

The Dragons Fire



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

Ho Chi Minh

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Revolutionary Greetings,

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

“We who believe in freedom cannot rest.”

Ella Baker

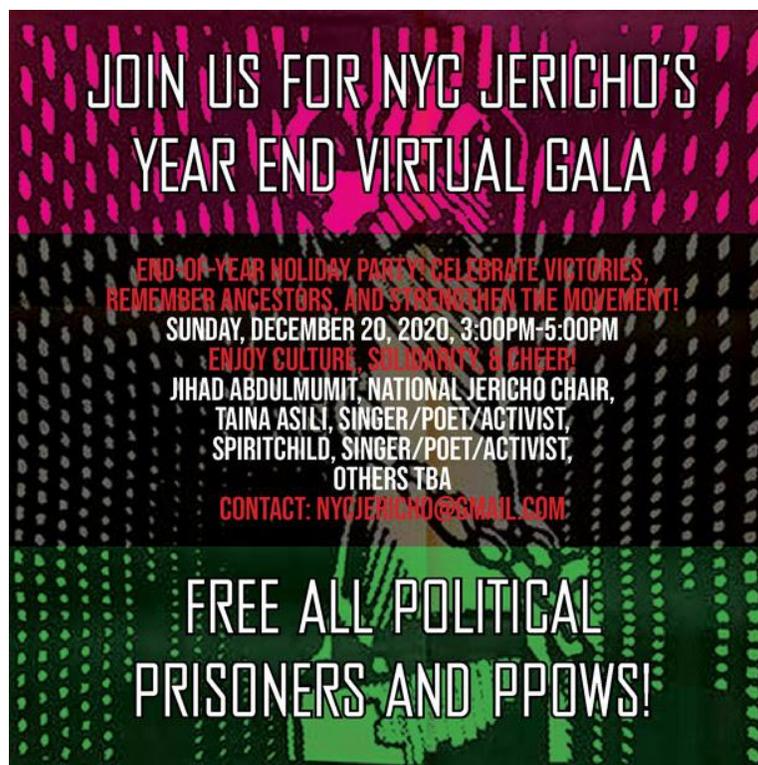
Jericho Movement's Current Work and Progress

Jericho actively maintains direct connections with our Political Prisoners by visiting or writing them monthly. We also maintain contact with 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 occur during the month nationwide.

We are currently focusing on the campaign “In the Spirit of Mandela”, raising funds to support our PP’s financially, and addressing health and legal issues. We are actively involved in the Covid-19 prison crisis and are attending numerous online meetings, calls to action, as well as strategizing on gaining the release of our Political Prisoners. **Jericho has added a new Political Prisoner, María Natividad Jáuregui.** She is an international Basque Political Prisoner. For details, please see <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/mar%C3%ADa-natividad-j%C3%A1uregui>

Dec. 20, 2020: Join NYC Jericho's End of the Year Gala!



Join Jericho NYC for an afternoon of Culture, Celebration, and SOLIDARITY! Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020 from 3 to 5 p.m. Streaming live on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/jerichoamnestymovement> FB Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/695367708073473> Celebrate the release of political prisoners in 2020! Enjoy our incredible cultural presentations! HELP FUND OUR WORK! Your donations will help our work grow! With: Jihad Abdulmumit, Jericho National Chair, former Political Prisoner, Janine and Janet Africa, former MOVE Political Prisoners, SpiritChild, Singer/Poet/Activist Taina Asili, Singer/Poet/Activist. More to be Announced.

Jericho Highlights and Tributes

Jeremy Hammond is Free!!

The National Jericho Movement extends heartfelt happiness, and best wishes for Jeremy Hammond who was released in November.

Victory!

Jeremy was released on 11/17/2020!!!



A Happy Reunion!! Jalil and his daughter Antionette!! Nov 17



**In salute to Dhoruba Bin Wahad!
Powerful words from OUR Freedom Fighter:
Check out our beloved Comrade/Freedom Fighter,
Dhoruba Bin Wahad's fiery speech to free all Political Prisoners-
In the Spirit of Mandala!!!**

“Dhoruba Bin Wahad, Nelson Mandela, Flavor Flav & Chuck D in Harlem at early 90's.
Dhoruba speeches on black Political Prisoners in USA. Fragment from the documentary "Pass It On".

See <https://youtu.be/uhEtIPJXtk>

Chairman's Corner

No News this Month



Political Prisoners/Prisoners of War

Medical Updates

Russell Maroon Shoatz: “Maroon has stage 4 colon cancer and on November 11th, tested positive for COVID-19. Shoatz and other people in prison who have tested positive are being held in inhumane and unsanitary conditions. Shoatz is also being denied an urgent surgery to aid his colon cancer.” See Call for Action Below.

Mutulu Shakur: ‘Mutulu has now contracted COVID-19. An outside physician is monitoring his records and while we are concerned, thus far the virus has not impacted him as severely as it could.’

Maumin Khabir: Maumin’s lung transplant got delayed because of COVID and his lawyer is looking into it. Jericho to intervene on his behalf.

Legal Updates

Leonard Peltier: “With the changing of President’s, we have until Jan. 20th to convince Pres. Trump to grant Leonard Clemency or Compassion. Our attorney has asked that family, friends, and supporters write letters requesting Clemency or Compassionate release for Leonard in a positive and polite manner. For Compassionate release you can use Leonard’s age 76, and poor health: diabetes, spots on his lungs that have never been diagnosed, arthritis in hips, knees and shoulders as well as an enlarged prostate that has not been taken care of for 4 years and an aortic aneurism. For a Clemency release you can use the following legal issues: FBI misconduct, Constitutional violations, witness intimidation and tampering, evidence tampering and more. These are a few legal issues you can mention, we will be sending out some sample letters in the next few days you can review to assist you in writing your personalized letter. Please send your letters to the following addresses:

1. Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 1st St NW, Washington, DC 20534
2. White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500”

See **Call to Action Section** and www.whoisleonardpeltier.info

Kojo Bomani Sababu (Grailing Bown): Kojo is a state PP in a federal prison and has not has a PB hearing since his incarceration in 1975. NJ DOC states he will not have one until 2035. Jericho to follow up.

Sundiata Acoli: NYC Jericho received the following email from Sundiata on November 19. “Sundiata Acoli, one of the longest held political prisoners in the u.s. and the world, was denied parole again today (. His case was sent to a 3-member panel, which means he will be given an extended hit outside the guidelines: (likely to be 10 to 30 years). Sundiata is a Black man, 83 years old and has already done 47 years straight in prison, with an amazingly positive record. Why is this man still in prison? Future visiting is cancelled at FCI Cumberland, MD today until further notice due to Covid-19 cases blowing the roof off of the local county hospitals and spilling over into the hospital space of adjacent counties. We need Justice, Equality and Freedom. Free them All! Write to Sundiata: Sundiata Acoli (Squire), 39794-066, FCI Cumberland. P.O. Box 1000, Cumberland MD 21501.”

Mutulu Shakur: “Mutulu's communication with his supporters has been greatly hampered the last several weeks as he was moved into the hospital to receive a stem cell transplant for his bone marrow cancer. Simultaneously, Judge Haight denied his compassionate release petition. As we warned was likely to happen given the prison conditions, Mutulu has now contracted COVID-19. An outside physician is monitoring his records and while we are concerned, thus far the virus has not impacted him as severely as it could. The legal team continues to pursue all avenues for securing his release.” See Call to Action Below.

Eric King: Eric King's mail restriction, which has prevented him from receiving mail from anyone other than his wife and mother, has now been lifted FOR NOW. Now would be a great time to write him and show him some love. We have no idea how long the mail ban will be lifted so now is the time to write him. Don't talk about his current case or anything about the mail ban.

Eric King #27090-045, FCI Englewood, 9595 West Quincy Avenue, Littleton, CO 80123

Follow Eric on social media. web: <https://supportericking.org> fb:

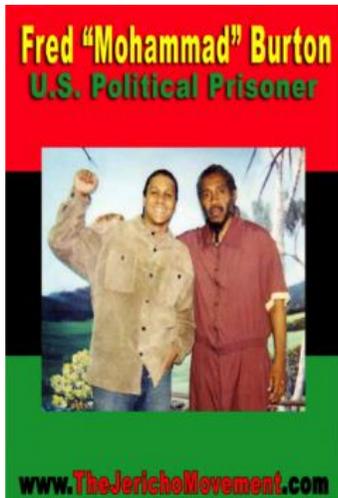
<https://facebook.com/SupportEricKing/> twitter: <https://twitter.com/SupportEricKing> Instagram: <https://instagram.com/supportericking/>

Maumin Khabir: Maumin is still trying to overturn his terrorism charge.

Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

December Birthdays!

Fred "Muhammad" Burton-Birthday: December 15, 1946



Affiliation: Black Unity Council

AF 3896, Smart Communications/PA DOC, SCI Somerset, Post Office Box 33028, St Petersburg, FL 33733

Captured: 1972: Life without Parole

Perhaps even more relevant is the joining of your intention to see Mr. Burton free with the same collective intention that we have been fostering and growing through Mr. Burton's family and through our greater communities. Your simple thought can change reality for Mr. Burton. We believe that. Thank you for your support.

<http://www.advocateforjustice.net/SupportFreedomForFrederickBurton.html>

November Birthdays!

Ed Poindexter-Birthday: November 1, 1944



Contact Information/Prison Address

#27767--Nebraska State Penitentiary, P.O. Box 2500, Lincoln, NE 68542

Affiliation: Black Panther Party

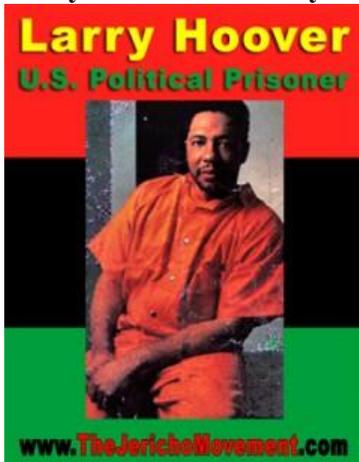
Captured: 1971-life. Denied parole 4 times. IN PRISON 48+ YEARS

“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, U.S. Prisoner

Larry Hoover-Birthday: November 30, 1950



Contact Information/Prison Address

#86063-024-Florence ADMAX,

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

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/>



*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

Message from Maroon

"Prison doctor released me from my COVID-19 + quarantine struggles – to return to my single cell tomorrow to await my surgery; "in two weeks", the prison doctor (Prince) says. ~ Had one terrible night + one I struggled with. ~ Otherwise the cold and lack of light in my private Infirmary room is a challenge; a LOT of prayer overcame most of that. ~ From what little I can tell, this prison's staff & prisoners are ALL struggling with COVID-19 & how to keep prisoners in here! ~ Maybe "someone's" higher-up are going for the proverbial "herd immunity" the TV doctors talk about? ~ Low on battery & no charger until i'm released. ~ My Solidarity to all pulling for me! ~ Try to stay healthy!"

Maroon

From the Shoatz family:

“We learned just recently that our beloved elder Russell Maroon Shoatz contracted COVID 19. Maroon is a prisoner in Pennsylvania and a former Black Panther who has been imprisoned since 1970. He is 77 years old. He has been living with stage 4 colon cancer since last year. And just as he was exiting the prison walls to get the tumor removed at a hospital, he was stopped at the door and asked to take a COVID test. He tested positive. Immediately they sent him to a small gymnasium where others with COVID are being quarantined in the prison. When he got there, he found 29 senior prisoners who said to him: "welcome. We've been waiting for you, we figured it wasn't long before you got it too." This means that there are 30 seniors with COVID in a dank, cold gymnasium in a prison in PA. They are being held under the most inhumane conditions imaginable. 30 men including Maroon had access to only one bathroom. Maroon was put in a space without a light and had go to the bathroom on himself because he couldn't risk getting up and falling.

Maroon's family and the community mobilized and we won his transfer to the infirmary. But we need him to come home. But this human rights catastrophe is repeating itself across the state and across the country because prisons are a death trap in the age of COVID. Prisons are on lock down in PA right now because the virus is spreading like a storm. Countries around the world like Iran and Turkey have massively released prisoners, but the United States has refused to decarcerate it's mostly black and latinx prison population. Russell Maroon Shoatz is no danger to his community. He has stage 4 cancer and he has COVID. The civilized and humane thing to do is to allow him to go home to his family. We are asking for his immediate release and for the immediate release of all other aging prisoners over the age of 50 and those with pre-existing conditions for whom incarceration is a death sentence. We ask for the immediate and unconditional release of Maroon!!!” **See Call To Action Below.**

Ruchell Cinque Magee speaks Sept. 2, 2020

“Ruchell Cinque is the longest unjustly held political prisoner in the US, under lockdown for nearly six decades. Cinque was a key figure in the 1970 Marin County Civic Center shootout but was acquitted of murder along with Angela Davis. We must demand his immediate release now! by Ruchell Cinque Magee, transcribed and introduced by Baba Jahahara Amen-RA Alkebulan-Ma’at. This year, unlike most for the past few decades, there were no in-person Black August mass commemorations here in the sacred Indigenous Ohlone lands aka the California Bay Area. However, some of us did gather at San Quentin State Prison before and after to demand the release of those unjustly held during this deadly pandemic that has claimed so many lives. In the spirit of Black August and as we celebrate the release

in October of political prisoner and Jericho Amnesty Movement co-founder Baba Jalil Muntaqim after 50 years of torture, I want to share a recent message from Elder Ruchell Cinque Magee. Ruchell is now our longest unjustly held political prisoner in the US – and possibly our world – under lockdown for nearly six decades. Many are aware of the shoot-out at the Marin County Civic Center in 1970. Ruchell Cinque was a key figure in that situation but was acquitted of murder, along with our beloved and wise Elder Angela Davis. He should have been set free decades ago, and we must demand his immediate release now. Here we share his insightful words. Asé.”



“Greetings, Jahahara, Ruchell Cinque here, confined in California Medical Facility-Vacaville. Allow me to bring to your attention a live judicial proceeding challenging a kangaroo court’s slave operation showing by the pending writ of habeas corpus litigation entitled Ruchell Magee, Case No. S263467, before the California Supreme Court at 350 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102. According to many who fear to face the truth of the slave operation and what we – the people oppressed – are dealing with, the evidence brought out in court legal documents is not important for learning. There are many instances I have read about where legal

proceedings in the courts and Congress resulted in reparations for the Japanese people in America, as well as judicial action that reversed Chief Justice Taney’s slave law decision in Dred Scott and judicial action in the Amistad case releasing Joseph aka Cinque and others who had been kidnapped from Africa to be made slaves. This means evidence exposing illegal slavery and how it has been carried out matters because it must be exposed and corrected to make sure that what happened to me and my family doesn’t happen to anyone else. It has taken me more than 35 years in prison trying to determine the behavior patterns shared between the racists and the psychopaths with law badges. Both inflict excessive emotion and stress on others, often causing wrongful deaths. The jury foreman filed a federal lawsuit in January 2001 along with a criminal complaint with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and US Department of Justice asking that corrupted judges and lawyers be stopped from assaulting the jury system and myself.

I have served 57 years in California state prisons for allegedly “Kidnapping to Commit Robbery.” Evidence has proven this never occurred prior to my arrest on March 23, 1963. On false charges in a kangaroo court, I was put in shackles and muzzled in the presence of the mock jurors, while criminals with badges – the judge, lawyers and police – put on a show speaking of my life and using their own false guilty and insanity pleas as evidence. I had no counsel for defense against the prosecution’s false evidence and suppression of proof of my innocence. I have been filing legal documents in state and federal courts for over five decades: However, I’ve never been allowed the opportunity to be heard on the prima facie issues that mandate reversal of my illegal conviction. New evidence proving my constitutional rights claims now showing in the court are irrefutable. Being Black makes me appear deserving of being put through white supremacy’s death trap hell played up as “law and order” out of public sight. As I’ve been basically isolated for decades without press coverage, in the eyes of the badged psychopaths, my constitutional rights claims are frivolous or are disregarded before being heard.

