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# The Dragons Fire

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

## Revolutionary Greetings,

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

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“Why don’t you live for the people?  
Why don’t you struggle for the people?  
Why don’t you die for the people?”  
– **Chairman Fred Hampton**

## 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 keeping track of latest developments; attending numerous online meetings, calls to action, as well as strategizing on gaining the release of our Political Prisoners.

## Chairperson’s Corner

As-salaamu ‘alaykum.

I pray that each passing day Allah grants us His mercy and gives us the ability to stand tall, strong, and resilient against the historical and systemic onslaught of racism, police violence, right wing reactionary violence, marginalization, discrimination, lack of adequate health care, last hired-first fired, miseducation, cultural destruction, detachment from African roots, and against the secular and materialist efforts in society to have us deny and desert our spiritual essence. Whatever our beliefs, our spiritual essence is the inner force, drive and ability that has kept poor and oppressed people rising above and powering through every form of oppression, while maintaining our humanity and compassion for others. Our spiritual essence is oftentimes the pink elephant in the room. We talk over and around it while endeavoring to maintain political focus in this day and age. Jericho is an organization of sisters and brothers of all races, genders, and progressive political backgrounds and experiences. We recognize the value and being spiritually centered to maintain our balance, energy and inner peace. We are courageous enough to be vulnerable with each other in our differences and shared views. If there is any revolution that anyone of us has a chance to win, is the one waged in our own hearts! Dare to struggle; dare to win has a deeper meaning that first glance would have you think. We invite you into the struggle to build a better society and to free all Political Prisoners!

Jihad Abdulmumit

## Political Prisoners/POWs Updates

### Medical

**Sundiata Acoli:** Sundiata had Covid19 and has lost 30 pounds. Jericho to follow up.

**Byron Shane Chubbuck (Oso Blanco):** Oso Blanco informed Jericho that he has covid19. Oso and Bill are both waiting for vaccinations and the facility is doing cleaning. The Covid rate is high.

**Kojo Grailing Brown (Kojo Bomani):** Kojo states that COVID is running rampant and the entire unit is sick.

**Veronza Bowers:** Veronza states that the prison is being overrun by COVID and inmates are being given Gatorade and separate cells. 90% of inmates refuse to use masks.

**Ed Poindexter:** May be some medical reasons as to why a kidney transplant cannot be done (i.e. pre-existing conditions, Ed may not be strong enough) Jericho is in process of clarifying the status.

### Legal

**Leonard Peltier:** “The ILPDC Board and Directors share everyone’s disappointment that Leonard did not receive Executive Clemency or Commutation of his sentence in the final days of the Trump Administration. We know everyone and especially Attorney Kevin Sharpe worked diligently and extremely hard to secure Leonard’s freedom and the disappointment is shared by us all. However, the fact remains Leonard Peltier remains unjustly in Federal Prison and the work to have him released must continue. In addition to now pushing the Biden administration for the possibility of clemency—we are working hard towards a diversity of options to gain Leonard’s Freedom and will be calling on you, our supporters to dust off and renew the struggle to gain Leonard’s freedom. We will in coming days be pursuing a push for a transfer from the United States Prison at Coleman to the Federal Correctional Facility at Oxford, WI which is a lower security level and is closer to Leonard’s family.

We will also be pushing for an interim Parole hearing as well as for release under the Covid Release to Home Confinement option that the Federal Bureau of Prison’s currently has and pending Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland has already stated her support for. As the attorney’s develop the priorities and strategies we will let you know and we will need your help. Stay strong and be ready to push for those things for Leonard through your prayers, calls and letters to appropriate government officials etc.” (See call to Action).

**Sundiata Acoli:** Sundiata’s support committee with Sophia Elijah, launched the happy B-day for Sundiata and he said that he received hundreds of letters. Jihad is on the team and was informed that new warden at Cumberland is an anti-terrorist commissioner, and there may be some concerns. Jericho to monitor. Sundiata’s appeal is in and the attorney has given a very positive affirmation.

**Jaan Laaman:** Jaan should be going home soon, sometime in the summer. No needs indicated.

**Mumia Abu Jamal:**”Larry Krasner, Philadelphia’s so-called progressive District Attorney, filed a legal brief on Feb. 3 denying Mumia Abu-Jamal the right to prove his innocence.” See Call to Action below.

**David Gilbert:** “Governor Cuomo announced 21 clemencies – 14 pardons and 7 sentence commutations. We are disappointed that David was not among them.” <http://friendsofdavidgilbert.org/>

### Other Political Prisoner Updates

**Eric King:** “On January 5th, 2021, Eric was once again placed on a 6-month communication restriction in response to a New Year’s Eve noise demo that was held outside of FCI Englewood by various groups in Denver, a demo that happens every single year at prisons worldwide. After being accused of organizing the demo, the BOP finally admitted that they are aware that Eric had nothing to do with the noise demo. Despite this fact, the BOP North Central Regional office instructed Englewood to restrict Eric’s communication.” See <https://supporterick.org/2021/01/17/eric-is-given-yet-another-6-month-correspondence-restriction/>

**David Gilbert:** David needs some letters of support:

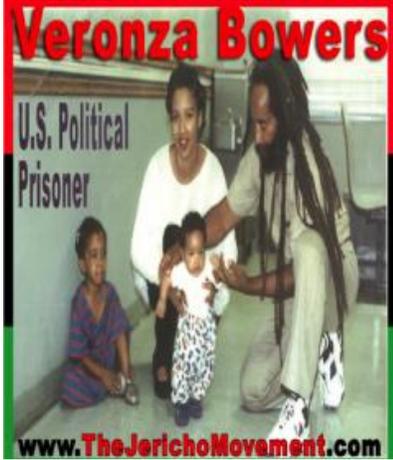
<http://friendsofdavidgilbert.org/questions@friendsofdavidgilbert.org>

**Write to David:** David Gilbert #83A6158, Shawangunk Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 700, Wallkill, NY 12589-0700

## Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

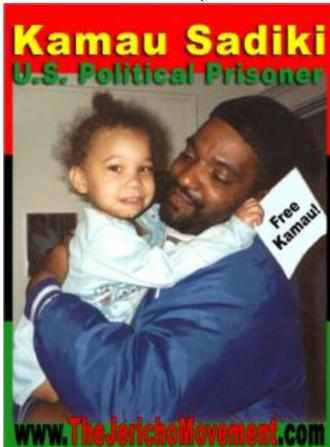
### February Birthdays!

#### Veronza Bowers: Birthday-Feb 4, 1946



Affiliation: Black Panther Party  
 Captured: Sept. 15th, 1973: Life  
**Contact Information/Prison Address**  
 #35316-136,  
 Butner Medium II,  
 P.O. Box 1500,  
 Butner, NC 27509

#### Freddie Hilton (Kamau Sadiki): Birthday-Feb 19



Affiliation: Black Panther Party  
 Captured: 2002: Life without parole  
**Contact Information/Prison Address**  
 #0001150688 -Augusta State Medical Prison,  
 Bldg 23A-2, 3001 Gordon Highway,  
 Grovetown,, GA 30813, United States

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

efforts to release him. <http://freekamau.com/>

#### Abdullah Malik Ka’Bah (aka Jeff Fort): Birthday-Feb 20, 1947



Affiliation: Muslim

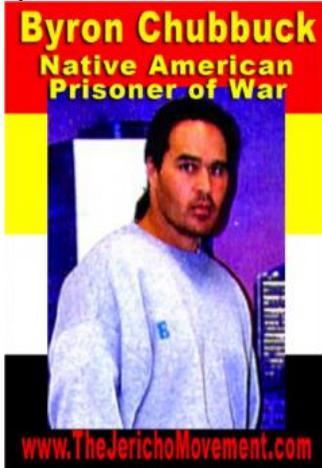
“We believe that Abdul Malik was indicted because of the new vision that he had acquired and which he was trying to share with other street organizations not only in Chicago, but throughout the U.S.! He was indicted because, for example, he (and others) had worked and were continuing to work to maintain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

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

#92298-024, USP Florence ADMAX, P.O. Box 8500, Florence, CO 81226\* NOT allowed to receive mail

<http://newafrikan77.wordpress.com>

**Byron Shane Chubbuck (OSO BLANCO): Birthday: Feb 26, 1967**



Affiliation: Ejército Zapatista de Liberación Nacional, EZLN Defender  
 First Nation Political Prisoner, Author, U.S. Prisoner  
 Captured: 1999 – Release Date 2071

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

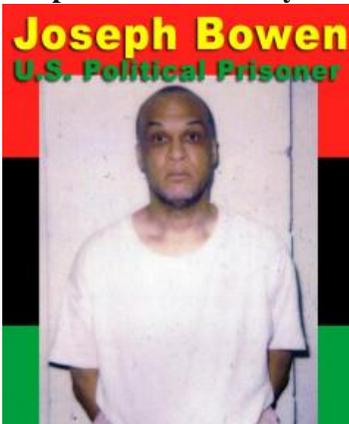
#07909051 USP Victorville, PO Box 3900, Adelanto, CA 92301

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

<http://freeosoblanco.blogspot.com>

**January Birthdays!**

**Joseph Bowen-Birthday: January 15, 1948**



Affiliation: Black Liberation Army  
 Captured: 1973: Life Without Parole

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

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

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

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



Affiliation: Anarchist and Earth First!  
 Captured: March 10, 2008. Sentence: 22yrs.

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

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

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

<https://supportmariusmason.org/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marius\\_Mason](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marius_Mason)

**Abdul Aziz: Birthday Jan. 9, 1947**

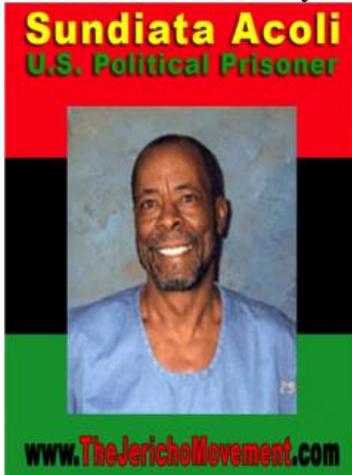
Captured 1972--8 Life Sentences

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

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

A history of the “Virgin Island Five”, a group of activists accused of murdering eight people in the U.S.15 Virgin Islands. The murders took place during a turbulent period of rebellion on the Islands. The island was put under virtual martial law, and eventually five men: Ismail Ali, Warren (Aziz) Ballantine, Meral (Malik) Smith, Raphael (Kwesi) Joseph, and Hanif Shabazz Bey were apprehended and then charged with the attack. All the men were known supporters of the Virgin Island independence movement. The five were charged after being subjected to vicious torture, in order to extract confessions.

They were beaten, hung from their feet and necks from trees, subject to electric shocks with “cattle prods”, had plastic bags tied over their heads and had water forced up their noses by the “defenders of the law.” The judge (Warren Young) overlooking the case prior to being placed on the federal bench worked as Rockefeller’s private attorney and even handled legal matters for the Fountain Valley Golf Course. Eventually, the five went to trial in what became known as the “Fountain Valley” murder trial. This was an obvious Kangaroo Court and a mockery of any sense of a fair trial. <http://abcf.net/abc/pdfs/vi5.pdf>

**Sundiata Acoli: Birthday: January 14, 1937**

Affiliation: Black Panther Party-New African

Captured: 1973- Life Sentence

**Contact Information/Prison Address**

#39794-066 (\*Address envelope to Clark Squire), FCI Cumberland, P.O. Box 1000, Cumberland, MD 21501

“The Parole Board’s stated reason for the 20-year hit was Sundiata’s membership in the Black Panther

Party and the Black Liberation Army prior to his arrest and the receipt of hundreds of “Free Sundiata”

form letters that characterized him as a New Afrikan Prisoner of War.”

<http://SundiataAcoli.org> For complete article see:

<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/acoli-sundiata-clark-squire>



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

## Political Prisoner Voices

### Leonard Peltier

**“Leonard shares everyone’s disappointment relating to the lack of a pardon/clemency/commutation but he remains determined to carry on the struggle as should we all.** His words to us all are below: LEONARD PELTIER on 1/20/2021 9:50:07 AM wrote

**“Good Morning everyone.**

I’m not sure if this is such a good morning but i don’t know how to open this letter to everyone.

Yes i heard the loser did not sign my clemency, i had this strong feeling yesterday that I wasn’t going to get it, i don’t know why i had it? I guess it was the spirits telling me so i sat down trying to write you all a letter but my tears of self pity must have overwhelmed me as i could not see to finish it so i had to stop for a while, thought about my family friends and people’s how it must be for them too . so i pulled myself together. and thought to myself well I’m not going to give up. It’s been a hard 45 yrs, and it will get a lot harder I’m sure as I aged and in the moments when hopelessness over takes me, but at my age all i can do is ask so many of you to stay with me and let’s try again. b/cuz we have the only weapon we can use and that’s the constitution and the laws of this so called free democracy EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL, and must get everyone to know what the laws was that they violated not just the lawyers, But what a joke that is,!! IT HAS never has been this way for my people. and more then likely will never be. BUT I welcome all who will stay with me and fight on until i take my last breath.

Thank you. In the Spirit of Crazy Horse, \_ Doksha, Leonard Peltier.\_”

### Eric King

**“Keep Us Alive and Vibrant Out There: An Interview with Political Prisoner Eric King by Black and Pink Seattle-Tacoma (It’s Going Down)” Jan 24**

“In this time when authorities refuse to keep people safe from COVID-19, when rebellion is a fresh on our minds, and when the abolition of police and prisons is becoming a clear necessity to more and more people, we’ve got something to learn from an anarchist political prisoner like Eric King. Eric vandalized the office of a government official in Kansas City, MO, in solidarity with the Ferguson uprising, was arrested in September 2014, and then was sentenced to ten years for the window he broke in June 2016. Such a sentence is horrible, but not shocking. Prisons, after all, do more to keep hierarchies safe than people. Eric is now facing a bogus charge of assaulting an officer that could land him another 20 years inside. At the time of writing this, he has been hit with a mail restriction and can’t receive letters of support. But we can make ourselves aware of his case and learn from his words. **The following is an interview with Eric** conducted through snail mail...” For interview see

<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/updates-26-jan-2020.pdf> for <https://itsgoingdown.org/keep-us-alive-and-vibrant-out-there-an-interview-with-political-prisoner-eric-king/>

### Veronza Bowers

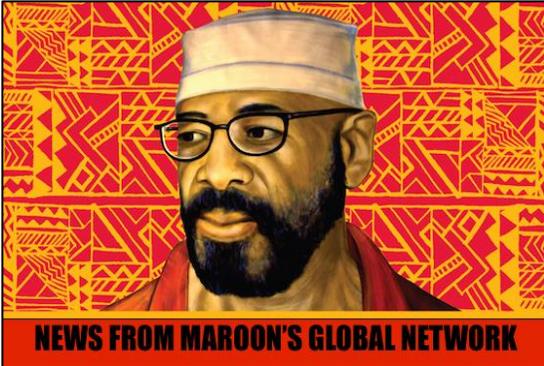
**Excerpts: In correspondence with NC Jericho Veronza writes:**

“We were on full lockdown because COVID-19 struck hard all over this prison. It has been said that the infection started in the food service area. Now, there are at least 6 cases in this unit—including a very close friend of mine, who lives 2 cells down from me. The SHU is full, so all new cases quarantine right there in their cells. My friend was tested positive two days ago, yet he hasn’t received any treatment whatsoever! Food service delivers food 3x a day. I don’t accept any food through the slot in my cell door... You told me to send you a short list of my needs and how best to support. At the risk of sounding rhetorical, let me say: At the top of my very short list of needs is FREEDOM! And I want you and our Jericho to know that I appreciate their on-going hard work yall are putting in in that effort!—Other than that, all I need is some money in my commissary account. I have to buy food stuff from the commissary as I don’t eat anything from food service. Western Union or the LockBox in Des Moines, Iowa—ether way is o.k....For a Better Future for Us All...Veronza.”

## Community Calls for Action

### (Ongoing 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 and keep the pressure on!

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-Z1f3XLp0F9BopPRDZyVKbldUwh7wker97yr7D-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/1MaFFFcapISjN2MdoL0eYSQomEaKoW30PezJHNIVkSf8/edit>

Continue to Call Governor Tom Wolf: Contact: (717) 787-2500. Russell Shoatz’s health is rapidly deteriorating. His DOC is #AF3855. 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/CHI851FhiAm/>

### CALL-IN CAMPAIGN FOR ED POINDEXTER--Demand Freedom for Ed Poindexter(ongoing)



”Preston Love Jr. led an effort to put up a billboard in Omaha, Nebraska calling for Ed Poindexter’s release. Read Michael Richardson’s report about it here: <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2021/02/05/black-votes-matter-asks-nebraska-pardon-board-to-release-former-black-panther-ed-poindexter-from-prison>.

We also have a new central website for the campaign.: [www.freepoindexter.com](http://www.freepoindexter.com)

Billboard on I-480 North at the Martha Street exit!

Please phone the Nebraska Pardons Board as many times as you and your friends, comrades, associates, and family can. 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.

**CALL:** Governor Pete Ricketts 402-471-2244, Attorney General Peterson: 402-471-2683, Secretary of State Evnen: 402-471-2554

#### 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 #27767. 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 as soon as possible 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.”*

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: [freedomford@gmail.com](mailto:freedomford@gmail.com)

**EMAIL:** [ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov](mailto:ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov) **WRITE:** Nebraska Board of Pardons, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509

### Sample Letter Script

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.* You can read more about Ed here: <http://freepoindexter.com> <https://prisonersolidarity.com/prisoner/edward-poindexter>



### 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](http://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](http://mutulushakur.com).

Just click on the donate button on the righthand side.

