

In Struggle and Gratitude, The National Jericho Movement

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