Regarding the Aug. 7, 1970, Slave Rebellion: After seven years in prison and petitioning the courts, I found myself in an oppressive circle of negative, psychopathic, racist judges who limited their review to doctored transcripts and piecemeal arguments by the state’s attorney general, who suppressed the

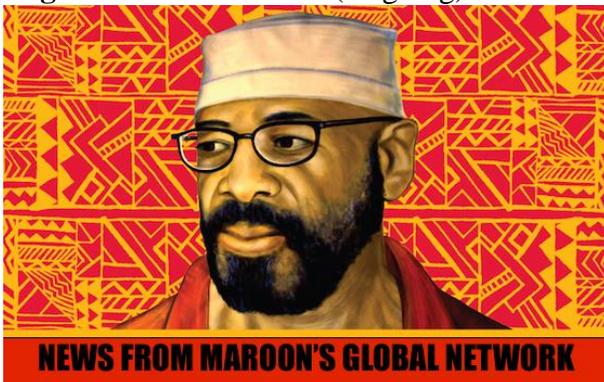
most important portions of the trial court records. Aug. 7, 1970, I joined the slave rebellion with other Black prisoners in Marin County, Calif., where I was taken from a San Quentin dungeon cell to the Marin County Courthouse as witness for James McClain. Shooting ensued, and four people were killed by San Quentin guards and one person killed the superior court judge. I was charged with murder, kidnap and conspiracy along with Professor Angela Davis – charges of which we both were acquitted. I can think of no special circumstances that would justify use of a constitutional privilege to discredit or convict a person who asserts it. The jurors in San Francisco County who found me not guilty of kidnap studied evidence of the 1960s hate crime frame-up now included in the habeas corpus. The jury went to the press after trial, publicizing that the acquittal was concealed by the judge, thus subjecting my person to double jeopardy prosecution in Santa Clara County. Now: the cat again threatens to get out of the bag. The jury foreman, Mr. Bernard J. Soares, filed a federal lawsuit in January 2001 along with a criminal complaint with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and US Department of Justice asking that corrupted judges and lawyers be stopped from assaulting the jury system and myself. The jury got the old racist runaround. The acquittal and double jeopardy issues are being challenged by separate litigation in the US Supreme Court. If either case is allowed to be heard, this will open others' records for investigation into the legislative corruption, which will educate hundreds of millions of peoples of all races. The acquittal and constitutional law prove much bigger than racist and psychopathic elements. I can think of no special circumstances that would justify use of a constitutional privilege to discredit or convict a person who asserts it. My view of psychopathic and racist behavior is influenced by the criminal and sick action I've witnessed and suffered for decades. Many racists with a law badge seem to have accepted the idea that their Jim Crow tool, referred to as the Anti-Terrorist Act and put into law by Bill Clinton, eliminated our rights under the Constitution. Otherwise, they apply it in deceptive ways to ensure that no racist practicing slavery under color of law can be proven wrong in court.

Therefore, no Black person under attack can be protected against the psychopathic attacks. Out in the open, where people of normal intelligence ask relevant questions court, the real criminals run back into their "good guy" game playing. As it stands, from an order to show cause on merit, the California attorney general will agree that I am a victim of the kangaroo court frame-up – one of the worst ever recorded over the past century! Thank you for reading this missive. I remain, Ruchell Cinque."

Activists, attorneys and justice-loving individuals and organizations, please reach out to support Baba Ruchell Cinque Magee, A92051, CMF T-115, P.O. Box 2000, Vacaville, CA 95696." See <https://sfbayview.com/2020/12/ruchell-cinque-magee-speaks/>

Community Calls for Action

Urgent action needed!!! (Ongoing)



"Our beloved elder Russell Maroon Shoatz, suffering stage 4 cancer for the last year and a half, has now been diagnosed with COVID-19. This infection is no doubt a result of the "full-blown resurgence" of the virus in Pennsylvania state prisons, and the callous disregard shown by prison authorities to elderly and infirm incarcerated people, including withheld testing and unhygienic isolation of those who report symptoms.

Maroon is asking that all supporters call the office of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and demand his immediate, unconditional release, as well as that of ALL elderly prisoners infected with COVID-19.

Please call (717) 787-2500 beginning the morning of Monday, November 16, and keep the pressure on! Russell Maroon Shoatz #AF-3855

All PA-based organizations, please sign a community letter demanding the immediate release of Russell Maroon Shoatz <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScx2SeLR-Z1f3XLp0F9Bop-PRDZyVKbldUwh7wker97yr7D-Mw/viewform>

New Go-Fund Me to support the Shoatz Family <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-the-shoatz-family-fighting-injustice>

For sample tweets and graphics, check out the #FreeMaroon Social media kit

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MaFFFcaplSjN2MdoL0eYSQomEaKoW30PezJHNIVkSf8/edit>

Continue to Call Governor Tom Wolfe Contact: (717) 787-2500

Russell Shoatz's health is rapidly deteriorating. DOC#AF3855 and demand Immediate Release of Russell Maroon Shoatz. They track the calls from different phones and how many times the same number calls so please keep calling and activate your networks.

Our sincere gratitude for all of your support. <https://www.instagram.com/p/CHI85IFhiAm/>

ABOVE ALL ELSE KNOWTHYSELF

Russell Shoatz III"

Movement Call 4 Maroon! Nov 22

"Maroon's family and friends are calling on people to gather online this Sunday at 2pm to strategize how we can help get Maroon out of prison and shine light on both - Covid in prison as well as the plight of the many aging prisoners in PA and across the nation. **Sunday November 22 at 2pm. Register for the Virtual Meeting Here** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpiSVB-VAOI46cjFQ7ZnvIMhqXiTe6Pxf-o2chXiDEjgd9eg/viewform>. COVID-19 poses a great threat to the lives of prisoners. We all know that the elderly are more at risk when it comes to COVID-19. Russell Shoatz who's 77 years of age has colon cancer and is COVID-19 positive. He was being confined to a cubicle inside of a gymnasium amongst 30 other COVID-19 positive prisoners. All 30 prisoners are sharing the same toilet. This is inhumane and unsanitary. He was moved to the infirmary but he is one of 30 and the rest of the men are still in the gym. Russell Shoatz is also being denied an urgent surgery to aid his colon cancer. Please call Governor Tom Wolf and demand the release of COVID-19 positive elderly prisoners (717) 787-2500." "You may have heard by now that Maroon contracted Covid 19 last week at SCI Dallas. He was moved to a gym where the PA DOC was quarantining the positive cases - 30 or so people in a gym with one toilet. You can hear Maroon describe it as "refugee camp" in the video that his grandson put together. Hear Maroon shares the circumstances at SCI- Dallas over the phone in this video (90 seconds) Maroon has Covid"

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Demand Freedom for Ed Poindexter (ongoing)

Ed Poindexter finally filed his application for commutation of sentence on August 17. At the August Pardons Board meeting, Dr. Topolski, a new supporter, asked the governor to expedite Ed's application because of the risk of covid19. The governor said he wasn't inclined to let anybody "jump in line" (there are 49 other applications for sentence commutations) but he also said that didn't mean that Ed would not be on the agenda in October. (It turns out Ed will not be on the agenda in October. His case will probably be heard early next year.) Please share this campaign, write a letter to the Pardons Board and sign the online petition: <http://chnng.it/vctskKv49k> Ed would be very grateful. We would also appreciate if you could send us a copy of your letter to: freedomfored@gmail.com Thank you so much for your decades of support for Ed, and for Mondo we Langa!



Ed's Story

In April of 1971, Edward Poindexter and Mondo we Langa, formerly David Rice, were sentenced to life in prison for the death of an Omaha police officer- a crime they did not commit. The two were targeted by law enforcement and wrongfully convicted due to their affiliation with the Black Panther Party, a civil rights and anti-fascist political group.

Nearly 50 years later, Ed is still in prison and maintains his innocence. He has earned several college degrees, taught anti-violence classes to youth, authored screenplays, and more. His last chance for freedom is to receive a commutation of sentence from the Nebraska Board of Pardons. At age 75, he is at high risk for COVID related health complications. He must receive an immediate and expedited commutation hearing from the Board.

Take Action Now

Write, email and call the Nebraska Board of Pardons. Request that they expedite Ed's application, schedule his hearing for the October 2020 meeting and commute his sentence.

WRITE:

Nebraska Board of Pardons
P.O. Box 95007
Lincoln, NE 68509

EMAIL:

ne.pardonsboard@
nebraska.gov

CALL:

Governor Pete Ricketts
402-471-2244
SoS Robert B. Evnen
402-471-2554
AG Doug Peterson
402-471-2683

*please email a copy of your letter
to freedomfored@gmail.com

Sample Letter

Dear Pardons Board:

I am writing in regards to Edward Poindexter, #27767, who has served nearly 50 years in prison with exemplary behavior and many accomplishments. He is 75 years old and at high risk for COVID-19 related medical complications, which have been amplified by the increased COVID transmission rate among prisoners. I am therefore requesting that the Board expedite Ed's application, schedule his hearing for the October 2020 Board meeting, and commute his sentence to length of time served.

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EMAIL: ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov

CALL: Governor Pete Ricketts 402-471-2244 SoS Robert B. Evnen 402-471-2554 AG Doug Peterson 402-471-2683

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TEN DAY CALL-IN CAMPAIGN FOR ED POINDEXTER: Please Phone the Nebraska Pardons Board as many times as you and your friends, comrades, associates, and family can between **December 10th and December 20, 2020**. We have provided a script below. Please give your name and the state that you live in, and if you can, leave a phone number.

Nebraska Board of Pardons P.O. Box 95007 Lincoln, NE 68509

EMAIL: ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov CALL: Governor Pete Ricketts 402-471-2244, Attorney General Peterson: 402-471-2683, Secretary of State Evnen: 402-471-2554

"You can read more about Ed here:

<https://prisonersolidarity.com/prisoner/edward-poindexter>

PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION FOR ED:

Here is the link to the Petition for Ed Poindexter.

Please sign-- and also write to the Nebraska Pardons Board demanding commutation of Ed's life sentence to---Time Served!

<http://chnng.it/vctskKv49k>

Please write a letter to the Pardons Board (and forward this), Ed would be very grateful. We would also appreciate if you could send us a copy of your letter to:

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Free Ed Poindexter Immediately (Script): “Dear Pardons Board Member, I am calling to demand and pray for the Compassionate Release/Commutation of Sentence and rapid release of Mr. Edward Poindexter. Ed Poindexter is one of the eldest prisoners in the state penitentiary and as such, along with other elderly prisoners in Nebraska is at great risk of serious illness or death should he contract the coronavirus. We are focusing on Ed, but also pray for the release of other elderly prisoners. Therefore, I request you schedule a special Pardons Board hearing this month to consider ALL the commutation applications at once, particularly for prisoners over the age of 60. Nebraska is not alone in facing this crisis, and if you act now with compassion to protect the lives of elders in prison, you will be in step with several other states who have taken this important step toward humanity and toward the application of the basic principle of human rights. Please release Ed Poindexter and his peers immediately! Thank you for having compassion for elderly prisoners who are at high risk of dying from covid19, and for recognizing that holding them during this worsening pandemic is tantamount to inflicting a sentence of death or debilitation.”

Bring Imam Jamil Home In The Next 6-12 Months! organized by Kairi Al-Amin (Ongoing)



“As-Salaamu Alaikum, For 20+ years we’ve been fighting not just for the freedom of my father, H. Rap Brown/Imam Jamil, but also to prove his innocence. We are excited not only to have been able to accomplish one of these goals, but to be the closest we’ve ever been to accomplishing both! We believe we can bring the Imam home within the next 6-12 months but we need your help so please, give what you can as we make this last push for Freedom. My Name is Kairi Al-Amin, son of Imam Jamil Al-Amin and before we go any further, on behalf of myself, my father and my family I would just

like to say shukran/thank you . We have launched numerous campaigns over the last 20 years but the response to this one has been truly overwhelming and we would be remiss if we didn’t show our appreciation so again, shukran/thank you and insha Allah our efforts will not be in vain this time. For 20 years we’ve pointed out all of the discrepancies and poked all of the holes in this case to no avail but Allah is the best of planners and He provided us with the circumstances that can free the Imam within the next 6-12 months. These circumstances include: A video of the actual perpetrator confessing under oath to the murder my father is currently serving life in prison for.” (Watch The Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWXNr1BaI88&feature=youtu.be>

For rest of petition see; <https://www.change.org/p/fulton-county-district-attorney-paul-howard-new-trial-for-imam-jamil-al-amin-fka-h-rap-brown/u/27297316>

Online Fundraiser for Joy Powell (ongoing)



“Joy's family recently covered some legal expenses in order to proceed to the next step in appealing her wrongful conviction. The online fundraiser is to cover these costs as well as any future costs for her support. We are still seeking options for pro bono counsel to keep these costs as low as possible, but even with pro bono representation there will be filing fees, legal visit costs, etc. Every dollar truly counts, and Joy is very

appreciative of everyone's support. The direct link for the fundraising page is <https://fundrazr.com/freejoypowell>, and we have added a link to her website at <https://www.freejoypowell.org/support/>.

We also posted a link on the Facebook page for her (Free Joy Powell). Please share these with your social networks! Don't hesitate to let us know if there are any questions and THANK YOU for helping spread the word about this important step to secure Joy's freedom. -Philly ABC and NYC Jericho”

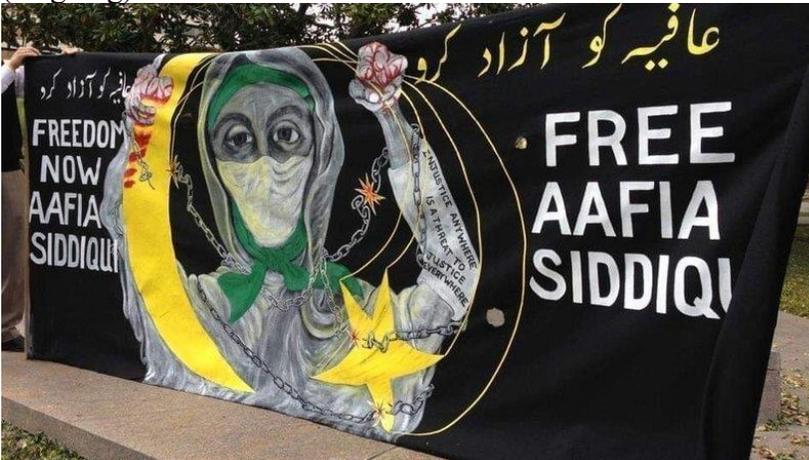
Mutulu Shakur: Compassionate Release Efforts Renewed Due to COVID (ongoing)



“We are renewing the push to petition for compassionate release now that we have resubmitted an application for compassionate release due to the COVID diagnosis. Please sign the online petition using the link if you haven't yet and continue to share it: Sign the Petition: bit.ly/cr-petition

We ask that you continue to keep him in your prayers. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please use the PayPal link for our fiscal sponsor by clicking here <https://cadnational.org/>. Then click on the very top donate button in the right sidebar of the CAD website (please indicate that donation is for Dr. Mutulu Shakur). If you do not require your donation to be tax deductible, you can donate at mutulushakur.com. Just click on the donate button on the righthand side.