### 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>

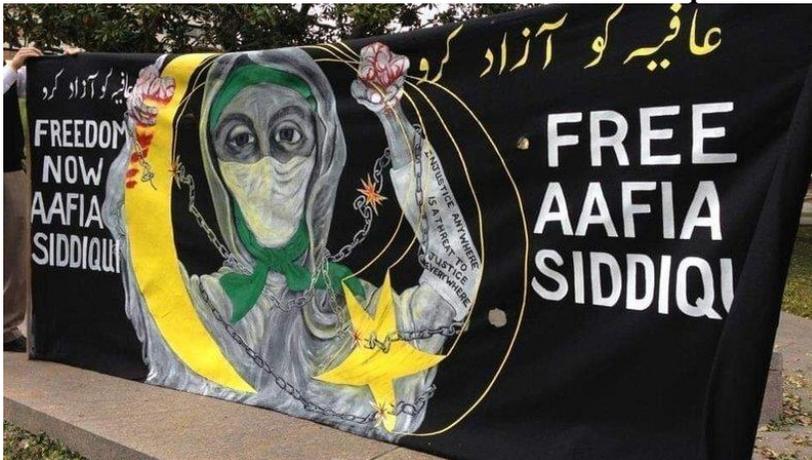
### Online Fundraiser for Joy Powell (ongoing)



”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 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”

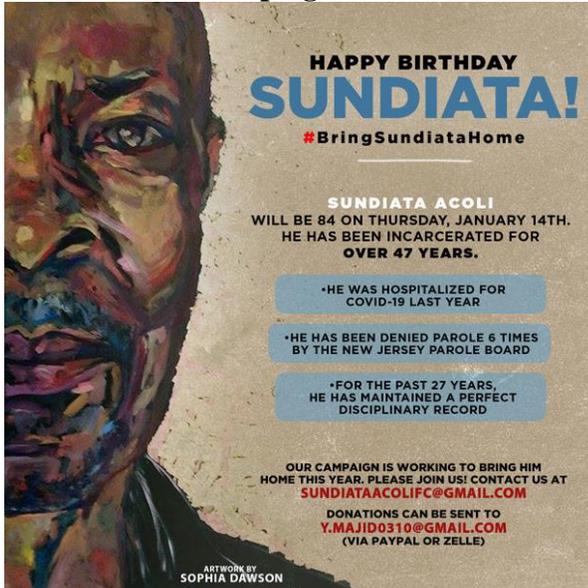
### Release or Home Confinement for Dr. Aafia Siddiqui from Coronavirus Infected Prison (Ongoing)



(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>

## The Freedom Campaign for Sundiata Acoli (Ongoing)



“A former employee of NASA and a civil rights era Freedom Rider, Sundiata Acoli turned 84 on January 14. The college graduate and grandfather of two has been incarcerated for over forty-seven years. Acoli has been consistently denied parole for more than twenty-five of those years, going all the way back to 1994. The Sundiata Acoli Freedom Campaign (SAFC) is the largest coordinated campaign to free Acoli since his incarceration and follows years of behind the scenes advocacy and legal filings. The campaign will use the hashtag #BringSundiataHome and kicks off this week. There are media appearances planned throughout the week as well as a major social media push on Thursday where individuals, advocates and other organizations and religious institutions will join in the wishes of love and support for the soon to be 84 year old. The SAFC will participate in this MLK march carrying signs to #BringSundiataHome. They will also hand out informational flyers to spread the word in the Black and Brown community as the group begins its public outreach

around this case. For more information visit our Facebook page or email [Sundiataacolifc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundiataacolifc@gmail.com).”

See: “The Freedom Campaign for Sundiata Acoli with Soffiyah Elijah”

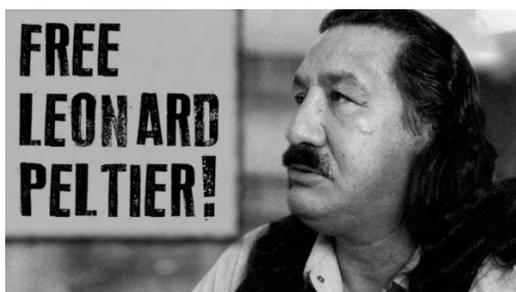
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPUb7RO3pisSoffiyah&feature=youtu.be>

## Parole Letters Needed for Xinachtli

“Xinachtli, as many of you know, means literally in English, “Seed,” or, as Comrade “X” likes to phrase, it from a prisoner’s perspective, “Germinating Seed” and s/n Alvaro Luna Hernandez, is a Chicano/Mexicano-Anarchist Communist and Anti-Imperialist Internationally-recognized Political Prisoner, has suffered long enough from a (50-year) bogus Aggravated Assault conviction rife with racist civil rights abuse and judicial misconduct. Presently, Xinachtli is preparing for his (1st) upcoming ‘Parole Review Hearing,’ on July 18, 2021. We are in need of help with a groundswell of support from the Prison Abolitionists, Human Rights, Indigenous, and Prison Activist Movement communities. TBPP suggests that FEW, clear & concise letters are preferred, to place in his case-file for review; lazy eyes is a disguise with TBPP Parole Panels. Include in the letter that Xinachtli, though he has tested ‘COVID-19 -negative,’ and in recent months received a ‘flu shot,’ has hypertension that’s medicated, and is ostensibly cured of Hep-C, he nonetheless will be 69 years old May 12th, 2021; so the Corona Virus danger rages on! Also include a solid confirmation that there’s a solid support system waiting, available opportunities of employment, residence, and transportation, as well as psychological/coping support and a period of adjustment, are all important—he’s been in a solitary ‘time-capsule, the worldwide ‘spider’ web has exploded on the social scene since his conviction in June of 1997. We are working on preferably a place here in the Austin/Metro area, or in West Texas, Lubbock, and/or Midland/Odessa region—but not near Alpine, except to visit family. **Please address all your Letters of Support for Xinachtli with his registered name, ALVARO LUNA HERNANDEZ, and prison number, TDCJ-CID#00255735, to: Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Parole Division, Attn: Correspondence, Post Office Box 13401, Austin, Texas 78711”**

See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/updates-15-dec-2020.pdf>

## ILPDC: Help Raise Legal Funds for Leonard Peltier in His Fight for Freedom (Ongoing)



“Leonard Peltier Defense Fund-Watch Video [HERE!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBPfEHhFJ-0&feature=emb_title)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBPfEHhFJ-0&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBPfEHhFJ-0&feature=emb_title) (Video is from previous clemency campaign).

Dear Friends, Family and Allies of Leonard Peltier, The Freedom Family and the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee are asking for your help in raising \$50,000 for Leonard’s legal commitments over the next 6 months. At this time the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee has 3 pending actions in the almost 45 yr. Battle for Leonard’s freedom.

1. We will be working on Leonard's request for a transfer closer to his family on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota.
2. At the same time, our lawyers will be completing the necessary research and preparing to file for a parole hearing.
3. Our lawyer in Leonard's 1st amendment case in Seattle Washington is preparing for trial later this year. The Defense Committee is reaching the end of our legal funds and we need to pay our attorney fees and expenses to continue the legal work towards Leonard's freedom. At this time in Leonard's life we have to pull together stronger to finally bring him home. Thank you in advance for your helping in this and for all you have done for Leonard over the years . All donations will be sent directly to the International Leonard Peltier Defense Fund to ensure no legal avenue has been overlooked. Thank you for your continued support.  
DONATE HERE <https://www.gofundme.com/f/leonard-peltier-defense-fund>

### **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://gofund.me/4799009d> "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."

### **Support the Black Panther Party Alumni Legacy Keepers Network! (Ongoing)**



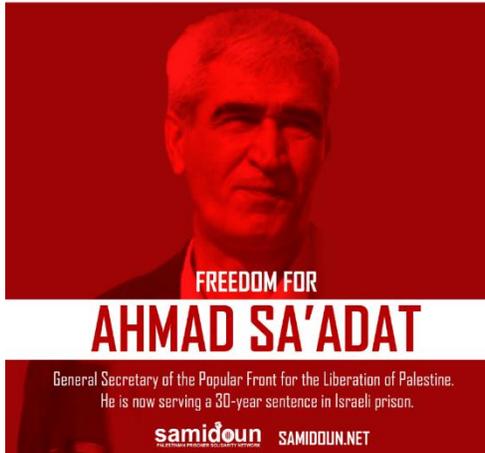
"The past year has seen many successes for The Black Panther Alumni Legacy Keepers Network. We successfully implemented educational/training classes which met online two times a week, started an online clothing store <https://blackpantherpower.com/>, had food distributions twice a week for the homeless and those in need, collaborated and formed alliances with other organizations and individuals who have a vested interest in our missions, started the preliminary planning and strategic steps forward for many of our programs such as the educational and job placement program, and outreach to universities and colleges regarding a proposed Lecture Series on Theory,

Social Practice and Historical Interconnectedness of the Black Panther Party. Please help the Black Panther Party Alumni Legacy Keepers Network continue to educate, inspire and advocate for the creation of community institutions that address the needs of the people. Go to [bpplegacykeepers.com](http://bpplegacykeepers.com) and click on "donate" to show your support. All donations are tax-deductible. Tax ID 46-0803016. You can also visit our online store to purchase clothing, merchandise, bookings, and other education materials. Please see: <https://blackpantherpower.com/>

## New Calls for Action

### International Week of Action to Free Ahmad Sa'adat and all Palestinian Prisoners Jan 15-23

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION | JANUARY 15-23 2021



“Today, it is critical to besiege the racist, settler-colonial Zionist project, and indeed, to delegitimize this project, and to support the struggle of our people for liberation, self-determination and return as the pathway to a democratic political solution for Palestine. Our people will not bow to the governments of “Israel,” including the current government which represents the will of the colonizers and the ultra-extremist Zionist terror. I call on all forces of progress, freedom and democracy to stand by the struggle of our people through all forms of boycott: political, economic, academic and cultural of the occupation state and the creation of a real economic cost for its industries of colonization and settlement and escalating the global campaigns for boycott of all corporations that support and invest in the occupation militarily and economically.” – Ahmad Sa’adat. “As we mark the 12th anniversary of the Israeli sentencing of Palestinian national liberation and international Left leader Ahmad

Sa’adat, and the 12th anniversary of the brutal Israeli assault on Gaza, “Operation Cast Lead,” Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network urges all who stand with Palestine and justice for the Palestinian people to join us between 15 and 23 January 2021 in a week of action to free Ahmad Sa’adat and all Palestinian prisoners.’ See <https://samidoun.net/2020/04/free-ahmad-saadat-imprisoned-leader-of-the-palestinian-liberation-movement/> and for actions see <https://samidoun.net/2020/12/15-23-january-2021-international-week-of-action-to-free-ahmad-saadat-and-all-palestinian-prisoners/>

### The People’s United Front: January: MLK Action! Jan 18

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
National Day of Action

Reclaim his legacy of Struggle and Action:  
Educate, Agitate, Organize where people work, study, and live!

**Harlem Speakout**  
125th Street and Adam Clayton  
Powell Blvd  
3pm-5pm

**Car Caravan**  
Start at the Audubon Ballroom  
(8th Ave & W 165th St.)  
Ends at Harlem State Office Bldg  
2 pm

**Live Facebook &  
Youtube Show**  
The People's TV on the People's Publix  
Party Facebook and Youtube pages.  
8 - 9 pm

**Monday  
Jan.  
18<sup>th</sup>**

Sponsored by  
**The People's United Front**

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## Free Maroon Car Caravan MLK DAY in Pittsburgh PA Jan 18



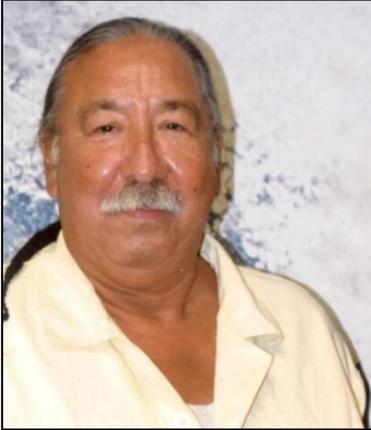
“January 18th Monday – Pittsburgh. Car Caravan to Free Maroon Shoatz. 11 am Giant Eagle Parking Lot in Southside. 11:30 am Slow car caravan through many Pittsburgh neighborhoods, meet us in the geagle parking lot in the southside. Maroon was diagnosed with Covid in December where he experienced “refugee like” circumstances with 30 ailing men living in a gym with only one bathroom. There are 145 organizations from across the country signed onto a letter demanding his immediate release. A group of health experts also wrote a letter to Governor Tom Wolf expressing their support for Maroon’s immediate release. Join us as we call for Mercy for Maroon. Join us as we demand the Release of Aging People From Prison. Join us as we demand Amnesty for All Political Prisoners. Join us as we invoke the call for Reparations.”

## MLK Jr. National Events & Biden Inauguration Jan 18

1. **New York City-MLK Jr. National Day of Action-Car Caravan**—Monday, January 18, 2021, Gather 12:30 pm, Start 1 pm ET, Meet at Mitchell Square Park (Across from Audubon Ballroom) , West 167 Street & Juan Pablo Duarte Blvd (St. Nicholas Ave)
2. **Harlem Speakout**—Monday, January 18, 2021, Start at 2 pm, End at 4 pm ET Corner West 125th Street & Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd. In front of the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building, 163 West 125th Street
3. **Black Vegfest Presents Political Education**—on Political Prisoners & Mass Incarceration. Monday, January 18, 2021, 6 pm-7 pm ET On Zoom Sign up at BlackVegfest.org or Eventbrite.
4. **The People’s TV: Live Show on Facebook & YouTube**—Monday, January 18, 2021, 8 pm-9 pm ET. On the people-pueblo party Facebook & YouTube Pages
5. **Baltimore-Honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**—Monday, January 18, 2021, 12 pm ET, Car Caravan & Digital Rally, Gather at 2011 N Charles Street for the Car Caravan. To Register for the Digital Rally: [bit.ly/MLK2021Baltimore](http://bit.ly/MLK2021Baltimore)
6. **Oakland 7th Annual Day of Action to Reclaim MLK’s Radical Legacy - Car Caravan Edition**  
Monday, January 18, 2021, at 12 pm PST <https://www.facebook.com/events/446637456326892>
7. **Anti-Police Terror Project**—We will meet at the Port of Oakland near Middle Harbor Shoreline Park (2777 Middle Harbor Rd, Oakland, CA 94607) and ride together to East Oakland. Note: We will have several posters on hand for distribution to tape to your vehicles!
8. **New York City Biden Inauguration**—No Honeymoon! Workers’ Demands from Day 1! Inauguration Workers’ Assembly Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 5 pm, Times Square, at the Red Steps, #NoHoneymoon #WorkersDemands #NoWarButClassWarr Workers’ Assembly Against Racism @shutdownracism”

## Video& Petition: AOC, Haaland talk Standing Rock Jan 18

“In our new video, containing powerful, never-before-seen footage we taped with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Interior Secretary nominee Deb Haaland of the Laguna Pueblo Tribe, you’ll hear about how the Indigenous struggle against oil pipelines has galvanized both women and inspired them to rise as leaders. These two allies are well-positioned to help the Biden-Harris administration address issues critical to Native Americans. Please watch and share our video (and, if you haven’t yet done so, please sign and share our petition asking Biden to end DAPL and KXL). See <https://action.lakotalaw.org/action/biden-pipelines>



### Demand Passionate Release for Leonard Peltier! Jan 19

“View this video and please share it –

Demanding Passionate Release for Leonard Peltier-See Video here:

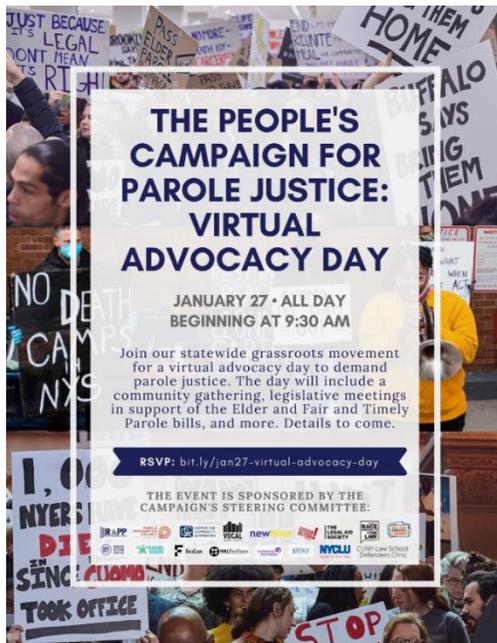
<https://youtu.be/jWdJdODKO6M>

### Please Endorse! JUSTICE ROADMAP 2021 Jan 27



“First launched in 2018, Justice Roadmap is a statewide network committed to building power and winning the passage of urgent legislation to confront systemic racism and address the harm to Black and brown communities of the criminal legal and immigration systems. Over 200 organizations have endorsed our 2021 platform and legislative agenda. Since our December launch, Justice Roadmap has been covered by News 10, News 12, New York Times, NPR, and outlets across the state. If your organization has not yet endorsed the Justice Roadmap 2021, please sign on here as we fight for justice in 2021!” To endorse see [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScs8NzZ3TH\\_dBLyvW7DWDOyqqUHIXqEl16-Z11YCdxJTnCbCw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScs8NzZ3TH_dBLyvW7DWDOyqqUHIXqEl16-Z11YCdxJTnCbCw/viewform)

### PAROLE JUSTICE ADVOCACY DAY Jan 27



“Join us on January 27th for a Parole Justice Virtual Advocacy Day to fight for these urgent bills. RSVP here.

There will be events, actions and meetings throughout the day (all digital) and we invite you to join us for whatever portion you can. We will be circulating background materials next week or join us for a training on January 25th from 6-7pm.

RSVP here” [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdENfxOSylnlgxhdjPHoP4fJ52XYRAA2tEGo6XvRehnIk3JEQ/viewform)

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## U.S. HANDS OFF CUBA! SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021-NEW YORK CITY Jan 31

“SEND A MESSAGE TO THE JOE BIDEN - KAMALA HARRIS ADMINISTRATION TO NORMALIZE U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS; AND TO END THE UNITED STATES ECONOMIC BLOCKADE & MILITARY OCCUPATION OF GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA!”