Release or Home Confinement for Dr. Aafia Siddiqui from Coronavirus Infected Prison (Ongoing)



(Photo from <https://www.change.org/p/donald-j-trump-release-or-home-confinement-for-dr-aafia-siddiqui-from-coronavirus-infected-prison>)

“Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani neuroscientist, is serving an 86-year term at FMC Carswell. Carswell is a prison-cum-medical facility for female prisoners in the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas. Other than Seagoville Prison, which is also located in Dallas-Fort Worth and has 1,359 cases, Carswell has the largest COVID-19 outbreak of any U.S. prison. According to the Bureau of Prisons own website, the number of reported cases there is 542. (Other sources place it even higher, at 571.) Carswell's inmate population totals 1,357. That translates to an infection rate of 40% at the facility. Three female prisoners, Andrea Circle Bear, Sandra Kincaid, and Teresa Ely, have died from the virus at the facility.

The deceased women were 30, 69, and 51-years of age, respectively. The 48-year old Dr. Siddiqui has been imprisoned since she was 31. She has been in very poor health for much of this time, including appearing in a wheel chair at her New York trial, due to the extremely harsh--some would say unlawful-- conditions of her capture as well as her incarceration. She is clearly at grave risk from COVID-19.” See <https://www.change.org/p/donald-j-trump-release-or-home-confinement-for-dr-aafia-siddiqui-from-coronavirus-infected-prison>

Support SF Bay View -PLEASE DONATE NOW (ongoing)

“While the country’s mainstream press is slowly catching up to the issues and concerns of the Black community, the Bay View has long given a voice to Black San Franciscans since its inception in 1976. Please donate to keep the Bay View growing: Our GoFundMe is https://www.gofundme.com/f/invest-in-liberation?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1 “Invest in liberation, save the SF Bay View!” Support SF BayView with a donation to the Prisoners Subscription Fund: <https://sfbayview.com/donate/>. Prisoners say, “The Bay View keeps me alive,” and hundreds are waiting to be placed on the Bay View mailing list. Check the Bay View Calendar of Events daily <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=829hf98rkd77ervck14qft4gi4@group.calendar.google.com&pli=1>. You are sure to find an event that beckons you to get involved – and many are free! Find a friend among the Bay View Pen Pals, <https://sfbayview.com/category/enemylines/pen-pals/> who write, “I would love to hear my name at mail call.”

#FreeKhitamSaafin – Join the social media storm! Nov 16

“On Monday, 16 November, join us and speak out as Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network joins the US Palestinian Community Network, National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression, Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, and the National Lawyers Guild for our social media storm to demand the immediate release of beloved and important Palestinian feminist leader and the president of The Union of Palestinian Women’s Committees, Khitam Saafin! Start posting at 10 am Pacific - 1 pm Eastern - 7 pm central Europe - 8 pm Palestine! Khitam Saafin, president of the Union of Palestinian Women’s Committees, is jailed without charge or trial by the Israeli occupation under an indefinitely renewable six-month administrative detention order. She is a well-known international advocate for Palestinian women and freedom and justice for the Palestinian people. She has spoken around the world about the struggle of Palestinian women, including at the World Social Forum, and served as chair of the Global Women’s March Palestine. Use

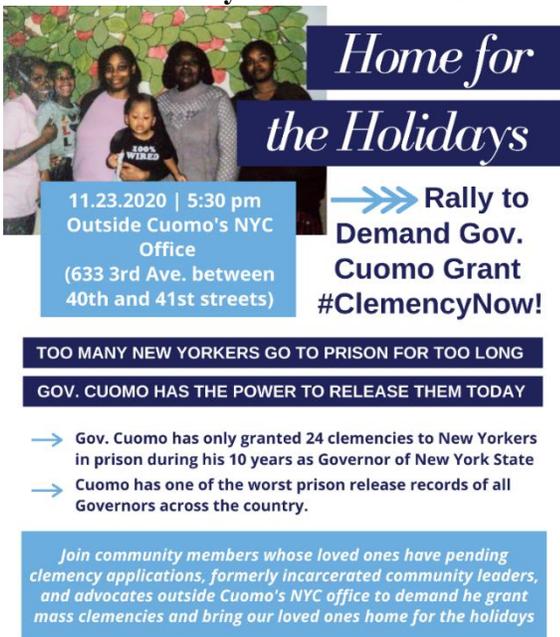
this USPCN toolkit for your social media posts: bit.ly/FreeKhitamSaafin And here are even more sample tweets for you to use: bit.ly/KhitamTweets On Facebook: Tag @uspcn, @naarpr, @caarpr, @samidounprisonersolidarity, and @nlnational in your posts on Facebook! Use the hashtag #FreeKhitamSaafin. On Twitter: Tag @USPCN, @NAARPR, @SamidounPP, @CAARPRNow & @NLGnews. Use the hashtag #FreeKhitamSaafin On Instagram: Tag @uspcn @samidounnetwork @nationallawyersguild @caarprnow in your posts Use hashtag #FreeKhitamSaafin. Also, please join the Art Challenge to #FreeKhitamSaafin! Post drawings, videos, signs, chalkings and more to free Khitam Saafin and all political prisoners, and tag three of your friends in each post – as well as our organizations above! Download resources at: <https://bit.ly/KhitamResources>”

Letter in Support of the Immediate Release of Russell Maroon Shoatz Nov 23

CALL TO ACTION: Here is a link to a form to get Organizations to sign on to support Maroon's Immediate Release. Please share and get PA based organizations to sign on with urgency:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScx2SeLR-Z1f3XLp0F9BopPRDZyVKbldUwh7wker97yr7D-Mw/viewform?gxids=7757> Spread the word: Tell Governor Tom Wolf and Department of Corrections Secretary John E. Wetzel to free Russell Maroon Shoatz on compassionate release, and to ensure his humane treatment while he remains incarcerated by tagging them on Twitter and calling Governor Tom Wolf’s office at (717) 787-2500. Post. Take action now by tagging @GovernorTomWolf and @DOCSecretary and calling (717) 787-2500 to demand humane treatment and compassionate release of Russell Maroon Shoatz, a PP with COVID19 and stage 4 cancer. The time is now to release aging and ill prisoners. #FreeMaroon #FreeEmAll. Calling all comrades! Baba Russell is suffering with COVID19 and stage 4 cancer. He needs our immediate support! Contact @GovernorTomWolf and @DOCSecretary on Twitter and call (717) 787-2500 to demand humane treatment as we fight for compassionate release. #FreeMaroon #FreeEmAll. Comrades to the front! Maroon has been imprisoned for 48 years, now he has stage 4 cancer & COVID19 and it’s time we fight for him. Holler at @GovernorTomWolf and @DOCSecretary and call (717) 787-2500 to demand humane treatment and compassionate release. #FreeMaroon #FreeEmAll” See <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MaFFFcapISjN2MdoL0eYSQomEaKoW30PezJHNIVkSf8/edit>

Join Us for a Rally on November 23 to Demand #ClemencyNow Nov 23



Home for the Holidays

11.23.2020 | 5:30 pm
Outside Cuomo's NYC Office
(633 3rd Ave. between 40th and 41st streets)

→→→ Rally to Demand Gov. Cuomo Grant #ClemencyNow!

TOO MANY NEW YORKERS GO TO PRISON FOR TOO LONG

GOV. CUOMO HAS THE POWER TO RELEASE THEM TODAY

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#BlackLivesMatter #ClemencyNow 

#FreeKhitamSaafin #FreePalestinianWomen: Join the social media action Nov 25



“Join us for a social media storm on 25 November to demand freedom for Khitam Saafin and her fellow political prisoners and to support Palestinian women on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

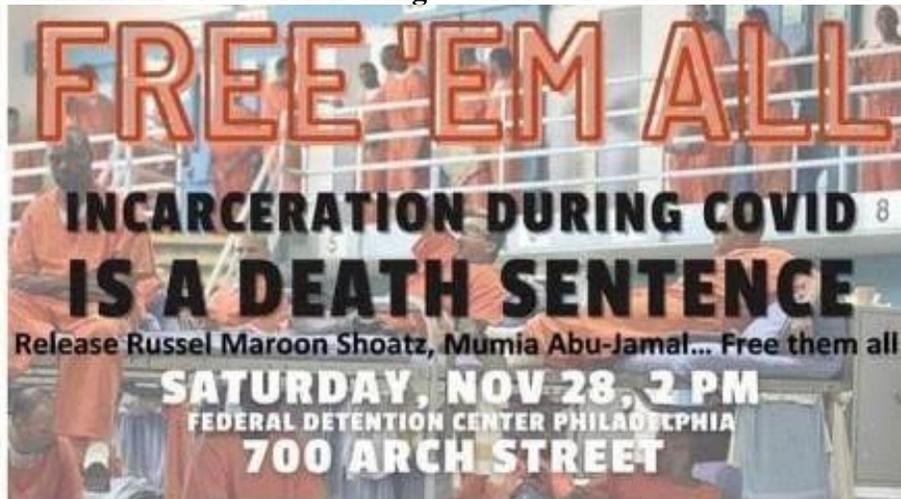
#FreeKhitamSaafin #FreePalestinianWomen: Social Media Action 25 November for Khitam Saafin and the Palestinian Women’s Movement Wednesday, 25 November 10 am Pacific – 1 pm Eastern – 7 pm central Europe – 8 pm Palestine. Use these sample tweets for your posts:

bit.ly/KhitamTweets

Download materials and more information at freekhitamsaafin.org Use the hashtag #FreeKhitamSaafin in all of your posts during the action! On 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, join Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, the US Palestinian

Community Network, the International Women’s Alliance – Europe, Al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, Within Our Lifetime – United for Palestine, Alkarama Palestinian Women’s Mobilization and the Palestinian Youth Movement for a social media storm and Twitter campaign to free Khitam Saafin and Palestinian women political prisoners!”

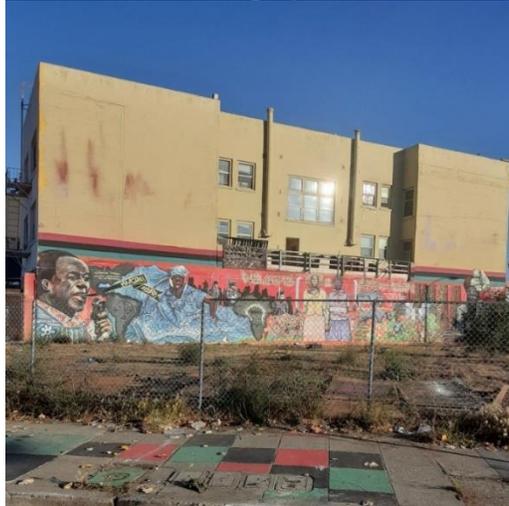
Free Em All-Incarceration During Covid is a Death Sentence Nov 28



Free Afrika Town- The Commemoration Committee for The Black Panther Party Nov 29

“#1- We want freedom. We want the power to determine the destiny of our Black and oppressed communities. It is of the utmost importance that in order to achieve true equality and liberation, we must eventually obtain control over the resources in our own communities. Afrika-Town accordance to Point Number 1 was established as a basis to aid in this point. Afrika-Town lies in a good geographic location and consists of a few key structures and monuments. It is an ideal area for us to create an economic community of housing, business etc. We have an obligation as a people and community to uplift, support and keep Afrika-Town alive in Oakland, CA. KEEP in Mind. Historic AFRIKA TOWN

is home to the PEOPLE OF WEST OAKLAND CA AND THE QUILOMBO IS ONE of THE HISTORIC BLACK REVOLUTIONARY SITES in North America. It includes the PAINTINGS of ASSATA SHAKUR AND OTHER BLACK REVOLUTIONARIES ON ITS WALLS.. Artifacts from the BLACK POWER MOVEMENT are on display in THIS COMMUNITY CENTER / Archaearium archaeology museum. Nearby, the AFRIKA TOWN Settlement is THE OAKLAND MUSEUM with recreations and images of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY on display. we want to reopen Afrika Town



Pictures from: <https://ccbpp.home.blog/2020/11/29/free-afrika-town/>

and the QUILOMBO as a community center / museum to serve the west Oakland community. Please sign the petition if you support THE RE OPENING OF AFRIKA TOWN AND THE QUILOMBO.

Sign the petition or make a donation Cash.App/\$Ccbpp <http://chnng.it/FsxWPZz6DM>”

See <https://ccbpp.home.blog/2020/11/29/free-afrika-town/>

THE PEOPLE DEMAND MUMIA'S FREEDOM! Dec 9

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(ACROSS FROM MALCOLM X PARK)

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-COLIN KAEPERNICK

Stream and Book Info: <https://Linktr.ee/Dec9th>

Mobilization4Mumia, Campaign to Bring Mumia Home
International Concerned Friends and Family of Mumia Abu-Jamal

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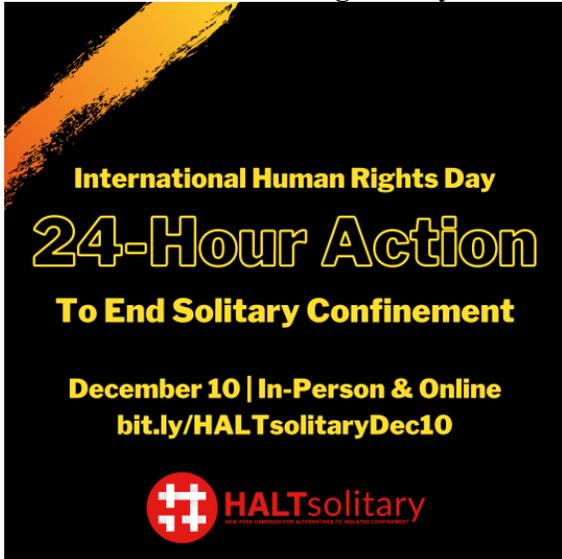
"Even in the hell of the prison system, Mumia fights for our Human Rights. We must continue to fight for him and his Human Rights.

Mumia is 66 years old. He is a Grandfather.

He is an Elder who deserves to be freed.

FREE MUMIA!!!" — Colin Kaepernick”

International Human Rights Day -Dec. 10 24-Hour Action to End Solitary Dec 10



“On December 10, the #HALTsolitary Campaign will mark International Human Rights Day with a twenty-four hour series of protests, teach-ins, celebrations, and more to call attention to the torture of solitary confinement and the broader racist carceral system, as well as the essential humanity, rights and dignity of incarcerated people. Actions will take place across New York State and beyond, and all will be continuously streamed live via Zoom and Facebook. Sign up to join us on December 10: bit.ly/HALTsolitaryDec10 We are asking community groups to propose programming to lead during the 24-hours. If you are interested in proposing either online or in-person socially distant programming for Dec. 10, please use this form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWnd8yM->

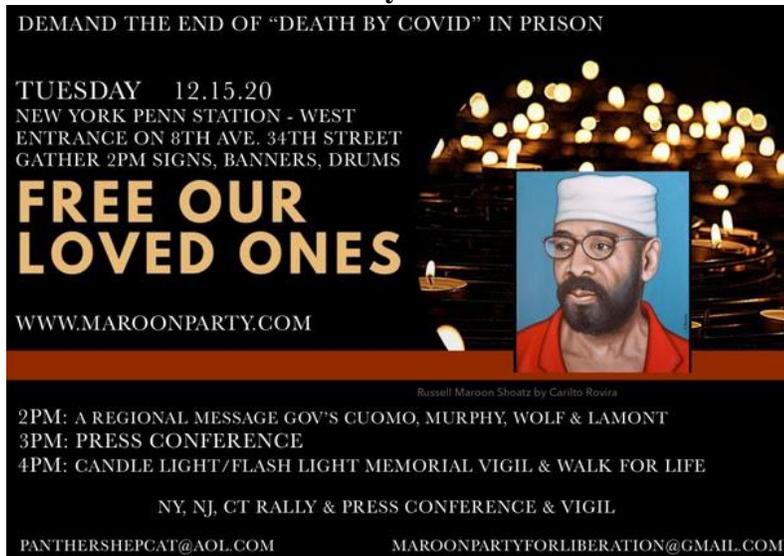
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Court Support for Jalil! 12/14/2020 Caravan from Buffalo Dec 14

“Beloved Elder and former Black Panther party member Jalil Muntaquim is fighting to maintain his freedom. Jalil was released on parole in October after spending almost 50 years in prison. The Monroe County DA is attempting to reincarcerate him due to an accidental signing of a voter registration form. Jalil is due back in court December 14th. The court date is very tenuous and we will update if there are any changes or last minute cancellations. If you are part of a local organization and would like to sign on to support Jalil please email me and we will put together a coalition of community support. We are mobilizing to Rochester to defeat the attempt to reincarcerate Jalil Muntaquim! We will caravan from Buffalo, not carpool due to Covid. Carpool at 1pm on Monday Dec. 14th at parking lot @345 West Ferry, Bflo 14213 to travel to Brighton Town Court, Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618, Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 @ 3 p.m. If you have not done so already, please sign on to the community letter being circulated, which is in opposition to his reincarceration:

<https://urlat.co/8KOpt>

Demand the End of Death by COVID in Prison Dec 15



“Facebook Event Page:

<https://fb.me/e/14hFPNunm>

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020:
REGIONAL RALLIES OUR OVER-ALL REGIONAL NY, NJ, PA, CONN., STATE PRISON DEMANDS:
The Immediate Release & Outside Care for All Elder Prisoners Who Have Tested Positive for COVID-19.
The Immediate Implementation of Physical Distancing & Medical Care for All COVID Positive Prisoners
The Immediate Distribution of Personal Protective Equipment for All Prisoners, Visitors & Prison Staff.

The Regular COVID Test Scheduling & Effective Tracing for All Prisoners, Visitors & Prison Staff
The Total Transparent & Updated Weekly Reports from Both Prisoners & Staff on COVID in Their
Prison

FOR THE NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY & CONNECTICUT ACTION:

Contact Both: panthershepcat@aol.com & ninoespiritu@gmail.com for.... "The Free Russell "Maroon"
Shoatz NOW Coalition"

THE "UNIFIED" NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, CONNECTICUT RALLY, PRESS CONFERENCE
& VIGIL WILL BE HELD @ 2 PM

THE NEW YORK PENNSYLVANIA STATION WEST ENTRANCE ON 8TH AVENUE/34TH ST.
WE WILL GATHER THERE WITH SIGNS, BANNERS, DRUMS ETC.

FOR THE BELOW AGENDA: 2:00 PM: RALLY & MESSAGE TO THE REGIONAL GOVER-
NORS CUOMO, MURPHY, WOLF & LAMONT 3:00 PM: PRESS CONFERENCE 4:00 PM: CAN-
DLE LIGHT/FLASH LIGHT MEMORIAL VIGIL & WALK FOR LIFE

FOR THE PHILADELPHIA & PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA ACTIONS:



Register Below and/or Contact "The Coalition To
Abolish Death By Incarceration" (CADBI):

<https://m.face->

[book.com/events/245705490313064](https://m.facebook.com/events/245705490313064) Pittsburgh

Action: 4-6pm @ Market Square

Philadelphia Action: 4-5pm @ Love Park.”

With the pandemic tearing through prisons across
the state, any prison sentence is a potential death
sentence. Join us for an interfaith, multi-city vigil
as we honor loved ones and neighbors who lost

their lives behind bars due to COVID-19. We demand that Governor Wolf take action immediately to
save lives by expanding reprieve to free thousands from prison. For more information, and to take ac-
tion in person or at home, register at tinyurl.com/FreeOurPeople12-15 For a full list of our demands, go
to <https://decarceratepa.info/COVID-demands>

Rally to Demand Cuomo Grant Clemencies and Other RAPP Events Dec 22-23

“Home for the Holidays NYC Clemency **Rally Dec 22**. Save the date for our next Home for the Holi-
days rally in NYC to pressure Governor Cuomo to grant clemencies in time for the holidays. More de-
tails to come! Wednesday, **December 23**: Home for the Holidays Long Island Clemency Rally. In ad-
dition to the Home for the Holidays rally in NYC, we also are holding one the day after in Long Island
to show Governor Cuomo that New Yorkers across the state are in support of #ClemencyNow. Join
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come home for the holidays. The rally will take place at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY, on
the North Side Entrance. Zoom option here [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodOqrrDI-
oEtM8rbSg_YkrnU46SBbRmpq6](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodOqrrDI-oEtM8rbSg_YkrnU46SBbRmpq6)

Community Events & Resources (Nov. 15-Dec 15)

#HonorLivesLost - Candlelight Ritual to Free Them All (ongoing)

“Every Sunday, 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. via zoom and live-streamed on Facebook. Hosted by Restore
Oakland, California Coalition for Women Prisoners and 4 others. We invite you to #HonorLivesLost,
an online weekly candle-lighting ritual to uplift incarcerated people we have lost to COVID-19 and
#DeathbyIncarceration in California. These gatherings will take place every Sunday at sunset via Zoom

in both English and Spanish. Organizers and advocates across the state have created this space so we can come together to mourn the lives of people we have lost and send light and love to families grieving the unnatural deaths of their loved ones. We hope this effort will grow and support our ongoing demands to release incarcerated people who face a potential death sentence amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. #HonorLivesLost is a network of organizers and advocates dedicated to memorializing and uplifting incarcerated people we lose to COVID-19 and #DeathbyIncarceration in California” See <https://www.facebook.com/events/2672414763015683/>

Both Sides of The Conversation in Collaboration with the Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party: OAKLAND, CA Every Sunday at 2pm PST (Ongoing)

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in collaboration with
The Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party

Black Health During the Coronavirus Pandemic
September 27th

Original Black Panther Party Guest Speakers:
Dr. Salaria Nel & Prof. Steve McCutchen

WE WANT COMPLETELY FREE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL BLACK AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE

Join us every Sunday at 2pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/69021715567>

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The Murder of Fred Hampton, Food & Film Screening Nov 15

The Murder of Fred Hampton
Food & Film Screening

November 15th @ 5:00pm
20th and Wood St.

Please join us for a bbq dinner and film on the life, work and assassination of Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton of the Chicago Black Panther Party

contact:
wewontgo@riseup.net
510-815-9978

Bring a chair, wear a mask, snacks and refreshments will be provided

Sponsored by the United Front Against Displacement and the Revolutionary United Front

BREAKING: Colin Kaepernick Throws Down For Mumia! Nov 17

“Colin Kaepernick demanded Mumia Abu Jamal's release and laments the 38 years of Mumia's life that he has been held behind bars. Today's press conference, hosted by Dr. Johanna Fernandez and sponsored by a long list of organizations included many leading intellectuals and activists along with Angela Davis, Pam Africa, and Kaepernick who is an adamant supporter of abolitionists, and who published Mumia's essay "The Demand for Abolition" among others. “Today we're living through a moment where it's acceptable to paint “end racism now” in front of the Philadelphia Police Department’s 26th district headquarters, and yet a political prisoner who has since the age of 14 dedicated his life to fighting against racism, continues to be caged and lives his life on a slow death row. We're in the midst of a movement that says Black Lives Matter. And if that's truly the case, then it means that Mumia’s life and legacy must matter. And the causes that he sacrifices life and freedom for must matter as well.” - Colin Kaepernick. “Other notable speakers at the event were Angela Davis, Pam Africa, and Kwame Ajamu. You can read the transcript and listen to the audio and watch the video: <https://www.prisonradio.org/media/audio/mumia-abu-jamal-sci-mahanoy/free-mumia-652-colin-kaepernick> <https://youtu.be/pD0m-t-C4WU>” See <https://level.medium.com/the-demand-for-abolition-979c759ff6f>

ProLibertad Newsletter/El Coqui Libre Nov 17

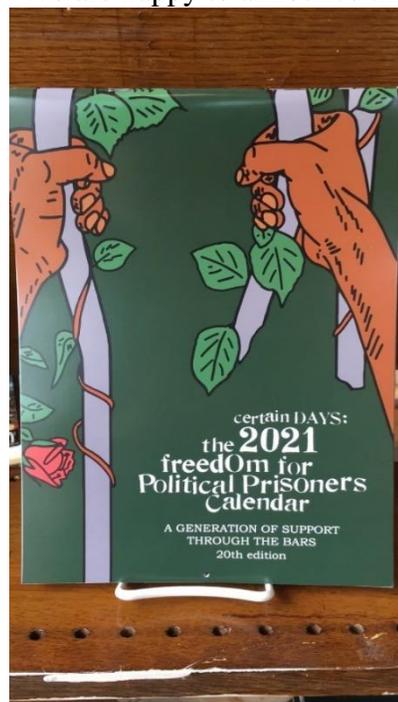
“On behalf of the ProLibertad Freedom Campaign, please enjoy this PDF format version of our monthly/quarterly newsletter El Coqui Libre. In this edition, we feature a photo gallery of our Fall South Bronx Freedom March in dedication to our beloved Comandante Filiberto Ojeda Rios and in commemoration of El Grito de Lares (Sept. 23rd). Download the PDF here: <https://www.prolibertad.org/eclSeptember2020-1.pdf>

You're invited to the Parole Preparation Project's 7th Annual Welcome Home Party and Fund-raiser Nov 19

“November 19th at 7pm! You can read more about our work at paroleprepny.org”
[Purchase tickets here!](https://ticketbud.com/events/f60f7c6a-eeba-11ea-a31a-42010a71700b) <https://ticketbud.com/events/f60f7c6a-eeba-11ea-a31a-42010a71700b>

Certain Days 2021 calendars are for sale! Nov 20

“We are happy to announce that sales for the 2021 Certain Days calendar (OUR 20th EDITION) have begun! Order now while supplies last. In the U.S., order from Burning Books in Buffalo (bulk prices available) or from Just Seeds



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<https://www.akpress.org/certaindays2021.html> Order in Canada
 1-9 copies: <https://www.leftwingbooks.net/certain-days-2021>
 Bulk (10+ copies): <https://www.certaindays.org/order/>
 Order for people in jail or prison
<https://www.certaindays.org/order/prisoners/>

Certain Days 2021: The Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar is a joint fundraising and educational project between outside organizers in Montreal, Hamilton, New York and Baltimore, with two political prisoners being held in maximum-security prisons: David Gilbert in New York and Xinachtli (s/n Alvaro Luna Hernandez) in Texas. Founding members Herman Bell and Robert Seth Hayes were happily welcomed home from prison in 2018. Learn more about them at certaindays.org.

Your group can buy 10 or more for the rate of \$10 each and sell them for \$15, keeping the difference for your organization. Many campaigns, infoshops and projects do this as a way of raising funds

and spreading awareness about political prisoners. Use the discount code "BULK" to get 10 or more calendars for \$10 each. In Canada, you can order at our bulk rates at certaindays.org. This year's theme is "A Generation of Support Through the Bars" and features art and writings by Grae Rosa, Herman Bell, Veronza Bowers, David Campbell, Saima Desai, Damon Locks, Tom Manning, Monica Trinidad, Nidal el-Khairi, David Gilbert, Gord Hill (aka Zig Zag), Eric King, Jaan Laaman, Paul Lacombe, Joy Powell, Richard Rivera, Laura Whitehorn, Linda Evans and Susan Rosenberg, Xinachtli and more! While COVID-19 makes its way around the world causing massive shut downs, prison officials make measly attempts at controlling the spread to the most vulnerable inside. Let's raise the voices of prisoners, now more than ever.

Proceeds from Certain Days 2020 were divided amongst Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association (Palestine), Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP), Civil Liberties Defense Center and the Rosenberg Fund for Children. This year's proceeds will go to some of the same grassroots groups and more. Don't forget - if you buy 10 or more, be sure to use the discount code "BULK" to get 10 or more calendars for \$10 each."

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio TUES, Nov. 24, 2020 Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Nov 24

"1. News & Analysis - An anatomy of oppression requires an anatomy of colonialism/imperialism i.e. An anatomy of the American Capitalist System: Ralph Poynter, Tom Siracuse, Joel Meyers, Gwen Goodwin, Paul Gilman, Henry Hagins, Dolores Cox

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Comrade Malik Speaks: Trump's federal executions & CDCr's mishandling of COVID-19 Nov 24

"Bayview, San Francisco – Editors Nube and Malik speak on the Trump Administration's massive, covert increase in federal executions and CDCr's deadly mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic, currently being protested by hunger strikers at CTF-Corcoran prison. Watch "Trump's federal executions & CDCr's mishandling of COVID-19" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/W8wkQlySToE>"

Ed Poindexter: The Release Of Ed Poindexter Press Conference Nov 23

"Subject: The Release Of Ed Poindexter Event: Monday, November 23rd

A group will meet at 4:00 pm @ 64th & Dodge and walk to Governor Ricketts house (6450 Praire Ave (Just Nort of UNO) There will be a Press statement and Q&A at 4:15 in front of the Governor's house Contact: Preston love 402-812-3324.

Preston Love, Jr., M.P.S, Executive Director, 4Urban.Org prestonlovejr@gmail.com,

<https://www.prestonlovejr.com/>, Founder: CEO, Black Votes Matter Institute of Community

Engagement, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization DBA 4urban.org

Faculty: Adjunct, Black Studies, Univ of Nebraska-Omaha"

Serve the people - 11/26/20 - Melvin Dickson produce to the people free community produce stand Nov 26

"Serving the people today in Oakland, CA, at the Melvin Dickson Park." See

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1snmNbSOcA&feature=youtu.be>

Campaign to release Nebraska's political prisoner Ed Poindexter comes home to Governor Pete Ricketts richardsonreports Nov 27



“Preston Love and members of Freedom for Ed committee call on Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts to release COINTELPRO victim Ed Poindexter from prison. (credit: Omaha Noise)” Photo retrieved from richardsonreports.

“Members of the Freedom for Ed committee braved the cold and rampant virus to hold a news conference at the home of Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts to call for the release of 76 year-old Edward Poindexter from the maximum-security Nebraska State Penitentiary. Poindexter, imprisoned a half-century for the murder of an Omaha policeman, has steadfastly denied his guilt in the crime.” See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2020/11/27/campaign-to-release-nebraskas-political-prisoner-ed-poindexter-comes-home-to-governor-pete-ricketts/>

Bay View's new era kicks off with our 2020 fundraiser! Nov 30

“Revolutionary greetings old and new friends, allies and supporters! I want to introduce myself to you all. My name is Malik Washington, and on Nov. 21, 2020, the world-renowned dynamic duo of Dr. Willie and Mary Ratcliff passed the torch of editorship of the Bay View National Black Newspaper to me. Under my leadership, the Bay View will continue its long tradition of truth telling, hard-hitting journalism with integrity and deep roots within the Bayview Hunters Point community and inside prisons and in Black and poor communities around the world. I intend also for this beloved, independent news resource to push forward a multiracial, multicultural, more on the street than ever future to work with all of you across our beautiful Bay Area and all over. Under the guidance of Dr. Willie and Mary Ratcliff, our new team of my love, Managing Editor Nube Brown, longtime Arts and Culture Editor Wanda Sabir, CPA John Corcoran and Development Director Griffin Jones have been working nonstop the past two months to make this a reality – and the world is hearing us. Our site, www.sfbayview.com, is updated and read by thousands of individuals daily; we are gaining more and more subscribers by the day; our video reporting on social media @sfbayview regularly accrues hundred of shares and thousands of views. We are winning the hearts of our incredible community – along with those who represent us in City Hall, starting with a newly blossoming relationship with our District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton.