**N.Y.C. CUBA  
SOLIDARITY RALLY  
& CAR CARAVAN**

**Sunday  
Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>  
at 12:00 pm**

To Demand

"An End Of The United States Blockade Of Cuba & To Normalize U.S. - Cuba Relations."

“RALLY AND CAR CARAVAN IN SOLIDARITY WITH CUBAN-AMERICANS WHO OPPOSE US ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA TO HIT STREETS SUNDAY, JANUARY 31. The New York-New Jersey Cuba Sí Coalition, representing dozens of organizations and activists, will hold its 2nd Car Caravan to demand the US government lift all its economic and political sanctions against the people and government of Cuba. We will gather at the statue of Cuban national hero José Martí (59th St. and 6th Ave.) on Sunday, January 31, at 12:00 noon for a rally to greet the caravan arriving at the monument after a few times around Columbus Circle. Washington’s aggression against Cuba is particularly criminal in face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Cuba has given the world a shining example of containing and countering the pandemic on the island and offering medical solidarity worldwide through the Henry Reeve volunteer

medical brigades. This contrasts with the social disaster and for-profit health care facing millions in the US. These caravans in cities around the country, initiated by Cuban-Americans in South Florida, demand an end to the economic, trade, and banking sanctions causing great economic hardship in Cuba, and to US attacks on the right to travel and family visits for residents of both countries. For the past four years the Trump administration ratcheted up its anti-Cuba sanctions. It intensified the six decades of economic and political war Washington has waged against Cuba since the 1959 revolution. Among other things, these attacks pushed back the Obama administration’s measures to reestablish diplomatic relations, loosen US restrictions on travel and family remittances, and other steps. The Caravans across the US have given an important boost to the worldwide campaign to end the criminal US blockade once and for all.

**We demand:** Lift all US economic and travel sanctions against Cuba!, Stop US attacks on Cuban medical volunteers working around the world!, For US-Cuba medical collaboration to fight the COVID-19 pandemic! **Sunday, January 31st, 12:00 pm**, Meeting location: Front of the José Martí statue at Central Park(59th St. and 6th Ave.). In Solidarity, International US-Cuba Normalization Conference Coalition [us-cubanormalization.org](https://us-cubanormalization.org), Saving Lives Campaign US-CANADA-CUBA Cooperation [savinglivescampaign.org](https://savinglivescampaign.org), New York-New Jersey Cuba Sí Coalition, [cubasinynjcoalition.org](https://cubasinynjcoalition.org)”

### Please sign! Now is our window to end DAPL! Jan 31

“On the heels of President Biden’s decision to cancel the Keystone XL pipeline (KXL), another good piece of news came down this week! On Tuesday, a U.S. appellate court decision dealt one more legal blow to the Dakota Access pipeline (DAPL), upholding a lower court decision to throw out its permit to operate without proper environmental review. Nevertheless, we can’t celebrate. The court also allowed DAPL’s oil to keep flowing, and another hearing is scheduled for Feb. 10. The outcome of the February hearing is by no means guaranteed to go our way, so between now and then we need to push for a political solution. Now is our moment — we have less than two weeks — to reactivate our NoDAPL coalition en masse and pressure Biden to take executive action on DAPL now.” See <https://action.lakotalaw.org/action/biden-pipelines>

### Demand Mass COVID Clemency for the Holidays! Feb 1

“Here at the #CagingCOVID campaign, we are gearing up for a [February 1st call-to-action](#) taking place in DC and other regional targets. This day is known historically as “National Freedom Day,” since it marks the signing of the 13 Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Even after the inauguration next month, we will still have millions of people sitting unprotected in jails, prisons and detention centers which have proven to be a breeding grounds for COVID-19, turning any prison sentence into a potential death sentence. Of course there many other

problems with the prison system besides COVID-19, but this pandemic has highlighted some of the major disasters of mass incarceration, such as:

- overcrowded facilities making safety protocols near impossible;
- abysmal for-profit healthcare contractors;
- over-sentencing leaving the ill and elderly stuck inside;
- price-gouging putting basic necessities out of reach, including overpriced phone calls limiting communication with family;
- rampant censorship of organizations trying to reach in; and
- retaliation against those organizing against these conditions from the inside.

The pandemic has shown us even more clearly that the U.S. criminal justice system is incompatible with even the most basic human rights standards. We hope you'll join us in this fight. Find out more on [Nation Inside's Facebook](#). Last thing we want to relay is sad news about a major loss on our team. Nation Inside organizer from Florida, Karen Smith, was in a fatal car accident on November 29. We mourn her departure, send condolences to her family and do all we can to carry on her work. Support for her children can be offered [here](#). If you had been in touch with her, please re-direct any communication to [panagioti@workingnarratives.org](mailto:panagioti@workingnarratives.org) Thank you for joining us, Panagioti Tsolkas, Nation Inside, #CagingCOVID team”#CagingCOVID is launching an effort led by the Nation Inside team, in partnership with prisoners and their families on the outside. We have four ways you can help. **1.** Share our [#CagingCovid video](#) on all your social medias to raise awareness about this issue; **2. Sign and share this petition to the DOJ and CDC demanding both investigation and enforcement action** to stop the rampant spread of COVID-19 among prisoners who are both unable to socially distance or stuck in isolation; **3. Fill out this form with info about any family or friend who is locked up** and has a story to tell about COVID-19; **4. Use the #CagingCOVID campaign page** to generate a persistent social media buzz.

This new campaign page is full of stories and resources for activists, journalists and policy-makers to use. Our petition will be delivered to Department of Justice (DOJ) staff, as well the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), to call for immediate action. While the CDC has acknowledged the danger in prisons, it has fallen short of advocating the level of decarceration that is needed to truly implement its guidelines. There are over 6,000 state, local and federal prisons across the United States. Many of them have become hotspots of Covid-19, with disproportionately high impacts among [Black and Latinx prisoners](#), particularly in [Southern states](#). Research from [Johns Hopkins and UCLA](#) shows prisoners are 550% more likely to catch COVID-19, and 300% more likely to die from it than the general population.” See <https://www.facebook.com/NationInside>“

### **February bundle for NYC Books Through Bars!!! Feb 1**

February's picks feature chess strategy, chess literature, and a new graphic history of the Black Panther Party. Purchase three works for \$30 (35% off retail): Walter Tevis's novel, *The Queen's Gambit* (recently adapted by Netflix to much acclaim), a classic guide to playing chess, and a history of the Black Panther Party, told in graphic form. Following January's drive (*Weight-Free Workout*; *Cults, Conspiracies & Secret Societies*; *Backyard Farming: Growing Herbs for Food and Medicine*; and *Instant Yoga*), we focus on three oft requested topics: chess instruction, graphic fiction, and radical history. David F. Walker and Marcus Kwame Anderson tell the story of Bobby Seale, Huey P. Newton, Fred Hampton and others through words and images in the recently published *The Black Panther Party*. In *Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess*, a YOUNG Fischer--at the height of his talents in 1966 and well before he went off the deep end--collaborated with Stuart Margulies and Don Mosenfelder to impart how to play chess to the best of one's potential. And to complement the more technical aspects of the game, we wanted to include some diversionary reading with the novel *The Queen's Gambit*, recently adapted into a TV series, and much lauded for its dramatic depiction of competitive chess.

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

### **Support Mother of Mohamed Bah Outraged at NYPD Legal Stunt to Kill CCRB Probe Feb 5**

“Yesterday, outrageously, two of the NYPD officers involved in the killing of Mohamed Bah filed a lawsuit to try to stop the CCRB from moving forward with its investigation into Bah's death. Please support the Bah family by sharing this statement from Mohamed's mother, Hawa Bah.” See

<https://www.justicecommittee.org/post/mom-of-mohamed-bah-outraged-by-nypd-legal-stunt-to-kill-ccrb-probe>

## Emergency Protest for Mumia Monday Feb 15

Larry Krasner, Philadelphia's so-called Progressive DA, has filed another legal brief on Feb. 3rd denying Mumia Abu-Jamal the right to present all the new evidence that could prove his innocence.

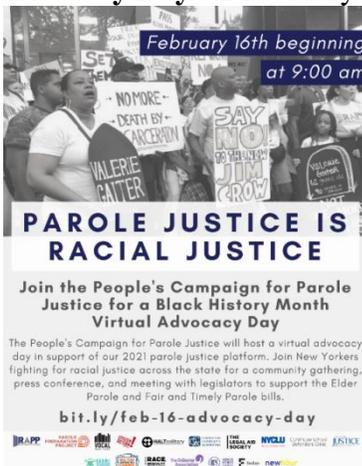
Following in the steps of other notoriously corrupt DAs, Krasner's latest legal brief argues against any new hearings that might expose this new evidence.

**Emergency Protest, 11am  
Monday Feb. 15  
in front of DAs Office  
3 Penn Square  
Philadelphia**

“MONDAY, FEB. 15 COMMUNITY PROTEST TO CONDEMN DA KRASNER’S CONTINUED FRAME UP OF JOURNALIST MUMIA ABU-JAMAL. Larry Krasner, Philadelphia’s so-called progressive District Attorney, filed a legal brief on Feb. 3 denying Mumia Abu-Jamal the right to prove his innocence. Following in the steps of Lynn Abraham, Ron Castille, Seth Williams and other notoriously corrupt DAs, Krasner’s legal brief argues against any new hearings that might bring to the light of day any new evidence that was kept out of the 1981 trial and subsequent appeals. In effect, Krasner’s 125 page brief puts his seal of approval on the outrageously racist actions of Judge Sabo, who was heard to say “I’m gonna help them fry the n----r.” In addition, Krasner knows there is new evidence. He was the one who found the six hidden boxes

of exculpatory evidence that exposes the prosecution’s misconduct. Instead of considering all the evidence that has been gathered since the 1981 trial, Krasner is basing his line of arguments on the fabrications and lies that helped to unfairly convict Mumia in the first place. With his legal action, Krasner is attempting to continue the judicial, police and prosecutorial misconduct that convicted an innocent Black journalist almost four decades ago. Krasner’s office is refusing to acknowledge that the similar charges of misconduct his office used in exonerating 18 other innocent men also applies to Abu-Jamal’s case. “Release Mumia NOW!” will be the cry as community activists protest outside the DAs OFFICE on MONDAY, FEB. 15, 11:00am to 1:00pm.” Also see <https://www.facebook.com/pam.africa>

## Parole Justice is Racial Justice: Join Us for a Black History Month Virtual Advocacy Day on February 16-Join the People’s Campaign for Parole Justice for a Black History Month Virtual Advocacy Day on February 16



“On February 16th, beginning at 9:00 am, the People’s Campaign for Parole Justice, a statewide, grassroots coalition, will hold a special advocacy day in honor of Black History Month. The theme of the day, “Parole Justice is Racial Justice” will highlight the continued harm Black New Yorkers face from systems designed to operate through violent policy, structure, and culture to oppress and criminalize people, families and communities. The passage of the Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole bills will collectively ensure that every person in NY State prison has a fair and meaningful opportunity to return home during the course of their incarceration. They will prevent aging, sickness, and death in prisons, reunite families and communities, and help to uproot NY’s racist criminal legal system.

Join us on February 16th to gather in community, meet with legislators, and promote the Elder and Fair and Timely Parole bills. RSVP to attend at [bit.ly/feb-16-advocacy-day](http://bit.ly/feb-16-advocacy-day).”

## PETITION: No to EastMed, Stand with Palestine: The EastMed fossil imperialist project and solidarity with the Palestinian resistance Feb 15

“Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network stands with all progressive forces around the world against imperialism, reaction and colonial oppression and exploitation. We therefore stand with the calls, Palestinian and international, to stop the EastMed pipeline, and just as we reject the theft of homes, of lands and of livelihoods and lives in Palestine, we reject the theft of fossil gas from the Palestinian peoples, and uphold the right of a liberated Palestinian people to democratically decide over the use of the resources in Palestine, from the river Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea. We call upon all progressive, radical and revolutionary forces around the world to adopt the following goals: Stop all trade of stolen Palestinian fossil gas. Stop the EastMed pipeline. As a first step in engaging in local, regional and international work, we call on all organizations and individuals to sign and support the call by the international climate network Gastivists to stop the EastMed pipeline:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/stop-the-eu-support-for-fossil-gas-in-the-east-mediterranean>“

## Community Events & Resources (Jan 15-Feb 15, 2021)

### #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. #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/>

### Hearings Tomorrow 1/25, on George Floyd and Jacob Blake Cases From the International Commission Racist Police Violence Jan 18-Feb 6



“The International Commission of Inquiry on Systemic Racist Police Violence Against People of African Descent in the United States will conduct 18 days of hearings beginning on Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The National Conference of Black Lawyers, the National Lawyers Guild and the International Association of Democratic Lawyers are the three sponsors of the Commission of Inquiry. **Please visit the website of the commission at <https://inquirycommission.org/> to see the [hearing schedule](#), to review the [case list](#), and to [register to attend](#) these public hearings.** “For decades people of African descent in the United States have sought in vain to seek relief from the systemic lynching’s and killings under the color of law by petitioning domestic courts, including the United States Supreme Court,” said Lennox Hinds, Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University and chair of the Commission of Inquiry’s Steering Committee. Hinds, who practiced criminal law for

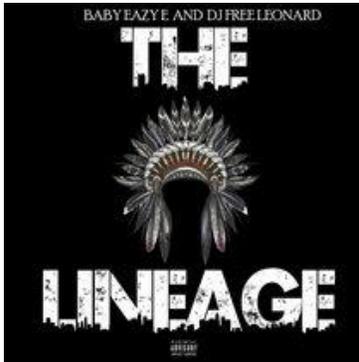
decades domestically and internationally, continued, “This International Commission of Inquiry is our latest attempt to give voice to the international outrage resulting from the public lynching of George Floyd, to once again expose the pandemic of racist police violence against people of African descent and to hold the United States government accountable before the international community.” The 12 Commissioners hail from countries around the globe and include notable figures such as Sir Clare Roberts, former President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, UN Advisor and Chair of the CARICOM Reparations Commission and pioneering lawyer Hina Jilani, who is a member of the Nelson Mandela-founded group The Elders. The hearings will be broadcast live via Zoom. For a full schedule of the hearings and other information about the Commission of Inquiry please visit: [www.inquirycommission.org](http://www.inquirycommission.org). Register for the hearings at: <https://bit.ly/inquirycommission>“

### Ralph Poynter: What’s Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ETJan 19

“TODAY’S SHOW: WILL ECONOMIC, SOCIAL & POLITICAL SOLUTIONS BEFORE COVID BE ACCEPTABLE AFTER COVID?”

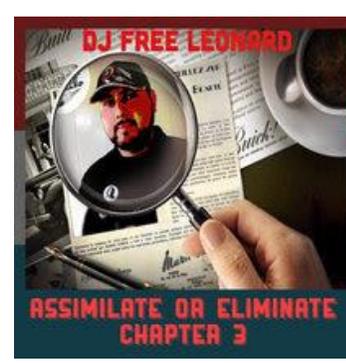
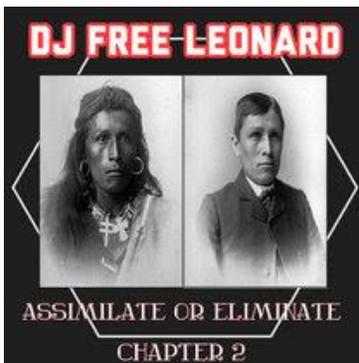
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## New releases from Baby Eazy E, DJ Free Leonard Jan 19



(Photos from Bandcamp)

1. “Baby Eazy E, DJ Free Leonard just released The Lineage EP (Baby Eazy E & DJ Free Leonard) 2019” See <https://djfreeleonard.bandcamp.com/album/the-lineage-ep-baby-eazy-e-dj-free-leonard-2019>
2. “DJ Free Leonard just released M.O.M. EP (Carol Robideau) 2020” See <https://djfreeleonard.bandcamp.com/album/m-o-m-ep-2020>



3. “DJ Free Leonard just released Assimilate or Eliminate: Chapter 2 (2019)” See <https://djfreeleonard.bandcamp.com/album/assimilate-or-eliminate-chapter-2-2019>
4. “DJ Free Leonard just released Spiritual Resistance Acapella Album (2018)” See <https://djfreeleonard.bandcamp.com/album/spiritual-resistance-acapella-album-2018>
5. “DJ Free Leonard just released Assimilate or Eliminate: Chapter 3 (2018)” See <https://djfreeleonard.bandcamp.com/album/assimilate-or-eliminate-chapter-3-2018>

## ProLibertad: ¡Elizam Escobar Ortiz PRESENTE! Jan 20



“Celebration of the life and work of el Maestro and Patriot Elizam Escobar. **The nation has lost a valiant son.** Elizam Escobar Ortiz, painter, poet, patriot, intellectual, passed away January 15 after a long battle with cancer. His wake will be held at the Casa de los Contrafuertes, Calle San Sebastián, Old San Juan, on Thursday January 20, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In conformance with the permission granted for the wake, and for the protection of all who attend, all the protocols and strict measures for the prevention of Covid will be followed.

Elizam was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, on May 24, 1948, to Eliphelet Escobar Torres and Deadina Ortiz de Jesús. Elizam participated in the anti-war and anti-draft movement at the University of Puerto Rico in the 1960’s and in the Puerto Rican Socialist League. He graduated from the University of Puerto Rico in Fine Arts. He moved to New York, where he taught art and became a member of the Progressive Labor Party. In 1980, he was arrested in Evanston, Illinois with other Puerto Rican patriots,

convicted of seditious conspiracy, and sentenced to 68 years in prison. In the 20 years he was held in

U.S. prisons, he not only painted prolifically – exhibits of his art played a key role in the campaign for the release of the Puerto Rican political prisoners – he also studied philosophy; wrote essays and poetry; maintained a vigorous correspondence with artists, poets and intellectuals; and exhibited his art throughout the world. He and other Puerto Rican political prisoners were released from prison in 1999, when President Bill Clinton commuted their unjust and disproportionate sentences. He and many of his compañeros made their homes in Puerto Rico, where they received a heroes' welcome. The School of Plastic Arts immediately recruited him to join the faculty, where he taught painting for 20 years, until his health became an obstacle.

The many recognitions of his life and work include: an honorary master's degree from the School of Fine Arts, the dedication of La Campechada in 2016, the International Association of Art Critic's award in 2013 for the best retrospective exhibit, and the Pen Club award in 1999 for the best anthology of essays – a book written and published while he was in prison. He faced both cancer and his imprisonment with an incredible spirit, a contagious sense of humor, and a thirst for life and joy. His vast collection of hats and shoes is but a small manifestation of this spirit. His dedication to and creation of art permeated his life to his dying day, and he left many projects unfinished. His dream was to convert his home and art studio into a museum, cultural center, and center for research. The family is committed to fulfilling his wishes. He is survived by his son Elizer Escobar (Abigail Schlaifer Talcott and two grandchildren Raphael Francis and Beatrice James); his brother Eliud Escobar Ortiz (Elizabeth Pérez and Eliseliz and Elizaín), his sister Rosario Escobar Ortiz (Inamar, Eliphelet and Esther); his partner Yolanda Guerrios, Jan Susler, as well as an extended family of his compañeros the former political prisoners, the movement for the independence of Puerto Rico, and the arts community.

### **In Memoriam**

“Today, we mourn the physical loss of our beloved patriot and consummate artist Elizam Escobar: but forever we should celebrate his many gifts to our lives and most importantly that Elizam lived life to its fullest until his final moments. From the days of exposing the secret imperial project called Plan 2020 in 1976 along with his teacher Juan Antonio Corretjer, to his sacrificial feat of two decades of political incarceration, to his commitment to the political freedom of Puerto Rico, to his unique artistic expressions, to his riveting wordsmithing and poetry; from his amazing, engaging teaching skills, to his deep philosophical conversations, Elizam left so much for us to continue to ponder the major questions of the human experience. As he once said “Yo creo que el arte es una respuesta a la muerte porque es la forma de mantener vivo todas las pasiones, las contradicciones, los logros de la humanidad, el aprecio por todo, por la naturaleza, por el mar, por el universo”. There is no doubt in my mind that Elizam's epithet could best be expressed in the words of Corretjer “en la mesa del dolor del mundo, edité mi proyecto de vida”. Elizam was truly an iconic figure of Puerto Rican art, politics, and letters. In words and in deeds he lived the change that he struggled for. I am convinced that he could state as the great Mexican muralist Diego Rivera once said “por mi raza hablara mi espiritu”. “The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign. The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign has dedicated the February edition of our newsletter El Coqui Libre to our dearly departed brother Elizam Escobar. A former Political Prisoner, Elizam was an accomplished artist who continued to fight for Puerto Rican independence after his release. Check out our February newsletter: <https://www.prolibertad.org/ecfFebruary2021.pdf> and see The ProLibertad Freedom Campaign: [www.ProLibertad.org](http://www.ProLibertad.org).

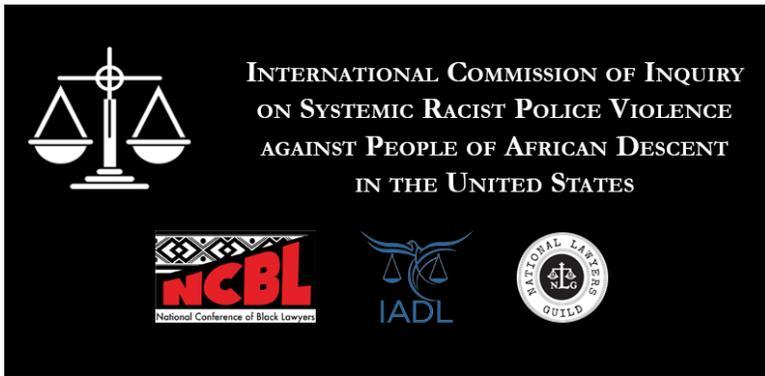
FB: <https://www.facebook.com/PRCC.chicago/?rf=1419750838355336>“

### **Black Agenda Report: The Left Lens: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. & American Empire**

(Video) Jan 20

“Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is often celebrated without any regard for his radical political legacy. Black Alliance for Peace national organizer Ajamu Baraka joins Danny Haiphong and Margaret Kimberley to assess the ongoing relevance of MLK's work and worldview.” See <https://www.blackagendareport.com/left-lens-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-and-american-empire-ajamu-baraka>

## Updates on the International Commission of Inquiry on Systemic Racist Police Violence against People of African Descent in the U.S.-- join us every morning for 3 weeks! Jan 23-Feb 6



“The International Commission of Inquiry on Systemic Racist Police Violence Against People of African Descent in the United States launched its activities on January 18, the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, opening with a meaningful introduction from Kerry McLean. In the four days that have followed, Commissioners have heard powerful testimony from family members directly impacted by systemic racist police violence against people of African descent in the United States, as well as from lawyers

supporting their fight for justice. In the past days, the Commission has heard the cases of (in order of hearing schedule - click each link for video and transcript): **Eric Garner, Freddie Gray, Nathaniel Pickett II, Marquise Jones, Botham Shem Jean, Linwood Lambert, Aaron Campbell, Jayvis Benjamin, Jeffery Price.** The hearings will continue six days a week for three weeks, until February 6. All of the videos and transcripts from these hearings are available at our website, <https://inquirycommission.org>. Deepest thanks and gratitude to all who have provided testimony and participated in the hearings. The National Conference of Black Lawyers, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, and National Lawyers Guild are co-sponsors of the project. The Commission’s Steering Committee is chaired by Lennox Hinds, IADL Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Please visit <https://inquirycommission.org/> - the website for the commission - to see the hearing schedule, review the case list, and register to attend these public hearings. All of the hearings will take place over Zoom and will be recorded and transcribed -- they are also streamed live on Facebook. Media coverage about the work of the Commission has also continued. Commission Rapporteur wrote a new piece in Truthout, published today - “Eric Garner’s mother says we must push for justice her son did not receive.” The Commission’s hearing on the case of Aaron Campbell was covered in The Oregonian (and picked up by outlets including the San Francisco Chronicle), while Commissioner Bert Samuels of Jamaica’s participation in the proceedings was covered by the Jamaica Star and the Caribbean National Weekly. We urge you to join us today - and in the 14 days of hearings to come, to hear the powerful testimonies and calls for justice and accountability that must inspire dedicated action. The hearings will be broadcast live via Zoom. For a full schedule of the hearings and other information about the Commission of Inquiry please visit: [www.inquirycommission.org](http://www.inquirycommission.org). Register for the hearings at: <https://bit.ly/inquirycommission>.

### Letter Writing To Muhammad Burton Jan 26

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing When: 7pm, Tuesday, January 26th, 2021

WHERE: YOUR HOMECOST: Free

There are still over a dozen political prisoners held in the United States for their associations with Black Liberation movements. Muhammad Burton is one of them. Muhammad Burton was accused in 1970 and convicted in 1972 on highly dubious charges, one of the “Philadelphia 5” accused of plotting to kill Philadelphia police officers. Muhammad has been behind bars for 50 years, including 11 years in solitary confinement. He has continued to maintain his innocence throughout the decades. Please join NYC ABC and Page One Collective in writing to him. Pennsylvania prisons outsource their mail system through a Florida based corporation, Smart Communications. Letters should be addressed to Fred Burton. **Please take the time to write a letter to Muhammad Burton (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online):**

Smart Communications/PA DOC, Muhammad Burton AF 3896\*

SCI Somerset, Post Office Box 33028, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733, United States

\*Address envelope to Fred Burton” See <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2021/01/25/muhammad2021>

## Ralph Poynter: What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tues. Jan. 26, 2021 Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm Jan 26

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4. Nellie Hester Bailey ~ Black Agenda Report analyst
5. Dr. Zenobia Brown ~ SPECIAL UPDATE on COVID-19 VACCINE”

## CCR: Join us on January 26 for “Brick By Brick,” a virtual community forum Jan 26

**Brick by Brick:**  
A community forum on ending  
Death By Incarceration  
in Pennsylvania

Tuesday, January 26th  
5 PM - 7 PM EST

Register at: [bit.ly/brick-by-brick-forum](https://bit.ly/brick-by-brick-forum)

### SPEAKERS:

Crystal Lopez family member	Kris Henderson Amistad Law Project
Christina Reyes family member	Quinn Cozzens Abolitionist Law Center
Abd'Allah Wali Lateef formerly incarcerated	Pardiss Kebriaei Center for Constitutional Rights
Cynthia Alvarado formerly incarcerated	

### MODERATOR:

Robert Saleem Holbrook  
Abolitionist Law Center

“Join the Abolitionist Law Center, Amistad Law Project, and the Center for Constitutional Rights for a virtual community forum to discuss the ongoing legal and political fight to abolish Death By Incarceration sentences in Pennsylvania. The forum, Brick by Brick: A community forum on ending Death By Incarceration in Pennsylvania, will take place on Tuesday, January 26, 5:00-7:00 p.m. EST. Speakers include: Crystal Lopez, family member, Christina Reyes, family member, Abd’Allah Wali Lateef, formerly incarcerated,

Cynthia Alvarado, formerly incarcerated, Kris Henderson, Amistad Law Project Quinn Cozzens, Abolitionist Law Center, Pardiss Kebriaei, Center for Constitutional Rights. Moderated by Robert Saleem Holbrook, Abolitionist Law Center.” Register here <https://ccrjustice.org/home/get-involved/events/brick-brick-community-forum-ending-death-incarceration-pennsylvania>

## Stop Line 3 with Winona LaDuke Event 01-26-2021

**STOPPING LINE 3  
WITH  
WINONA LADUKE**

**Jan 26, 2021  
6:30-8 pm EST**

Join us on Zoom:  
<http://bit.ly/3ipEzGt>

Winona Laduke, co-founder of Honor the Earth will speak about the fight to stop Line 3 and a just transition from the current fossil fuel economy.

Brought to you by the IWI- Indigenous Women's Initiative, Nekanehsakt: Friends of Ekwehewe, PUSH Buffalo, the WNY Peace Center, & Burning Books.

“Date: Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30pm EST. Where: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

What: Winona Laduke, co-founder of Honor the Earth, will speak about the fight to stop Line 3 and a just transition from this current fossil fuel economy.

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For more info, to get involved, or support visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/>

<https://www.stopline3.org/>,

<https://welcomewaterprotectors.com/>, Facebook event page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/224838002593867/>

All other Time Zones- CST-5:30, MST- 4:30 and finally PST-3:30”

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Qf6zzKTKrja9CPDW8jB4\\_g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qf6zzKTKrja9CPDW8jB4_g)

## Rally: “People to demand Governor Newsom grant mass releases as COVID-19 deaths surge in California prisons” Jan 26

“Community members plan to rally and car caravan urging prisoner releases, starting with elderly, immunocompromised, and trans prisoners. Oakland, CA—On Sunday, January 31st, Californians will hold a car protest across the Bay Area to demand that Governor Newsom grant mass releases for the state’s prison population. Formerly incarcerated leaders, families and friends with incarcerated loved ones, and activists will gather at 11:00 am at Middle Harbor Shoreline Park in the Port of Oakland to call on Governor Newsom to urgently address the ongoing crisis of Covid in prisons. California prisons have the highest numbers of coronavirus cases of prisons in the nation and the state has one of the three highest rates of death in state prisons. While Newsom placed a moratorium on the death penalty in 2019, people in prisons are being executed by COVID-19 because of governmental inaction, with many more lives at risk. Little action has been taken, even as health experts have urged significant steps as the pandemic initially spread. For instance, UCSF infectious disease experts have urgently called for the San Quentin State Prison population to be reduced by at least 50%.” (Critical Resistance-No Reference).

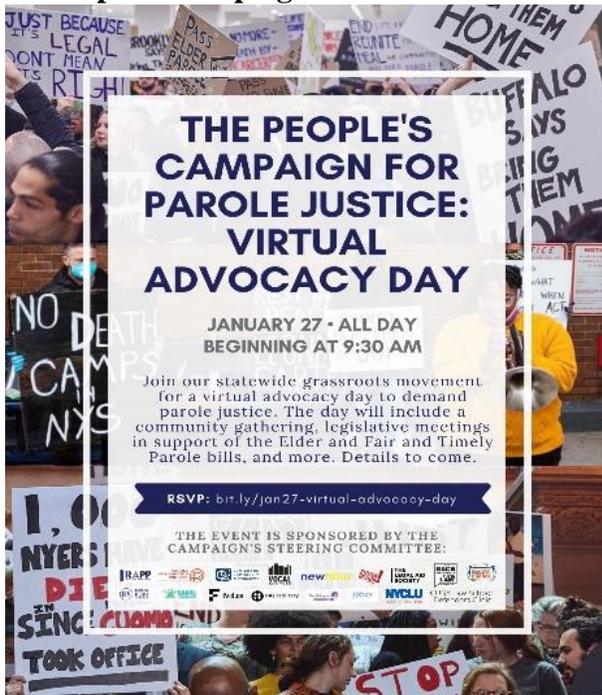
## Oakland Jericho Political Prisoner Writing Session Jan 27-Feb 4 PST



THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 AT 6 PM PST – 7:30 PM PST. Join us for an evening of discussion and letter writing for Bill Dunne, Mumia Abu Jamal, and Leonard Peltier. Please use white paper and white envelopes only. This is our first session of ongoing Political Prisoner letter writing and discussions. Get your free tickets here:

[www.eventbrite.com/x/oakland-jericho-political-prisoner-writing-sessions-tickets-136065149525](http://www.eventbrite.com/x/oakland-jericho-political-prisoner-writing-sessions-tickets-136065149525) See FB event page: <https://fb.me/e/14LFXSuJT>

## The People’s Campaign for Parole Justice 2021 Virtual Advocacy Day Jan 27



“The People’s Campaign for Parole Justice will hold a virtual advocacy day on January 27th.

Beginning at 9:30 AM, join us for a powerful day that will include a community gathering, legislative meetings in support of the Elder and Fair and Timely Parole bills, and more.

Details to come. RSVP here”

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckleKm0VjM618073K6Fy5zx5Ej6rctDSmW-Q1BKm-2BkCUEg/viewform?gxids=7628>

## Cuba Jan. 27th y Puerto Rico Jan. 28th Events! Jan 27-28

miércoles 27 de enero  
**MARTÍ: Su Legado y la Resistencia de los Pueblos**



**#AntorchasMartianasVsBloqueo**

**Panelistas** 18:00 horas  
Colombia / Perú / Cuba

**Ponencias** 19:00 horas  
Bolivia / Venezuela/ Puerto Rico

**Artistas** 20:00 horas  
Chile / Argentina / Brasil

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**ONLINE CONFERENCE JOIN US**

**Toward a Self-determining Economy for Puerto Rico**

**ABOUT**

"Toward a Self-determining Economy for Puerto Rico". We will hear from two presenters on what an autonomous economic strategy would look like in a de-colonized Puerto Rico. One presenter will talk about the general structure (macro) of such a strategy; the other will talk about specific industries, based on work being done today in Puerto Rico. There will be time for questions, answers, and commentary.

**Documentary Trailer:**  
"El laberinto cultural y económico de Puerto Rico"

**Lourdes Hernández Rivera - presentation in Spanish**  
Lourdes Hernández Rivera is co-founder of Caminando la Utopía, an organization that coordinates and facilitates Espacios de Relajación y Bienestar (Spaces of Rest and Wellness) in rural communities, and works with various projects of radical self-management in Puerto Rico. She is also executive director of the Comité de Apoyo Mutuo in Caguas. In one of CAM's well-known initiatives, they occupied and operated an abandoned local school after the disaster of Hurricane María.

**José Caraballo-Cueto - presentation in English**  
José Caraballo-Cueto is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Puerto Rico at Cayey and Director of the Census Information Center of Puerto Rico. He also worked as a Project Manager in the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics. He has published widely on the topics of development economics, deindustrialization, jobless growth, and interrogations of the link between economic growth and human development. He is a member of several national and international academic associations and a regular speaker in the media.

"Hacia una economía autogestión para Puerto Rico". Escucharemos a dos presentadores sobre cómo sería una estrategia económica autónoma en un Puerto Rico descolonizado. Un presentador hablará sobre la estructura general (macro) de dicha estrategia; la segunda conferenciante hablará de las industrias específicas, basadas en el trabajo que se realiza hoy en Puerto Rico. Habrá tiempo para preguntas, respuestas y comentarios.