Much of our recent work has revolved around our 2020 fundraising event we held on Nov. 20-21. The Bay View National Black Newspaper's 2020 fundraiser event was a spectacular, simultaneously real and virtual party and fundraiser that lifted the love and light in the Bayview Hunters Point community! Our fundraiser is taking donations until the END OF THE YEAR to make sure we keep Black media alive and keep our voices loud! We want to make sure you can get those tax deductions, so mark your donation as for our nonprofit organization HRIN and we will send you a donation acknowledgment letter. We need YOUR HELP to make sure the voices of the people are heard and media stays independent! DONATE today at gofundme.com/fundraiser-for-the-bay-view-newspaper! See <https://sfbayview.com/2020/11/a-look-at-the-bay-views-fabulously-successful-2020-fundraiser/>

BK/NY – Tuesday, December 1st – Letter Writing To Kojo Sababu Dec 1

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, December 1st, 2020

WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free

With rumors of war and populist coups in the air, ongoing organized state violence and femicide wreaking havoc in communities around the world, we're gearing up for what we do best: political prisoner support. NYC ABC and Page One Collective are back for our every-other-week Political Prisoner Letter Writing night, this week featuring New Afrikan Prisoner of War Kojo Bomani Sababu. These days, we find it helpful to be able to call on our elders for their wisdom through practicing reciprocal solidarity. As Kojo himself said: "...I have no solutions but I will say this: There are some great political minds contained in America's prisons, which are growing old as their era of life departs, this resource needs to be tapped before it expires. Do not abandon the political prisoners and POWs, they are still insightful with their knowledge and experience." See

<https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/11/30/kojo2020>

NYC Books through Bars December Bundle Dec 1

“Three wise titles for a craptastic year . Purchase three works for \$30 (30% off retail): the latest World Almanac (one of the most requested reference titles by incarcerated readers), a guide to maintaining mental health from the immensely popular radio host, Charlamagne Tha God; and an anthology of fantasy and horror short stories set in the Wild West (all genres very much sought after in prisons).

Many thanks to all of you who have participated in the November drive to benefit NYC Books Through Bars! We truly appreciate your generosity at this time (over 5,000 books donated since June!), when those incarcerated face ever greater obstacles getting access to written material. December's pick: Facts, fantasy, and sober advice book bundle--three books for \$30. Following November's drive (Webster's New World Dictionary; Webster's New World Thesaurus; USA Today Sudoku Super Challenge 2, Origami Flowers and Birds, and Star Wars Word Search and Coloring Book), Freebird ends a craptacular year with a selection that looks soberly at what happened in 2020, how to manage the stress from it, and where to find distraction in unreality: The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2021; Shook One: Anxiety Playing Tricks on Me by Charlamagne Tha God; and Straight Outta Dodge City, a "weird western fantasy and horror anthology" edited by David Boop.” Order at

<http://www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html>

Racist Imperialism Killed Millions in Congo / Racism and Violence Against Blacks Endemic to US Dec 1

“More than 5.4 million died in the DRC as a direct or indirect consequence of the ongoing racist, neocolonial policy imposed on the Congolese population in an attempt to dismantle the Congo,” said Marie Claire Faray, a Congolese member of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. Faray and others will appear on a global webinar on human rights and AFRICOM , the US military command in Africa, December 4.” Listen Here: <https://www.blackagenda.com/racist-imperialism-killed-millions-congo>

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, December 1, 2020 Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Dec 1

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FREE MAROON NOW! Listen to George Jackson Radio for a Discussion of Maroon's critical health situation Dec 3

“Theresa Shoatz, Sharon Shoatz and Russell Shoatz III are Black Panther Party Cubs (Black Panther Cubs) who are fighting for the release of their father Elder Political Prisoner Russell Maroon Shoatz, who is experiencing severe medical issues: Stage 4 Cancer and Covid 19. Both diseases threaten his life, as well as not being treated fairly, justly or rightly due to the orchestrated medical death perpetrated by the system of White supremacy.” See

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/georgejacksonradio/2020/12/03/theresa-sharon-and-russell-shoatz-3rd>

Preview YouTube video Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony 2020 Dec 4

Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony 2020. The first national and virtual Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony is taking place this Saturday, December 5th - tune in live at 5PM EST at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_cCDZONLm4 About two dozen families of Stolen Lives around the country will be participating, along with inspiring artists and speakers, including Pam Africa, one of the founders of October 22 Coalition. Ralph Poynter of the Political Prisoner Wrkg Grp/Black is Back Coalition will also be on board. For more information on Stolen Lives Induction Ceremonies, see <http://stolenlives.org/slic.html>”

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Action (1/18/21) Dec 6/Jan 18

The People's United Front

invites you to a National Zoom Call on
Sunday, December 6, 2020
as we organize for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Action, for
Monday, January 18, 2021



We are asking that this MLK Jr Day of Action be an occasion for different groups and individuals around the country to coalesce for direct action for The People's 10 Demands.

While this is not a final list, so far these are the ideas that we have generated for our People's 10 Demands:

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2. End Police Brutality/Dismantle the National Security State!
3. Implement Reparations Now!
4. Stop the COVID-19 Pandemic! (Implement effective Public Health Measures, Medicare for All + Universal Basic Income)
5. Enact a Green New Deal! (Climate Change)
6. Enact Popular Control of Education and Housing! (Save Public Housing & Stop Evictions)
7. Implement Cooperative Economics and Infrastructure Union Jobs!
8. End the Endless Wars and US Imperialism! (Solidarity with Puerto Rico, Palestine, and other oppressed nations)
9. Enact Amnesty for all undocumented workers/Abolish ICE/End Human Trafficking!
10. Implement Quality Mental Health Care for All!

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 Sister Lorikim: at lorikim@email.com
 Brother Mark: at peoplepuebloparty@gmail.com or (646)271-0129
 Brother Ralph: at ralph.poynter@gmail.com

“The People's United Front invites you to a National Zoom Call on Sunday, December 6, 2020, at 2 pm EST, as we organize for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Action, for January 18, 2021. To join us please reach out to one of the following facilitators and they will provide you with the Zoom link:

Sister Betty, New Abolitionist Movement, bbtyd@gmail.com, Sister Jillian: Black Vegfest, at jillianmariscal@gmail.com or (347)286-9211, Brother Larry: at larrydhales@gmail.com or (720)979-9491, Sister Lorikim: Black Vegfest, at lorikim@email.com, Brother Mark: People-Pueblo Party, at

peoplepuebloparty@gmail.com or (646)271-0129, Brother Ralph: New Abolitionist Movement, at ralph.poynter@gmail.com. We are asking that this MLK Jr Day of Action be an occasion for different groups and individuals around the country to coalesce for direct action for The People's 10 Demands. While this is not a final list, so far these are the ideas that we have generated for our People's 10 Demands:

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International Human Rights Day Dec 10

International Human Rights Day
Thursday, December 10, 2020 @ 7 p.m. EST



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Jericho National Chair Jihadabulmumit
Jalil Muntaqim
on his experience contracting Covid in prison
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Family of Alvin Joyner, Maroon's co-defendant
Ksisay Sadiki on her father Kamau Sadiki
Pam Africa on Mumia Abu-Jamal
Marqueeta Peltier Shields on her father Leonard Peltier
Janet & Janine Africa on Phil & Merle Africa's suspicious illnesses and deaths in prison
Updates on Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Ed Poindexter, Sundlata Acoli, Jamil Al-Amin





Music and Poetry by:
Uprooted and Rising
Professor Louie
Other Cultural Warriors To Be Announced

For more information:
857-204-0072 • tourekazi@gmail.com

Event Link: <http://bit.ly/jerichoforum>



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Speakers:

Jericho National Chair Jihad Abdulmumit, Jalil Muntaqim on his experience contracting Covid in prison, Theresa Shoatz on her father Russell Maroon Shoatz, Family of Alvin Joyner, Maroon's co-defendant, Ksisay Sadiki on her father Kamau Sadiki Pam Africa on Mumia Abu-Jamal Marqueeta Peltier Shields on her father Leonard Peltier, Janet & Janine Africa

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<http://bit.ly/jerichoforum> FB event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1080795449060752>

Three important upcoming events on Palestinian women & student prisoners: December 10, 11 and 12 - Please join us! Dec 10-12

“Please join Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network for three important events on December 10, 11 and 12 in solidarity with Palestinian women and student prisoners.

Thursday, 10 December: Online Event: Women on the Frontlines of Resistance: Free Khitam Saafin! Free Palestinian Women! 11 am Pacific – 2 pm Eastern – 8 pm central Europe – 9 pm

Palestine; Register to attend: <https://bit.ly/freepalwomen>

Friday, 11 December: Online Event: The Importance of the Student Movement in Confronting Colonialism. 9 am Pacific/12 pm Eastern/6 pm Berlin/7 pm Palestine; Register

online: <https://bit.ly/2I1j1nO>

Saturday, 12 December: Online Event: Palestinian Women in Struggle with Dr. Wedad Barghouthi, Mays Abu Ghosh and Samah Jaradat. 10 am Pacific – 1 pm Eastern – 7 pm central Europe – 8 pm

Palestine. Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83216790084>

Register for SPSSI's Webinar on Honoring Black Women -12 pm ET Dec 11



Honoring Black Women:
Remembering Breonna Taylor with Social Justice Research, Activism, and Teaching

This webinar will focus on Black women's unique experiences with police brutality, where it occurs, and how to address it. We will highlight the ways in which police brutality affects Black women's well-being, and provide solutions for academicians to develop strategies that support Black women and Black Lives Matter movement overall.

WEBINAR: Friday December 11th • 12:00pm – 1:30pm
APA Division 9: Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nTBrM2yMRPekUzYMD6sgDg

Featuring: **Thema Campbell, President & CEO**
Girl Power Inc/ World Literacy Crusade

Sasha Ann Panaram, Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of English, Fordham University

Kecia M. Thomas, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences, University of Alabama – Birmingham

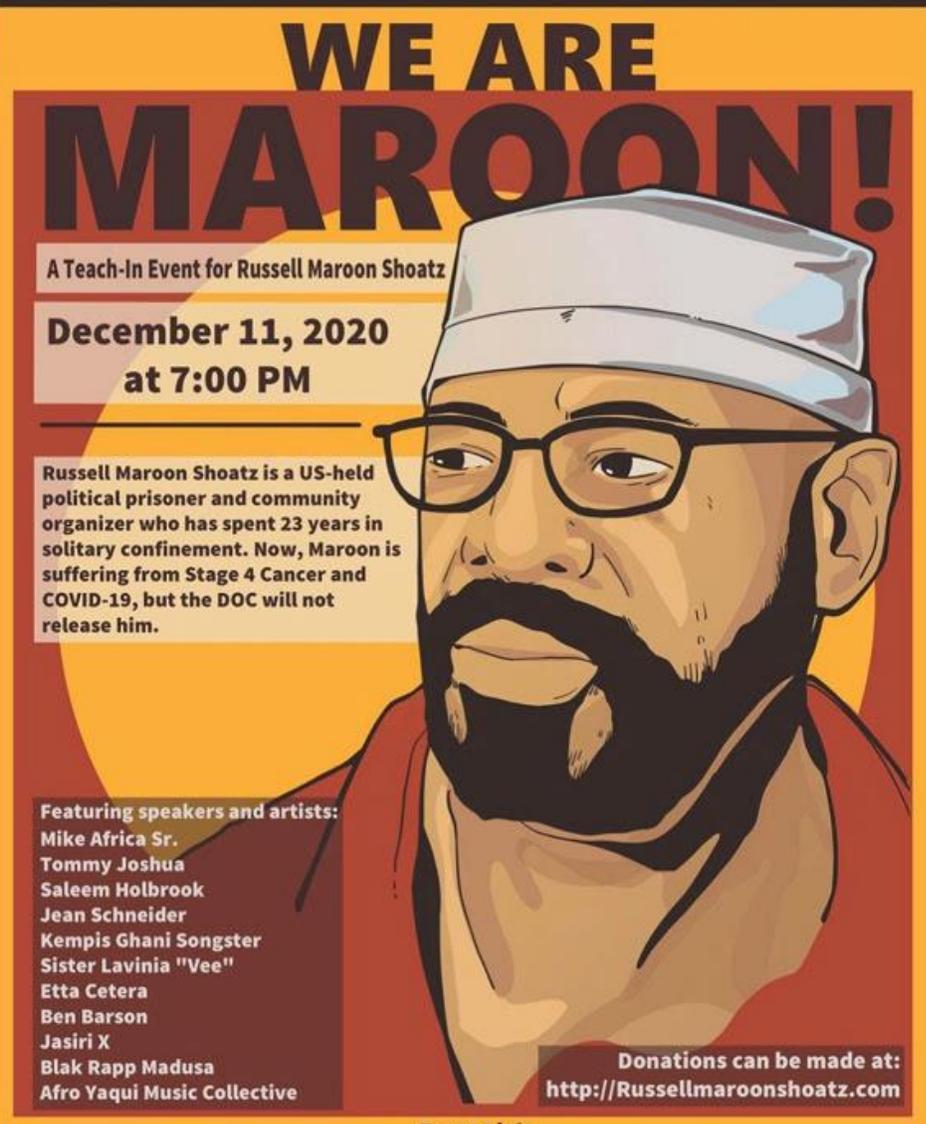


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alike. It will be recorded and posted to SPSSI's YouTube channel afterward for people who are not able to attend the live event.” Register here:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nTBrM2yMRPekUzYMd6sgDg

WE ARE MAROON: A Teach-In Event for Russell Maroon Shoatz! Dec 11



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**December 11, 2020
at 7:00 PM**

Russell Maroon Shoatz is a US-held political prisoner and community organizer who has spent 23 years in solitary confinement. Now, Maroon is suffering from Stage 4 Cancer and COVID-19, but the DOC will not release him.

Featuring speakers and artists:
Mike Africa Sr.
Tommy Joshua
Saleem Holbrook
Jean Schneider
Kempis Ghani Songster
Sister Lavinia "Vee"
Etta Cetera
Ben Barson
Jasiri X
Blak Rapp Madusa
Afro Yaqui Music Collective

Donations can be made at:
<http://Russellmaroonshoatz.com>

Event Link:
<http://afroyaquimusiccollective.com/free-maroon>

“A Teach-in Event for Russell Maroon Shoatz Friday, December 11, 2020 @ 7 p.m. EST. Russell Maroon Shoatz is a US-held political prisoner and community organizer who has spent 23 years in solitary confinement. Now, Maroon is suffering from Stage 4 cancer and COVID-19, but the PA DOC will not release him. Featuring Speakers and artists: Mike Africa Sr., Tommy Joshua, Saleem Holbrook Jean Schneider, Kempis Ghani Songster, Sister Lavinia "Vee", Etta Cetera, Ben Barson, Jasiri X, Blak Rapp Madusa, Afro Yaqui Music Collective. Donations can be made at: <http://russellmaroonshoatz.com> Event Link: <http://afroyaquimusiccollective.com/free-maroon>”

Until All Are Free: Political Prisoners in the US Dec 13

“Public · Event · by Burning River Anarchist Collective. Live Video by Burning River Anarchist Collective. With the repression of the uprisings this summer, the amount of political prisoners held

within the United States has been increasing. There are still political prisoners from the struggles of the 70s who are now elderly while COVID ravages inside prisons. How can we best support those who were jailed for fighting for liberation? This event is still coming together, but our plan is to put together a panel of former political prisoners and people who did political prisoner support work to discuss these topics. We'll update the event as we get more details ironed out.”



See <https://m.facebook.com/events/202983144714357>

IMPORTANT: Louisiana United International's 24-Hour Marathon - DEC 13-14, 2020

‘Punish NOT meant: 24 hour marathon for America’s incarcerated enduring COVID-19 Dec 13
 “LUIs upcoming 24-hour marathon on December 13-14, 2020. The event is themed: Punish NOT meant: 24 hour marathon for America’s incarcerated enduring COVID-19. Below is a link for you to sign up to be a Presenter on the marathon, which we encourage everyone to do: View the Action List for our campaign: Fight COVID-19 Death Chambers, Take Action Now @ www.launitedi.org See <https://forms.gle/JLtp26VjydorsAr46>.”