 WATCH THE CONFERENCE ON FACEBOOK  
**Friends of Puerto Rico Initiative**

 JOIN THE CONVERSATION January 28 from 7 - 9 PM EST-DST  
**ZOOM** MEETING ID: 843 9808 6945  
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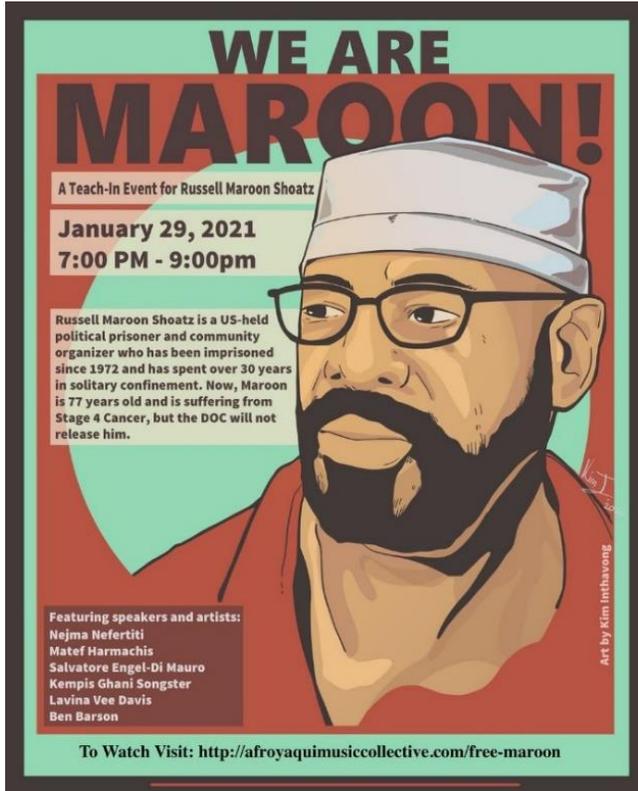
**SAVE THE DATE**

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## Physicians for Human Rights: Join Us 1/29: COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution: Ethics and Human Rights Considerations Jan 29

"The largest vaccine distribution campaign in history is underway – yet the rate of vaccination and decisions on when certain population groups will receive the vaccine vary greatly across the globe. On **Friday, January 29, at 1:00 p.m. EST**, Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) will host a discussion on the ethical and human rights considerations of vaccine distribution and the importance of vaccine uptake given vaccine hesitancy, particularly among certain populations. The conversation will be moderated by Chris Beyrer, MD, MPH, the Desmond M. Tutu Professor of Public Health and Human Rights and professor of epidemiology, international health, health, behavior and society, nursing, and medicine at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He also is director of the Johns Hopkins HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Science Training Program and is a member of PHR's Advisory Council. Beyrer serves as senior scientific liaison to the COVID-19 Prevention Network, established by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. We hope you will join us next Friday and encourage you to submit questions for consideration to [webinar@phr.org](mailto:webinar@phr.org). Panelists will answer selected questions during the question and answer portion of the webinar. By registering, you are signing up to receive periodic updates about our work. Should you be unable to attend on Friday, a recording of the discussion will be made available at that page." See [https://phr.org/issues/covid-19-pandemic/events-and-webinars/https://phr.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0mqWXduiSlqXCjFbP-yVlw](https://phr.org/issues/covid-19-pandemic/events-and-webinars/https://phr.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0mqWXduiSlqXCjFbP-yVlw)

**“WE ARE MAROON” TEACH-IN EVENT FOR RUSSELL MAROON SHOATZ (SESSION 2) ~ “OFFICIAL” ELDER POLITICAL PRISONER BIRTHDAY CALENDAR ~ “PAROLE JUSTICE ADVOCACY DAY” ~ FREE KENNY ZULU WHITMORE Jan 29**



“WE ARE MAROON! A Teach-In Event for Russell Maroon Shoatz. Friday, January 29, 2021 @ 7 to 9 pm.

Russell Maroon Shoatz is a US-held political prisoner and community organizer who has been imprisoned since 1972 and has spent over 30 years in solitary confinement. Now, Maroon is 77 years old and is suffering from Stage 4 Cancer, but the PA DOC will not release him.

Featuring speakers and artists: Nejima Nefertiti, Matef Harmachis, Salvatore Engel-DiMauro, Kempis Ghani Songster, Lavina Vee Davis, Ben Barson

To watch, visit:

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

For more info on Maroon:

<https://russellmaroonshoats.wordpress.com/>  
[freerussellmaroonshoatz@gmail.com](mailto:freerussellmaroonshoatz@gmail.com)

**Maroon Liberation School Black Legacy Month Schedule Communique Jan 29-Feb 22**

“Peace and unconditional revolutionary matriarchal maroon love, we invite you all to join us as we celebrate and honor black legacy month with marronage. For the month of February, we maroons will do justice in selecting films and having discussions on what is a maroon and how do we maroon in 2021 and beyond, connecting legacies, stories, strategies and exploring the art of praxis. An open virtual format to engage, explore and elevate. [www.wemaroon.bandcamp.com](http://www.wemaroon.bandcamp.com) (listen to our liberation suite #1), film screenings subject to change, (all sessions maroon Monday 5pm EST except 21st 1pm (different link visit bit.ly/maroonstream)

<https://zoom.us/j/95398714078>

**Feb 1** Maroon American History 1 & 2

**Feb 8** Akwantu: The Journey

**Feb 15** Queen Nanny: Legendary Maroon Chieftainess

**Feb 21** Black Legacy presentation with Youth Legacy Chapter (Eric Garner)

**Feb 22** Daughters of the Dust

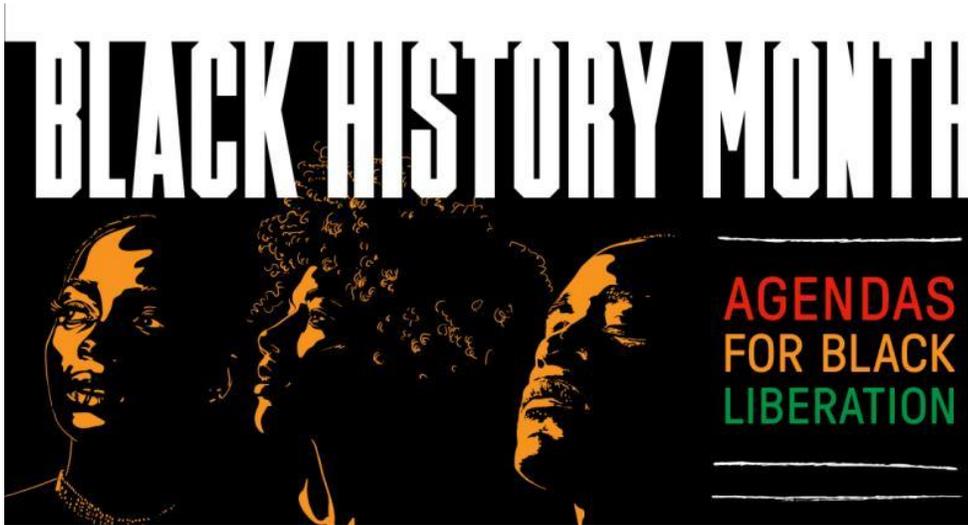
If you missed today’s brilliant teach in for Russell “Maroon” Shoatz please check it here @

[www.maroonparty.com/wemaroon](http://www.maroonparty.com/wemaroon) an official form to sign up or support our liberation school during the month of black legacy will be sent. If you would like to donate to our continued efforts for political education and development please send to PayPal or Venmo [spiritchild@xspiritmental.com](mailto:spiritchild@xspiritmental.com) (subject) “Maroon Liberation School” Cashapp @xspiritmental

**Video Interview with Eddie Conway “Bring Sundiata home: The case for freeing elderly political prisoners” Feb 1**

“Sundiata Acoli has been locked up for 48 years. At 84 years old, and after contracting COVID-19 in prison, Acoli’s health is suffering—and a coalition of friends, family, and faith leaders are calling for him to be released before it’s too late.” See <https://therealnews.com/bring-sundiata-home-the-case-for-freeing-elderly-political-prisoners>

**CCR: The Radical Futures of Black History-BLACK HISTORY MONTH, 2021: A Legacy of Irresistible Black Futures Feb 1-Feb 28**



“To honor Black history is to celebrate Black futures and the radical imaginings of our ancestors. Generations of Black freedom fighters have put forward liberatory political, social, and economic platforms, and Black artists have charted a future where Black people live abundant, healthy, safe, and joy-filled lives. Black History Month is an opportunity to study and uplift the work of the Black organizers, cultural workers, and militants who make a transformed world irresistible...” “As we enter 2021, we celebrate and stand with the people who through organizing a mass movement have created an unprecedented opening to advance visionary, affirmative, Black-centered agendas. The Center for Constitutional Rights is proud to be part of this continued legacy of resistance and invites all to join us as we build towards irresistible Black futures in a liberated world.”

**“WEEK I**

**[A Legacy of Irresistible Black Futures](#)**

*A statement from the Center for Constitutional Rights.*

**Black Liberation Archives**

*A look at the legacy of generations of Black freedom fighters*

**Creating Black Futures**

*A call to action for visionary futures*

**WEEK II**

**[The Activist Files Podcast](#)**

*The Breathe Act: A love letter for policy*

**Black Liberation Archives**

**Creating Black Futures**

**WEEK III**

**A [Freedom Flicks](#) Event**

*Agendas for Black Liberation: Past, Present, Future(s)*

**Black Liberation Archives**

**Creating Black Futures**

**WEEK IV**

**Art for Black Liberation**

*A celebration of art, expressions, and creations advancing agendas for Black liberation.*

**Black Liberation Archives**

**Creating Black Futures”**

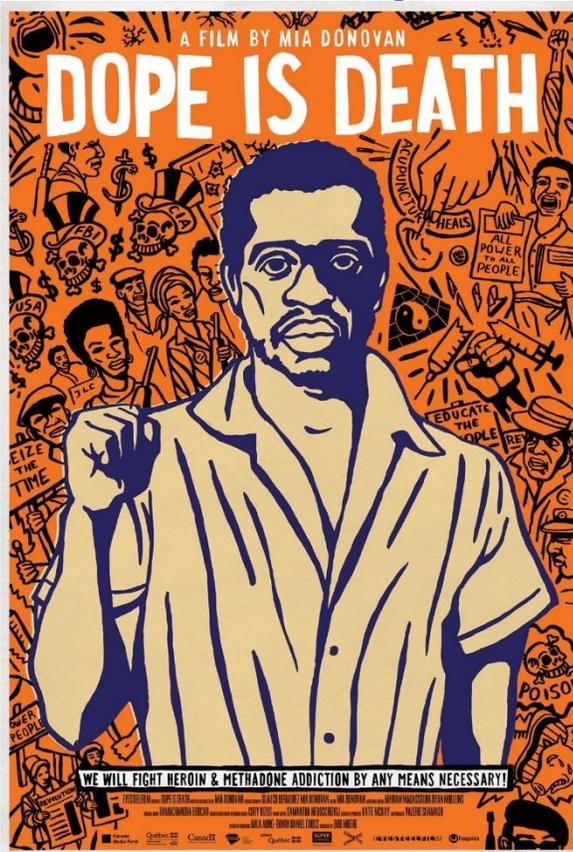
See <https://ccrjustice.org/home/blog/2021/01/29/black-history-month-2021-legacy-irresistible-black-futures>

**What's Happening BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, February 2, 2021 Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET Feb 2**

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**NOW ON DEMAND! “Dope Is Death” (Lincoln Detox film) released broadly Feb 3**



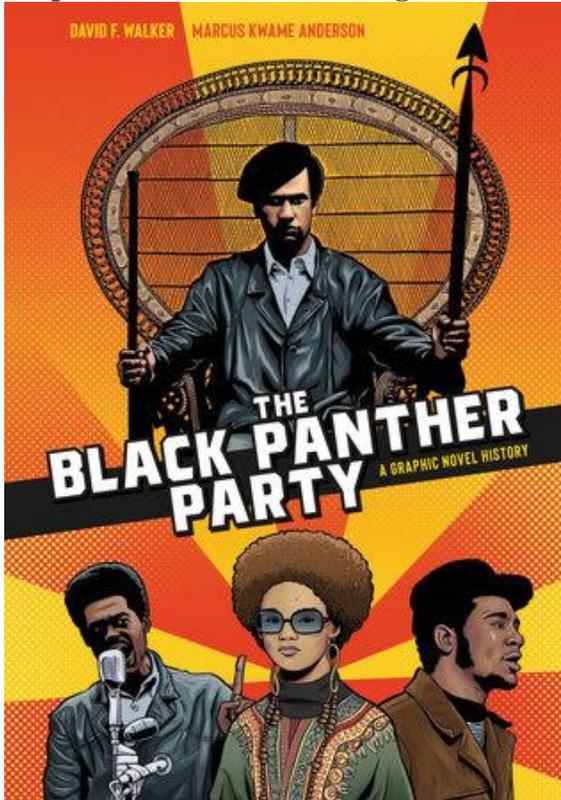
“Just released for free viewing! “Dope Is Death” is a fantastic two-hour documentary about Lincoln Detox, the inspiring, powerfully effective 8-year community-run grassroots, “alternative medicine” clinic founded by a unique coalition of Puerto Rican Young Lords, Black Panthers and other liberation fighters, as well as radical white health workers, alongside organized drug users of all backgrounds. In 1970, they led a militant but nonviolent occupation of the nurses residence at Lincoln Hospital, and the next morning(!) began offering treatment (at that time, tapering-off methadone) to the hundreds of addicted community folks who had nowhere else to go and who lined up to receive the free services. This People’s Program not only lasted for almost 8 years, but secured millions in New York State and City funding. The film prominently includes the central role played by Black liberation icon Dr. Mutulu Shakur, who helped bring acupuncture and Chinese Medicine to the Lincoln Detox treatment protocol for curing addiction to substances of all types, alongside its empathetic and strategic political education of its clients, many of whom later became staff members. (He eventually became Assistant Director.) All this made Lincoln Detox internationally acclaimed and widely replicated, and undoubtedly saved thousands of lives. In 1978, NYC Mayor Koch ordered a night-time raid by 100 heavily-armed cops, forced the removal of all the radicals from the staff, and forced the model to reduce to

mere needles-and-herbs model with no political action. And then the film continues following Mutulu through his work founding the Black Acupuncture Advisory Association of North America, its clinic in Harlem, ultimately destroyed by vicious FBI repression in 1982. Anyway, it’s a tour de force! Enjoy. Watch it here:

[https://www.vice.com/en/article/y3gxy5/the-shortlist-with-suroosh-alvi?fbclid=IwAR0BogVVLfctERdrsevZqIBdc\\_0S0ioTuUs58vwyXa-LFkvqWPhkc5V5gRg](https://www.vice.com/en/article/y3gxy5/the-shortlist-with-suroosh-alvi?fbclid=IwAR0BogVVLfctERdrsevZqIBdc_0S0ioTuUs58vwyXa-LFkvqWPhkc5V5gRg)

Here’s the Facebook post by the young, white, Canadian, and very progressive filmmaker who did such a brilliant job: <https://www.facebook.com/mia.donovan/posts/10165108769720193>“ (Photo from <https://www.facebook.com/mia.donovan/posts/10165108769720193>)

## Help NYC Books Thru Bars get this Black Panther graphic novel into prisons Feb 4



”Help NYC Books Through Bars get this amazing new graphic novel about the Black Panther party in the hands of people in prison nationwide. The Black Panther Party A graphic novel history by David F. Walker, Illustrated by Marcus Kwame Anderson. This graphic novel along with two other books are featured in NYC Books Through Bars’ February bundle. You can buy all 3 books for only \$30. They will be sent to us and we will send them to people in prison/jail. People write us all the time for information about the Black Panther Party and we seldom have many books on the topic. Order at [www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html](http://www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html)

### About the book:

Founded in Oakland, California, in 1966, the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense was a radical political organization that stood in defiant contrast to the mainstream civil rights movement. This gripping illustrated history explores the impact and significance of the Panthers, from their social, educational, and healthcare programs that were designed to uplift the Black community to their battle against police brutality through citizen patrols and frequent clashes with the FBI, which targeted the Party from its outset.” See <http://www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.htmlhttps://booksthroughbarsnyc.org/>



## Tune in KTVU News Interview with The Black Panther Party Alumni Legacy Keepers Network Feb 4

Tune in to KTVU Channel 2 on Thursday, Feb 4th at 9am and 4pm and every hour after for our News Interview!

“In 1967, the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense walked into the California state capitol, armed. Dr. Saturu Ned, then known as James Mott, followed them inside. “We walked onto the floor of the senate and they were all under their desk right and they weren’t there to do anybody no harm. They were there to read the statement that talked about our constitutional rights to defend our community,” says original Panther, Dr. Saturu Ned. It was the first of many public actions with the Black Panther Party for Saturu, but not the last.” “From Black Panthers to Black Lives Matter: The fight for Equality Continues. **Hear from original Black Panther, Dr. Saturu Ned, BLM Bay Area’s Cat Brooks, and young activists about the historical and continued efforts for equality.** Candese Charles reports.”

See <https://www.ktvu.com/news/from-black-panthers-to-black-lives-matter-the-fight-for-equality-continues>



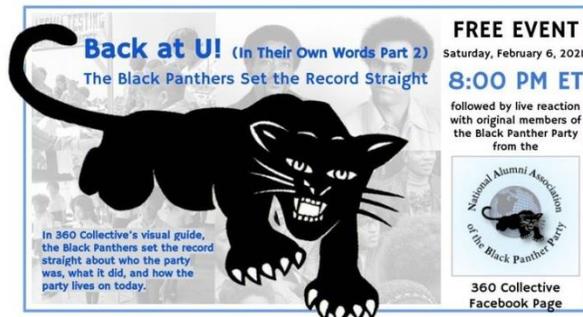
## #HALTsolitary Campaign: Sign Up for Upcoming Advocacy Days Feb 4 & 11

“Mental Health for HALT, **Feb 4**, and Interfaith for HALT, **Feb 11**, Virtual Advocacy Days.

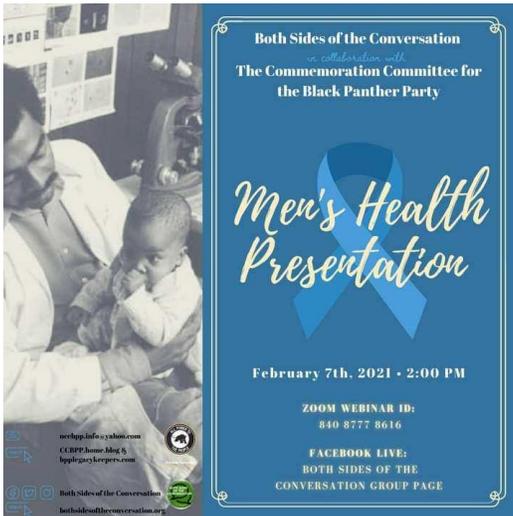
Please join us on Thursday, Feb. 4 for a Mental Health for HALT Virtual Advocacy Day and join us on Thursday, Feb. 11 for an Interfaith Day for HALT.