ProLibertad: Puerto Rico Solidarity Events in December! Dec 13- 19

1. 2020 marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of El Comité Forge the Cadre Among the Masses! Dec 13 2pm EST.

“2020 marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of El Comité. July 1970, a group of community residents in the Upper West Side, who were active in the housing justice campaign known as Operation Move in, occupied an empty commercial storefront on 88th Street and Columbus Avenue and constituted themselves as El Comité to continue their fight for decent and affordable housing and to tackle other economic and social injustices. They also gained an understanding of Puerto Rico's colonial status and began to mobilize in support of the independence of Puerto Rico. In 1975, the members convened an assembly and renamed the organization El Comité-MINP (Movimiento de Izquierda Nacional Puertorriqueño) and adopted Marxism to inform their analysis of issues and actions. With this new outlook, the organization continued its involvement in community struggles and in support of Puerto Rico's independence. El

Comite-MINP was one of the leading organizations of the Puerto Rican Left in the United States in the 1970s. The program for the commemoration of El Comité-MINP's 50th anniversary will be on the Youtube channel of the People's Forum. The link for the event will be emailed after registration. The recorded portion of the program will begin at 12:30 pm and the live panel discussion will begin at 2:00

pm or soon thereafter.” Register here <https://peoplesforum.org/event/el-comite/>

2. “Puerto Rico Report Back and Poetry, Part II Dec 19th - 7:00 PM EST.



Puerto Rico Report Back and Poetry, Part II

Hosted by [JCAL Performing Arts](#)

“Puerto Rico has suffered through extreme hurricanes, recent earthquakes, political unrest, and now the COVID 19 pandemic, but the people remain resilient. This program is part two of the update on the current situation in Puerto Rico, including a Q & A.

The update will be presented by Ben Ramos and followed by poetry readings from Angel Martinez, Nancy Mercado, and Rafael Landron. This program is co-hosted by Prolibertad.”

See <https://jcal.meeter-app.com/event/xqamyepxSL>

Letter Writing To Eric King Dec 15

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, December 15th, 2020 WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free

Dedicated followers of our bi-weekly letter writing night may remember that we encouraged folx to write to Eric King in May of this year. Shortly after that week, Eric was placed on a mail restriction and could only correspond with his wife and mother. As of the end of November it was lifted, although it is unclear for how long. Not only that, but Eric tested positive for COVID 19 on November 27th. Because of that we are encouraging people to flood the prison with mail for Eric! Do not talk about his case or the mail ban in your letter.

Eric King was indicted in May 2019 by a grand jury in the District Court of Colorado for a new federal felony charge of Assaulting a Federal Official. This charge is based on what the government says happened during the interview in the Florence storage room with a Lieutenant. Eric now faces up to 20 additional years in federal prison and is fighting this charge while still in the custody of his accusers. Eric is pre-trial, do not mention his current charges. More information at <https://supportericking.org> Please take the time to write a letter to Eric King (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online):

Eric King #27090-045, FCI Englewood, 9595 West Quincy Avenue, Littleton, Colorado 80123” see https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2020/12/13/ek_2020

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Dec 15

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33rd anniversary of the great Palestinian uprising: Glory to the Intifada! The struggle continues!
Dec 18



Photo from <https://samidoun.net/2020/12/on-the-33rd-anniversary-of-the-great-palestinian-uprising-glory-to-the-intifada-the-struggle-continues/>

“On the 33rd anniversary of the great Palestinian popular uprising, the Intifada that was launched in December 1987, Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network recalls, honours and celebrates the living memory and legacy of struggle, resistance and revolution that continues until the present day. Launched by the murder of four Palestinian workers, mowed down by an Israeli occupation army truck in Jabaliya refugee camp in Gaza, Palestinians took to the streets en masse on December 8, 1987, building their movement, collectives and institutions, uniting around the messages of the Unified National Leadership of the Uprising, boycotting Israel and practicing all elements of popular struggle and collective resistance. Women, youth and workers played a critical role in leading the intifada, organizing committees in every village, town and city to mobilize all efforts for a revolutionary society conceived in resistance to colonialism. The Intifada not only unified Palestinians inside Palestine, but also those in exile and diaspora. In many ways, it was the Intifada that broke the siege of the camps of Lebanon and sparked large-scale organizing in Palestinian communities around the world as well as a major upsurge in Palestinian solidarity organizing.” “See some of the poster art of the Intifada, republished from the Palestine Poster Project, at the Samidoun website: <https://samidoun.net/2020/12/on-the-33rd-anniversary-of-the-great-palestinian-uprising-glory-to-the-intifada-the-struggle-continues/>” Remembering the Intifada and its prisoners of freedom: Download “Ansar III: The Camp of Slow Death” here <https://samidoun.net/site/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/AnsarIII.pdf> View the booklet (published 1988 by ROOTS and Friends of Palestinian Prisoners, Washington, D.C., USA): <https://samidoun.net/2020/12/remembering-the-intifada-and-its-prisoners-of-freedom-download-ansar-iii-the-camp-of-slow-death/>

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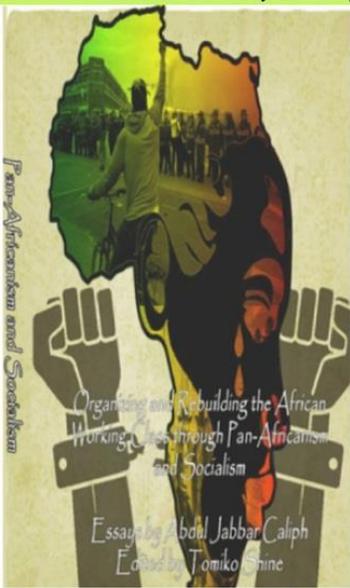
The Life and Work of Abdul Jabbar Caliph Book Teach-In and Kwanzaa Event Dec27




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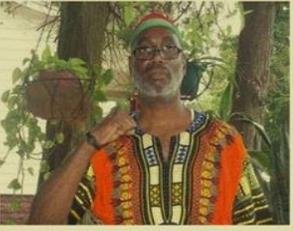
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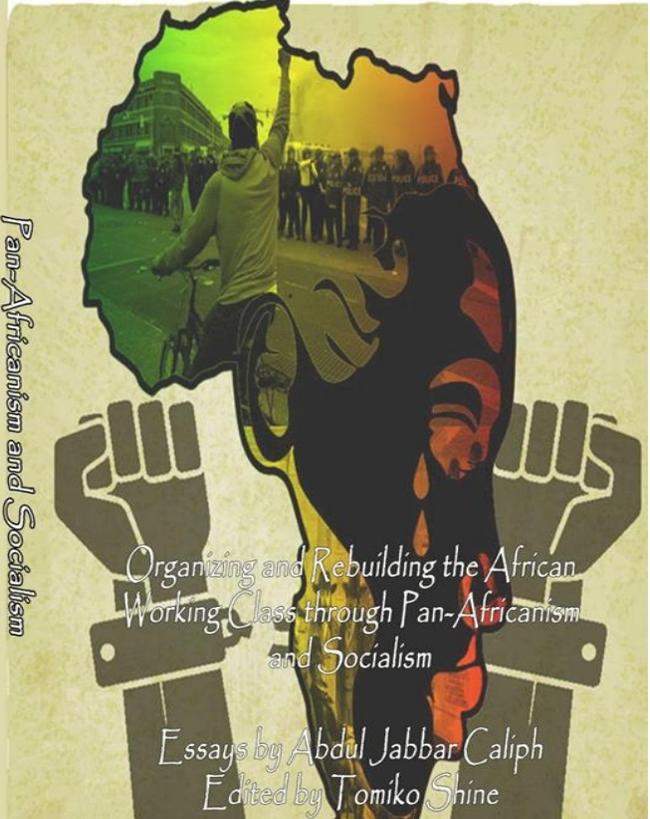
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News, Articles, and Updates

Anti-Nuclear Pacifists Get Federal Prison Terms for Nonviolent Protest Nov 16

“Each weekend, while New York City’s East Village packs into sidewalk tables for brunch, activist Carmen Trotta leads a vigil for ending the U.S.-backed war in Yemen in Tompkins Square Park. He only has a few more Saturday mornings before he must report to federal prison, along with fellow activists from Plowshares, the anti-nuclear, Christian pacifist movement. Despite a lethal pandemic ravaging prison populations, Trotta, Martha Hennessy, Clare Grady, and Patrick O’Neill are due to report to prison within the next few months for activism against a suspected nuclear weapons depot.” See <https://theintercept.com/2020/11/16/nonviolent-protest-plowshares-nuclear/>

What happened in cell #9. Nov 17

In 2018, former army medic Gregory Lloyd Edwards died in his cell in the Brevard County Jail in Florida, strapped to a restraint chair with a mesh bag over his head. But what happened in the lead-up to his death was secret, until new footage was released as part of a court settlement. Video shows that jail staff failed to continuously monitor him, as required by policy, and were looking everywhere but his cell while he convulsed and died.” See <https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2020/11/13/jail-video-gregory-edwards/6262882002/>

The Marshall Project: A broken system Nov 17

“Joseph Ferrigno, a White police officer in Rochester, New York, already had a long history of misconduct allegations when he shot Silvon Simmons, a Black man, three times during a traffic stop in 2016. Police union officials and Ferrigno’s colleagues rallied around him as he invoked all the special protections available to him as a cop. Those same officers also turned on Simmons and tried to portray him as far more culpable, and sinister, than he actually was. Here is a three-part series that illustrates the systemic barriers that allow police officers to escape accountability for their misconduct.” See <https://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-police-rochester-shooting/>

Faith leaders urge clemency for David Gilbert, father of S.F. D.A. Boudin Nov 17

“A coalition of faith leaders is urging New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to grant clemency to David Gilbert — the father of San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin — who is serving a 75-years-to-life sentence for his participation in the fatal robbery of a Brink’s armored truck in 1981. The letter, signed by 45 interfaith leaders and activists, asked Cuomo to show mercy to 76-year-old Gilbert, both because of the COVID-19 pandemic and because they said Gilbert has taken responsibility for his role in the robbery. Among those who signed the letter are the Rev. Bernice King, daughter of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and Ela Gandhi, the granddaughter of Mohandas Gandhi.

“However long these sentences are, they were not intended to be a death penalty,” the letter to Cuomo said. “We see daily that elders in prison, especially those with compromised immune systems and underlying health concerns, are in grave danger and many have died. See

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Faith-leaders-urge-clemency-for-David-Gilbert-15732089.php>

George Floyd trial: prosecutors seek to show video of Derek Chauvin kneeling on teen Nov 18

“Prosecutors in the upcoming trial of a former Minneapolis police officer charged with killing George Floyd want to introduce evidence of a 2017 arrest in which they say the officer held his knee on the back of a 14-year-old boy and ignored his pleas that he couldn’t breathe. Assistant attorney general Matthew Frank, in a memorandum filed in Hennepin county district court, said the body-camera video that captured the boy’s arrest shows that Derek Chauvin uses unreasonable force when dealing with a suspect who does not immediately comply with his orders, the Star Tribune reported.

“As was true with the conduct with George Floyd, Chauvin rapidly escalated his use of force for a relatively minor offense,” Frank wrote in the filing. “Just like with Floyd, Chauvin used an unreasonable amount of force without regard for the need for that level of force or the victim’s well-being.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/nov/18/george-floyd-trial-derek-chauvin-kneeled-on-teen-2017-video>

City Of Philadelphia Finally Apologizes For Police Bombing A Neighborhood In 1985 Nov 18

“This week, the Philadelphia City Council voted to formally apologize for bombing the homes of the MOVE activist group, which left 11 people dead, including five children, and burned down 61 homes in 1985. The measure was introduced by Jamie Gauthier, a city councilor who grew near where the attack occurred. Gauthier also suggested an annual remembrance on May 13 but that is being put on hold due to the ongoing pandemic. Gauthier announced the passing of the measure in a tweet on Thursday, expressing relief that the injustices of that day are finally recognized.” See <https://www.activistpost.com/2020/11/city-of-philadelphia-finally-apologizes-for-police-bombing-a-neighborhood-in-1985.html>

Jalil Muntaqim Receives Voting Pardon, But Future of Court Case Uncertain Nov 19

“The man at the center of a GOP-generated voting controversy in Rochester has received a conditional pardon from the governor. According to a NYS Department of Corrections website, Jalil Muntaqim was recently issued a conditional pardon that restores his right to vote while on parole. The website was updated with the change within the last week. The governor's office processes voting pardons for people on parole on a monthly basis as a matter of routine, in accordance with a 2018 Executive Order. It's unclear whether this development will have any impact on a court case in which the Monroe County District Attorney claims Muntaqim broke the law by allegedly registering to vote in October, shortly after his release from prison.” See Pnews (no Link).

The myth of the “superpredator” lingers Nov 20

“The term “superpredator,” a racist trope, was coined 25 years ago this month to describe teenagers prone to violent crime who would soon take over the streets. There was never any factual basis for the term—juvenile crime already was declining at that point—nor was there ever any legitimate basis for the use of animal imagery to describe human beings. A generation later, the word still comes up regularly, as it did this presidential election cycle, when talk turns to crime and punishment, law and order and justice reform. In collaboration with NBC News, The Marshall Project’s president Carroll Bogert and LynNell Hancock have our analysis.” See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/11/20/superpredator-the-media-myth-that-demonized-a-generation-of-black-youth>

Incarceration Destabilizes Neighborhood Economies, Doesn’t Increase Safety Nov 20

“A report released by the Maryland Center for Economic Policy suggests decreasing the state’s prison budget will lead to a healthier economy and increased public safety. The report, released Wednesday, found that Black Marylanders are 4 1/2 times more likely to serve prison sentences than any other

racial or ethnic group. Indigenous Maryland residents are twice as likely to be incarcerated than any other racial or ethnic group. “None of what we’re doing is making any of us safer and it’s most certainly not making those Black communities that are being robbed of human capital — it’s not making them any safer,” Tara Huffman, director of the criminal and juvenile justice program at the Open Society Institute-Baltimore, said during the Maryland Center for Economic Policy’s third annual policy summit Thursday afternoon.” See <https://portside.org/2020-11-21/report-incarceration-destabilizes-neighborhood-economies-doesnt-increase-safety>

After Years Behind Bars, Activist Who Exposed “Shadow CIA” and US Gov’t Crimes to Be Freed Nov 23

“First reported by the Associated Press on Wednesday, November 18th, hacktivist **Jeremy Hammond** is finally set to be released from federal prison, 7 years and 3 days to the date from his initial sentencing, after having been incarcerated for the majority of his ten-year prison term. Hammond is a computer programmer, and internet activist/whistleblower associated with the hacktivist network Anonymous who had been sentenced to ten years imprisonment on November 15, 2013. The sentence came about for breaching the servers of private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting, Inc. also know as Stratfor, and releasing millions of internal documents to the transparency advocacy organization WikiLeaks. This exposed evidence that the intelligence consulting firm had been conducting illegal operations acting as spies for hire on behalf of governments and corporations against several human rights defenders and activist groups.

The documents released by Jeremy revealed damning information about the activities conducted outside of public view by this supposed security analyst company, that some have since dubbed a “shadow CIA”. One batch of documents revealed, as covered by RT, show that Stratfor operatives coordinated with Texas Department of Public Safety officers to infiltrate, conduct surveillance operations on, and subvert the activities of activist groups such as Occupy Wall Street, and the Deep Green Resistance all while committing violations of their civil liberties and constitutional rights.” See <https://www.activistpost.com/2020/11/after-years-behind-bars-activist-who-exposed-shadow-cia-and-us-govt-crimes-to-be-freed.html>

While COVID-19 Spreads In NY Prisons, Loved Ones On The Outside Plead With Cuomo For Clemency Nov 23

“As coronavirus positivity rates have been rising throughout New York, 1,713 of the state's 35,834 prisoners had tested positive for COVID-19 as of Friday, comprising 4.78% of the total prison population. Recent outbreaks have occurred in Wyoming, Elmira, Green Haven, Fishkill and Shawangunk correctional facilities. Public health experts have warned that to reduce transmission of the virus, prisons should be reduced to 50 percent capacity. So far, Governor Andrew Cuomo has ordered the release of people imprisoned for low-level non-violent convictions who were within 90 days of their release, cancelled low-level parole violations, and released pregnant or postpartum women who were within 180 days of release, leading to the freedom of 3,109 New Yorkers.” See https://gothamist.com/news/while-covid-19-spreads-ny-prisons-loved-ones-outside-plead-cuomo-clemency?mc_cid=edb0f73583&mc_eid=fb2195b801

“San Francisco DA’s office launches 1st homicide prosecution of a police officer” (David Gilbert’s Son) Nov 24

“San Francisco District Attorney **Chesa Boudin** announced his office has filed five charges, including voluntary and involuntary manslaughter, against a former police officer who shot and killed a Black man suspected of carjacking a California Lottery minivan three years ago. "As far as we are aware, this is the first-ever time that the San Francisco District Attorney's office has filed homicide charges against a law enforcement officer for a homicide while on duty," Boudin said during a press conference Monday. Former San Francisco police officer Chris Samayoa was formally charged with voluntary

manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, assault with a semiautomatic firearm, assault by a police officer and discharge of a firearm with gross negligence. Boudin, a former public defender who was sworn in as district attorney earlier this year, called the charges "historic" and vowed to apply the law evenly "no matter what the color of your skin....or whether you wear a uniform to work." See <https://www.opb.org/article/2020/11/24/san-francisco-da-homicide-prosecution-police-officer/>

NYPD Punched, Kicked, Fatally Shot This Black Man in 2019—and Still Won't Say Why Nov. 24
 “Antonio Williams was waiting for a cab one night in 2019 when a slew of NYPD officers chased, kicked, and punched him in the head, before fatally shooting him and letting him bleed out for five minutes. And they still won't reveal why they approached the 27-year-old in the first place, according to a lawsuit and new footage released by his family. “Nothing can bring Antonio back, but over a year later... we have had zero answers and zero accountability and that needs to happen,” his sister, Nicole Williams, said during a Tuesday press conference announcing the lawsuit against the city and NYPD.” See <https://www.thedailybeast.com/nypd-punched-kicked-fatally-shot-black-man-antonio-williams-in-2019and-still-wont-say-why?ref=scroll>

Grondahl: DA seeks clemency for father, '60s radical David Gilbert Nov 24

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GOP Tried to Re-Imprison Jalil Muntaqim Nov 24

“After 49 years as a Black Panther Party political prisoner, Jalil Muntaqim was released on parole, only to be rearrested for attempting to register to vote in his hometown of Rochester, New York. Muntaqim “was literally arrested in front of his mom” and later released on his own recognizance, said his cousin, Blake Simons. “This is a GOP-orchestrated attack. Jalil is caught in the crosshairs of the propaganda war the far-right is waging.” See <https://www.blackagenda.com/gop-tried-re-imprison-jalil-muntaqim>

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“I would urge Governor Cuomo to look closely at the man that David has become and how he has demonstrated rehabilitation and remorse,” Jones said. “It’s a waste of taxpayer money to keep him in prison after almost 40 years. He is not a threat to anyone.” Jones and Gilbert were members of the Weather Underground, a leftist militant group formed in 1969 to oppose the Vietnam War, fight for black liberation and overthrow American imperialism. The FBI described them as a domestic terrorist group. Members included Jones’ wife, Eleanor Stein, 74, a retired administrative law judge, and Boudin’s mother, Kathy Boudin, 77, convicted of the same charges as Gilbert and released from prison on parole in 2003. She now works as an adjunct professor at the Columbia University School of Social Work and is co-founder of its Center for Justice there.

Advocates for Gilbert’s clemency note there have been more than 3,400 confirmed coronavirus cases and 23 deaths among inmates and staff in the state’s prison population, according to the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. As of Nov. 20, there were 101 reported positive cases of COVID-19 out of 353 tests among inmates at Shawangunk, including one death. His son said his father has underlying health conditions that put Gilbert at high risk for contracting the deadly virus. “I’m worried my father could die of COVID-19 in prison. He has always expressed great remorse for the victims and he has never tried to deny or minimize the role he played in a serious crime,” Boudin said by phone from San Francisco. “There is no compelling reason for my father to remain incarcerated.” See <https://www.sfgate.com/home/amp/Grondahl-DA-seeks-clemency-for-father-60s-15751143.php>

Black political prisoners such as Imam Jamil Al-Amin are out of sight, not out of mind Nov 24

“Jamil Al-Amin is one dozens of Black activists who have been incarcerated for many years. With another wave of Black political activism such as Black Lives Matter, the hope is that younger generations reach back to help elders who paved the way. Prisons in this country are not only home to people who have committed crimes, they also detain Black political prisoners. The detainees are primarily men who have been locked away for decades for expressing, and acting on political beliefs to fight ongoing racism and oppression. While the US government’s official position is that it houses no political prisoners, **The Jericho Movement**, which works for recognition of political prisoners inside U.S. prisons, claims there have been as many as 19 or more. Prison activists like Angela Davis, who was once a political prisoner, emphatically disagrees with the government too. In a 1971 essay produced in a jail cell where she was awaiting trial on charges of accessory to kidnapping and murder, Davis wrote, “The offense of the political prisoner is political boldness, the persistent challenging — legally or extra-legally — of fundamental social wrongs fostered and reinforced by the state.” See <https://www.arkrepublic.com/2020/11/24/black-political-prisoners-are-out-of-sight-not-out-of-mind/>

Trump’s Final Cruelty: Executing Prisoners Nov 25

“Two weeks from now, the Trump Administration plans to execute a forty-year-old man named Brandon Bernard. His death, by lethal injection, would be the ninth carried out by the U.S. government

since July—the ninth, in fact, since 2003.” See <https://portside.org/2020-11-29/trumps-final-cruelty-executing-prisoners>

Governor denies restoring voting rights to parolee Jalil Muntaqim Nov 25

“Jalil Abdul Muntaqim, a parolee living in Brighton facing felony charges for attempting to register to vote, has been denied a pardon from the governor restoring his right to cast a ballot that is granted to most parolees, according to the Governor's Office and the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. Parolees are not allowed to vote in New York upon release from prison without the pardon. Gov. Andrew Cuomo has issued such pardons as a matter of course on a monthly basis since 2018, when he signed an executive order directing the corrections commissioner to submit to him each month a list of every felon newly eligible for parole, with each name to be “given consideration for a conditional pardon that will restore voting rights.” Anyone on the list is eligible for a pardon as long as they are not flagged by law enforcement for any specific concerns. Most parolees receive their pardon, which does not expunge their record, within four to six weeks of their release. A spokesperson for the Governor’s Office said Muntaqim was denied a voting pardon last week.

In a notable twist, however, the Department of Corrections listed Muntaqim on its website as having received the pardon. The spokesperson called the listing "a clerical error." See

<https://m.rochesternewspaper.com/rochester/governor-denies-restoring-voting-rights-to-parolee-jalil-muntaqim/Content?oid=12536289>

Release – don’t transfer – 50,000 medically vulnerable people from California prisons Nov 25

“The design and overcrowding of San Quentin facilitate the spread of the coronavirus, making it one of the worst hotspots in the country. On Oct. 7, California’s First Appellate District Court ordered a 50 percent population reduction. Transferring the men to other overcrowded prisons is not the solution! – by UCSF White Coats for Black Lives, #StopSanQuentionOutbreak Coalition. On Oct. 1, Kathleen Allison was appointed secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) by Gov. Newsom in the midst of continuing COVID-19 outbreaks within state prisons. Since March 2020, over 15,500 incarcerated people have tested positive for COVID-19 in California’s state prisons and 76 incarcerated people have died. As healthcare professionals and students, we are appalled by CDCR’s continued negligence in putting people at risk of death by incarceration. Gov. Newsom placed a moratorium on the death penalty in 2019. If the governor and Secretary Allison, a registered nurse, fail to implement necessary public health measures to decarcerate, they will continue to be complicit in enacting the death penalty by another name.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2020/11/release-dont-transfer-50000-medically-vulnerable-people-from-california-prisons/>

How Prisons in Each State Are Restricting Visits Due to Coronavirus Nov 25

“There are now just 11 prison systems allowing visitation from family members as the current wave of the coronavirus slams into penitentiaries across the country. In at least two states, Missouri and Minnesota, corrections officials are only allowing visits at one penitentiary. We’ve updated our visitation tracker” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/03/17/tracking-prisons-response-to-coronavirus>

Harvey Milk's murder is a stark reminder of the persistence of police brutality Nov 26

“Few realize Milk and San Francisco mayor George Moscone were killed in part due to their opposition to police violence and abuse. Like millions around the world, last May the image of the Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin killing George Floyd sickened and angered me and drove me to the streets to demonstrate in support of Black Lives Matter. It also reminded me of events that occurred in my hometown of San Francisco 42 years ago on Friday.

Many people know who Harvey Milk was, are familiar with his contributions to the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement and remember that he was assassinated on 27 November 1978 after being in office for

less than a year. Fewer people are aware that one of the proximate reasons why Milk and San Francisco's progressive mayor George Moscone were killed was because of their opposition to police violence and abuse." See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/nov/27/harvey-milk-assassination-police-brutality>

Palestinian Hunger Striker Maher al-Akhras Wins His Freedom Nov 26

"Israeli authorities on Thursday released Palestinian prisoner Maher al-Akhras, who had been on a hunger strike for 104 days. Al-Akhras was immediately escorted to the Najah hospital in Nablus, north of occupied West Bank, Quds News Network reported. Al-Akhras, a father of six who comes from the northern West Bank district of Jenin, was detained on July 27 and slammed with a four-month administrative detention order without any clear charges and based on secret evidence not available even to his lawyers. He immediately went on a hunger strike demanding his release from prison and he continued his hunger strike for 104 days, before ending it on November 6, following an agreement with the Israeli authorities to release him on November 26." See <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/palestinian-hunger-striker-maher-al-akhras-wins-his-freedom-videos/>

Governor, how about clemency? Nov 28

"It is clemency season. Traditionally, governors exercise their vast power to commute prison sentences and send people home at the end of the year. Yet the notion of clemency being coincident with the spirit of the holidays and the new year is quaint and indefensible. If someone merits clemency on Dec. 31, surely they were deserving on Nov. 30, June 30, or any other day. If a governor is serious about using his power to free people from prison, it should be exercised on an ongoing basis throughout the year. While the need for clemency is ever-present, there is a growing imperative for Gov. Cuomo to act as COVID-19 rages through New York's prisons. To date, about 3,400 staff and incarcerated persons have tested positive. Twenty-three have died. As COVID numbers rise statewide, they spike in congregate places where social distancing is impossible." See <https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-governor-how-about-clemency-20201128-7xymqe5qf5fpbm6k7qrb2qlfm-story.html>

SF's New DA, Chesa Boudin, Battles Criminal Injustice System on Two Fronts Dec 1

"San Francisco District Attorney, Chesa Boudin, 40, is battling the criminal injustice system in his own bailiwick, where cops have literally been getting away with murder, and where they have also aimed to sabotage the orderly workings of law enforcement. Boudin is battling much the same system of injustice, thousands of miles from home at Shawangunk Correctional Facility, a maximum-security prison about 80 miles south of Albany, New York where his father, David Gilbert, once a member of the Weather Underground, is serving a 75-years to life sentence for felony murder and robbery. If you have power, modest though it is, you might as well use it." See <https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/12/01/sfs-new-da-chesa-boudin-battles-criminal-injustice-system-on-two-fronts/>

US lawmakers unveil anti-slavery constitutional amendment Dec. 1

"National lawmakers introduced a joint resolution Wednesday aimed at striking language from the U.S. Constitution that enshrines a form of slavery in America's foundational documents. The resolution, spearheaded and supported by Democratic members of the House and Senate, would amend the 13th Amendment's ban on chattel enslavement to expressly prohibit involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime. As ratified, the original amendment has permitted exploitation of labor by convicted felons for over 155 years since the abolition of slavery. The 13th Amendment "continued the process of a white power class gravely mistreating Black Americans, creating generations of poverty, the breakup of families and this wave of mass incarceration that we still wrestle with today," Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon told The Associated Press ahead of the resolution's introduction." See

<https://apnews.com/article/jeff-merkley-constitutions-constitutional-amendments-slavery-6e13df5702725fe18c889eb6762771c3>

Prisons Are Covid-19 Hotbeds. When Should Inmates Get the Vaccine? Dec 2

“When will prisoners get a COVID-19 vaccine? When should they? As the virus spreads within the nation’s prisons and jails, and vaccines near readiness, public health officials, corrections officers and politicians are struggling with protocols. They live in crowded conditions, sharing bathrooms and eating facilities where social distancing is impossible. They have high rates of asthma, diabetes and heart disease. Many struggle with mental illness. A disproportionate number are Black and Hispanic, members of minority communities that have been hard hit by the coronavirus pandemic. So should prisoners and other detainees be given priority access to one of the new Covid-19 vaccines?” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/30/health/coronavirus-vaccine-prisons.html>

Police guide that calls BLM a terrorist group draws outrage Dec 2

“A prominent law enforcement training group is promoting a lengthy research document riddled with falsehoods and conspiracies that urges local police to treat Black Lives Matter activists as terrorists plotting a violent revolution. The document distributed by the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association contains misinformation and inflammatory rhetoric that could incite officers against protesters and people of color, critics said. It alleges Black Lives Matter and antifa, an umbrella term for leftist militants, are “revolutionary movements whose aims are to overthrow the U.S. government” and claims they are planning “extreme violence.” See <https://apnews.com/article/police-guide-calls-blm-terrorist-group-8dc0afce2ce6b60dbaa0d1d9c53ce1e3>

Direct Action Targets Home of WI Prison Boss Dec 2

“At 6:15 am on Wed Dec 2, some abolitionists dropped body bags on DOC Secretary Carr's driveway and then confronted him. We are demanding that Carr publicly urge Governor Evers to issue an emergency mass clemency or sentence commutation due to the COVID19 outbreak. Video of the action and our response to Carr's overstated claims is online here. <https://youtu.be/H2nsgkjQpns> We intend to continue pressuring DOC employees. Governor Evers has demonstrated a callous disregard for incarcerated people, as well as an ignorance and general disinterest in the prison system. We believe that targeting DOC employees, who cannot ignore the prison crisis from the shelter of the Governor's mansion, will provide a new form of leverage. We intend to find people in the DOC staff or Evers administration with enough integrity and humanity left to defect and join the call for protecting incarcerated people from the pandemic. Cautiously hopeful, Some Abolitionists”

BLM Chapters Demand “Accountability” Dec 3

“Ten chapters of the national Black Lives Matter organization are in open revolt against the individuals that have treated the mass movement as their personal vehicle for upward political, professional and financial advancement. “The BLMGNF became the principal beneficiary of millions of dollars in individual and corporate philanthropy.” In 2013 three Black women social activist friends working in non-profit organizations in California invented the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter which, along with #Ferguson, became most identified with the mass movement that converged on Ferguson, Missouri, following the police killing of Mike Brown, in August of 2014. Soon the friends created a non-profit pocket to gather funds for favored projects, dubbed the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation. The BLMGNF became the principal beneficiary of millions of dollars in individual and corporate philanthropy, as the social movement broadly described as “Black Lives Matter” mounted the greatest challenge to the racist criminal justice system in the United States since the 1960s. Yet, the disposition of these funds has remained solely at the discretion of the three hashtag and foundation founders -- Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi – and their designated operatives. Ten chapters of the national Black Lives Matter organization are now in open revolt against the hashtag

founders and their tightly controlled formations, demanding that the BLMGNF and the recently created Black Lives Matter Political Action Committee and BLM Grassroots be made financially and political “accountable.” See <https://www.blackagendareport.com/blm-chapters-demand-accountability-trio-cashed-movement>

Israel's detention of Palestinian children amounts to torture, says new report Dec 3

“Israeli authorities routinely detain Palestinian children in isolation solely for interrogation purposes, a practice that amounts to torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment, said Defense for Children International – Palestine (DCIP) in its newly released report. The 73-page report by the rights group, "Isolated and Alone: Palestinian children held in solitary confinement by Israeli authorities for interrogation," evaluates and details patterns of arrest, detention conditions and interrogation practiced by Israeli authorities. It concludes that the physical and social isolation of Palestinian children for interrogation purposes by Israeli authorities is a practice that constitutes solitary confinement, amounting to torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment under international law norms.” See <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20201203-israels-detention-of-palestinian-children-amounts-to-torture-says-new-report/>

Dec. 14 Court Hearing for Jalil Muntaqim Postponed Again Dec 3

“NYC Jericho received an email from Jalil today stating that his court hearing, currently scheduled for Dec. 14, 2020, has been postponed indefinitely due to covid.”