Please sign up for either or both days here: [bit.ly/HALTFeb2021](http://bit.ly/HALTFeb2021).”

**From the National Alumni Association of the BPP—SAVE THE DATE! Back at U!  
(In their own Words Part 2) Feb 6**



**Both Sides of the Conversation Feb 7**



“Both Sides of the Conversation with The Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party and the Black Panther Party Legacy Keepers!

We’ll be wrapping up this health series with a presentation on Men’s Health!

We will be discussing concerns and points of awareness in regards to maintaining healthy lives. You don’t want to miss it!”

You can join via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84087778616>  
[WN\\_cbNL4q9TQImMdv2BJHU5dg](https://www.facebook.com/groups/bothsidesbayarea)

or on the FB live right here in our group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bothsidesbayarea>“

**COINTELPRO: Teaching the FBI’s War on the Black Freedom Movement Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**



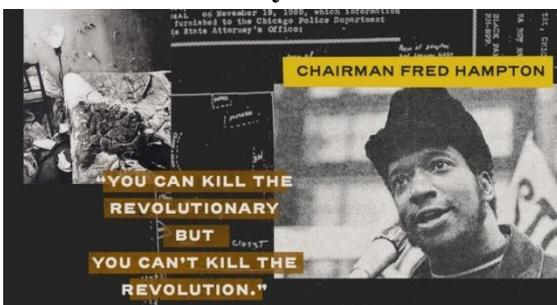
“Through examining FBI documents, students learn the scope of the FBI’s COINTELPRO campaign to spy on, infiltrate, discredit, and disrupt the Black Freedom Movement.

Learn More and Download Lesson here:”

<https://www.zinnedproject.org/materials/cointelpro-teaching-fbis-war-black-freedom-movement/>

(Photo from: <https://www.zinnedproject.org/materials/cointelpro-teaching-fbis-war-black-freedom-movement/>)

**Black Panther Party in the News and the Classroom Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**



“COINTELPRO and the Black Panther Party are back in the headlines. Let’s also make sure to teach this critical history in our classrooms. Newly released FBI files confirm what activists have suspected for years — that FBI involvement in the 1969 murder of Panthers Mark Clark and Fred Hampton reached the highest levels of the Bureau. The Zinn Education Project has multiple lessons to help educators and students appreciate the still-relevant aspirations of the Black Panther Party — racial and economic justice — and the violent and illegal lengths the U.S. government took to

silence them.” See <https://www.zinnedproject.org/materials/cointelpro-teaching-fbis-war-black-freedom-movement/> (Photo from <https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/tdih/black-panther-party-assassinated/>)

## Video: Standing Rock Tribal Council members talk NoDAPL Feb 8

“I urge you to watch our new video, in which three Standing Rock Tribal Council members share their perspectives on why now is the time to end DAPL once and for all. Growing up on Standing Rock Nation, I witnessed beauty and heartache. We have become accustomed to challenges. These days, of course, the fronts we fight on have only multiplied. In 2016, the Dakota Access pipeline (DAPL) arrived on our doorstep, then came the pandemic. Fortunately, the NoDAPL movement inspired a worldwide awakening, the beginning of a broader understanding of our struggle. Allies flooded in to join our protest camps, and our NoDAPL movement took root in the global consciousness. Now we find ourselves at another pivotal moment.” See video here <https://lakotalaw.org/resources/sr-council-members-nodapl>

## Behind the Capitol Storming: Breaking Down the New Far Right Feb 9

### *Behind the Capitol Storming: Breaking Down the New Far Right*



*Analysis by Matthew Lyons and Xloi  
Tune into Out-FM on Tues., Feb. 9, 2021 from 8:00-9:00pm,  
on WBAI/NY & listen at wbai.org*

“Tues Feb. 9 from 8 PM-9:00 PM EST: Out-FM on WBAI Radio. Listen live at 99.5 FM in NY/NJ/CT or <https://www.wbai.org/listen-live/>. If you miss it, go to <https://www.wbai.org/archive/> & scroll down to Tues., 8 PM, “Out-FM” This is the first of a two-part series. Stay tuned for the air date of Part 2. In the coming days, check outfm.org for the audio and video archive. **The Trump zealots** who stormed the Capitol building on January 6th, leading to at least 5 deaths, were part of a growing far-right movement. Tune into this interview by Out-FM’s Bob

Lederer with two longtime writers for the blog ThreeWay Fight (<http://threewayfight.blogspot.com/>) who have closely studied the far right, Matthew Lyons and Xloi. In the coming days, check outfm.org for the audio and video archive.” See <https://www.wbai.org/listen-live/>

## Freedom Archives Event! Save the date! Panthers After the Party - A Conversation on Black Power Afterlives Feb 9

**PANTHERS AFTER THE PARTY**  
**A CONVERSATION ON  
 BLACK POWER AFTERLIVES**

**FEATURING**  
 Ericka Huggins  
 Hank Jones  
 Sekou Odinga  
 Akinsanya Kambon  
 Nathaniel Moore

**BLACK POWER  
 Afterlives**  
 The Enduring Significance of the Black Panther Party  
 Edited by Daniel C. Hays and Mabel Hays

**Tuesday February 9th, 7PM EST**

Please Register here! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/panthers-after-the-party-a-conversation-on-black-power-afterlives-tickets-138968461409>

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## Letter Writing to Kings Bay Plowshares 7 Feb 9

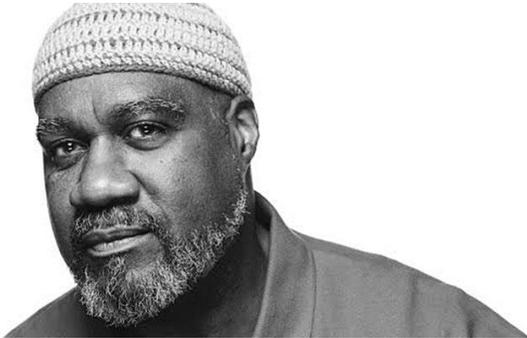
“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing—WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, February 7th, 2021—WHERE: YOUR HOME—COST: Free. Please join us this week in writing the Kings Bay Plowshares 7 (KBP7), many of whom have started their sentences in the last couple of months. The Kings Bay Plowshares 7 are seven Catholic plowshares activists who entered Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in St. Mary’s, Georgia on April 4th, 2018. They went to make real the prophet Isaiah’s command to “beat swords into plowshares.” The seven chose to act on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who devoted his life to addressing what he called the “triple evils of militarism, racism, and materialism.” Carrying hammers and baby bottles of their own blood, the seven attempted to convert weapons of mass destruction. In October 2019, the seven were convicted of all four charges. More information: <http://kingsbayplowshares7.org>. Below are the addresses that we currently have for the folk who have started their sentences and have confirmed that they want correspondence. Father Stephen Kelly is currently in transit and Clare Grady will start on February 10, shortly after this post is published. Be sure to check back next month for the updated issue of the Illustrated Guide to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War, which will have updated addresses: <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/guide> Please take the time to write a letter to KBP7 (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online):

**Clare Grady** #01264-052, FPC Alderson, Glen Ray Road, Box A, Alderson, West Virginia 24910

**Patrick O’Neill** #14924-018, FCI Elkton, Post Office Box 10, Lisbon, Ohio 44432

Carmen Trotta #22561-021, FCI Otisville, Satellite Camp, Post Office Box 1000, Otisville, New York 10963. See [https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2021/02/07/kbp7\\_2020](https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2021/02/07/kbp7_2020)

## We Are Our Own Liberators Feb 9<sup>th</sup>



“In early February 2021, **Jericho Boston** is hosting, and Jalil Muntaqim is leading a six part seminar on Jalil’s book, *We Are Our Own Liberators*. Jalil Muntaqim is a former Black Panther and political prisoner.

He was released from prison on October 7th 2020 after serving nearly 50 years. During his decades in prison, Jalil earned numerous educational degrees, authored two books, led multiple education programs, and mentored many younger incarcerated men. In this

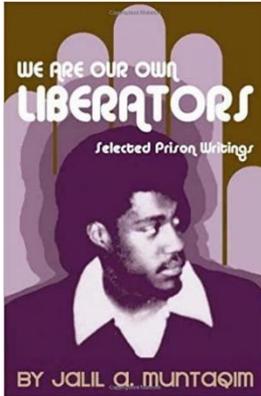
six-part educational series, Jalil will bring his collection of writings to life and delve into the criteria needed for building a revolutionary nationalist front.

Additional information can be found by clicking on the event link here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-are-our-own-liberators-tickets-133279563763>. In this educational series, Jalil Muntaqim will cover his book, *We Are Our Own Liberators*, in six parts. Jalil will lead each class, on either Tuesdays or Thursdays, your choice, via zoom. Once you have signed up and paid for the seminar, the zoom link for the day you signed up for will be emailed to you. A detailed schedule is provided below.

**Seminar Schedule** Series will be held every other week via Zoom, you can sign up for either Tuesdays **OR** Thursdays

<b>Tuesday Track</b>	<b>Thursday Track</b>	
Tuesday, February 9th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, February 11th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	<b>Part 1:</b>
Tuesday, February 23rd 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, February 25th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	<b>Part 2:</b>
Tuesday, March 9th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, March 11th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	<b>Part 3:</b>
Tuesday, March 23rd 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, March 25th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	<b>Part 4:</b>
Tuesday, April 6th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, April 8th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	<b>Part 5:</b>
Tuesday, April 13th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	Thursday, April 15th 2021 @7-8:30PM EST	<b>Part 6:</b>

**Fee:** Jericho Boston is requesting a \$60 donation be made to participate in the seminar. Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-are-our-own-liberators-tickets-133279563763>”



“**Book Purchase:** Jericho Boston has a limited number of hard copies of WE ARE OUR OWN LIBERATORS on sale for \$10 + Shipping. Please email: [kellie.jerichoboston@gmail.com](mailto:kellie.jerichoboston@gmail.com) for a copy. The E-book can also be purchased independently here: [bit.ly/E-Book\\_WAOOL](https://bit.ly/E-Book_WAOOL). Join us!” See <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-are-our-own-liberators-tickets-133279563763> <https://jerichoboston.com/> [https://www.pmpress.org/index.php?l=product\\_detail&p=481](https://www.pmpress.org/index.php?l=product_detail&p=481) Please reference the links below for updates: [Jericho Boston Facebook - Jericho Boston](#)“

### Restore the Vote Town Hall / February 10 @ 6PM Feb 10

**RESTORE THE VOTE TOWN HALL**

**CHALLENGING JIM CROW IN NEW YORK**

Restoring the right to vote to all formerly incarcerated people through S830A & A4448 + the longer road to voting rights for all citizens

**FEBRUARY 10, 2020 / 6 PM**  
RSVP FOR ZOOM LINK: [BIT.LY/RTVNY](https://bit.ly/RTVNY)

Featuring:

- Soffiyah Elijah, Alliance of Families for Justice
- Anthony Dixon, Parole Prep Project
- Lisette Bamenga, MS Ed., Hudson Link & Ritual4Return
- Anthony Posada, Legal Aid Society
- Sean Morales-Doyle, Brennan Center
- Jan Combopiano, Brooklyn Voters Alliance
- Assembly Elections Committee Chair Latrice Walker
- Bill Sponsor Danny O'Donnell

“Join us on Wednesday 2/10 @ 6PM as we push to codify the right to vote for all formerly incarcerated people and lay out the long-term demand to restore the right to vote for incarcerated people.

#RestoreTheVote RSVP here: [bit.ly/RTVNY](https://bit.ly/RTVNY). Please share the “click-to-call/email” tool that will drive emails, calls and tweets to elected officials about this bill. <https://p2a.co/wdrv2pz>.

Here is a good article about restoring voting rights to parolees: <https://www.cityandstateny.com/articles/policy/criminal-justice/state-legislature-may-restore-voting-rights-parolees.html>.”

**SEATS ARE LIMITED & “ORIGINAL” BLACK PANTHERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE...**  
On Friday, February 12, 2021 @ A Panel Discussion & Screening In Brooklyn of The Fred Hampton Film... “Judas And The Black Messiah” at the Magnolia Tree Earth Center Feb 12

**AFRICAN HISTORY PROGRAM**  
APPLYING THE LESSONS OF FRED HAMPTON & THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

**FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION**

**JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH**  
YOU CAN KILL A REVOLUTIONARY BUT YOU CAN'T KILL THE REVOLUTION

**FEB 12TH**  
**DOORS OPEN 6PM**  
**12-17 FREE 18+ \$10**

**MAGNOLIA TREE EARTH CENTER**  
677 LAFAYETTE AVE  
PMI, Bro. Yoni (347) 666-8991

**Purchase Tix Online**  
[WWW.MLNBNG.COM](http://WWW.MLNBNG.COM)

**Parental Consent Req'd**  
**Mature Audience Only**

**Violence and Language**

## THE CONCRETE SCHOLAR Feb 12

“ABOUT US: Innovators. Dreamers. The concrete scholar is a small collective of Black Prisoners who have committed their lives towards uplifting the Afrikan Amerikan community and transforming the black criminal gangster mentality into a mid-set designed to serve the best interest of our communities. Abdul Shakur is the creator of the concrete scholars collective, and is also one of its most prolific activists. This particular website is devoted to the work and contributions of brother Abdul Olugbala Shakur. We also intend to use this website as a platform and medium to rally support for Abdul who has been in prison approximately 40 years now, and has spent 32 plus years of this in solitary confinement/isolation. We believe that his work from prison will benefit all of society, and not just the Afrikan-American communities. My name is Sharifa Shakur, I am the creator of this website and its primary coordinator. I am also the wife of Abdul Olugbala Shakur whom I have been married to for 21 years and have fought by his side unconditionally.” See <https://www.theconcretescholar.com/>

## The Unjust Imprisonment of Imam Jamil al-Amin Webinar Feb 12

Special Guest Moderator: Laila Al-Arian, Journalist

**COALITION FOR CIVIL FREEDOMS**

**The Unjust Imprisonment of Imam Jamil Al-Amin** formerly known as H. Rap Brown

**Friday 2/12 2:30pm EST**

**Kairi Al-Amin, Esq.**  
Attorney and Son of Imam Jamil Al-Amin

**El-Hajj Mauri Saalakhani**  
Human Rights Advocate and Author

**El-Hajj Amir Khalid A. Samad**  
CEO and Co-Founder, Peace in the Hood

“To commemorate Black History Month, ep. 24 of our #InjusticeAtHome webinar series will examine the unjust case of Imam Jamil Al-Amin (formerly known as H. Rap Brown), a civil rights activist and Muslim community leader who was targeted by the government on fabricated charges and sentenced to life without parole plus an additional 35 years. Despite state charges, he was moved to a federal prison and spent a number of years in a federal supermax prison. Joining us will be his son, attorney and activist, Kairi Al-Amin, community organizer El-Hajj Amir Khalid A. Samad, and CCF board member and human rights advocate, El-Hajj Mauri Saalakhani, author of the recent book, “The Imprisonment of Imam Jamil Al-Amin: Is It A Government Conspiracy?” Moderated by journalist Laila Al-Arian. Friday, February 12 at 2:30 PM EST.

Register on Zoom at <http://bit.ly/ImamJamil> or watch live on Facebook at

<http://www.facebook.com/civilfreedoms/live>“

## Video: 1969, Year of the Panther: O’Neal and Chairman Fred Feb 14

“After watching Judas and the Black Messiah, watch this on YouTube: Panel held on Sunday, February 7, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. CST. Interview with Black Panther Party members who knew Chairman Fred and William O’Neal and the three attorneys who cross-examined O’Neal and his FBI handler, Roy Mitchell. Conversations like this don’t happen every day and it was indeed my honor. Check it out. Leila” “Thank you for taking part in this riveting discussion. We will delve deeply into major and little known circumstances and events that took place in 1969 leading up to, and after, the assassination of Chairman Fred Hampton and Defense Captain Mark Clark. Black Panther Party Members and Archivists Stan McKinney and Henry Nesbitt meticulously curated an archive on display at the Westside Justice Center (WJC). Stan and Henry have conducted tours, spoken at events, lectured at universities, and narrated the BPP history for several years. Billy “Che” Brooks was the Minister of Education for the Illinois Chapter and was a close comrade to Chairman Fred Hampton. Che, also an archivist, has led the Oral History Project with other Party members. He currently works with high school students by teaching them about social justice and decision-making skills that ensure survival, civics, and the legislative process. Attorney James Montgomery, was lead counsel in the case against the city of Chicago after the assassinations of Chairman Fred Hampton and Defense Captain Mark Clark. Attorneys Jeffrey Haas and Flint Taylor litigated the case against the city of Chicago and have continued to uncover secret abuses of law enforcement and government agencies. These attorneys cross-examined FBI agent Roy Mitchell and Informant Provocateur William O’Neal. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sg-m6taYPwQ>.