Justice for Mark Clark and Chairman Fred Hampton Dec 4

“Today marks 51 years since Mark Clark and Fred Hampton, Chairman of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther, were assassinated: murdered in cold-blood. In the U.S. judicial system, there is no 'statue of limitations' in cases of murder. One year ago the suggestion was made for a nationwide mobilization initiative to demand Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx reopen the case surrounding the murders of Mark Clark and Chairman Fred Hampton and bring-up charges against all the survivors who were members of the 'raiding-party'; in addition to any surviving members of the Chicago Police Department, the Cook County's State's Attorney's office, or FBI personnel who played any part in the planning and execution of the raid. Attorneys James Montgomery, Flint Taylor and Jeffery Haas, who comprised the original 'legal-team' in the case, along with the National Conference of Black Lawyers, who declared themselves the 'legal arm of the Black Liberation Movement', should be recruited to assume the positions of 'lead' legal advisors in pushing the initiative forward. This is in view of the fact that they 'cut-their-teeth' on the original case and went on to have very lucrative careers in the aftermath of the case involving the Panther survivors against the government. The paltry settlement awarded to the women and men who survived the raid is unacceptable and a disgraceful 'slap-in-the-face' against the entire Black/New Afrikan nationwide community. All who consider themselves revolutionaries and/or progressive have a duty, in the name of truth and justice, to seek retribution of behalf of Mark Clark, Chairman Fred Hampton and all the young women and men who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our collective humanity.” See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buDSm2ckn50>

More prisoners have died of COVID-19 than have been executed for capital crimes since 1977

Dec 5

“The coronavirus’s toll already exceeds the toll of all executions in the modern era of capital punishment. More prisoners have died of COVID-19 than have been executed for capital crimes since 1977” “I am sad to report that we have passed yet another remarkable milestone in COVID prisoner deaths, which prompts another one of my series of "new death penalty" posts. The Marshall Project continues the critical job of counting via this webpage deaths from coronavirus reported among prisoners, and as of Friday, December 4, this accounting had tabulated "at least 1568 deaths from coronavirus reported among prisoners." See

https://sentencing.typepad.com/sentencing_law_and_policy/2020/12/the-new-death-penalty-covid-has-now-killed-in-nine-months-more-us-prisoners-than-capital-punishment-.html

A State-by-State Look at Coronavirus in Prisons Dec 7

“Another big increase in COVID-19 cases in prisons. Up at least six percent from last week to at least 225,000 cases so far. At least 1,568 prisoners have died of coronavirus-related causes. At least 105 prison employees have died as well. In collaboration with the Associated Press, here is our updated COVID-19 Tracker.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

Police In Ohio Say Slain Black Man Brandished A Gun; Family Says He Held A Sandwich Dec 7

“Authorities in Ohio have identified a longtime Franklin County sheriff’s deputy as the law enforcement officer who shot and killed a Black man in Columbus last Friday. Law enforcement said the man was waving a gun. His family said he was carrying a sandwich.” See <https://www.npr.org/2020/12/07/943829901/police-in-ohio-say-slain-black-man-brandished-a-gun-family-says-he-held-a-sandwi>

Feds persist with death penalty even as executioners get COVID-19 Dec 8

“The Bureau of Prisons now concedes that eight members of its execution team tested positive for the coronavirus after Orlando Hall was killed last month by lethal injection on federal death row in Terre Haute, Indiana. That’s 20 percent of the entire team. Officials say that five of those eight staffers will participate anyway in the new round of executions scheduled for this week.” See <https://apnews.com/article/prisons-coronavirus-pandemic-executions-terre-haute-indiana-e80af6a566bbff50ed5e9a097c305dbb>

Incarceration is a Public Health Crisis, During COVID-19 and Beyond Dec 8

“The COVID-19 pandemic has made American inequality painfully clear. As case counts continue to rise across the country, some of the largest COVID-19 clusters in the US are in jails, prisons, and detention centers. As of November 2020, 38 different institutions have reported greater than 1,000 cases. One study estimates that rates of COVID-19 in US prisons are 5.5 times higher than case rates in the general population. In these carceral institutions, the daily entering and exiting of staff—often with no mandatory testing, poor PPE adherence, and movement throughout the facility—serves as a chronic stressor for currently incarcerated people. Once the virus enters these facilities, many of which are already over capacity, there is not space to physically distance. Moreover, given their older age and disproportionately high burden of underlying conditions, incarcerated people are at greater risk of developing severe COVID-19 infections that require hospitalization or end in early death. In response, imprisoned people are demanding decarceration and improved conditions: a new report shows that incarcerated people in the US collectively organized at least 106 COVID-19 related rebellions from March 17th to June 15th.” See info.primarycare.hms.harvard.edu

A nightmare': why were a black couple targeted in a shocking Texas police raid? Dec 9

“Fort Worth police have still not said why Nelda Price and her husband John, who died weeks later, were restrained in their pajamas. While the police in Fort Worth, Texas, ransacked Nelda Price’s home, an officer directed her to put her hands together – as if she were praying – so he could restrain her with zip ties. “I told him, ‘I am praying. Because I don’t understand why you’re here, and I don’t know what this is about,’” Nelda told the Guardian. On 11 March, she and her husband John, both Black and in their late 60s, had been chatting in the dining room, dressed for bed, when a noise interrupted them. Nelda’s first instinct was to get up and investigate, but after John thought he heard gunshots, he pushed her to the floor.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/dec/08/fort-worth-texas-police-elderly-black-couple>

Watching Injustice Fester For 341, 880 Hours - Mumia Abu Jamal Dec 9

“The murder of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner is a crime I’ve reported on, researched and monitored since its occurrence in the pre-dawn hours of December 9, 1981. Thirty-seven years after Faulkner’s murder, in December 2018, Philadelphia prosecutors stumbled across six boxes stashed in a forgotten area in their office complex that contained startling evidence related to the man convicted of Faulkner’s murder. For me, the discovery of those boxes provided both confirmation and consternation. Those boxes contained documents that seriously undermine the conviction of Mumia Abu-Jamal, an award-winning journalist who’s spent nearly 40-years behind bars for Faulkner’s murder. The law required prosecutors to provide items in those boxes to Abu-Jamal’s lawyer before the 1982 trial that sent Abu-Jamal to death row. Abu-Jamal spent thirty-years on death row before conversion of his sentence to life-in-prison. Given the fact that my deep dives into Abu-Jamal’s case have plunged me through an ooze of illegal conduct against Abu-Jamal by prosecutors, police and judges, this act of prosecutors disappearing boxes that contain evidence of innocence provided additional confirmation of injustices endured by Abu-Jamal.” See <https://thiscantbehappening.net/watching-injustice-fester-for-341880-hours/>

San Quentin Prison Staff Forcing Prisoners to Accept Liability for Their Own Deaths from COVID-19 Dec 10

“Prisoners at San Quentin State Prison are reporting that, over the past week, San Quentin medical staff have been pressuring prisoners to sign waiver forms accepting legal responsibility for their own deaths from COVID-19. That, despite more than 10 months of continuous neglect and Eighth Amendment violations by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) which has, so far, killed 28 prisoners at the prison. Multiple prisoners at San Quentin tell the same story. From December 2 – 4, they were taken to the medical unit and pressured by a nurse to accept an unsafe transfer to another California prison.” See Facebook / Instagram: @NoJustice Under Capitalism

Mother demands justice for her son, Casey Goodson Jr.: 'He always had my back' Dec 10

“As Tamala Payne closes her eyes and drops her head back to collect her thoughts, the weight of her breaking heart is unmistakable. She's speaking of her first-born son, the one she had when she was practically a child herself. In a series of her first interviews since Franklin County Sheriff's SWAT deputy Jason Meade shot and killed her son, 23-year-old Casey Goodson Jr. last Friday, Payne said the loss is profound and the demand for answers and justice is great.” See <https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/2020/12/09/casey-goodson-jr-s-mother-demands-justice-after-fatal-shooting/6506159002/>

MOVE rejects Philly City Council as '40 Years a Prisoner' debuts on HBO Dec 10

“In 1985, law enforcement in Philadelphia dropped a bomb on a group of activists called MOVE that lived at a house on the 6200 block of Osage Avenue. The explosive killed 11 people, five of which were children, and displaced hundreds that lived on that block after it burned to the ground. Thirty-five years later, a month before the end of a long year with uncertain futures and civil unrest, Philadelphia City Council voted to issue a formal apology regarding the dark cloud that loomed over them for so long about the legislative body’s role in the decision to drop the bomb. It came before a new documentary on HBO MAX was released on Dec. 8, 2020 about the MOVE bombing. It details the story of Mike Africa Jr., the son of two founders of MOVE 9. The documentary also explains what happened in 1978, and the struggle it set off for years to come between the organization and the City of Philadelphia.” See <https://aldianews.com/articles/culture/move-rejects-philly-city-council-40-years-prisoner-debuts-hbo/61574>

Nashville attorney Kevin Sharp leads push to free Leonard Peltier Dec 11

“Prominent Nashville attorney Kevin Sharp is leading the push to grant clemency to Leonard Peltier,

whose conviction 43 years ago has been criticized by politicians, prison reform activists, religious leaders, celebrities and even some of the government officials who helped put him behind bars. Peltier's case is renowned in the criminal justice world. Peltier admits to being involved in a shootout at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1975. The shootout took place after two plain-clothed FBI agents pulled over a truck while investigating a pair of stolen boots." See

<https://tennesseelookout.com/2020/12/11/nashville-attorney-kevin-sharp-leads-push-to-free-leonard-peltier/>

COVID-19 cases in prison soar to grim highs Dec 11

"Since March, The Marshall Project has been tracking how many people are being sickened and killed by COVID-19 in prisons and how widely it has spread across the country and within each state. Here, we will regularly update these figures counting the number of people infected and killed nationwide and in each prison system until the crisis abates." See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

Indefinite Sentencing is Cruel and Inhumane Dec 12

"On 12/7/2020, the Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón gave a public announcement In Special Directive 20 - 14 [PDF downloads on click], which laid out a comprehensive directive or blueprint toward ending state-sanctioned execution in the form of indefinite sentencing, where, for decades, humans in the CDCr suffer permanent imprisonment. We, the people, support this comprehensive special directive 20 - 14, but believe it falls short as it is not yet reaching the prison population, who have been held indefinitely under cruel and unusual punishment. As a human being who has been subjected to 33 years of imprisonment held in an 8x10 cell for a conviction in the 1980s is cruel and unusual punishment. To keep any human in such a space for an indefinite period is torture. The building structure of such a horrible environment has the effect of being a human kennel. In reality, human beings are being held like dogs in a kennel inside of prisons." See

<https://www.mutopeduguma.org/2020/12/indefinite-sentencing-is-cruel-and.html>

Incarcerated Women Are Punished for Their Trauma With Solitary Confinement Dec 12

"At Minnesota's Shakopee Correctional Facility for women, where I am incarcerated, solitude is something we seldom have a chance to experience. Loud, muffled over-head announcements begin every morning at 5:30 and continue until 9:30 p.m. when we are counted for the last time of the day. There is little privacy; everyone can hear each other's business when we talk on the phone. Every aspect of our life is micromanaged, from when our blinds have to be raised and lowered, and how many books we can put on a shelf in our room, to the date we have to wear our winter coats regardless of the outside temperature. Prison is manila-walled, grey-clothed and full of blue plastic chairs. Any prisoner could tell you what's for breakfast on a Wednesday or what's on TV on a Monday night because our lives are a study in monotony. All of us are called "Offender" all day long." See

<https://truthout.org/articles/incarcerated-women-are-punished-for-their-trauma-with-solitary-confinement/>

Prisoners Are Setting Fires To Protest Pandemic Conditions Dec 14

"Hoping a fire doesn't happen isn't good enough. As the coronavirus descended on them, increasingly desperate Texas prisoners began lighting protest fires in their cells and common spaces. Corrections officials either didn't care or, more likely, didn't notice because more than 200 buildings in the state's sprawling prison context do not have working fire alarms. The problem is not new, either. Prison officials have been warned since at 2012 about the scope of the problem. A 2019 annual inspection report cited nearly 3,000 violations, only 167 of which were fixed." See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/12/13/prison-fires>

In the Spirit of Mandela Campaign

Jericho is spearheading the “In the Spirit of Mandela” IT (International Tribunal) 2021 campaign proposed by 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. In collaboration with interested others, much headway is being made regarding organizing efforts. The campaign “In the Spirit of Mandela” is busy researching the charges for the tribunal, laying the groundwork, collaborating, attending working sessions, among other activities.

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."

Get Ready for I.T. 2021!



I.T. 2021

(International Tribunal October 2021)

Dear Friend,

Please begin to prepare for the “International Tribunal” organized by the *In the Spirit of Mandela Coalition*. At this early date we solicit your assistance in the brainstorming, planning, and donating. We value your input and what you do and have done for the movement and championing real issues impacting communities across America, prisons, and people of color. The “In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela” initiative is the brainchild of Jericho’s co-founder Jalil Muntaqim (Anthony Bottom). Hopefully, you will agree to assist, and if you do, please feel free to engage at your own level of comfort and capacity.

Date: October 22 – October 26, 2021

Location: Medgar Evers College, New York

Formally indicting the United States government and its States with historical, systematic, and ongoing human rights violations against people of color, working class people, and the planet!

Outcomes

Reparations

Establishment of People’s Senate

International Solidarity

Truth & Justice Commission to Free All Political Prisoners

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Jericho meets virtually to work on the campaign “In the Spirit of Mandela/I.T. 2021”. Due to Covid19, we are restructuring our meetings to online. For future meetings 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>**. In the Spirit of Mandela, 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”.

Please read our invitation below and contact us if you are interested in endorsing, sponsoring, or otherwise becoming involved in “The Spirit of 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 government can become so elitist and concentrate on elitist interests. To help the government, you must constantly hold its attention.” **Winnie Madikizela-Mandela**

The IN THE SPIRIT OF 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 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 are not 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 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. 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.

“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**

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 superpower 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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