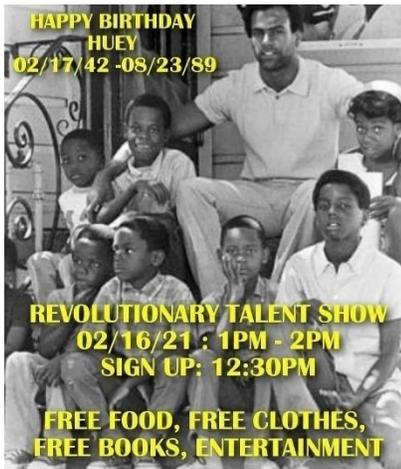
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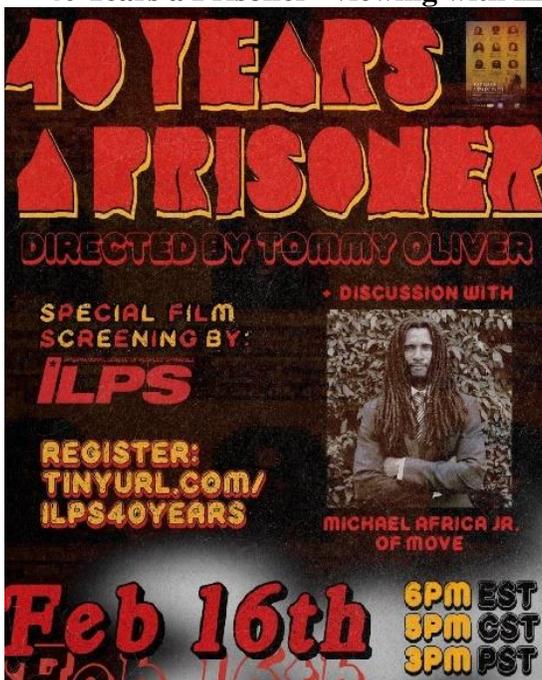
## Happy Birthday Huey P. Newton! Celebration at Lil Bobby Hutton Park, Oakland CA Feb 16



Starts at 12pm, 61 St. and Adeline, Oakland, CA.  
Sponsored by the **Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party.**

Free Food!  
Free Clothes!  
Free Books!  
Entertainment!!!

## “40 Years a Prisoner” viewing with ILPS Feb 16



“As part of Black History Month, ILPS US will be screening “40 Years a Prisoner”, a documentary directed by Tommy Oliver that follows the life of Michael Africa, Jr. to exonerate his parents, both incarcerated members of the revolutionary group MOVE.

The documentary is currently being shown on HBO and includes producers like Common, John Legend, Questlove and many others.

This special ILPS US viewing will be on Tuesday, February 16, 6pm EST / 5pm CST / 3pm PST. The event will include welcoming and discussion with Michael Africa, Jr. himself!

Please register for the Zoom event at [tinyurl.com/ILPS40Years](https://tinyurl.com/ILPS40Years).”

**Future Focus: A Conversation with Jalil Muntaqim** Feb 19

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# **FUTURE FOCUS: A CONVERSATION WITH JALIL MUNTAQIM**

*hosted by  
UR Abolition Coalition,  
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*Join us for an open discussion on  
policing, criminal (in)justice, and our  
collective imaginings for a better  
future.*

**Friday, Feb 19  
7 pm**

**Link to register in bio**  
**ASL interpretation provided**

“Friday, February 19, 2021 at 4 PM PST-Jalil Muntaqim is an activist, author, and former member of the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army. During his five decades of incarceration, Muntaqim remained a pioneering leader within and without his prison walls. He initiated national campaigns for the United States to recognize the status of political prisoners who, like himself, fought for liberation in the face of state persecution, surveillance and intimidation, and later helped to found an amnesty movement dedicated to freeing political prisoners and prisoners of war. He also earned multiple college degrees, mentored hundreds of people, and taught classes on sociology, African Studies, poetry, IT, and other life skills.

Released on parole in October 2020, and now at Citizen Action NY, Muntaqim lends his experience and knowledge of history to discuss the way forward from our present moment on policing, popular resistance, criminal (in)justice, and our collective imaginings for a more just, more humane future.

The conversation, co-hosted by the UR Abolition Coalition, the Center

for Community Engagement, the Frederick Douglass Institute, the Susan B. Anthony Institute, the Rochester Decarceration Research Initiative, and the Central New York Humanities Corridor, includes a moderated discussion followed by an audience Q&A. ASL Interpretation will be provided. Please be in touch with sbai@rochester.edu with other requests for accommodation or questions as far in advance of the event as possible.

REGISTER HERE: [https://rochester.zoom.us/j/7N\\_PoP70-NNTXuD36P62W4EQg](https://rochester.zoom.us/j/7N_PoP70-NNTXuD36P62W4EQg)“ See <https://www.facebook.com/events/742794713340591>

**THERE IS A FIELD- A FILM BY JEN MARLOWE** Feb 21

“A timely new documentary tells the story of Asel Asleh, a 17 year old Palestinian peace activist who was murdered by Israeli police, through the lens of Black Lives Matter activists in the United States.

[www.ThereIsAField.com](http://www.ThereIsAField.com) Sunday, February 21st at 3pm ET. Panel discussion to follow.”

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Upcoming: Malcolm X/Killer Cops and Cristianismo y Marxismo!Feb 22 & 25

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**Malcolm X: The Fight Against Killer Cops  
And Brutality Then And Now**

**A Mass Action Coalition to Jail Killer Cops**

**Speakers**

- **Alyssa Jones-Garner** - an SEIU Local 1021 Member-leader, Shop Steward, political organizer and, community activist from San Francisco
- **Tia Kurtisinger-Edison** - a leader of movement pursuing justice for Breonna Taylor, Secretary of Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression
- **Cleve Andrew Pulley** - Coordinator Mass Action Coalition to Jail Killer Cops, former member of GPs United Against the War in Vietnam, member of UFCW Local 400
- **Ike Nahem** - Retired Amtrak Locomotive Engineer and Teamster Union member, Organizer, NY-NJ Cuba Si Coalition, International US-Cuba Normalization Conference Coalition, Author, To the Memory of Malcolm X: Tribute to a Revolutionary

**Co-chairs**

- **Aislinn Pulley** - BLM Chicago, Chicago Torture Justice Center
- **August Nimitz** - Professor of Political Science and African American and African Studies, University of Minnesota.

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- ➔ **Narciso Isa Conde**  
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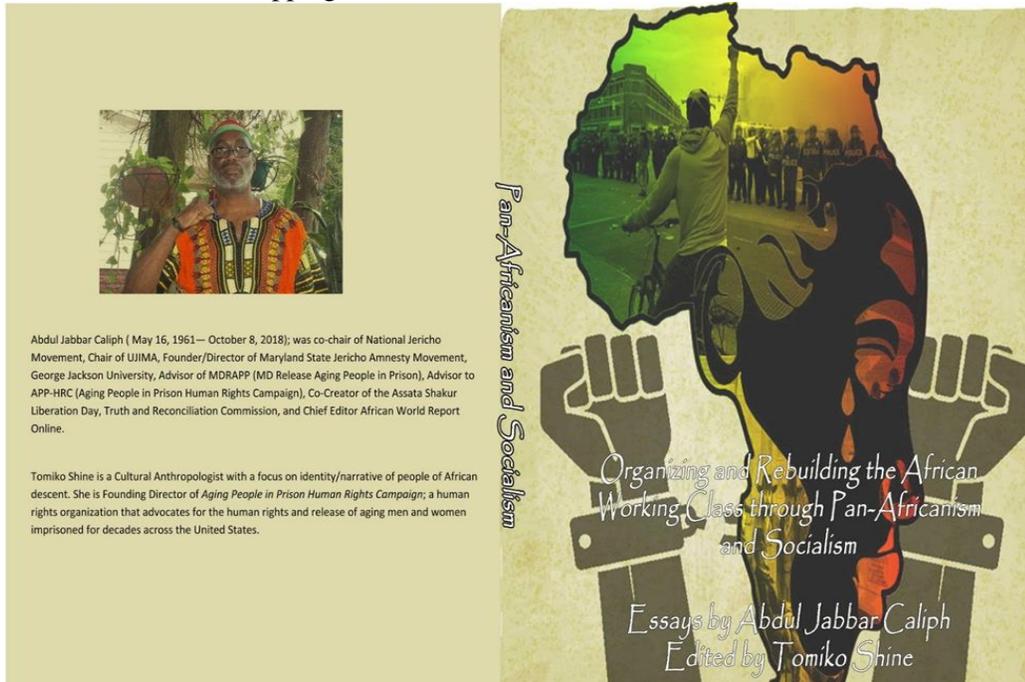
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## News, Articles, and Updates

**“No One Took Us Seriously”:** Black Cops Warned About Racist Capitol Police Officers for Years Jan 14  
 “Allegations of racism against the Capitol Police are nothing new: Over 250 Black cops have sued the department since 2001. Some of those former officers now say it’s no surprise white nationalists were able to storm the building.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/no-one-took-us-seriously-black-cops-warned-about-racist-capitol-police-officers-for-years>

**Secret, rushed, expensive executions** Jan 14

“A \$6,300 Bus. A \$33 Last Meal. What New Documents Tell Us About Trump’s Execution Spree. The extraordinary costs of killing the condemned. Justice Department officials were so eager to execute condemned federal prisoners last summer during the pandemic, they spent estimated millions on five executions in Terre Haute, Indiana. Taxpayer money went for food, hotel rooms, and other expenses for witnesses and staff, according to federal records obtained by the ACLU. TMP’s Keri Blakinger and Maurice Chammah have the details on some of the expenses, like nearly \$6,500 for potato chips.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/01/14/a-6-300-bus-a-33-last-meal-what-new-documents-tell-us-about-trump-s-execution-spree>

**Black Agenda Report: White Settler Uprising at the Capitol** Jan 14

“White mobs and armed groups have been inflicting violence against the non-white presence in their colonial settler state ever since their ancestors arrived on these shores. The Puritans – a colony-in-arms — had all but completed the mission of racially “purifying” New England within a century of setting foot at Plymouth Rock. Far more Native Americans were killed by massed, armed settler civilians than by uniformed armies of the British Crown or the young U.S. republic. Whites in the slave states of the U.S. South were a people perpetually in arms in “defense” against slave rebellions, with every able-bodied white man obligated to aid in suppressing real or threatened Black revolts. Hundreds of Blacks were massacred in the wake of Nat Turner’s 1831 rebellion. “Mob violence is trademark Americana, an historically repetitive phenomena that is, to varying degrees, also characteristic of other white settler states.” See <https://www.blackagenda.com/white-settler-uprising-capitol>

### **Over 2,100 prisoners have died of COVID-19 behind bars since last March** Jan 14

“Over 2,100 prisoners, at least, have died of COVID-19 behind bars since last March. Coronavirus cases rose another 4 percent last week in state and federal prisons around the country. The tally is over 343,000 cases. More than 90,000 prison employees also have tested positive for COVID-19 and at least 146 have died. Only two states, Wyoming and Vermont, have yet to report a COVID-19-related death. In collaboration with the Associated Press, here is our updated tracker.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

### **New York AG sues NYPD over excessive force at racial justice protests** Jan 14

“New York Attorney General Letitia James on Thursday filed a lawsuit against the New York Police Department and New York City alleging that authorities used excessive force during the summer’s racial justice protests. The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, calls for the NYPD to undertake systemic reforms to be overseen by an independent monitor. It also asks for a court to declare the police actions unlawful. The 69-page filing includes allegations of dozens of excessive force violations accompanied by graphic photographs of individuals who it says were beaten and in some cases unlawfully detained by police.” See <https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/14/new-york-ag-sues-nypd-and-city-over-excessive-force-at-racial-justice-protests.html>

### **Federal prisons on lockdown in run-up to Biden inauguration** Jan. 16

“All federal prisons in the United States have been placed on lockdown, with officials aiming to quell any potential violence that could arise behind bars as law enforcement prepares for potentially violent protests across the country in the run-up to President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration on Wednesday. The lockdown at more than 120 federal Bureau of Prisons facilities took effect at 12 a.m. Saturday, according to an email to employees from the president of the union representing federal correctional officers.” See <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/federal-prisons-lockdown-run-biden-inauguration-n1254515>

### **Dr. Martin Luther King’s Challenge to the Movement as the Fascists Storm the Capitol** Jan 18

“Today, even Dr. King, who fought the fascists in Montgomery and Cicero would be shocked to see armed white fascists march in plain view and the “Civil Rights Movement” cannot be found because it no longer exists. As CNN, MSNBC, and the Democrats keep repeating “Trump, Trump, Trump—and yes, he and his fascist movement are the greatest danger, we need the Democrats to stop attacking Black militants, free Black political prisoners, and encourage the long history of armed self-defense that the Black community has practiced since Reconstruction. To be clear, it has been the Democrats who have sent Black militants to prison or their deaths, destroyed the safety net, and rounded up Black Panthers and any other Black folks who believed in and practiced “armed self-defense.” The Democrats and president Obama say, “John Lewis, non-violence, Dr. King, non-violence” without acknowledging that the essence of Dr. King’s legacy was a pro-communist, Black Nationalist, anti-imperialism in which it was “non-violent Direct Action!!! That was the centerpiece of his philosophy.” See <https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/01/18/dr-martin-luther-kings-challenge-to-the-movement-as-the-fascists-storm-the-capital/>

### **Releasing prisoners without COVID tests or quarantines** Jan 19

“I should have been tested.” Corrections officials across the country are releasing prisoners without COVID-19 tests or without adequate quarantining. Out of the 31 prison systems that responded to our survey, 17 states and the federal Bureau of Prisons are testing incarcerated men and women before they are freed. And officials in just 13 states and the federal system coordinate the release of prisoners with local health officials. Many returnees, and their families, say that prison officials aren’t doing nearly enough to stop the spread of the virus.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/01/19/prisons-are-releasing-people-without-covid-19-tests-or-quarantines>

### **TRACKING THE DEADLY SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN NEW YORK’S PRISONS** Jan 19

“Today CANY released a new report which imputes daily estimates for the number of positive, negative, and total tests; point in time active cases; and system-wide positivity rates in prisons throughout New York. This daily imputation allows CANY to build a picture of new infections and positivity for the system as a whole and for individual prison facilities. In the report, available here, we present a history of all tests DOCCS reported June 1-December 17.” See [https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b2c07e2a9e02851fb387477/t/600722ef5e00c8bf1227d/1611080431569/CANY\\_SpreadofCovid19NYStatePrison\\_2021.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b2c07e2a9e02851fb387477/t/600722ef5e00c8bf1227d/1611080431569/CANY_SpreadofCovid19NYStatePrison_2021.pdf)

**Rioters faced no consequences invading state capitols. No wonder they turned to the U.S. Capitol next.**

Jan 19

“Armed far-right mobs met little law enforcement resistance when they repeatedly attacked state capitols. You can draw a direct line from that kind of impunity to the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan 6. The gallery in the Idaho House was restricted to limited seating on the first day of a special session in late August. Lawmakers wanted space to socially distance as they considered issues related to the pandemic and the November election. But maskless protesters shoved their way past Idaho State Police troopers and security guards, broke through a glass door and demanded entry. They were confronted by House Speaker Scott Bedke, a Republican. He decided to let them in and fill the gallery.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/sense-of-entitlement-rioters-faced-no-consequences-invading-state-capitols-no-wonder-they-turned-to-the-u-s-capitol-next>

**Trump proved pardon system is broken** Jan 19

“A pardon primer, just in time for the final Trump flurry. The federal clemency system was broken long before Donald Trump became president, experts and reform advocates argue. Some say the pardon process, at a minimum, should be moved out of the Justice Department to preclude federal prosecutors from playing such a key role.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/01/19/trump-s-pardons-show-the-process-has-always-been-broken>

**GP Women’s Caucus: As Black Women and Girls Go Missing, and the Media and the Police Do Little, a National Task Force is Required to Address the Issue** Jan 20

“The Green Party of the United States National Women’s Caucus released a statement today calling for a national task force to focus on solving the disappearances of black women and girls. Caucus spokesperson Monica James said, “As Black women and girls go missing, and the media hardly gives coverage and the police do very little to solve their cases, the GPUS Women’s Caucus believes a national task force is required to address this issue. As the Caucus spokesperson, this topic of the invisible, unknown numbers of missing Black women and girls has touched me personally and many of us the hardest. Some have never heard these stories, but in the Black communities, it’s the silent wishes of family and friends, exhausted, crying for help, that these women be acknowledged and found.” See <https://www.gp.org/as-black-women-and-girls-go-missing-and-the-media-and-the-police-do-little-a-national-task-force-is-required-to-address-the-issue>

**The Marshall Project: “There is power in the air.”** Jan 20

“The relatives of Jacob Blake and Breonna Taylor were at the inauguration and hope to press Biden administration officials to move quickly on police reform. Among those attending the inauguration were the relatives of Black victims of police violence. Jacob Blake, whose son, Jacob Blake Jr., was shot and gravely wounded by a police officer in Kenosha, Wis., Justin Blake, the uncle of the younger Jacob, and Bianca Austin, the aunt of Breonna Taylor, who was fatally shot in a botched raid by the Louisville police, attended together.” “There’s power in the air,” Justin Blake said by cellphone from outside the U.S. Capitol as band music blared in the background. For this contingent, the trip to Washington was about much more than celebrating a new administration. They are also hoping to meet with lawmakers to push an agenda of police reform and racial justice. Justin Blake said officials in the incoming Biden administration had agreed to meet with them in the coming weeks to discuss the issues.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/20/us/jacob-blake-jr-breonna-taylor-biden-police-reform.html>

**Charlottesville Inspired Biden to Run. Now It Has a Message for Him.** Jan 21

“The white supremacist rally in 2017 prefigured the rise of right-wing violence in President Trump’s name. Now, as President Biden calls for national unity, residents say it requires accountability first. Susan Bro recognized the palpable anger and open bigotry on display in the mob that attacked the United States Capitol this month. It reminded her of the outpouring of hate that killed her daughter, Heather Heyer. That was in 2017, when white supremacists, self-avowed neo-Nazis and right-wing militias marched on Charlottesville in the name of intolerance — and former President Donald J. Trump — and one of them drove a car into a crowd, fatally injuring Ms. Heyer. More than three years later, Ms. Bro and other Charlottesville residents say they have a message for the nation after the latest episode of white violence in Washington, and for President Biden, who is emphasizing themes of healing and unity in the face of right-wing extremism. Healing requires holding perpetrators accountable, Ms. Bro said. Unity follows justice. “Look at the lessons learned from Charlottesville,” she said. “The rush to hug each other and sing ‘Kumbaya’ is not an effective strategy.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/21/us/politics/charlottesville-attack-biden.html>

### **Global right-wing extremism networks are growing** Jan 22

“White supremacists are building international networks to spread their violent ideology. Efforts at transatlantic counterterrorism cooperation hit an obstacle: the politics of the Trump Administration. During the past two years, U.S. counterterrorism officials held meetings with their European counterparts to discuss an emerging threat: right-wing terror groups becoming increasingly global in their reach. American neo-Nazis were traveling to train and fight with militias in the Ukraine. There were suspected links between U.S. extremists and the Russian Imperial Movement, a white supremacist group that was training foreigners in its St. Petersburg compounds. A gunman accused of killing 23 people at an El Paso Walmart in 2019 had denounced a “Hispanic invasion” and praised a white supremacist who killed 51 people at mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, and who had been inspired by violent American and Italian racists.” See <https://www.propublica.org/article/global-right-wing-extremism-networks-are-growing-the-u-s-is-just-now-catching-up>

### **The Marshall Project: A 3 percent increase in COVID-19 cases inside state and federal prisons** Jan 22

“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. By Jan. 19, at least 355,957 people in prison had tested positive for the illness, a 3 percent increase from the week before. New infections in prisons reached their highest peaks in mid-December. In the weeks since, the numbers have dropped, though new cases in some states remain high. California, Kentucky, Nevada and Pennsylvania each reported more than 1,000 new cases.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

### **Is an Innocent Man Still Languishing on Death Row?** Jan 23

“When a neighbor arrived at the Ryen home on June 5, 1983, to pick up his son from a sleepover, he couldn’t process what he saw through the window. He thought all the red must be paint. Doug and Peggy Ryen had both been stabbed to death. So had their 10-year-old daughter, Jessica, and the neighbor’s 11-year-old, Chris Hughes. The Ryens’ son, 8-year-old Josh, had been left for dead with his throat slashed but survived.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/23/opinion/sunday/kevin-cooper-dna.html>

### **Covid-19 outbreaks in state prisons prompt calls, lawsuit for releasing vulnerable inmates** Jan 25

“Harold Mcneil; The Buffalo News, N.Y. With Wende Correctional Facility recording the fourth-highest Covid-19 positivity rate among the state’s prisons, inmate Taiwu Jenkins is terrified of catching the virus “and dying in here. An inmate at the Alden prison already died from the virus last month. So Jenkins, 47, has sued for his release, saying his asthma, high cholesterol, obesity and two medications that suppress his immune system make him significantly more susceptible to serious illness and even death were he to become infected. “The medically vulnerable and aging at Wende along with staff members, their families, and the communities to which they return on a daily basis, are in especially grave danger,” said Heidi Bota, a lawyer for Jenkins, in court papers filed in State Supreme Court.” See [https://buffalonews.com/news/local/covid-19-outbreaks-in-state-prisons-prompt-calls-lawsuit-for-releasing-vulnerable-inmates/article\\_0e08af72-5c38-11eb-b94d-1767d8153227.html](https://buffalonews.com/news/local/covid-19-outbreaks-in-state-prisons-prompt-calls-lawsuit-for-releasing-vulnerable-inmates/article_0e08af72-5c38-11eb-b94d-1767d8153227.html)

### **Never forgotten** Jan 26

“Activists are in urgent fight for release of aging political prisoners held captive inside the United States’. Denial of Black & Brown political prisoners oozes a greasy history of hypocrisy and lies. And as social justice movements begin to gain momentum and talk of dealing with mass incarceration and defunding or radically reforming police grows, they are a reminder of how prisons are used as a tool for social control and a warehouse for socially oppressed people. Political imprisonment and political prosecutions have a long and deep history: Huey P. Newton, Black Panther Party co-founder and leader, was accused in 1968 in Oakland of first-degree murder, felonious assault, and kidnapping connected with the death of one police officer and the shooting and injury of another police officer. With a majority White jury, Mr. Newton was acquitted of assaulting an officer, and convicted of voluntary manslaughter. His conviction was reversed by the California Court of Appeals. Two more unsuccessful trials followed before all charges were dismissed in December 1970...” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/02/updates-9-feb-2020.pdf>

### **Biden Moves to End Federal Private Prisons as Part of Racial Equity Plan** Jan 26

“Back to the future on private prisons. President Biden Tuesday signed an executive order barring the Justice Department— **but not ICE or Homeland Security**—from entering into any new contracts for private prison operations. There was a similar prohibition in 2016 during the Obama administration. [COURTHOUSE NEWS](https://www.courthouse-news.com) About 9 percent of the federal prison population will be affected by the change. **TMP Context:** Think private prisons are going away under Biden? No. The shift, toward halfway homes and immigration detention, has begun.” See <https://www.courthousenews.com/biden-moves-to-end-federal-private-prisons-as-part-of-racial-equity-plan/>

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### **No, Biden Hasn’t Ended the System of Corporate Profit From Prisons** Jan 27

“Yesterday, Joe Biden announced a “racial equity” plan, paying lip service to George Floyd, the unarmed Black man whose murder sparked a national and international uprising against police brutality and racism. Biden claims the plan is a step toward “ending institutional racism.” One of his primary initiatives is an executive order that directs the Department of Justice not to renew contracts with private prisons that house federal inmates. This largely returns to a policy adopted by the Obama administration in August 2016 — an executive order issued only a few months before he ended his eight years as president.” See <https://www.leftvoice.org/no-biden-hasnt-ended-the-system-of-corporate-profit-from-prisons>

### **Released after decades in prison, a former Black Panther still faces threats to his freedom** Jan 27



Jalil Muntaqim. Illustration by Peshka Calloway

“After almost 50 years inside, Jalil Muntaqim was paroled in 2020. Now he could be headed back to prison. Since the emergence of the Movement for Black Lives and the uprising against police violence that sparked new waves of activism last summer, an entire generation has returned to the lessons and tenets of past thinkers, organizers, and agitators, namely the Black Panther Party. Meanwhile in the mainstream, celebrities, activists, and public figures frequently don Black Panther aesthetics to signal their adherence to a certain type of revolutionary politics. Even despite the visual and ideological links between the Black Panther

Party and organizing in the present, many Black Panther Party members who are still alive today have largely been rendered invisible by prison walls and forgotten by the broader public.” “Until last year, Jalil Muntaqim was among 13 former Black Panthers still imprisoned since the late 1960s. After 49 years of incarceration, he was finally paroled in October 2020—less than two weeks before his 69th birthday—but he’s now facing the threat of reincarceration for allegedly attempting to vote.” “Advocates have been circulating a petition opposing the current attempts to reincarcerate Muntaqim; it currently has over 11,000 signatures, says Simons. His most recent court hearing was slated for Dec. 14 but was postponed. Muntaqim’s story is one that is both deeply personal and unmistakably political. Beneath five decades of headlines is a 69-year-old man, recovering from a nearly fatal disease, seeking to reconnect with the life and the people he was separated from for over half of his

life. However, his story also speaks to how the carceral system fears and attacks Black political representation and dissent. While the Black Power movement continues to light the torch now being carried by the Movement for Black Lives—creating an ideological link between the past and the present—too many of the actual organizers of the time have fallen into chasm between the dreams of Black radical organizers of the ‘60s and ‘70s and the reality we live in today. “Political prisoners are often forgotten about even though they’ve made the most crucial impact on abolition,” said Simons. “It’s important for us to uplift the names of the Black Panthers.” See <https://www.prismreports.org/article/2021/1/27/for-black-radicals-released-after-decades-in-prison-the-carceral-system-is-still-a-threat>

**The American judiciaries conspiracy to deny due process: Introduction to Ruchell Cinque Magee’s Case**  
Jan 28 (Original April 2001)

“His is the classic case of human rights violation, fraud and corruption at the highest levels of government: the executive, legislative and judicial branches of Government are involved in a mind-boggling conspiracy to hide the truth and deny freedom to Ruchell Magee and political prisoners in America. This totalitarian Government has committed fraud to cover up two not guilty verdicts by two different juries in two different trials. Ruchell has been beaten by guards in the Court room in front of a jury, while Judge Herbert V. Walker watched and did nothing. Judge Walker instructed the jury to find Ruchell either guilty or insane. Ruchell was called a moron in the court room by Federal Judge Sam Conti, who then created false documents in furtherance of this conspiracy. Ruchell Magee was denied self-representation, prevented from meeting with the media, denied due process and habeas corpus, then sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for crimes he was found not guilty of by a jury.” See <http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/45a/516.html>

**COVID-19 cases rise, slightly, inside prisons** Jan 29

“The rate of new COVID-19 cases decreases slightly inside state and federal prisons. A 3 percent increase over last week. But nearly 366,000 prisoners have now tested positive since last March. And there have been at least 2,314 prisoner deaths. There have also been nearly 98,000 reported cases among prison employees. At least 170 prison staff have died.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

**Biden and prison reforms – a soft target?** Jan 29

“In his first executive order on criminal justice, United States President Joe Biden addressed the thorny issue of private prisons. Framing his January 25 order as part of a commitment to “racial equity”, the president wants to halt the renewal of widely reviled private prison contracts by the federal government. Biden proclaimed this as a “first step to stop corporations from profiting off incarceration.” See <https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2021/1/29/biden-and-prison-reforms-a-soft-target>

**Should victim testimony count in parole hearings?** Jan 29

“Victim’s testimony, a time-honored part of the American criminal prosecution process, has sent thousands of Maryland offenders to prison. But justice is not advanced when, years later, crime victims are called again to give emotionally charged encores, moments before parole panel members decide whether or not to release their offenders from prison.” See <https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/readers-respond/bs-ed-rr-parole-board-letter-20210129-kkktot6g4nc4dnvalzqfdvdkuu-story.html>

**Bay Area car caravan protest demands early release of elderly prisoners** Jan 31

“A car caravan protest made its way through the Bay Area on Sunday, demanding the early release of thousands of elderly prisoners amid the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 100 cars lined up at the Middle Harbor Shoreline Park near the Port of Oakland. Organizers said they are worried about the current spread of COVID-19 in California’s prison system, which, like the rest of the state, has seen a massive surge over the past month. “There have been 192 deaths to date, the average age of those who died is 63-years-old,” Organizer Courtney Morris said.” See <https://www.radio.com/kcbsradio/news/local/local-car-caravan-demands-early-release-of-elderly-prisoners>

**“Correctional Officers tell nurses to call for ambulances, nurses ignore them” - COVID-19 Stories from CDCR’s CA Medical Facility** Jan 31

“This account is part 14 of the Vanguard’s series on COVID-19 stories from CDCR. Click here for part 13 and here for part 12. Olivia Campbell is an advocate for prison reform and has been bringing attention to COVID-related negligence in CDCR. She spoke to the Vanguard about the dire conditions incarcerated men at CA Medical Facility (CMF) are facing as a result of the prison’s mishandling of COVID-19 outbreaks. As of January 29, CMF has had 695 total confirmed cases, within a population of 1991 people. It has reported 8 deaths thus far. The number of positive cases increased from 2 to 58 in just 5 days. There was not a single drop in numbers until January 6, 25 days into the outbreak, with the numbers going up as much as 50 or 58 in a single day on a few occasions. According to Olivia, CMF went under lockdown on December 12 due to the rising cases.” See <https://www.davisvanguard.org/2021/01/nurses-ignore-correctional-officers-who-request-ambulances-at-cdcrcs-ca-medical-facility/>

**91 Percent of CDCR Deaths Were Low-Risk to Public Safety; 70 Percent Were People of Color**

Feb 2

“As of Jan 28, 2021, there have been 192 deaths across California’s 35 state prisons. Deaths have surged in the past month— increasing by over 30 percent. CDCR reported 63 deaths in January alone, whereas 64 were recorded between June to October of last year. While CDCR reports the number of deaths on its Population COVID-19 Tracker, information about who is dying is unavailable to the public.” See

<https://www.davisvanguard.org/2021/02/ninety-one-percent-of-cdcr-deaths-deemed-low-risk-to-public-safety/>

**ICE Is Now Detaining Women At One Of the Nation’s Most Deadly Facilities** Feb 2

“ICE said that it plans to detain women at Stewart for the foreseeable future. This is the first time the facility has detained women since at least 2008. Advocates are concerned about the federal immigration agency’s decision to transfer women during a pandemic—especially to Stewart, which is notorious for abuse, medical neglect, and in-custody deaths. In July, Gaby Del Valle and José Olivares reported for The Intercept that medically vulnerable immigrants detained at Stewart were subject to excessive force by guards, including incidents in which guards removed disabled immigrants from wheelchairs and “hurled” them onto the floor.” See <https://portside.org/2021-02-15/ice-now-detaining-women-one-nations-most-deadly-facilities>

**Critical DAPL update from Standing Rock** Feb 4

“Despite multiple court rulings denying its permit on valid environmental grounds, the Dakota Access pipeline continues to pump noxious oil through the heart of my homeland every day. As you know, this injustice has to be corrected. And if the courts won’t take the necessary steps to protect my relatives on the Standing Rock Nation, then once again it’s up to us — the grassroots — to use our voices and find a political solution.” See

<https://lakotalaw.org/news/2021-02-04/nodapl-biden-blog>

**Cuba develops COVID-19 vaccines, takes socialist approach** Feb 4

“Cuba’s socialist approach to developing vaccines against Covid-19 differs strikingly from that of capitalist nations of the world developing vaccines. Socialist Cuba’s production of four vaccines is grounded in science, in a dedication to saving the lives of all Cubans, and in international solidarity. Cuba is the only vaccine manufacturer in Latin America; there are none in Africa. The only state-owned entities producing the leading vaccines are those of Cuba and Russia.” See <https://peoplesworld.org/article/cuba-develops-covid-19-vaccines-takes-socialist-approach/>

**Too ill to execute, 45 years on deathrow** Feb 4

“When the severely mentally ill languish for decades on death row. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled nearly 35 years ago that the government cannot execute people who are mentally “incompetent” and unable to understand why they are to be put to death. But the justices left it up to each state to define “incompetency.” The result has been a mishmash of standards and rulings that in cases across the country have left the severely mentally ill free from the threat of execution but still left in isolation on death row. “There’s just no real legal mechanism to reassess what should be done with those people,” says one of their lawyers.” See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/02/04/he-s-too-mentally-ill-to-execute-why-is-he-still-on-death-row-after-45-years>

### What the Far-Right Fascination With Pinochet's Death Squads Should Tell Us Feb 4

“When Trumpists use images of the “Hoppean Snake,” offering “free helicopter rides,” they’re advocating a program of extermination.” See <https://theintercept.com/2021/02/04/pinochet-far-right-hoppean-snake>

### Black Votes Matter asks Nebraska Pardon Board to release former Black Panther Ed Poindexter from prison Feb 5

“The campaign to obtain freedom for former Black Panther leader Edward Poindexter is gaining growing support as evidenced by a new billboard near Interstate 480 in Omaha, Nebraska, calling for his freedom. Poindexter has been imprisoned since 1970 for the bombing murder of an Omaha policeman following a controversial trial marred by withheld evidence, apparent planted evidence, conflicting police testimony, questionable forensic evidence, and perjured testimony by the state’s chief witness, Duane Peak, the confessed bomber.” See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2021/02/05/black-votes-matter-asks-nebraska-pardon-board-to-release-former-black-panther-ed-poindexter-from-prison/>

### The death toll among prisoners from Covid nears 2,400 Feb 5

“The rate of new COVID-19 cases in prisons eases to 2 percent last week, mirroring a general decline in coronavirus cases around the country. But the death toll among prisoners nears 2,400. Over 100,000 prison employees also now have tested positive for the virus, and at least 174 have died.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

### “This Is Genocide”: St. Louis Inmate Issues Statement on Horrific Conditions Behind Revolt Feb 8

“On Saturday, February 6th, inmates at the St. Louis Justice Center (CJC) staged yet another protest against the ongoing inhumane treatment and conditions at the CJC which have only gotten worse during the spread of COVID-19. Many of the inmates housed inside the facility have not even gone to trial and because they lack the money to bail themselves out of the facility, remain trapped inside, awaiting their day in court. As the following statement by an inmate reads, previous attempts to address the problems within the facility through the established channels have fallen on deaf ears and have been systematically ignored while the threat posed by the spread of COVID-19 among the inmate population has only gotten worse.” See <https://itsgoingdown.org/this-is-genocide-st-louis-inmate-revolt/>

### Support Steve Martinez, grand jury resister Feb 10

#### Support Water Protector Steven Martinez



WWW.GOFUNDME.COM/SUPPORTSTEVEMARTINEZ  
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“Steve was first subpoenaed to a federal grand jury related to indigenous resistance at Standing Rock in 2017. He refused to cooperate then. Now, 4 years later, he has been dragged in front of another grand jury investigating NO DAPL resistance. He is currently incarcerated for again standing by his principles and refusing to cooperate. (Only plain black ink on plain white paper)

Write to Steve: Steve Martinez, PO Box 2499, Bismarck, ND 58502

Donate <https://www.gofundme.com/f/supportstevemartinez>  
<http://supportstevemartinez.com>

## **UN Experts Urge Israel to Ensure Accountability for Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment Feb 10**

“On 8 January 2021, United Nations (UN) Human Rights experts: Mr. Nils Melzer, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; Mr. S. Michael Lynk, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967; and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, issued a public statement urging Israel to ensure accountability for torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment universally prohibited under international law.” See <http://www.addameer.org/news/un-experts-urge-israel-ensure-accountability-torture-and-other-cruel-inhuman-or-degrading>

## **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 and media efforts. The campaign “In the Spirit of Mandela” has almost completed the research, and the academic team will meet with the lawyers for an initial review of the condensed summary points. Collaborating, attending working sessions, media prep, among other activities continue.

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 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

Contact your local Representative or:

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<https://spiritofmandela.org/>

804-304-8595

Jericho meets virtually to work on the campaign “In the Spirit of Mandela/I.T. 2021”. Due to Covid19, our meetings are online. For future meetings contact [nycjericho@gmail.com](mailto: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 contacting 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. 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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